

Morrinsville Intermediate

Newsletter: Term Two, Week One

Welcome back to school for Term Two!

I trust you all had a safe and happy holiday, ready for another action-packed term ahead. A special welcome to our two new students, Manaia and Gaston. We know you will make lots of new friends and have fun with your learning.

Also, with the 1st June farm change-overs fast approaching, we would appreciate you letting the school know if you are planning to leave the district to help us with future planning.

School Fees and Donations:

Thank you to those of you who have paid your donations / school fees already. Congratulations to Grace Miller for being drawn out to receive a fees refund (eligible to those who paid in full by the end of Term One).



ANZAC Day:

Well done to our Student Executives who represented our school with respect at the ANZAC ceremony held during the term break.

From left: Liam Haddon, Anica Downing and Tane Wells.

Kia U Ki Te Pai Award:

Congratulations to Ashareen Elfa who was our Kia U K Te Pai Award recipient for Term One. This prestigious award is presented each term to a student who consistently upholds out school values. Ashareen is a student with great integrity who displays initiative and strives for excellence.

Ashareen is a dedicated learner, has outstanding manners and is always positive and highly respectful of everyone. Well done Ashareen!



Paid Union Meeting Next Tuesday:

On Tuesday 7th May our teachers will be attending an NZEI Paid Union Meeting from 1.00 p.m. **Normal classes will finish at 12.30m on this day.** All students received a notice / return slip on Monday (to be returned to their teacher) regarding supervision for students during the afternoon. Thanks for your support as we work towards resolving this matter with the Government.

Waikato Mountain Biking Championships:

At the end of Term One, Mrs Ginever took a group of students to compete at the Waikato Mountain Biking Championships with nearly 250 entrants from Year 5-13. Morrinsville Intermediate students conducted themselves exceptionally well and had an awesome time.

The official results are:

Y8 boys: Kieran McMillan 1st, Alex Dewhurst 20th.

Y7 boys: Alex Harris 13th, Jakob Byers 21st, Lindsay Lammas 29th.

Y8 girls: Jessica Leigh DNF due to a crash.



Production 2019: 'Rock Bottom'

This term one of our major focuses will be our school production Rock Bottom - "Journey back to the dawn of time in "Rock Bottom" - A prehistorical hysterical Stone Age rock musical written by Craig Hawes (U.K.)"

Auditions were held last term and went well, starting with all students being invited to attend a drama activities session with Miss Foulds, Mrs Devane and Mrs Wilson. A number of call-backs were required for the final selections to be made. Our characters have now been cast and rehearsals begin this week.

Students and staff are busy painting props and backdrops as well as creating costumes. We also have teams of students creating posters, flyers and tickets. It is going to be a super fun show!

Our school production dates for your calendar are:

Tuesday June 11th matinee 11am and evening show 7pm

Wednesday June 12th evening show only at 7pm

More details on securing tickets will be included in the next school newsletter.

We are currently looking for the following items: brown fur or brown rug, cane washing basket, rubix cube, feather duster, hessian sack, wooden toilet seat, portable clothing racks. If you are able to help out, please email Robyn Wilson at r.wilson@mi.school.nz Thanks!

Robotics at Morrinsville Intermediate:

Term 1 has seen our first full class of Morrinsville Intermediate students participate in a 5-week Robotic programme. Students discovered that it is difficult and they needed to problem solve which involved taking risks and persevering to ensure that they were able to write programmes (code) to meet the challenges set.

All students were able to complete the following challenges: Build the basic Robot model, moving forwards and backwards, moving around a diamond (softball), complete a 3 point turn, use a colour sensor to track lines, design their own robot.

In Rooms 6-10 we have been gaining new knowledge or extending our current level of skill in Digital Literacy. Our focus has been on Maths and we have been introduced to the following tools to enhance our learning across the curriculum which Mrs Harrison refers to as Transferable Skills: Coggle.it, AdobeSpark, Code Avengers, Infographic (Visme), Google Slide enhancement (Word Art, Backgrounds, Transitions etc...), WordArt.com, Vector Art (Google Drawings).

It is great to see students now using these tools independently and making decisions about what the best Digital Literacy tools are to use. In a survey at the end of Term some student feedback was (Adobe Spark) "It is really fun and I'm still using it at home and making all sorts of things."

(Infographics) 'It is great for Math,' 'It was fun at all times thank you for teaching us.' (In general) 'This was really fun and I learned lots of new skills with this!' 'EXCELLENT, hard but fun'.

I am looking forward to working with the students from Rooms 1-5 in Term 2. We also have opportunities in Term 2 for EPRO8, and a group of students are ready to hit the ground running in the 123Tech Challenge.

Donnis Harrison (Teacher in charge)



2019 Online Academic Comps:

This year we have decided to give students the opportunity to take part in Kiwi Competitions in place of ICAS exams as the Kiwi Competitions are based on the NZ Curriculum and are more relevant to our school.

A notice and return slip was given to all students today. Entries and payment are due to the office by Friday 17th May for all interested students. Late entries will not be accepted as tests need to be ordered in advance by the school.

MI Mates Fundraising:

Easter Raffle:

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Easter Raffle. In total we raised \$4,730.00 towards our playground upgrade! The six lucky hamper winners are: Aimee Saunders, John Fransen, Meegan Dare, Simion, Stacey Jones and Libby Sutcliffe.

Oxford Pies: Order forms were handed out to all students on Monday. Make the most of this fundraiser as it is always a popular way to stock up the freezer prior to winter. The funds raised will go towards a new audio / visual system for the hall.

Nathan Wallis – "The Developing Brain" presentation:

Morrinsville C.O.L. are proud to announce NZ renowned neuroscience education, Nathan Wallis is coming to our community with his talk – The Developing Brain.

This talk is for parents who want a quick snap-shot on brain development from a lively and engaging speaker with all the latest research, presented in a way that makes sense. This presentation will take place at Morrinsville College on Monday 1st July from 7.30 to 9.00pm. Tickets are available at www.eventfinda.co.nz Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity.

Term Two dates:

- Mon 29th April Start of Term Two
- Tues 7th May Paid Union Meeting from 1.00pm
- Tues 7th May MI Mates Meeting 5.30pm. All welcome!
- Tues 21st May Inter-Intermediate Football
- Fri 24th May BOT election nominations close 12pm
- Mon 3rd June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- Tues 4th June Inter-Intermediate Futsal
- Thur 6th June Inter-Intermediate Visual Arts Day
- Fri 7th June BOT election voting closes 12pm
- Tues 11th June Inter-Intermediate Hockey
- 11th – 12th June School production performances
- Tues 25th June Inter-Intermediate Basketball
- Thur 27th June Inter-Intermediate Dance
- Mon 1st July SCHOOL CLOSED for Teacher Only Day
- Fri 5th July End of Term Two
- Mon 23rd July Start of Term Three

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