

Morrinsville Intermediate

Newsletter: Term Three, Week Three

Kia ora koutou and welcome to Week Three.

I would like to pass on my appreciation to all parents/caregivers who were able to attend our Student-led Learning conferences last week; we had approximately 83% attendance at these. While that was not as high as we would like, it does provide a valuable opportunity to share students' learning, goals and aspirations moving forward.

The home/school learning partnership is highly valued as we work collectively to strengthen learning outcomes for your child/ren. If you couldn't attend SLCs last week, we are happy to arrange these with your teacher at another time.

Honours Student:

Congratulations to Hayley Watkins who is our third Honours Student for 2020! Hayley was presented with her award last Friday during assembly and it was lovely to have her whole family join us to celebrate her success.



Hayley has achieved Academic Excellence, Civics Excellence and Cultural Merit. Hayley has made the most of the opportunities available at Morrinsville Intermediate and clearly epitomises our school vision "Empowering Learners to Succeed".

Hayley is a fantastic role model, a student who is self-driven to achieve her goals and a very deserving recipient of this award. Well done Hayley!

Mid-Year Student Achievement Progress Summary

Strengthening learning outcomes for all students is a priority. Our mid-year data reflects:

Reading:

74% (116/156) Y. 7s are currently achieving at/beyond expectation (L. 3) at mid-year (58% T. 1) **+16%**

70% (116/162) Y. 8s are currently achieving at/beyond expectation (E L. 4) at mid-year (61% (T. 1) **+9%**

Writing:

72% (112/156) Y. 7s are currently achieving at/beyond expectation (L. 3) at mid-year (61% in T. 1) **+11%**

67% (108/162) Y. 8s are currently achieving at/beyond expectation (E L. 4) at mid-year (55% in T. 1) **+12%**

Mathematics:

69% (107/156) Y. 7s are currently achieving at/beyond expectation (L. 3) at mid-year (62% in T. 1) **+7%**

64% (103/162) Y. 8s are currently achieving at/beyond expectation (E L. 4) at mid-year (51% in T. 1) **+13%**

NB: the expected level for Year 7s by the end of the year is Early Level 4, and Year 8s is Level 4. To make the shift, students are encouraged to set challenging goals, and work hard on all learning tasks. Attending school consistently and having high expectations will support making the necessary shifts.

Community Consultation Outcomes:

From the survey responses submitted at the end of last term, used to inform our 2021 – 2023 Strategic Planning, please find a summary of the findings:

What we are doing well?

- Every child matters; we care for our students
- Strong values are evident and embedded
- A broad range of opportunities are on offer
- Excellent communication
- The Merit programme (accessible for all children)

What can we do better?

- Further extending more capable children
- Strengthen student leadership opportunities
- Increase practical-based/life-skills learning opportunities
- Less device time

Curriculum priority rankings: we believe the following are most important –

(1 = most important, 6 = least important)

1. Developing students' Key Competencies
2. Focus on the core curriculum: Literacy + Numeracy
3. Health and PE
4. Financial Literacy skills
5. Digital technology (want a balance between devices and pen/paper)
6. Careers education

School Cross Country:

Well done to everyone who participated in the school cross country on Friday 24th July, displaying real tenacity. Congratulations to the top 10 runners from each year level:

Year 8 Girls:

1st Rachel Bryant, 2nd Cassidy Wilson, 3rd Jordyn Bell, 4th Hayley Watkins, 5th Sophie Macbeth, 6th Isabella McPherson, 7th Hollie Keogh, 8th Meg O'Meara, 9th Vayda Davies, 10th Kleara Chim.

Year 8 Boys:

1st Jakob Byers, 2nd Clay Mullan, 3rd Laken O'Hanlon, 4th Tom Hornsey, 5th Miller Ward, 6th Ryan Lovett, 7th Alex Harris, 8th Reid Bishop, 9th Lindsay Lammas, 10th Jacob Hagoort.

Year 7 Girls:

1st Kayley McMillan, 2nd Sabrina Chong, 3rd Caitlyn Kampenhout, 4th Jayda Smith, 5th Kora Worsell, 6th Zoe Aitchison, 7th Maiya Thompson, 8th Jordyn McAra, 9th Brittney Hart, 10th Sarah Pettigrew.

Year 7 Boys:

1st Jayden Dobson, 2nd Jaydin McLeod, 3rd Taylor Langley, 4th Tylar Andrews, 5th Peyton Chambers, 6th Ethan Spraggon, 7th Kees Frithsson, 8th Lucas Hadj-Blaha, 9th Brody Murray, 10th Cole McMahon-Graham.



