



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SCOTT JENKINS

Tyler Trust Award

I am very pleased to announce that **Ahmed Al Suleiman**, who was named Dux at our Senior Prizegiving Ceremony late last year, has won the Tyler Trust Award for 2023. This award recognises the top achiever in NCEA Level 3 once all of the external results are confirmed. Ahmed amassed 71 Level 3 credits across a range of subjects which included



Physics, Mathematics with Statistics, English, Biology and Chemistry. This was on top of his Excellence endorsements at Level 1 and Level 2 in previous years. Ahmed was amongst a group of high-performing students last year and 13% of his cohort also achieved an Excellence endorsement which matched the national average and was well above schools of a similar economic equity standing. The Tyler Trust was established many years ago by the late Nerissa Minnie Tyler, an ex-staff member, to award Morrinsville College’s top academic Year 13 student with a substantial amount of money. This money represents the interest earned in 2023 from the Tyler Trust. This year Ahmed will be starting his Health Sciences degree at Otago University like a number of students who have left

over the past two weeks to begin their studies at a wide range of tertiary providers and universities across New Zealand.



Laura Crane and **Crystal Chooi** also

received awards as the top-performing students in NCEA Level 1 and Level 2. They both received Board of Trustees’ awards at the school assembly last week.

Year 9 Parent Welcome Event

A good number of parents and students attended our Year 9 Parent Welcome Event last Wednesday evening which was a BBQ ‘meet the teachers’ event. This was a great opportunity for our families to connect with the teachers of their Year 9 students. The feedback I received was very positive. It was great to see so many ex-students back with their children.

Student Leaders 2024

We are proud to announce our student leaders for 2024. We are confident they will make an inspiring leadership team and represent our students well. For each of these roles our potential leaders had to write a formal application and after short-listing take part in an interview for their roles. This was to deliberately mirror what our senior students might expect when applying for tertiary courses and scholarships towards the end of the year.



House Leaders:

Studholme: Teeka Randell, Mia Abapo and Finlay Richardson
Alexandra: Charlie Scherer, Polina Mzhachikh and Lucy Bonnar

Campbell: Ashareen Elfa, Harleen Wade and Charla Silvester
Lincoln: Jasmine Neeld, Kate van Vliet and Sam Daley.

Amokura: Ashareen Elfa, Navyon Hopa, Punia Beazley, Tulia Siaoosi, Alexis Mark

Sports Leaders: Jessica Leigh, Monique Ball and Kali Craig

Arts Leaders: Ethan Guest and Mia Abapo

Spirit Leaders: Tessa Taua'i, Charla Silvester and Eshall Naeem

Year 9 Camps

Feedback from our Year 9 camps has been overwhelmingly positive. The weather was great and while our students were unable to attend the surf school because the instructors came down with Covid, they were kept very busy with a range of activities that our staff have built up over the last few years. One of the key aims for holding the camp at this time of the year was achieved as our Year 9 students were introduced to a range of staff members and students that they have never met before. I want to acknowledge the efforts of parents and caregivers in getting such a large number of this cohort to camp.

International Students

After a busy marketing year of reconnecting with agents and meeting new agents we welcome our 23 international students to Morrinsville College. They are in Years 10-13 and are all excited about their new learning opportunities.



Sports Results

Volleyball

Senior games had a narrow loss to Te Kuiti 0-2 in the first set losing only by three. Their second game saw a strong win 2-0 against St Peter's. Strong serving by Rio Hayakawa and excellent court play from Tesha Tukerangi.

Touch Rugby

Week 1

MC Snr Boys won against Ngā Taiātia Wharekura Tuākana Mixed 6-3
 MC Senior Mixed lost to STP Senior Boys 5-10
 MC Jnr Girls lost to Sacred Heart GC Juniors 0-5
 MC Jnr Boys lost to Maeroa Elite Boys 4-6
 MC Jnr Mixed won against STP Junior Mixed 4-2
 MC Snr Girls lost to HGHS Lightning 4-5.

Week 2

MC Snr Mixed won against Fraser High School Premier Mixed 7-5
 MC Snr Boys won against STP Senior Mixed 7-5
 MC Jnr Boys won against RHS Comets 4-2
 MC Jnr Girls won against Waikato Diocesan Blue 10-1
 MC Jnr Mixed won against STP Junior Girls Red 6-0
 MC Snr Girls lost to Ngā Taiātea Wharekura Tuākana Wāhine 3-7.

Futsal

Week 1

MC Blue Jnr Boys had a draw against HBHS Year 9 Dev 5-5
 MC Gold Jnr Girls had a loss against 4Zero U14G 3-6
 MC Blue Jnr Girls had a loss against Hillcrest HS Junior Girls Dev 0-5
 MC Monkeys Snr Boys had a loss against Marquee Matchups 6-14
 MC Gold Snr Boys had a loss against St John's College Moffys 2-7.

