



# Morrinsville College



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A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Start of the Year

In general, we have had a much better start to the year than we did in 2020. Clearly, by this time last year COVID was beginning to rear its head overseas, but we also had some more serious student behavioural issues occurring at school. It

is pleasing that this year's cohort of Year 9 students seems to be settling in very well, as it seems are other students new to the school.

One of the things that we are concerned about currently however is that there are a few students who think that it is 'cool' to come to school without bringing a school bag, so that they do not bring a laptop to use in their classes (which is very frustrating for their teachers), they do not bring paper and pens as basic equipment, and, most significantly they do not bring any lunch. **It is really important for young minds to be fed with good 'brain food' in order to enable them to learn. Not surprisingly, the ones not bringing lunch to school are often struggling with their concentration, behaviour and their learning.** I ask parents to take a stand with their sons and daughters if they are refusing to bring their lunch to school each day, to ensure that this happens. It is also vital now that every student has a laptop in their bag because blended learning (including digital learning then) is very much part of day-to-day teaching at our school in all subject areas. This also helps to prepare our young people for the increasingly digital world that they are part of and which will be so important when they move on from secondary school to jobs and tertiary courses.

### Head Students

I am pleased to announce the head students for 2021. **Our Head Girl is Holly Aitchison and our Head Boy is Shaydan Sayer. Deputy Head Girl is Jewels Wilson and Deputy Head Boy is Grant Vollebregt.**

I am confident that these four people will do a fine job. Once again this year, candidates for Head Boy and Head Girl positions all received job descriptions and filled out applications, before two of our Senior Leadership Team members, two other staff members and



Grant Vollebregt, Shaydan Sayer, Jewels Wilson  
and Holly Aitchison

three of last year's Head Students undertook interviews to shortlist the candidates. This was a particularly difficult job as there was once again a lot of interest from our Year 13 cohort in gaining these important leadership positions and many of these students are excellent leaders who have shown through previous service to the school or in the community that they could easily have filled the Head Students' roles. It is very pleasing to see that our school is developing so many excellent leaders, as was clearly shown at the recent very successful Year 13 Leadership Camp held at Totara Springs. I am sure that the work that we do in our learning hubs must take a lot of the credit for this. With 10 students - 6 girls and 4 boys putting their names forward and being interviewed, this process took all day and beyond the end of school, and then the short-listing panel had to convene for some time afterwards in order to decide the three boys and three girls who would have an opportunity to make presentations to all of the students of the school. After these presentations, which were all very different but consistently of a high standard, our Years 12 and 13 students and Staff then voted to select the head students for 2021.

I am sure that for all of those people who applied for these important positions the experience will have resulted in personal growth and an excellent insight into what is required in many job applications these days. Congratulations to all applicants.

### Senior House Captains 2021

I am pleased to announce the Senior House Captains for 2021. These people were elected by senior students and Staff of their Houses last week. There are some very good leaders amongst them.

#### Alexandra

House Captains: Rebecca Daysh and Steven Kong  
Deputy House Captains: Alicia Craig and Antonio Shirtcliffe

#### Campbell

House Captains: Annie Hutchings and Kelsey Chalmers  
Deputy House Captains: Renee Garrett and Joshua Wessels

#### Lincoln

House Captains: Emma Watson and Ruebin Neli  
Deputy House Captains: Emma Wynen and Jordhveer Singh-Ark

#### Studholme

House Captains: Caitlin Ward and Albert Johnson  
Deputy House Captains: Ella Neems and Benjamin Pettigrew

### Junior House Captains 2021

The Junior House Captains for 2021 were announced at Junior Prizegiving on our last day of school in 2020. Congratulations to the following emerging young leaders:

#### Alexandra

House Captains: Alex Dewhurst and Kali Craig  
Deputy House Captain: Lucy Bonnar

#### Campbell

House Captains: Ashareen Elfa and Jessica Leigh  
Deputy House Captain: Tessa Tauai

