

## Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term Two, Week Three

Kia Ora and welcome to Week Three.

Happy Mothers' Day to all mums, for last Sunday. I hope you were made to feel extra special for the amazing work you do every day. I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to Prence who joined us from Christchurch last week.

### Teachers' Mega-strike: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Unfortunately due to a lack of commitment by the Minister of Education to adequately address the issues facing both the Primary and Secondary sector, teachers will be on strike for one day on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Please refer to our Facebook page for a summary of the issues facing teachers. It is important that we continue to fight for conditions that will enable us to provide world class education for your child. Please continue to support us by going online and messaging Chris Hipkins, Jacinda Ardern and our local MPs. Your child deserves the best!

### Out and About this Week in Classrooms:

This year we are having a curriculum focus on strengthening practices and achievement in Mathematics. Previous years data indicates this as an area for improvement and therefore we are responding accordingly. Professional learning and development for our teachers is occurring with teachers attending conferences in the school holidays and bringing back key concepts to disseminate with all staff.

Maths is around us daily and it is critical that our students make connections between what they learn at school and how this is applied in real life. Rich tasks and use of mathematical equipment were evident as I did my walk-throughs recently. It was pleasing to see a high level of engagement in maths.



As parents it would be great if you could support your child with their maths by:

- Helping them with their maths homework (this varies from class to class)
- Helping them to learn their x-tables thoroughly (these form the foundation for a lot of maths)
- Encouraging your child to do baking at home (measurement is a valuable skill)
- Involving your child in shopping – estimating the cost of groceries, counting change, working out discounted amounts

Visit: [Nzmaths](http://Nzmaths) which has some really helpful ideas to support your child at home.

### Board of Trustees Elections:

A reminder our Board of Trustees elections are currently taking place. School boards are elected for a three-year term with the current term ending in June.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences and who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning.

Boards of Trustees are responsible for governance and setting the strategic direction of the school, along with ensuring the school provides a safe environment and quality education.

Boards are responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, property, finance and administration (day-to-day management is delegated to the principal).

Our Board currently has four elected parent representatives, one co-opted parent representative, a staff elected representative and a principal. Do not hesitate to contact any of our board members or Jenny if you would like to discuss this opportunity to be on the board.

### Our current Board members are:

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| Teresa Higham (BOT Chair)     | t.higham@mi.school.nz   |
| Elaine Makeham (Parent Rep)   | e.makeham@mi.school.nz  |
| Jo Keogh (Parent Rep)         | j.keogh@mi.school.nz    |
| Jocelyn Mitchell (Parent Rep) | j.mitchell@mi.school.nz |
| Rodney Lamb (Parent Rep)      | r.lamb@mi.school.nz     |
| Andrea Devane (Staff Rep)     | a.devane@mi.school.nz   |
| Jenny Clark (Principal)       | j.clark@mi.school.nz    |

A nomination form has been posted to all eligible voters. If you are on the school roll and eligible to vote then you can nominate yourself or someone else.

Note: If you are not on the voting roll you must be nominated by a person who is. Candidates are invited to submit an optional statement (up to 400 words), which can include a photo.

### Key Dates:

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| Nominations close            | Noon Friday 24 May 2019 |
| Voting papers sent out by    | Wednesday 29 May 2019   |
| Election Day (voting closes) | Noon Friday 7 June 2019 |
| Count Votes                  | Thursday 13 June 2019   |
| Board Takes Office           | Friday 14 June 2019     |



### School Production 2019: 'Rock Bottom'

Our aspiring young actors, actresses and theatre crew are well underway with rehearsals for our up-and-coming show of 'Rock Bottom'. It is all very exciting! Dates for confirmed rehearsals and shows to add to calendar are listed below:

#### Rehearsal for entire cast:

Sunday 9th June from 9.00am to 2.00pm.

#### Full dress rehearsal:

Monday 10th June at 11am (students from David St. School will be our first audience \$2 charge).

#### Matinee show:

Tuesday 11th June starting at 11.00am

#### Evening shows:

Tuesday 11th June starting at 7.00pm

Wednesday 12th June starting at 7.00pm.

For evening shows, cast will need to be at school by 6.00pm please. Thanks for your on-going support.

**Tickets will be available from Monday in the office.**

**Prices are:**

Adults (college age and up) \$15.00  
Children \$10.00 Pre-schoolers \$2.00  
Senior Citizens \$10.00

### Pink Shirt Day tomorrow:

Students are invited to wear pink clothing tomorrow to show their support against bullying. Please note: this is NOT a mufti day so students must wear their uniform if they are not wearing pink. This event is about growing awareness, not fundraising so students do not need a gold coin to participate. Be creative (borrow clothes if needed) but no face paint, hair dye or crepe paper please.



### Junior Netball Umpires:

A big thank you to Mrs Wendy Haddon who has been coaching a group of students to umpire Thursday night netball. What a fantastic learning opportunity! I was very proud of the girls and the job they were doing last Thursday evening. Keep up the good work.



### Teacher Only Day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July:

Morrinsville Kahui Ako: Community of Learning (CoL) is bringing renowned neuroscience educator Nathan Wallis to our community on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

All CoL schools will be closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 for a collective Professional Learning Day with Nathan Wallis. This will be a significant day for all staff in the development of our Morrinsville Community of Learning / Kahui Ako. Alternative arrangements will need to be made for all Morrinsville Intermediate students on this day, thank you for your co-operation.

Parents and whanau will also have the opportunity to see Nathan Wallis on the evening of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at Morrinsville College from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Tickets are available at [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz)

Nathan has a profound reputation as a lively and engaging speaker who uses humour and plain language to make the complex topic of the brain development burst into life.

Nathan guides you through the stages of brain development across childhood (birth to teenage years) and reveals little tricks to help make parenting easier. He reveals ways to open communication with your child in a way that actually gets them to listen, develop and grow, and even like you! You will walk away understanding yours and your child's brain more.

### MI Mates Fundraising:

Oxford Pies: Order forms are due back to school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Pies will be delivered to school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May and can be collected from Rm 17 (prefab by adventure playground) from 1.30pm. The funds raised will go towards a new audio / visual system for the hall. Thanks for your support.

### Term Two dates:

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| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May                 | Pink Mufti Day – support for anti-bullying |
| Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May                | Inter-Intermediate Football                |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May                 | BOT election nominations close 12pm        |
| Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> May                 | SCHOOL CLOSED Teachers' Mega strike        |
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                 | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday            |
| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June                | Inter-Intermediate Futsal                  |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> June                 | Morrinsville College Open Evening 7pm      |
| Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> June                | Inter-Intermediate Visual Arts Day         |
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June                 | BOT election voting closes 12pm            |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> June               | Inter-Intermediate Hockey                  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June | School production performances             |
| Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June               | Inter-Intermediate Basketball              |
| Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> June               | Inter-Intermediate Dance                   |
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July                 | SCHOOL CLOSED for Teacher Only Day         |
| Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July                 | End of Term Two                            |
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> July                | Start of Term Three                        |

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