Week 2

MC Blue Jnr Boys lost to SJC Red 1-3
 MC Gold Jnr Girls won against SHGC Junior Dev 3-1
 MC Blue Jnr Girls won against Hillcrest HS White 6-4
 MC Gold Snr Boys lost to Marquee Matchups 3-12
 MC Monkeys won against Red Chillii Peppers 6-4.

Cricket Results

14 February

MC 1st XI v Rototuna HS 1st XI. Our boys won by 75 runs. Batting first, the Morrinsville team amassed 198 runs for the loss of six wickets in their 20 over innings. Captain Alex Dewhurst led the charge scoring 66 not out. Other contributors were Hanno Oosthuizen 35, Jacob Hagoort 34, and Matty Gordon 27 not out. Rototuna were always going to find it difficult to chase such a large score and this proved to be the case only scoring 123 for the loss of nine wickets in their 20 overs. Hamish Dewhurst was the pick of the bowlers with 3 wickets for 16 runs off four overs. Alex Dewhurst with two, and James Carrington, Matty Gordon and Hanno Oosthuizen with one each were the other wicket takers.

21 February

MC 1st XI v Cambridge HS Senior T20 Team. Cambridge won by 8 wickets. Our boys batted first in this game played at home. Despite a very good opening partnership between brothers Alex and Hamish Dewhurst who scored 31 and 21 respectively, the Morrinsville batsmen never really got going and the team was dismissed in the 16th over for 116. The Cambridge team were never troubled in their chase for 117 and secured victory in the 12th over with only two wickets down. Jacob Hagoort and Hanno Oosthuizen were the wicket takers.

22 February

MC 1st XI v Hauraki Plains College 1st XI. Hauraki Plains won by 73 runs. Our boys played HPC in the national Gillette Cup competition, with the winner going through to the next round against the top Bay of Plenty qualifier. HPC batted first in this game played at the Morrinsville Recreation Ground. Despite being in early trouble at 16 for the loss of three wickets, HPC's middle order played well and took the score through to 145 for the loss of six wickets at the end of their 20 over innings. Hanno Oosthuizen was the most economical of the bowlers with 1 for 13 off his four overs. Matty Gordon with two wickets and Manjot Banga, Jacob Hagoort and Alex Dewhurst with one each were the other wicket takers. Morrinsville lost early wickets and were never really in the contest with Jacob Hagoort's 20 being the highest score. The only partnership of note was 21 between Manjot Banga and Carly McCabe. Morrinsville were all out for 72.

Swimming Sports and Octathlon Day

I would like to thank parents for their encouragement of their sons and daughters with their attendance during our recent swimming

sports. The participation levels were fantastic and a great reflection of how the year has started. Currently, each House is very close in the points standings and each House has been well-led by our senior students. Yesterday's octathlon sports was even better attended and it was really encouraging to see our senior students leading our juniors throughout the day. It highlights the very best of what a House competition can provide in terms of school culture and leadership development for our senior students. The results of the octathlon are currently being compiled and will be published in our next newsletter.

Results of our Swimming Championships were:

Junior Girls: 1st Lola Sheehan, 2nd Lucia Langley, 3rd Saskia Dewhurst.

Intermediate Girls: 1st Rylee Davie, 2nd Sabrina Chong, 3rd Charliz Bell.

Senior Girls: 1st Risa Onda, 2nd Jordyn Bell, 3rd Navyon Hopa.

Junior Boys: 1st Max Cryer, 2nd, Cameron Hart, 3rd Lucas Belmar.

Intermediate Boys: 1st Alex Watson, 2nd Hamish Dewhurst, 3rd Jacob Spencer.

Senior Boys: 1st Alex Harris, 2nd Billy Aitchison, 3rd Lindsay Lammas.

Swimming House Points

1st Studholme, 2nd Campbell, 3rd Alexandra, 4th Lincoln.



NZ Blood Services



NZ Blood will be in Morrinsville at the Rotary Community Centre, 45 Canada Street on **Monday 4 March** from 1pm – 7pm and **Tuesday 5 March** 8am – 1pm.

COMING EVENTS

Monday 4 March	TEACHER-ONLY DAY POSTPONED. Normal school day.
Wednesday 6 March	Year 12 Biology Trip
Wednesday 6 March	Thames Valley Swimming
Thursday 7 March	Athletics Finals
Tuesday 12 March	Thames Valley Athletics
Wednesday 13 March	BOT Meeting
Wed 13 – Sat 16 March	Year 13 Geo/Bio Trip
Tues 19 to Sat 23 March	Year 10 Camp 1
Sat 23 to Wed 27 March	Year 10 Camp 2
Monday 25 March	No School Year 10 – Camp 2
Fri 29 Mar – Tue 2 April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 April	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thu 4 – Fri 5 April	SPS Timber Trail
Saturday 6 April	North Island Athletics
Mon 8 – Fri 12 April	Taniwharau Trip
Friday 12 April	End of Term 1
Monday 29 April	Start of Term 2



