

## Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term Three, Week Five

Kia Ora and welcome to Week Three of Term Five.

Our Coast to Coast Team are having a fantastic week at Totara Springs despite the mixed weather. This camp provides selected Year 8 students an opportunity to compete in a wide range of sports and activities. Good luck to everyone involved in the semis and finals, we look forward to hearing the results.

### Vanuatu Trip:

Over the past week, eight of our students, along with 12 students from Matamata Intermediate have been fortunate to experience life in Vanuatu Mrs Vette and Mrs Pope.

We visited schools, played games with new friends, and were immersed and embraced by a totally different culture. Lasting memories for everyone! Our students were fantastic representatives of our two schools, and country. One lady commented that spending the day with them was the 'delight of her week'.

Year 7 students, if this is something you think you may be interested in for next year; you might like to start saving. Students will be asked to apply in writing in 2020 stating why they are interested in representing our school. See our Facebook page for more photos.



### WAIMaths:

Last Thursday the following students participated in the WAI Maths Competition held at Southwell School accompanied by Mr Ashley-Miller: Jared Mitchell, Jacob Hagoort, Leo Collins-Janssen, Jai Dalisay, Alex Dewhurst and Hamish Durran-Wolff.

This popular competition was attended by a diverse range of schools from all over the Waikato region. Students were challenged to solve 20 problems in just 45 minutes, working as a group. The atmosphere was electric, although the teams were so intent on their calculations they probably barely noticed the large crowd of spectators filling the foyer behind them. Both the Year 7 and Year 8 teams achieved commendably and represented Morrinsville Intermediate proudly, both in their academic performance and with how they conducted themselves at this prestigious event.

### MIS Master Chef:

We recently held a Masterchef cook-off. Year 7 and 8 students were invited to come up with a main meal and a dessert at home, and send in photos with recipes. Six students were selected as finalists for our cook-off, where they had to come to school and re-create the meal that they had sent in. We had four judges, who gave points for presentation, flavour, texture, hygiene, and organisation.

After much deliberation, due to the standard of the meals being very high, our Masterchef winner was chosen- Casey Rushbrooke. She presented us with a superb pumpkin, spinach and ricotta cannelloni that she had made and filled from scratch. Her dessert was delectable roasted pears with caramel sauce and pistachios. Congratulations Casey!

The judges and I were most impressed with the organisation and timing of each student as well as their concentration and multi-tasking skills. It was a very inspirational evening and congratulations to all contestants for a wonderful effort. I am sure that many adults would be daunted with the task of preparing and making these dishes.

Special thank you to our sponsors: New World, The Warehouse and Paper. See Facebook for more photos.



### Band Slam and Band Quest:

Over the past two weeks our school Rock Bands have been very busy with rehearsals and two performances at Band Slam and Band Quest. These competitions give our students the opportunity to showcase what they have been learning and see other school bands perform from around the Waikato.

Congratulations to Baxter Ward who was awarded best male vocalist and "Damp Amps" (Baxter Ward, Breanna Dreadon Jacob Rollerson and Levi Rollerson) who were awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place from the 17 bands who performed at Band Slam.

Thanks to the parents for their support and special thanks to Kylie Turner for all your work tutoring students in our Music department, we really appreciate your expertise!



### Inter-Intermediate Cross Country:

The Inter-Intermediate Cross Country team performed really well last week in Tokoroa, and I am really very proud of their efforts!

For those who are going to AIMS it has also given them insight into what to work on in their training. Some highlights included Ihaia coming 2nd, Tom overtaking 5-6 runners in the final 150m, Kleara overtaking 3 in the same distance.

Thanks to all the parent support we had on the day. Rueben O'Sullivan (Teacher in charge)

### Results from the day were:

- Year 7 Girls - 3rd place overall:
  - Rachel Bryant - 6th
  - Cassidy Wilson - 7th
  - Hayley Watkins - 11th
  - Jordyn Bell - 22nd
  - Sophie Macbeth - 23rd
  - Kleara Chim - 38th
- Year 7 Boys - 1st place overall:
  - Ihaia Pearson - 2nd
  - Clay Mullan - 7th
  - Laken O'Hanlon - 11th
  - Tom Hornsey - 13th
  - Jakob Byers - 17th
  - Joel Aitchison - 39th
- Year 8 Girls:
  - Heidi Dixon - 15th
  - Charlotte Whittaker - 20th
  - Navyon Hopa - 27th
  - Teeka Randell - 36th
  - Jessie - DNF (pulled out due to sickness/injury)
- Year 8 Boys:
  - Blake Martin - 6th
  - Kaleb Cook - 15th
  - Max Makeham - 28th
  - Ezra Fulford - 29th
  - Ethan McCreedy - 34th
  - Alex Dewhurst - 46

### MI Mates Fundraising Committee:

Oxford Pies Fundraiser - A reminder the orders and money are due to the school office by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August and the pick-up date is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30pm in the Room 17.

We would love to see more people at our MI Mates Meetings. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm. Our next major fundraiser is the Family Fun Night being held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. All welcome!

*A huge thank you to our Sports Camp Sponsors!*  
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### Important Upcoming Dates - Enrolments for 2020:

Prospective students and their families are invited to the following school events:

### Open Evening:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. (starting in the school hall followed by a school tour of classrooms to provide an insight into student learning.)

### Open Days:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 11.00am to 12.30pm  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30pm to 3.00pm  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 from 1.30pm to 3.00pm

During both the Open Evening and Open Days families will have the opportunity to meet our teaching staff and senior leadership team plus have a guided tour around the school to see the many opportunities available to students. All welcome!

### Term Dates for 2020:

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

### Public Holidays in 2020:

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

### Upcoming dates for Term Three:

19-23 Aug	Coast to Coast Sports Camp
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Inter-Intermediate Netball (Minogue Park)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Open Evening for prospective families 6.00pm
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	Open Morning 11am to 12.30pm
9-13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	AIMS Games week
Thur 12 Sep	Open Afternoon 1.30pm to 3.00pm
16-29 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Japan trip
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Inter-Intermediate Kapa Haka
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Taupo Maths Matters Competition
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Piako Cultural Festival
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	End of Term Three