

# Morrinsville Intermediate

## Newsletter: Term Four Week One

Kia ora koutou and welcome to Term Four.

I trust you all had an opportunity to spend valuable time with your family and friends over the term break. Morrinsville Intermediate has been a hive of activity during the break, with a number of exciting property projects under way:

- Science Room refurbishment
- Changing Room refurbishment
- Room 3 and 4 classroom upgrade
- Admin area and library recarpeted
- Netball turf – chain-link fence repair and running board added
- Top gate carpark has been asphalted

We look forward to seeing these jobs completed; we are very lucky to have such a beautiful, well resourced school.

Unfortunately, weve also experienced some vandalism in the past month or so. Please keep your eyes and ears open if you're on our site after hours, and report any suspicious behaviour. We take great pride in our school and appreciate your support.

### Double Honours Student:

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Rachel Bryant who was awarded Double Honours during assembly at the end of last term! Rachel achieved Double Academic Excellence, Double Civics Excellence and Double Sports Merit.

This is an outstanding achievement from a remarkable young lady who has chased her dreams despite opportunities no longer being available due to COVID-19. Rachel has had to problem solve and think of alternative possibilities and she managed to earn a range of merit points through Lockdown.

Well done Rachel, you are a motivated student and an excellent role model.



### Term Four Learning:

Our big idea for Term Four is "Change for Good". This encompasses the Key Competency of 'Participating and Contributing' with students getting involved, using their initiative and showing commitment so that they can 'make a change for good'. Students will be given a range of opportunities to demonstrate this on a personal / community level.

Term Four is a time for students to really engage in their learning. We want all students to review their learning goals and aim high to achieve to the best of their potential. Testing will take place in Weeks 2 and 3; for our Year 8 students this contributes towards their class placement at college.

Our school goal is for all students to make personal progress in core learning areas, along with the Key Competency of Managing Self (responsibility, resilience and reflection).

### MIS Jubilee – our new school cow:

2020 marks a very special year in the calendar of Morrinsville Intermediate, our 50th Jubilee. While we couldn't celebrate this milestone in April as originally planned, we were excited to be able to mark this occasion through the unveiling of our newest member to the Morrinsville Intermediate Community, 'MIS Jubilee' (our school cow, who is the latest edition to the Morrinsville Herd of Cows). We are very grateful to Cooper Aitken for partnering with us to source and fund our cow; it was a pleasure working alongside them to finalise the design and name for MIS Jubilee.

Students were all invited to submit ideas for our cow artwork and a group of students helped complete the painting alongside Paul Martin, who was our artist (he is an ex-student). Our design captures our story and journey as a school over the last 50 years and it is special to us in that it is more than just a piece of art.

MIS Jubilee has a black and white side representing the 'then' side from 1970 till 1995, and a colourful bright side that is representing the 'present' 1995 to 2020. A lot of time and effort has gone into this amazing piece of art and we look forward our friends, family and the Morrinsville Community seeing MIS Jubilee and recognising our school's story captured within the artwork.

Thank you to everyone involved, it has truly been a team effort and we are delighted with the end result.



### Mathermatters Competition:

On Thursday 17th September six Morrinsville Intermediate students travelled down to Taupo after school with Mr Ashley-Miller and Mrs Clark to represent our school in the annual Year 7 and Year 8 Mathsmatters Competition.

Schools from all over the Waikato were involved. Both our teams represented our school in an outstanding way and we would like to say a big congratulations to the Year 7 team for placing 3rd and our Year 8 team for placing 4th.

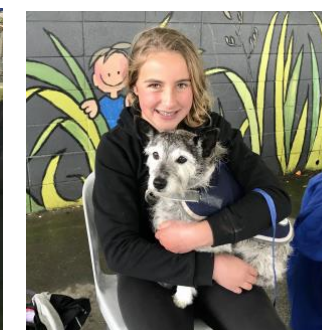


### Livestock and Craft Day:

Thank you to all our students who took part in Craft Day and Livestock Day this week. It was great to see the huge variety of craft, cooking and floral entries by our students. Our judges were really impressed with the quality and creativity of all items.

A huge amount of work goes into rearing an animal for Livestock Day; well done to all students involved and good luck to those taking part in Morrinsville Group Day next Friday.

Thank you also to the families who made time to pop in to school and view the exhibits in the hall. See our Facebook page for more photos. Prizegiving will take place tomorrow at 10.15am and families are welcome.



### EPro 8 Success:

Congratulations to our Epro 8 team MIS Strikers - Kate Marshall, Jordyn McAra, Holly Baker and Jade Cook who finished in 3rd place at the regional semi-finals in Hamilton last term. They went on to compete in the Grand Final which was held last night, the girls enjoyed the experience and finished in the top 10! A fantastic achievement, well done girls!



### School Camp:

A reminder our Team Camps are taking place this term at Lakewood Lodge (Adventure Fram Specialists) in Huntly on the following dates:

Team Aranui (Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7) Tues 10th Nov. to Fri 13th Nov.  
 Team Aotea (Rooms 8, 9, 10) Tues 17 Nov. to Fri 20th Nov.  
 Team Tainui (Rooms 1, 2, 3) Tues 24th Nov. to Fri 27th Nov.

A Camp Gear List was sent home with all students yesterday, additional copies can be collected from the office foyer and can also be found online on our school website and Facebook page. A reminder that students are required to take old clothes to camp and please name all belongings including sleeping bags, drink bottles etc. The bed roll included in the gear list is just for the overnight camp-out.

**End of Year Prizegiving Trophies:** We are asking for all 2019 trophies and cups to be returned to the office ASAP. Thanks.

### Upcoming Dates:

Friday 23rd October	Morrinsville Group Day
Monday 26th October	Public Holiday – Labour Day
Wednesday 28th Oct	BOT Meeting 6.00pm
Tuesday 3rd November	Inter-Intermediate Softball
Wednesday 4th Nov	Sports and Cultural photos
Friday 6th November	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
10th – 13th November	Aranui Team Camp
17th – 20th November	Aotea Team Camp
24th – 27th November	Tainui Team Camp
Wednesday 2nd Dec	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 3rd December	Year 6 Orientation 11.00am
Wednesday 9th Dec	Year 8 Formal Social 7pm – 9.30pm
Friday 11th December	End of Year Reports go home
Monday 14th Dec	School Prizegiving 11am – 1.00pm
Tuesday 15th Dec	Last day - school finishes at 12.30pm

### 2021 Term Dates:

<b>Term One:</b>	Tuesday 2nd Feb to Friday 16th April
<b>Term Two:</b>	Monday 3rd May to Friday 9th July
<b>Term Three:</b>	Monday 26th July to Friday 1st Oct
<b>Term Four:</b>	Monday 18th Oct to Tues 14th Dec

Don't forget to Like us on Facebook to what we get up to at school and visit our website [www.mi.school.nz](http://www.mi.school.nz) for general school information including a school calendar which includes upcoming dates in Term Four.