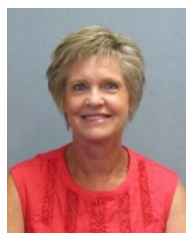


# Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term One, Week One

*Kia ora koutou and welcome to  
Morrinsville Intermediate School for 2021*

**Principal's Welcome:** Happy New Year and a warm welcome to Morrinsville Intermediate School for 2021. A special welcome to the Year 7 students, and your families, and our returning Year 8 students.



We also welcome Mrs Jane Kite, Miss Larissa Schumacher, Ms Kyla Butcher, and Mrs Tiana Wheat who are all excited to be joining our teaching team this year. The staff look forward to working with you in partnership to ensure your child/ren have an enjoyable and rich learning experience whilst at Morrinsville Intermediate School.

At MIS our aim is to ensure all students reach their personal potential while being provided with an extensive range of learning opportunities that best meet the needs of emerging adolescents. "Kia U Ki Te Pai – Whatever you do let it be your best" is our school motto and the choices your child/ren make will be guided by this.

Intermediate Schools are unique in that they promote learning opportunities specifically designed for Year 7 and Year 8 students. This is to ensure students' social, emotional, academic and physical needs are met. However, this will only happen if students are prepared to get involved in the opportunities made available to them. So my challenge to all students is to settle in quickly, learn the routines of the school, join the many different sports teams, groups or competitions on offer as you never know what doors this may open. By giving something new a go, you may be inspired and challenged to take new learning further.

As principal, I am very proud of our school and the learning journey we are on. We have a wonderful staff who work hard to develop learning partnerships with students; I strongly believe that the partnership is strengthened when students, parents and teachers work together.

A large part of this includes ensuring positive relationships are forged. Supporting your child in his/her learning not only shows your child you care, it also gives them confidence in knowing that they are on the learning journey together.

To best support your child and their time at our school please take the time to read our fortnightly newsletter (available on our website, Facebook page and our Skool Loop App.) as this will keep you abreast of what is going on at school. Talk to your child about what their learning focus has been at school and support them with their home learning (homework).

On **Wednesday 10th February** we are having a **school family picnic / meet the teacher / music information evening from 5.30 p.m.** BBQ sausages will be on sale on the night, or alternatively you can bring your own picnic hamper.

Classroom teachers will be in their rooms from 6.15 p.m. for families to pop in and touch-base. Families will also have the opportunity to attend a music information session in the school hall from 7.00 p.m. to share what music opportunities are on offer at MIS for 2021. Itinerant music tutors, Shearers Music Works and Musiqhub will also be available to talk to during this time.

Please visit our school website: [www.mi.school.nz](http://www.mi.school.nz) as this will help keep you informed of upcoming events, key dates and other important information about our school. Also 'Like' our school Facebook page to see what we get up to and download the Skool Loop App.

Morrinsville Intermediate School has a proud sporting reputation. Our students have the opportunity to participate and compete in a range of sports, both within the school and at the Inter-Intermediate School's competitions. We are always needing support with coaching and help from managers so if this is something you can offer our students it would be greatly appreciated. What a great way to get involved in your child's education.

The school will be holding a **powhiri tomorrow at 11.00am** to formally welcome all new students and staff. Teachers will explain the process and protocol of this event to the students. You are all very welcome to attend.

The teaching staff and I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year to ensure the ongoing success of your child's progress and achievement.

Kind regards,  
**Jenny Clark (Principal)**

**COVID-19:** As we continue to navigate Covid-19, I urge you to be vigilant with scanning our QR code if visiting and encourage your child to:

- Regularly wash and dry hands
- Cough / sneeze into a tissue or elbow
- Practise physical distancing where possible
- Stay at home if unwell

Please contact Healthline if you require medical advice.

## General School Information

**Contacting teachers:** If parents have any matters to discuss, your first point of contact is with the classroom teacher. Please email the teacher directly or send a brief written note with your child. Staff emails can be found on our website [www.mi.school.nz](http://www.mi.school.nz). The teacher can then make contact with you. Our door is always open!

