

Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term Four, Week One

Kia Ora and welcome to Week One of Term Four! Yesterday we held Craft Day and today is our annual Livestock Day, it was great to see so many students involved. Results and photos will be included in the next newsletter.

We have printed a hard-copy of the first newsletter for the term. A reminder that the newsletter is produced each fortnight and available online via Facebook, our school website and the Skool Loop App. Hard copies are available from the office foyer for students to pick up if required.

Community Consultation: On Wednesday 30th October at 5.30pm the BOT will be holding a brief Community Consultation in the hall regarding the government's voluntary School Donations Policy and what this actually means for schools. Current and prospective families are invited – all welcome.

Honours Students: Congratulations Ashareen Elfa, Liam Haddon and Devonte Manihera-Walker. Their Honours awards were presented during assembly last term and their families were able to join us to help celebrate their success.



Term Three Kia U Ki Te Pai Award Recipient: Congratulations to Tessa Tauai who was the recipient of the Kia U Ki Te Pai Award for Term 3. 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. Well done Tessa, awesome achievement and well deserved.



2019 Chinese Song Contest – Grand Final: Last term Baxter Ward, Gracie Johns, Hollie Keogh, Paige Nicholls and Rachel Bryant flew to Wellington to compete in the NZ Chinese Song Contest after qualifying for the grand final. They finished in 2nd place out of 60 entrants which is an outstanding result!!

The criteria included Chinese language, intonation, rhythm, interpretation and performance. Jacob and Levi Rollerson were also involved in creating the backing-track.

Thank you to our Mandarin Learning Assistant Shuangyi and Kylie Turner who have been working with the students and also the parents for all their support.



Makuhari Japan:

For the last two weeks of Term Three, six very lucky students experienced life in Japan, living with host families from Shibuya Makuhari Junior High School. They were treated with such kindness and generosity and given amazing opportunities to learn about the Japanese language and culture making many new friends in the process.

The annual exchange to Japan includes days spent in three different schools: Makuhari International School, Shibuya Makuhari Junior High School and Minami Elementary School. Our students took part in a variety of lessons including calligraphy, music, PE, origami and art. They also experienced a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Visits to Disneyland, Disney Sea, Ueno Zoo, Tokyo Tower, and Mesci Science Museum were highlights.

This year was especially exciting as it coincided with the Rugby World Cup and the opportunity to meet some rugby super stars! A spot of shopping in the massive malls and quaint market places was also enjoyed by all.

Current Year 7's who may be interested in travelling to Japan in 2020 are invited to submit an expression of interest to Mrs Clark (see the office for the form).

Board of Trustees:

Unfortunately there have been a few incidents involving students bringing contraband to school recently.



The Board of Trustees has a duty of care to provide a safe and supportive learning and working environment for all students and staff.

Therefore any gross misconduct will be effectively dealt with and the subsequent consequences reflect a no tolerance policy. The Board of Trustees encourage our families and community to be vigilant and engaged, to assist, and insist, our students make better choices.

Kia u ki te pai
Teresa Higham (Board Chair)
on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Chinese Language Week:

During the last week of Term 3 we celebrated Chinese Language Week and held a festival on the last day of term. This involved traditional Chinese songs, dances and delicious food which was created in Food Technology and funded through a grant which was received from Asia Foundation. Thank you to our Mandarin Learning Assistant Shuangyi and Whaea Trish for all their work to provide this fun event for students.

Taupo Maths Matters Success:

Congratulations to Leo Collins, Jacob Hagoort and Jared Mitchell who finished in 4th place at the Taupo Maths Matters Competition. This is an outstanding result. A huge thank you to Mrs Mitchell for driving the team to Taupo and supervising the students.

Piako Cultural Festival:

We would like to say thank you to everyone involved in helping our Kapa Haka students at the Piako Cultural Festival hosted by David Street School last term.

This annual festival provides a great opportunity to get together with other schools, kura and early learning centres in our community and celebrate culture and performance.

Eastern Waikato Science Fair:

Congratulations to all our students whose projects qualified for the Eastern Waikato Science Fair last term. The following awards were presented:

Best in Fair, Best Science Exhibit, Dairy NZ Excellence Award, Gold Award: Abbie Owen (photographed below)

Gold Awards: Brooke Janmaat, Georgia Eichler, Maia Rohrlach, Abby Pope, Jessica Leigh.

Silver Awards: Hamish Durran-Wolff, Leo Collins, Rhiley Johnson, Chloe Skilton, Kate Marshall, Laura Crane, Baylee-Rose Bankier, Rachel Bryant, Hollie Keogh, Zoe Young.

Bronze or Special Awards: Finlay Richardson, Jaxon Wells, Jamie Edward, Hamish Davison, Logan Kay, Rhys Burke, Gracie Johns, Paige Nicholls, Alex Dewhurst, Holly Baker, Olivia Spencer, Olivia Birchall, Reese Whatford, Baylee-Rose Bankier, Mia Abapo and Dawson Higham.



Our major fundraiser for Term 4 is taking place on Friday 15th November from 5pm to 8pm.

Families are invited to enter teams (2 adults and 2 children under 16) for a games competition i.e. obstacle challenges and fun races. All welcome!!

Please see the separate Helpers Form sent home with all students today and return it to the office if you are able to lend a hand. Thanks for your support.



The next meeting is being held on Wednesday 23rd October at 3.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

Orientation Day: On Thursday 5th December current Year 6 pre-enrolled students will have the opportunity to meet their 2020 teacher and class-mates and have an orientation of our school (accompanied by their current school / teacher).

Summer Uniform:

A reminder students wear summer uniform in Terms 1 & 4 and require regulation, black, roman sandals. Students are permitted to wear shoes and socks while it is still a bit cold if they prefer BUT they must be regulation, winter uniform shoes and socks / tights.

Upcoming Term Four Dates:

Tues 22 nd October	MI Mates Meeting 5.30pm
22 nd – 23 rd October	Year 8 Morrinsville College testing
Thurs 24 th October	Morrinsville Group Day
Mon 28 th October	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
29 th Oct to 4 th Nov	Life Education in school
Tues 29 th October	Inter-Intermediate Speeches
Wed 30 th October	Team and Cultural photos
Wed 30 th October	Community Consultation 5.30pm
Wed 30 th October	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Tues 5 th November	Inter-Intermediate softball
Tues 5 th November	Inter-Intermediate Theatre Sports
Thurs 14 th November	School Athletics Day
Fri 15 th November	Family Fun Night 5pm to 8pm
Tues 3 rd December	Inter-Intermediate Athletics
Wed 4 th December	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Thurs 5 th December	Year 6 Orientation 11am to 12.30pm
Fri 6 th December	Year 8 College Orientation 11.00am
Wed 11 th December	Year 8 Formal Social 7pm to 9.30pm
Tues 17 th December	End of Year Reports go home
Wed 18 th December	Prize Giving 11am to 1pm
Thurs 19 th December	Last day of school. Finish at 12.30pm