

## Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term One, Week Seven

Kia ora koutou and welcome to Week 7. The term is racing by and I'd like to say how well our students are taking on board the key messages and expectations, particularly around Rangatiratanga and being responsible, resilient and reflective.

### COVID-19 Pandemic:

As you will be aware the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. A special newsletter was sent home with all students yesterday to inform families of the preventative measures in place here at school. A copy of the newsletter can be found on our school website and Facebook page. Families are advised to keep an eye on our school Facebook page to keep up-to-date with the latest news on school events and cancellations.

The Ministry of Health has been working through its pandemic plan since January. You will also know the Government has already implemented a range of measures to minimise the impacts to New Zealand.

**This includes border restrictions, if a member of your family comes home from overseas travel (anytime from 1.00am on 16.03.20) they are required to self-isolate. Please inform the school office if this includes anyone in your household.**

**It is highly recommended that those in New Zealand thinking about travelling overseas, should avoid all non-essential travel at this time.**

**Also please inform the school if your family is choosing to self-isolate as a precautionary measure.**

We currently have 28 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand and this figure is expected to rise. At this point in time, our school remains open and we are taking advice day by day from the Ministry of Education.

Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter. We will keep you informed as further updates come to light.

### Personal Hygiene:

We are always reminding children at school of the importance of personal hygiene around handwashing, coughs and sneezes. At the moment, this is particularly important and it would be really helpful if these messages could be enforced at home also:

- Wash your hands with soap and water, and dry them after you use the bathroom and before you eat (wash for at least 20 seconds).

### Illness at school:

Children with the following symptoms may be deemed unwell for school:

- Elevated temperature, diarrhoea, vomiting, continual runny nose, respiratory difficulties, excessive coughing, wheezy chest, or generally unwell and unfit to be at school.
- Children should be kept home from school if they have been vomiting or had diarrhoea and should not return until they have had 48 hours of no symptoms. These bugs are spread via hands to mouths.

Thanks for your co-operation in stopping the spread of bugs.

### Student Executives:

Our Student Executives are hard at work planning the Easter Raffle, their goal is for every student to sell at least ten raffle tickets to enable us to contribute \$6,000 towards the purchase and artworks for our very own school cow (to be unveiled at the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee on the 15<sup>th</sup> May).

The Student Executives will be selling raffle tickets tomorrow at New World Supermarket, please support our fundraiser if you see them in town.



### School Vege Garden:

Our school vege gardens have been re-vamped into smaller raised beds which makes them easier to access and manage. Thanks to PGG Wrightson for donating materials for this project. Students have been busy learning what is involved in creating a vege garden and look forward to maintain the gardens and using the produce in Food Technology.

The students are wearing masks in the photo below for H&S requirements while handling compost.



### Student-Led Learning Conferences:

As part of our strategic goal to develop and embed effective learning-focused partnerships between home and school we will be holding Student-Led Learning Conferences (S.L.C.s) On Wednesday 1st April from 3.30pm – 7.00pm, and on Thursday 2nd April 1.00pm – 6.00pm. Please note: normal classes will finish at 12.30pm on Thursday 2nd April. Please return the slip which was sent home on Monday indicating whether your child will need supervision at school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April or has permission to leave school at 12.30pm.

Parents / caregivers are invited to book a 15 minute slot by logging onto [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and using the **Event Code: h5nef**. If you do not have access to the internet, please phone the school office on 889 6629 for assistance.

**Students from Room 7 with Mrs Vette** will book their SLC using the same event code but Room 7's S.L.C.s will take place over the full day on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 8.15am to 5.15pm. Please note: Room 7 students will still be required to return the slip regarding arrangements for the half day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**We would love to see every parent / caregiver attend as part of our reporting to parent's process.** S.L.C.s are a conversation between the student, parents and teachers that is focused on recent learning. The student leads the conversation sharing a range of learning samples. Those students who may not be able to organise an S.L.C. will attend school as normal and be supervised at school on the day by our Tech staff, who will then hold a learning conversation with the students.



### Waikato Valley NZ Cup T20 Cricket:

Selected MIS students recently played two cricket games for the Waikato Valley NZ Cup T20's in the heat at John Kerkhof Park in Cambridge on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

The first match was against Cambridge Middle School and the team had a loss. The second match was against Ngatea Primary School and the team had a good win. It was a great day that was enjoyed by the players and supporters alike. Well done to all the boys who had a fantastic tournament.

### Rangatiratanga Award (doing the best for yourself):

Each Friday during assembly one student per class is acknowledged for demonstrating Rangatiratanga, specifically 'resilience', as the foci for the past two weeks.

Congratulations to the following students from Week 5: Connor Room 1, Maia Room 2, Georgia Room 3, Corey Room 4, Casey Room 5, Indi Room 6, Brock Room 7, Caleb Room 8, Dekota Room 9, Crystal Room 10.

Congratulations to the following students from Week 6: Jayden Room 1, Livia Room 2, Mia Room 3, Shea Room 4, Leo Room 5, Angelina Room 6, Emma Room 7, Skyla Room 8, Cody Room 9, Chloe Room 10

### Bingo Night POSTPONED:

Our Bingo night which was taking place in Week 9 has been postponed. We will look at re-setting the date for this at the end of Term 2.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors who have donated prizes which will be held for later in the year when our Bingo night is re-scheduled.



### Easter Raffle:

Students have been given a raffle booklet to sell and the raffles will be drawn on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Thanks for your support! Proceeds will be used for the purchase and artwork of our very own school cow, which will be unveiled in conjunction with our 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations.

**50TH JUBILEE 16TH MAY 2020,  
10:00AM - 4:00PM**

Morrinsville Intermediate School is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. We will be holding a celebration reunion on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> May, from 10am to 4pm at the School.

**Registrations close on the 1st May and numbers have been restricted to 200.**

We have a Facebook page 'Morrinsville Intermediate Jubilee' to complete the online registration or collect a form from the school office. We look forward to seeing you at our Jubilee celebrations.

### Upcoming dates:

Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Camp deposit of \$90 is due
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Rm 7 Student-led learning conferences
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Student-led learning conferences
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term One
<del>Tues 28<sup>th</sup> April</del>	<del>Start of Term Two</del>
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	MI Mates meeting 5.30pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Inter-Intermediate football (TBC)
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>C.O.L. Teacher Only Day</b>
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Queen's Birthday holiday
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Morrinsville College Info evening
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Inter-Intermediate hockey (TBC)
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	MI Mates Meeting 5.30pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Inter-Intermediate Futsal (TBC)
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June	BOT Meeting 6.30pm

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[www.mi.school.nz](http://www.mi.school.nz)

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