

## Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term Two, Week Nine

Kia Ora and welcome to Week Nine and the final Newsletter for this term. The last day of school for the term is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July; we wish you all a safe and happy break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### Board of Trustees:

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I am pleased to welcome back our past Board members for another three year term. I do want to acknowledge our previous Board Chairperson, Mrs Patrice Wynen for her leadership in the many Board-driven initiatives she has been involved in over the past two Board terms. Tenei te mihi kia koe.



### Current Board sub-committee roles:

Finance: Teresa Higham and Elaine Makeham

Property: Rodney Lamb

Policy Review: Jocelyn Mitchell

Personnel: Jo Keogh

The BOT is excited to see the new playground installed which is proving to be very popular with our students as well as children in the community. Thank you to everyone involved in the combined fundraising efforts.

We would also like to congratulate everyone involved in the recent school Production, Rock Bottom which involved over 100 students. It was a real credit to the school to be able to perform such an entertaining show for the community, and the school has received excellent feedback from members of the public.

Ngā mihi

Teresa Higham

Board Chair

### Mid-Year Reports and Student-Led Conferences:

Mid-Year Reports will be sent home on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July. On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July parents / caregivers are invited to attend a 15-minute student-led learning conference (S.L.C.) with your child and their teacher, between 8.00am and 6.00pm.

Classroom teachers will be busy with S.L.C.s throughout the whole day so it would be appreciated if students could stay home and just come in for their S.L.C. booking with their parents. Students who are at school will be supervised by our Technology Teachers (see the notice sent home on Monday which includes a slip to return to class teachers).

We would love to see every parent/caregiver attend as part of our Reporting to Parents process. To book a S.L.C. log on to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and use event code yapk6

### Teacher Only Day – NEXT Monday:

A reminder our school will be closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July as our teachers will all be taking part in a Teacher Only Day together with ten other schools from our Morrinsville Community of Learning (COL). They will be working with NZ renowned neuroscience educator, Nathan Wallis. Students will need to be supervised at home on this day. Thanks for your support.

### E-Pro8 Challenge:

Last Thursday we had two teams entered in the E-Pro8 Challenge held at Matamata Intermediate. Our teams finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place with the top three moving on to the semi-finals which will be held in our school hall on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

The EPro8 Challenge is a competition, an engineering and problem solving race. The event is designed to introduce students to a range of engineering and science principles in a fun yet challenging way. This is achieved through the unique equipment that has been developed specifically for this event. Good luck teams with your upcoming training, and of course, for the Semi Final!

Teams compete to:

- build large sized structures
- solve practical problems
- engineer using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles
- invent machines that can complete simple tasks
- undertake unusual and fun experiments.
- construct basic electronic circuits.
- solve interesting problems using practical maths



### Health and Wellbeing Survey:

In a recent Health and Wellbeing Survey students were asked "Do you feel safe walking home?" It was interesting that only 82% of Year 7s and 87% of Year 8s said yes.

We suggest parents have a chat with their children and ask why this is. What is making them feel unsafe? Other students, traffic, dogs etc. Your feedback would be appreciated as your child's safety is of paramount important to us.

### Attitude Presentation :

Last Friday we had presentation for all students in the hall from Lex at "Attitude". Attitude is an organisation within The Parenting Place and has lots of useful hints and tips about topics such as Tackling Technology. See their Facebook link below for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/parentingplacenz/>

### Hot Tips:

- **Be positive** – drown out negativity with positivity. Only use fun and kind comments.
- **Be a Creator** – Technology is here to help us, use it to create, not consume.
- **Be switched on** – Just like our own towns and cities there are good, bad, fun and dangerous places to visit. Be smart about profile pictures, secure passwords, don't share personal information like your address or phone number.
- **Tech Support** – young people have tech knowledge but adults have wisdom. The best tech support isn't always about tech, it's about life. Parents want the best for you!



### School Cross Country Fun Run:

Our Adidas Fun Run is being held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July from 1.40pm. This is a sponsorship based fundraiser, and we're looking to raise money towards our cricket pitch upgrade. This event is also our annual cross country. The School Fun Run is a healthy fundraiser that we hope you'll get behind. The event sends the right message to students about having fun while getting involved and being active.

We expect all students to participate and we'd love to see parents and family friends come down to support the students on the day. Students will have brought home a sponsorship form and they are encouraged to get as many sponsors as possible. Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a prize!



Thanks for supporting your child's wellbeing and we hope to see you at school for the event. Parents who are able to help out with marshalling on the day are asked to contact the office on 889 6629.



### Preparations for our 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee:

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July we are hosting a casual get together and **afternoon tea** at 3.30pm in our staffroom for anyone who would like to join us.

The aim is to look through some archive photos and try to name some faces or identify events. We would also love for people to bring in their own intermediate school photos, articles or memorabilia for us to copy or scan.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in attending our afternoon tea, please let them know when it is on. All welcome!



Please Like our 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Facebook page as well to keep informed on upcoming events.

### Calf-rearing Scheme:

Thank you to those of you who have already confirmed your donation of a calf, or virtual calf. If you have not yet been contacted and would like to support the school, please phone our school office on 889 6629. Thank you!

### Upcoming dates:

Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Inter-Intermediate Gym
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July	SCHOOL CLOSED for Teacher Only Day
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July	'Developing Brain' Seminar 7.30pm at Morrinsville College. Tickets on sale at Eventfinda.
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Jubilee cup of tea – 3.30pm staffroom
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term Two
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Start of Term Three
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> July	School Cross Country (Fun Run)
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Mid-Year Reports go home
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Inter-Intermediate Girls Rugby
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Student-Led Conferences – full day
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Inter-Intermediate Boys Rugby
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Inter-Intermediate Cross Country
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Inter-Intermediate Netball

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