#### Lincoln

House Captains: Rico Dare and Jessie Morris  
Deputy House Captain: Liam Haddon

#### Studholme

House Captains: Rhiley Whitiora and Charlotte Ushaw-Whittaker  
Deputy House Captain: Katelyn Ward

### Top NCEA Achievers

Congratulations to **Seren Stevens** at Level 1 and **Leia Powell** at Level 2 who were our top achievers at their respective levels in NCEA last year. Seren attained 95 Excellence, 38 Merit and 4 Achieved credits and narrowly headed Olivia Matthews and Emma Taylor. Leia gained 87 Excellence, 18 Merit and 24 Achieved credits to narrowly pip Isabel Xiao, Angela Rai and Skye Reti. Both of these girls were presented with \$100 cheques from the PTA at today's full school assembly.



### RECENT IMPORTANT HOUSE EVENTS

As is usual at this time of year, as we work hard to build House and school spirit, over the last two weeks we have held our swimming heats, swimming finals and athletics Octathlon events. Participation has been very good, behaviour has been generally excellent and House spirit has been strong and very evident. It has been great to see three different Houses winning each of the three events, which indicates that it will be a very close House competition this year.

The following are the results:

### Swimming Finals Results

Junior Girls: Jordyn Bell 1, Anica Downing 2, Kate van Vliet, Tami Jackson, Charla Silvester 3 Equal

Intermediate Girls: Ayla Davie 1, Brooke Bell 2, Charlotte Wells 3.

Senior Girls: Emma Wynen 1, Alicia Craig 2, Holly Aitchison 3.

Junior Boys: Lindsay Lammas 1, Alex Harris 2, Billy Aitchison 3.

Intermediate Boys: Matt Bruin 1, Kieran McMillan 2, Ernie Aitchison 3.

Senior Boys: Ashton Rogers 1, Oliver Chilcott 2, Grant Vollebregt 3.

### House Points

#### Swimming Heats

Campbell 1, Alexandra 2, Studholme 3, Lincoln 4.

#### Swimming Finals

Alexandra 1, Studholme 2, Lincoln 3, Campbell 4.



### Octathlon Results

Junior Boys: Rico Dare 1, Mason Inglis-Doherty, Cody Beatson 2 Equal.

Junior Girls: Brooke Janmaat and Jessie Morris 1 Equal, Cassidy Wilson 3.

Intermediate Boys: Blake Martin 1, Zaahir Ali, Justin Botha, Cole Selwyn 2 Equal.

Intermediate Girls: Jameelah Warner-Morris 1, Charlotte Wells, Rachel Wilson 2 Equal.

Senior Boys: Ben Pettigrew 1, Kelsey Chalmers 2, Grant Vollebregt 3.

Senior Girls: Alicia Craig 1, Holly Aitchison 2, Renee Garrett, Kate Coppins 3 Equal.

### House Points

Studholme 1, Alexandra 2, Campbell 3, Lincoln 4.



### RECENT SPORTS RESULTS

#### Sailing Success

Recently, Year 11 student Shelten Kitney has had some very good success with sailing in the Waikato Thames Valley Yachting Association's Burgess Trophy Sailing Regatta which was held on Hamilton Lake. This is open to all students in Years 7 to 13 attending a school in the WTVYA area. Shelten represented Morrinsville College, sailing in a Laser Radial. He came 6th in that division and Morrinsville College, with only one representative up against teams of four, came 9th overall for the Burgess Trophy. Congratulations Shelten.





**Cricket**20 February 2021

1st XI v St Paul's Collegiate 3rd XI.

Morrinsville College won by 125 runs.

