

Morrinsville Intermediate

Newsletter: Term Three, Week Nine

Kia ora koutou and welcome to Week Nine. This is our final newsletter for Term Three, the last day of term is Friday 25th September. Term Four starts on Monday 12th October.

Again, Term 3 has presented us with a variety of challenges, due to Covid-19, however, I can confidently say that our students have largely embraced the change that has arisen as a result of that. We have had to learn to accept disappointment as events we have planned for, and looked forward to, have been cancelled; we have done this in a mature manner in most instances and I thank you for your ongoing support of our tamariki and school. Kia kaha and stay safe.

Our building upgrades have kicked in with full force, including the installation of heat pumps throughout the school over the past two weeks. I know that these will make learning much more pleasurable come the height of summer and lows of winter. Classroom upgrade construction will continue in Term 4 with completion due over the summer break.

Honours Student:

Congratulations to Paige Nicholls who was awarded Honours last Friday during assembly. Paige has achieved Civics Excellence, Cultural Excellence and Academic Excellence. Paige is an empowered learner who is driven to achieve success, she has taken on a broad range of opportunities and epitomises our school vision 'Empowering Learners to Succeed'.

Well done Paige, you are a committed student and an outstanding role model!



Rotary Speech Cometicion:

On Monday Rhys Gibbered, Rachel Bryant and Hollie Keogh presented their speeches as part of the Rotary Speech Competition with students from St Josephs' School. Our students all presented their speeches to a very high standard and enjoyed the experience.

Eastern Waikato Science Fair:

Well done to all students who were involved in the Eastern Waikato Science Fair this year. Special congratulations to the following students who were award winners from our school:

Paige Nicholls – Gold Award – Photography: Engineering in Harmony.

Jordyn Bell and Jakob Byers – Bronze Award – Video presentation: Which possum bait works best?

National Young Leaders' Day (NYLD):

Last Tuesday our Student Executives participated in the inaugural virtual NYLD, from the MIS Boardroom, alongside 78 schools from the Waikato.

They heard from a range of inspirational speakers (William Pike, Riley Hathaway, Stan Walker and Okirano Tilaia) and took away some key learnings including:

- Kia kaha – be strong
- Kia maia – be brave
- Kia manawanui – be steadfast



"Being brave is not the absence of fear, it is having fear and finding the way through it"

Inter-Intermediate Kapa Haka:

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 Level 2 restrictions, the annual Inter-Intermediate Kapa Haka festival could not proceed as usual because of the ruling around mass gatherings. Schools were still able to participate on Tuesday by live-streaming their performance for other participating schools to watch.

Well done to all students involved. A special thanks to the parents who have helped out over the past few weeks by coming in to school to sort and mend Kapa Haka uniforms, your support is very much appreciated!



Piako Gym Festival:

Well done to our students who competed at the Piako Gym Festival last week. Their results were:

Twisters Novice: 1st Dawson Higham, 2nd= Kayley McMillan, 4th= Isabella McPherson.

Flyers Novice: 1st = Hayley Watkins and Rachel Bryant, 4th = Hollie Keogh, 6th = Jayda Smith and Baylee-Rose Bankier.



Safety on Social Media:

I sent out an email to all families last week, urging you to be aware of what your child/ren are being exposed to on the internet. Please speak to your children about strategies to keep themselves safe online, and how to seek help if/when needed. In Waikato support is available from a number of agencies including:

• Netsafe <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/> or the Ministry of Education [online digital technology guide](https://www.education.govt.nz/online-digital-technology-guide/)

• There are excellent resources available from Te Rau Ora <https://terauora.com/our-work/maori-suicide-prevention/>.

Other supports for students include

- **Need to talk** - Free call or text on 1737 and there is support available 24 hours a day
- **0800 What's Up** - Available Mon-Fri 12pm-11pm Sat/Sun 3pm-11pm on 0800 942 8787
- **Lifeline** - call on (0800 543 354) or text HELP (4357) for confidential support.

Summer Uniform:

A reminder that all students will require black, regulation, roman sandals next term as part of our summer uniform.

The term break is also a great time to ensure all uniform items are in good order, including skirt hem lengths, ready for the final term of school.

Skool Loop App:

We encourage parents and caregivers to download the free app 'Skool Loop' and then search for our school.

The school newsletter is uploaded to the app each fortnight and we plan to use the app more in future in place of permission slips and notices for events etc.



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 7 focus was resilience and in Week 8 it was responsibility.

Congratulations to the following students from Week 7: Ellamarie Room 1, Maia Room 2, Cassidy Room 3, Anna Room 4, Karlos Room 5, Jaime-Leigh Room 6, Willow Room 7, Maiya Room 8, Ryan Room 9, Tyla Room 10.

Week 8: Emelia Room 1, Gaston Room 2, Chelsey Room 3, Tash Room 4, Abbie Room 5, Lucas Room 6, Bryleigh Room 7, Rhythm Room 8, Neveah Room 9, Morgan Room 10.

MI Mates – BINGO Evening:

Our BINGO fundraising evening is taking place TOMORROW night from 7.00pm in our school hall. Entry is \$15pp and tickets are still available from our school office. Please phone us on 07 8896629 to secure your seat (enter as an individual or team). See our Facebook page for more information.



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

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 contact us on 07 889 6629 for more information:

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:

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
Monday 26 th October	Public Holiday – Labour Day
Thursday 29 th Oct	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd November	Inter-Intermediate Softball
Wednesday 4 th Nov	Sports and Cultural photos
Friday 6 th November	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
10 th – 13 th November	Aranui Team Camp
17 th – 20 th November	Aotea Team Camp
24 th – 27 th November	Tainui Team Camp
Wednesday 2 nd Dec	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 3 rd December	Year 6 Orientation 11.00am
Wednesday 8 th Dec	Year 8 Formal Social 7pm – 9.30pm
Friday 11 th December	End of Year Reports go home
Monday 14 th Dec	School Prizegiving 11am – 1.00pm
Tuesday 15 th Dec	Last day - school finishes at 12.30pm