

Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term Three, Week Three

Kia Ora and welcome to Week Three of Term Three.

We have had a wonderful start to the term, celebrating our two Honours students and acknowledging our Kia U Ki Te Pai Term 2 recipient at a special assembly. Well done girls; you are outstanding role models.

A big welcome to our new students and their families, we hope you enjoy your new school and make many new friends.

Learning Partnership:

A big thank you to all parents/whanau who met with your child and their teacher at last Wednesday's learning conferences. Research shows that working in partnership with your to support your child's learning makes a big difference at both school and home.

73% students were represented at the SLCs with a further 10% students having their learning conversations with teachers during the day. Ideally we want 100% representation at these, so if you haven't yet been able to meet for a learning conference please contact your child's teacher to set up a time.

Our Merit and Excellence Awards Programme:

I have been delighted to have students applying for Honours already this year!

Our [Merit and Excellence Programme](#) is designed for ALL children to aspire to achieve to their potential, whether it be through academics, sport, cultural or civics domains. Please encourage your child to set goals and aim to achieve a merit in at least one of the domains. It is highly rewarding for your child when they reach their goal and achieve success when they are 'Empowered to Succeed'.

Honours Students:

Congratulations to Jessica Leigh and Anica Downing who are our first Honours Students for 2019! This is very impressive considering we are only half way through the year. Jessica and Anica have achieved Honours by actively engaging in our school Merit system and utilizing the many opportunities available to students.

Jessica Leigh has achieved: Civics Excellence, Academic Excellence and Cultural Merit.

Anica Downing has achieved: Civics Excellence, Academic Excellence and Sports Merit. Well done girls!



Kia U Ki Te Pai Award Term Two Recipient:

Congratulations to Jessica Leigh who was the recipient of the Kia U Ki Te Pai Award for Term 2. This trophy is awarded to a nominated student at the end of each term who has demonstrated our school values and motto Kia U Ki Te Pai (Whatever you do, Let it be your best). Well done Jessica, awesome achievement!



Jessica Leigh

Sustainability Enrichment – Thank You Bunnings:

Last week, to start off our Sustainability enrichment two representatives from Bunnings Warehouse came to school to talk to the students about sustainability. They brought a range of resources for us - including a 400L compost bin to start the students implementing a fruit and vegetable scrap collection.

Bunnings Warehouse donated solar lights, a compost bin, tools and hay. They also shared fantastic information to spark the student's interest and use student agency to design and plan the food collection bins.



School Uniform:

Morrinsville Intermediate takes pride in how we present ourselves and the majority of students do this consistently well. However, we are noticing a trend to wear incorrect footwear and/or socks.

Please ensure your child is wearing correct uniform: full black shoes, preferably leather or vinyl which keep feet dry in wet weather, and navy-blue knee-high socks or black tights for girls. Boys are to wear grey knee-high socks (pulled up please). Jewellery is also creeping in; please check your child is keeping their precious jewellery for after school, or the weekend.

We appreciate your support to ensure our uniform standards are upheld.

Coast to Coast Raffle:

Thanks to everyone who supported our Sports Camp fundraiser. Congratulations to our winners Pete Wenham and Rita Dewhurst!

Cross Country / Fun Run:

Well done to all students who participated in our school cross country in Week One and supported the Fun Run Fundraiser. Congratulations to the top 6 runners in each year level who will now compete in the Inter-Intermediate Cross Country being held on 13th August at Tokoroa Memorial Sports Grounds:

Year 7 Girls:

- 1st Rachel Bryant
- 2nd Hayley Watkins
- 3rd Cassidy Wilson
- 4th Sophie MacBeth
- 5th Jordyn Bell
- 6th Kleara Chim

Year 8 Girls:

- 1st Jessie Morris
- 2nd Heidi Dixon
- 3rd Charlotte Whittaker
- 4th Brianna Edwards
- 5th Teeka Randell
- 6th Navyon Hopa

Year 7 Boys:

- 1st Ihaia Pearson
- 2nd Jakob Byers
- 3rd Clay Mullen
- 4th Tom Hornsey
- 5th Laken O'Hanlon
- 6th Joel Aitchison

Year 8 Boys:

- 1st Blake Martin
- 2nd Max Makeham
- 3rd Kaleb Cook
- 4th Alex Dewhurst
- 5th Ethan McCreedy
- 6th Ezra Fulford

'GirlBoss' Awards:

The 'GirlBoss' Awards are a nationwide search for trailblazing young Kiwi women (aged 11–18) who are creating change in their communities. We're after inspiring young leaders, artists, activists, scientists, role models, and innovators.

There are eight award categories: STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), Community, Innovation, Online Impact, Arts & Culture, Sustainability, Emerging leader and the overall Trailblazer award. There are over \$10,000 in prizes!

If you know an inspiring young woman aged 11–18, nominate them for a GirlBoss Award (or they can nominate themselves)! Nominate someone you know, and help us find the change makers of tomorrow at www.girlbossawards.co.nz. Nominations are closing in less than two weeks!



Term Dates for 2020:

Term One:	Monday 3 rd Feb to Thursday 9 th April
Term Two:	Tuesday 28 th April to Friday 3 rd July
Term Three:	Monday 20 th July to Friday 25 th September
Term Four:	Monday 12 th Oct to Tuesday 15 th December

Public Holidays in 2020:

Auckland Anniversary Day	Monday 27 th January
Waitangi Day	Thursday 6 th February
Easter Weekend	10 th -13 th April (in term break)
ANZAC Day	Monday 27 th April (observed)
Queen's Birthday	Monday 1 st June
Teacher Only Day	Friday 19 th June
Labour Day	Monday 26 th October

Upcoming dates for Term Three:

10-18th Aug	Vanuatu trip
Tues 13 th Aug	Inter-Intermediate Cross Country (Tokoroa)
Tues 13 th Aug	MI Mates meeting 5.30pm in staffroom
Thur 15 th Aug	WAI Maths competition (Hamilton)
19-23 Aug	Coast to Coast Sports Camp
Tues 27 th Aug	Inter-Intermediate Netball (Minogue Park)
Wed 28 th Aug	Open Evening for prospective families 6.00pm
Mon 2 nd Sep	Open Morning 11am to 12.30pm
9-13th Sept	AIMS Games week
Thur 12 Sep	Open Afternoon 1.30pm to 3.00pm
16-29th Sep	Japan trip
Tues 17 th Sep	Inter-Intermediate Kapa Haka
Thur 19 th Sep	Taupo Maths Matters Competition
Wed 25 th Sep	Piako Cultural Festival
Fri 27 th Sep	End of Term Three