Batting first at St Paul's, the Morrinsville College batsmen were quickly on top of the St Paul's bowlers and never relinquished their ascendancy, scoring 230 runs before being all out in the 32nd over. Cam'ron Payne with 41, Taimana Payne with 36 and captain Regan Tretheway with 33 were the pick of the batsmen. After being 7 for the loss of 2 wickets in the second over, St Paul's were never in the game and were dismissed for 105 in the 24th over. Regan Tretheway was the best bowler taking 4 wickets for 25 runs to complete a fine all-round performance.

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Morrinsville College 1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls v Te Aroha College.

Morrinsville College won by 142 runs.

After having a game against Thames High School rained out the previous Tuesday, our College girls' team hosted Te Aroha College on Tuesday this week. Our Morrinsville team batted first scoring 191 for the loss of three wickets in our 20 overs. Openers Emma Wynen and Renee Garrett both retired with 36 and 37 runs respectively. In reply, the Te Aroha team mustered 49 runs, being all out in the 13th over. Renee Garrett completed a fine game by taking three wickets.

**Touch Rugby**

Junior Boys lost 1-5 to St John's College

Senior Boys won 10-3 against Nga Taiatea Wharekura

Development Girls won 5-0 against Waikato Diocesan

Senior Girls won 14-1 against Fairfield College

Mixed team won 7-5 against Matamata College.

**Volleyball**Girls' Development team

Lost 0-2 to Rototuna Senior High School and won 2-0 against St Peter's Reserve. Standout performances came from Emma Dufty and Ashareen Elfa.

Girls' Senior A

Won 2-0 against St Peter's Seniors and won 2-0 against Cambridge High School. Jewels Wilson served exceptionally well in both games and Maddison Fowler was strong with spiking.

**Futsal**

Our Junior Boys won against HBHS Green 10-2.

**Games Club**

Mr Nick Smith has started up a lunchtime Games Club in A6 which is proving to be very popular, with a growing number of students enjoying the opportunity to spend their lunchtimes on this fun activity where they get to spend some quality time with their friends and get to know some new people too.



This week, as a first, we had some students learning to play a Te Reo Maaori game called Taakaro. Other popular games have been Chess, Checkers, and Uno. We are hoping that numbers will continue to grow.



Games Club activities

**Exploring the Fault Line**

On Monday this week a group of Years 12 and 13 Geography students visited Bruce and Donna Arnold's farm at Te Punga at very short notice when we found out that a group of scientists were doing geoscience (GNS) tests on the earthquake fault line which runs through the Arnolds' farm and directly east of Morrinsville. This work is being led by Pilar Villarmor who is the principal scientist for the paleoseismology team with GNS science, and Waikato University's involvement is led by Professor David Lowe, brother of former Learning Area Leader of Science at our school, Dr Paul Lowe.

**FROM THE BOARD CHAIR****Chair and Deputy Chairs 2021**

At our February monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees I was re-elected Board Chair and the three existing Deputy Chairs were also re-elected. For the sake of parents new to the school, these Deputy Chairs are Ms Tia Wikaira, Mr Matthew Judge and Mrs Catherine Young.

**Mobile Dental Clinic**

I have been advised that there has been a steady stream of students taking advantage of the opportunity presented by the Board this term for them to receive free dental treatment onsite from 'The Tooth Fairy'. If parents have not yet signed the permission form for this treatment to take place, I encourage you to do so.

As an aside, we have been advised by a local dentist that some of our students taking advantage of the service in our school are failing to advise them that they will not be needing an appointment when they are sent scheduled dentist appointments. It is very important that we respect all of our local dentists and so I ask that parents ensure that your usual dentist is informed if your son/daughter does not intend to turn up for an appointment, so that they can offer this to another client in our community.

