

Morrinsville Intermediate

Newsletter: Term Three, Week Seven

Kia ora koutou and welcome to Week Seven.

Congratulations to those students who are continuing to aim high, set goals and focus closely on their learning.

The term is racing by and our focus on 'Appreciating Diversity' was evident in the range of amazing speeches that have been composed, and presented over the past three weeks. I have been privileged on several occasions to hear students using this language to support others in various contexts, and that is heartening.

Resilience is certainly something that our students, and wider community, are having to understand and demonstrate. There have been many challenges presented to us but I can say that most of our students have been absolutely amazing. Their level of empathy and understanding has grown in response to disappointments and personal circumstances.

As a school, we ask that you please keep communicating with your child and help them work through any matters they may be struggling to come to terms with. We do have a trainee counsellor on site two days a week and for any reason, your child can readily access Melissa's services on Thursdays and Fridays.

Speech Finals Topic "appreciating diversity":

Well done to all of our students who presented their speeches in class recently. The following students were selected for the speech finals held last Friday:

Zoe Young, Cody Purchase, Kate Marshall, Brooke Janmaat, Elsa Greay, Rachel Bryant, Tash Wilson, Hollie Keogh, Paige Nicholls, Luka Hadj-Blaha, Hunter Johnson, Rhys Gibberd and Lukas Gaiger.

Thanks to our judges Chris May, John Howlett and Sandra Warner for giving up your time. All three judges were impressed with the high standard of speeches.

Special congratulations to our following place-getters:

- 1st Rhys Gibberd "Sheep!"
- 2nd Rachel Bryant "Diversity in Sport"
- 3rd Hollie Keogh "Diversity in Diet Choices"



Covid-19 Update: Alert Level 2:

You will be aware that Auckland has now joined us in Alert Level 2 (more specifically Level 2.5 for them). We must continue to be vigilant about our health and safety at all times. We ask that any adult visitors only enter our school for business purposes, and sign in at the front office using our contact tracing register. Our QR code is there for your use also.

For our learners, we are continuing to insist on the following:

- 8.30 a.m. check in with their teacher
- Sanitise hands on arrival to school
- Wash/dry hands before/after eating and playing
- Keeping 1m distance wherever practicable
- Coughing/sneezing into their elbows
- Disinfecting desks/high use areas daily
- Bringing a water bottle
- Staying home if unwell (seek advice from Ministry of Health regarding being tested for Covid-19) free-phone 0800 358 5453

The wearing of masks is NOT required on school buses as schools have good contact tracing measures in place. However, students are able to wear a mask if they feel they would like to. This is also the case at school.

Anyone using public transport, over the age of 12, must wear a mask from Monday 31st August (there is some flexibility around people suffering from disabilities and/or mental illnesses).

As a school, we are continuing to avoid mass gatherings as a precaution to assist with social distancing. Our assemblies are continuing to be virtual at present.

COVID-19 Update

Year 6 Enrolments for 2021 - Open Days:

Thanks to everyone who attended our Open Evening last night. We are also holding two further Open Days on:

Wednesday 9th September from 11.00am to 12.30pm

Thursday 10th September from 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Unfortunately we are required to limit numbers to 100 due to Level 2 restrictions so we are asking parents to register for our Open Days by logging on to: www.schoolinterview.co.nz and using the event code zypyy.

We are also limiting attendance to one parent / caregiver with your Year 6 child. Please contact our office on 07 889 6629 for more information including accessing our school prospectus.

[Enrolments forms for 2021 Year 7s are to be returned to our school office by Friday 25th September, to enable the inputting of data and to start the classroom placement process.](#)
Thanks for your co-operation.

Craft Day & Livestock Day Trophies:

We are asking for all 2019 Morrinsville Intermediate Craft Day and Livestock Day Trophies to now be returned to the office.

Gymsport Competition:

Congratulations to our competitive Gymnastic team who competed last Thursday in the I.I. Gymsport in Hamilton.

Sabrina Chong - 2nd Overall Junior Open Advanced

Vayda Davies - 3rd Overall Junior Open Advanced

Jack Hamilton - 2nd Overall Junior Open

Jaiya Elfa - 3rd Overall Junior Open

Also thank you to Nikki Chong for taking the team to the Inter-Intermediate Gymsport competition.



Sexuality Road:

Thank you to the parents who attended the Sexuality Road consultation last night. Sexuality education is part of The New Zealand Curriculum, and it is a requirement that it is taught as part of the Health and Physical Education.

There is a separate programme for Year 7 and Year 8. The programme covers: *Changing bodies and feelings, Relationships, Communication and decision making, Reproduction, Support.*

A reminder, if you do not wish your child to participate please let the Principal know in writing before the programme starts on Monday 7th September.

Morrinsville Intermediate Uniform:

Now that spring is here, we are near the end of the term. With that comes a change from winter uniform back to summer uniform in Term 4.

A reminder that during Terms 1 and 4 students require regulation, black roman sandals. Sandals are also a requirement for college so if parents need to purchase new sandals for Term 4 they will also be worn the following year.

Students who need to have their uniforms mended e.g. split skirts are welcome to see Whaea Trish in the Food / Fabric Technology Room to have them sewn.



Above - school roman sandals

Also a reminder to name all uniform items so they can easily be returned if they end up in the Lost Property cupboard. Thanks.

Rangatiratanga Award (doing the best for yourself):

Each Friday during assembly one student per class is acknowledged for demonstrating Rangatiratanga, specifically one of the Key Competency indicators. The Week 6 focus was resilience.

Congratulations to the following students from Week 6: Sabrina Room 1, Brooke Room 2, Ella Room 3, Alyssa Room 4, Harper Room 5, Ethan Room 6, Keegan Room 7, Bianca Room 8, Vayda Room 9, Phoenix Room 10.

MI Mates – BINGO Evening:

Tickets are now available from our school office.
NB: This can only proceed if we return to Alert Level 1 (or restrict numbers to less than 100).

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

Camp Fees:

A reminder to all families that Lakewood Lodge camp fees are required to be fully paid by 7th September, 2020. If you require an updated balance owing, please phone our office on 07 889 6629. Thanks.

'MIS Jubilee': cow unveiling Thursday 24th September 2.p.m.

Do you want to be part of MIS Jubilee's history? We are seeking donations for the painting of our cow and landscaping for her new home. If you would like to make a donation, please make payment online into our bank account or send the attached form to the school office:

MIS Bank Account number: 12-3437-0000031-00
Reference: Your name and *MIS Jubilee donation*

Donations greater than \$100 will entitle you to have your name on the 'Community Contribution' plaque which will be added to the plinth following our Jubilee in April 2021.

Upcoming Dates:

7 th to 10 th September	WIMS Sports Competition Week
Wednesday 9 th Sept	MIS Open Morning 11.00 a.m.
Wednesday 9 th Sept	BOT Meeting 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 10 th Sept	MIS Open Afternoon 1.30 p.m.
Thursday 10 th Sept	WaiMaths 4.30 p.m.
Tuesday 15 th Sept	Il Kapa haka
Thursday 17 th Sept	Taupo Mathsmatters
Friday 18 th Sept	BINGO evening
Thursday 24 th Sept	COW unveiling 2.00 – 3.00 p.m.
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