Inter-Intermediate Sports Results:

Football: Last Tuesday our school participated in the I.I. Football competition in Hamilton. The girls team beat Te Awamutu and Matamata, drew against Berkley and Peachgrove, and lost to Fairfield. The boys team had one win against Te Awamutu, one draw against Berkley and two losses.

We all played really well, displaying sportsmanship towards other teams. We came away with some new skills and a few bruises 😊

Thanks to all the parents involved, we appreciated your help and support. (Report by Rachel Bryant and Jakob Byers)



Boys Rugby: On Tuesday the Under 56kg and Open Weight teams competed at the Inter-Intermediate Rugby Competition. Unfortunately, the Open Weight team didn't win any games but we persevered throughout the day, gave it 100% and many of the games were very close. (Report by Riley Klenner)

The under 56kg team won a game against Rototuna Junior High School. The other games were tight and we all put our bodies on the line, a lot of tackles were made and we never gave up. (Report by Gaston Rojas Miranda)

Thanks to the parents who helped out on the day and a special thanks to Dennis Leigh for giving up his time to coach the boys.

COVID-19:

Covid-19 is exploding outside NZ's borders, with the numbers of cases growing daily. A second wave is occurring in some countries and communities. NZ must be vigilant with our regimes.

We have received a request from the Ministry of Education encouraging people displaying flu-like symptoms to be tested. "A high rate of testing helps to give confidence there is no community transmission."

To help prevent the spread of bugs and viruses, please continue to keep your child home if they display the following:

- Cough
- Runny nose
- Head ache
- High temperature

Please encourage healthy hygiene habits to continue, including:

- Coughing and sneezing into elbows
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 sec.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Avoiding contact with your eyes/nose/mouth

Uniform Donations:

We would really appreciate the donation of any uniform items (including suitable winter school shoes and roman sandals) that are in good condition. As you may be aware, we have some students who are need of uniform items and would be grateful for some assistance with donated items. As a school, this will be done as a service this year; no charge will be made for the on-sale of donated uniforms.

Rangatiranga Award (doing the best for yourself):

Each Friday during assembly one student per class is acknowledged for demonstrating Rangatiranga, specifically one of the Key Competency indicators. The Week 1 and 2 focus were responsibility and reflection.

Congratulations to the following students from Week 1: Neve Room 1, Gaston Room 2, Awhina Room 3, Chassidee Room 4, Skylar Room 5, Ethan Room 6, Reon Room 7, Sophie Room 8, Alyssa Room 9, Ashlee Room 10.

Congratulations to the following students from Week 2: Shelby Room 1, Blake Room 2, Isabella Room 3, Olivia Room 4, Joel Room 5, Lily Room 6, Zoe Room 7, Taylor Room 8, Cayden Room 9, Ava Room 10.

MI Mates – BINGO Evening:

Friday 18th September @ 7pm in the Hall

Tickets available from the school office or through the google form linked to our school's Facebook page

This is our school's MI Mates Committee's first fundraising event, with all proceeds going towards the upgrade of our school's netball and basketball hoops.

Stuff you need to know

- \$15 a ticket for a place at a table with a generous platter to enjoy
- Courtesy van available for town drop offs - gold coin donation
- Bingo tickets for sale at the door starting at \$15 for 13 games
- Cash bar with cash out option in the office
- Drinks and snacks for sale
- Quick fire raffles between the bingo rounds
- Prizes for best dressed

We are happy to advise that our MI Mates BINGO evening is back on the calendar for this term! This will be our only community based fundraiser this year so please support it by putting a team together for an evening of fun with the opportunity to win some great prizes! You can also attend as an individual if you prefer.

Tickets are now available from our school office.

Thank you to all the local businesses who made BINGO donations in Term One, your support is very much appreciated and your contributions will be used as prizes during the BINGO Evening.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 11 th August	II Cross Country
Tuesday 11 th August	MI Mates Meeting 5.30pm
Thursday 13 th August	Waimaths
Tuesday 25 th August	II Netball
Wednesday 26 th Aug	MIS Open Evening 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday 1 st Sept	MIS Open Morning 11.00 a.m.
7 th to 10 th September	WIMS Sports Competition Week
Wednesday 9 th Sept	BOT Meeting 6.30 p.m.
Thursday 10 th Sept	MIS Open Afternoon 1.30 p.m.
Tuesday 15 th Sept	II Kapa haka
Thursday 17 th Sept	Taupo Mathsmatters
Friday 18 th Sept	BINGO evening
Thursday 24 th Sept	COW unveiling (details to come)
Friday 25 th Sept	End of Term 3
Monday 12 th October	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 14 th October	MIS Craft Day
Thursday 15 th October	MIS Livestock Day
Friday 23 rd October	Morrinsville Group Day

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