**Ngair Te Ahu – Board Chair**

### FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MR SCOTT JENKINS



Attached to this newsletter are the Student NCEA Guidelines for our NCEA processes at Morrinsville College. These are written based on the frequently asked questions that I have fielded from students and parents over a long period of time. They cover everything from the submission of late work to potential plagiarism and how to appeal the grading of work. If

parents or students have any questions regarding our processes please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

### FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MRS THILO GOVENDER

#### Parent Teacher Association



The Morrinsville College PTA met twice this past week, with a face-to-face meeting on Monday evening and our first-ever online meeting via Zoom on Tuesday night. Both meetings were positive and productive. Our new model for engagement adopts an approach which we feel will encourage more parents to become involved in PTA

activities and events. We discussed the possibility of the different events over the 2021 year and, while final dates are still to be confirmed, we are excited about hosting the following:

Term 2 - College Quiz Night

Term 3 - Op-Shop Ball

Term 4 - Colour Run

Final dates for these events are to be confirmed. The goal is to have different teams of parents, staff and students organise and plan each event so that the workload is distributed and shared. We hope that if you are interested in helping with any of these evenings, you will make contact. Please email our PTA Secretary, Tracy Johnson, to indicate your interest. Email: [tracyjohnson3224@gmail.com](mailto:tracyjohnson3224@gmail.com)

### FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MR BRUCE FORSYTH

#### Year 9 Parent Welcome Evening



I am pleased to advise that the postponed Year 9 Parent Welcome Evening will now be held on **Wednesday 10 March**. The evening will start at 7pm in the school's John Inger Performing Arts Centre. Initially we will take the opportunity to welcome you and tell you a few things about the school. Mr Inger will introduce you to some of the senior staff, Head Students and the Year 9

Dean Mrs Vicky Marshall who will also speak to you. You will then have time for refreshments while you meet with your son's/daughter's subject teachers to begin building a partnership with them. After refreshments you will be introduced to your

son's/daughter's Learning Coach and taken to their Hub classroom to receive and briefly discuss their e-AsTTle results from late last year. This will also be a chance for you to ask the Learning Coach any questions that you may have.

#### Informing the school of absences

If possible, please let the school know in advance of any absence. Students late to school for any reason should supply a signed note of explanation from you, rather than your phoning and leaving a message. Due to the high number of phone messages that we receive each morning it is difficult to check all messages before students start signing in late. For any absence please text Mrs Lorraine Gould in the Office 027 488 1825 or use the Skool Loop App by 9am with a detailed message including your child's full name and the reason for their absence.

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### FREE ABSENTEE APP

As well as easy school contact for absences, the Attendance App has all Morrinsville College Staff Contact Details, Calendar Events for the year and the latest Newsletter.

Go to Play Store or App Store. Download "Skool Loop NZ" App. Select Waikato/Morrinsville College. When sending text, select Absentee, Send SMS, enter your child's full name & the reason for their absence. Send.

This is a free service.

Please continue to let us know when your child is absent by using the Absentee App or you can contact Lorraine

email: [attendance@morrncoll.school.nz](mailto:attendance@morrncoll.school.nz)  
phone: 889 8308  
Text: 0274 881 825

### COMING EVENTS

Sun 28 to Wed 3 March	Year 13 Geo/Bio field trip
Thurs 4 March	Athletics Finals
Thurs 4 March	ID Photos Catch-up
Fri 5 March	Winter Sports sign-up
Wed 10 March	Zone Athletics
<b>Wed 10 March</b>	<b>Year 9 Parent Welcome Evening, 7pm</b>
Thurs 11 March	BOT Meeting, 7pm
Thurs 11 to Fri 12 March	Year 13 Mountain Biking trip
Tues 16 to Sat 20 March	Year 10 Camp 1
Wed 17 to Fri 19 March	Year 11 Mana Wahine Trip
Sat 20 to Wed 24 March	Year 10 Camp 2
Mon 29 to Wed 31 March	Year 13 History Trip
Tue 30 Mar to Thurs 1 April	Year 12 MSA Trip
Fri 2 April	Good Friday holiday
Mon 5 April	Easter Monday holiday
Tues 6 April	Easter Tuesday school holiday
Fri 16 April	End of Term 1
Mon 3 May	Term 2 begins



