

**‘Te Kura O Waenganui O Morenawhina’
Morrinsville Intermediate
Term 3 Cultural Newsletter 2019**



***“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari he toa takitini.”
“Success is not the work of one, but the work of many.”***

Nau Mai Haere Mai Tēnā koutou katoa,

We all hope you had a good break term with your tamariki and are ready to support our kura moving into another busy term. This is the first edition of a cultural newsletter with the kaupapa of building whanau engagement between our kura. We ask for your support at all events because we know the valuable contribution that you give to your child's education as an empowered learner.

Te Reo and Music Department update

Over the school holidays our school's Board of Trustees have made improvements in the Te Reo and Music department room by painting around the walls/doorways, putting autex on the wall and adding blinds to control glare from the sun and to give the room a homely feel. Please feel free to pop in and see the refurbishments for yourself.

Kapa Haka update

Kapa Haka goes from strength to strength with Maia and I preparing for our annual II Kapa Haka and Piako Festival whakangahau performances. Students are working hard to earn selection into six lines for these performances. Our Inter-Intermediate Kapahaka is being held at Rototuna High School in Week 9 and the annual Piako Festival is the following week at David Street School on the 25th September.

Kapa Haka performances

See below when we will be performing and please feel free to attend, we would love whanau to support us on these days to help support the students to get ready for their stand. Kapa Haka students will be given a “Helpers Permission Form” please complete it and return it to school if you are able to help on any of our upcoming performance days. We practise every Friday from 11am until 12 noon so please come and join in. We will look at holding a noho shortly to finalise and brush up on our bracket.

Important dates to put in your calendar

<u>School performance :</u>	Friday 16 th August 11:45am in the school hall
<u>Intermediate Open Evening:</u>	Wed 28 th August 6pm, Morrinsville Intermediate
<u>David Street Performance:</u>	Friday 30 th August 11:30am at David Street School
<u>Morrinsville College:</u>	TBC
<u>Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori</u>	Friday 13 th September 6pm
<u>II Kapa Haka:</u>	Tuesday 17 th September at Rototuna High School
<u>Piako Festival:</u>	Wednesday 25 th September at David Street School.

Te Reo Kupu

**Tēnā koe – hello to one
Tēnā kōrua – hello to two
Tēnā Koutou - hello to all**

**Kia Ora – hello and thanks
Arohamai – sorry, excuse me**

**Kia tere – hurry up
Haere mai - welcome, come**

**Makariri – cold
Wera – hot
Tino pai – very good**

**Police - Pirihimana
Ambulance – Waka Tūoro
Fire Engine – Waka Patuahi
Helicopter -Waka topatopa**

**Rain – Ua
Cloud – Kapua
Wind - Hau**

Mahi Tahī

At the beginning of this term a group of Year 7 students have been selected to participate in a Maori boys programme for four terms ending in Term 2, 2020.

Our focus for this group is to :

- Develop their self- belief
- Develop their self-esteem
- Set smart goals
- Develop awareness of career pathways,
- Develop their cultural and personal identity.

We are very lucky to be supported by Jamie, Lyric and Gastro from Te Ahurei O Rangatahi Youth services in Hamilton.

Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori – Maori Language Week

Next week I will send a plan for Te Reo Language week. Please support our School where you can and get involved.

Whole school Haka

This year one of my goals for the school is to develop a whole school Haka. All students are currently learning the purpose and refining their performance. The haka is called “Tau ka tau” and it is a Waikato haka that embraces the history of Maori of this area. We now perform this haka at school events and wherever possible e.g. Honours assemblies.

Haka Leadership Group

To empower our Maori learners we also have developed a haka tautoko group which are selected from Kapa Haka. They will be given training from key people in our community about the purpose and performance of haka. This will involve travelling to different marae and landmarks of the Tainui region to learn and celebrate Maori war dance.

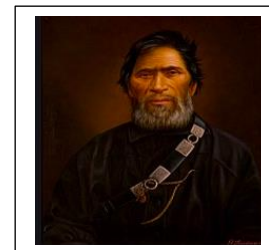
Te Reo Update

It has been a busy two terms in this new exciting position and I have enjoyed every minute of it, teaching students new kupu and sentence structures to empower themselves as New Zealanders. Jacinda Ardern has quoted this year “that every New Zealander should know a certain level of Te Reo Maori”. In our learnings, we have been discovering who we are and where we are from using ‘Pepeha’, the next step is to say this aloud and independently to an audience.

I have also been teaching the students haka and waiata of the Waikato region and the purpose haka was used in ancestral times. I’m looking forward to guiding them into fully embracing Maori and New Zealand’s culture.

Wiremu Tarapipipi Tamihana

This chief of Ngāti Haua who was the second son of Te Waharoa is our Rangatira and his portrait proudly hangs in our school foyer. He was the first Kingmaker which involved crowning the first Maori King “Pōtatau Te Wherowhero”. If it wasn’t for this man’s vision of peace and working with Pākehā then Morrinsville, and even the Waikato, would have been a very different place. Even through times of war between Pākehā and Maori, he negotiated peace between the tribes.



Wiremu Tarapipipi Tamihana believed in the readings of the bible and created his own village in Peria, Matamata, which lived under the commandments of the bible. He traded with European to create partnership and respect. Tamihana spoke strongly to express his concern for the establishment and maintenance of law and order within Maori tribes. He hoped a Maori kingship would unite them under one tribe and provide effective order and laws.

I hope you have enjoyed reading this update and it has helped you to gain clarity and understanding of the mahi that we are doing at Morrinsville Intermediate. I look forward to having you on board to strengthen our practices and experiences for our rangatahi.

Ngā Mihi

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