**P.E. Uniform:** All students are required to bring their P.E. gear **daily**. If your child is unable to participate in P.E. for any medical reason, parents need to send a signed note or email of explanation to the classroom teacher. Please encourage full participation whenever possible.

**Sun-Smart Policy:** All students will be issued with a school sun hat during Terms 1 and 4. These hats are school property and are to remain at school at all times. Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen at home and reapply this as needed. A \$10 Hat Fee is included with the school fees which will be invoiced early in Term One.

**BYOD:** Students are encouraged to bring their own learning device to school BYOD (excluding phones & i-pods) if they have signed the Cyber Safety and Responsible Use of ICT Devices Agreement. This needs to be read thoroughly and signed by parents / caregivers as well. When student's devices are not being used they are kept in a locked cupboard in the classroom.

**Mobile phones in school:** Phones at school are discouraged. However, if parents would like their child to bring a cell phone to school the 'policy for use of mobile phones in school' must be read, signed and returned to school acknowledging you understand, and will comply with, the policy for mobile phones at school. All phones must be handed in to the classroom teacher on arrival to school in the morning. They are then sent over to the office for safe-keeping during the day. Any phones brought to school without consent will be confiscated and returned to parents.

**Skool Loop App:** We have a 'Skool Loop' App which parents can download from the App Store, select our school to receive notices, view the school calendar etc. Skool Loop can also be used to advise us of a student absence.

**School Newsletter:** An electronic newsletter will be distributed online via Facebook, Skool Loop and on our school website every second Thursday (starting in Week 3). This will contain school news, upcoming events and information including BOT meeting dates. If you would prefer a hard copy of the newsletter, students can collect one from the office.

**Absentees & Office Info:** The school office is open each day from 8.00am to 4.00pm. If your child is going to be late or absent, please phone the office before 8.50am, advise us via our website or via Skool Loop. It is important for students to arrive at school on time to ensure they are ready for learning prior to the bell. Students who need to leave school for any reason during the day eg: for a dentist appointment must be collected from the school office and signed out.

**School Fees and Donations:** Our BOT have opted in to the School Donations Scheme for 2021 which is available to schools in Decile 1-7 to help cover costs historically incurred by families. However, there are some things that will still require payment by parents e.g. take-home components from technology, sports trips, out-of-hours music tuition, international excursions, overnight camps (which are voluntary).

**School Canteen:** The canteen is open for students at morning tea and lunchtime. The price list will be displayed on the Student Notice Board.

**MI Mates Fundraising Committee:** Parents / caregivers are invited to come along to our MI Mates meetings which are held monthly in the staffroom at 5.30pm. The first meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Future meeting dates will be advertised online. All welcome!

**Accord Teacher-Only Days for 2021** as per the Collective Agreement negotiations:  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June,  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## School Staff for 2021

Principal Jenny Clark  
Deputy Principal Andrea Devane

### ARANUI TEAM

Rm 1 Keryn Vette  
Rm 2 Jane Kite  
Rm 3 Shaun Armstrong  
Rm 4 Kylie Wells (Team Leader)

### TAINUI TEAM

Rm 5 Larissa Schumacher  
Rm 6 Sally Armstrong (Team Leader)  
Rm 7 Kyla Butcher

### AOTEA TEAM

Rm 8 Tiana Wheat  
Rm 9 Robyn Wilson  
Rm 10 Amanda Montero  
Rm 11 Brendon Fiebig (Team Leader)

### SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Robotics / Release Bailee Foulds (Team Leader)  
Hard Materials Tech Stuart King / Reuben O'Sullivan  
Art Technology Jade Linklater  
Food Technology Trish Thurston  
PE / Te Reo James Higgins  
Music Val Venimore  
Release Teachers Lyndsay Oldham, Raewyn McCracken

### ADMINISTRATION

Principal's / BOT Secretary Michelle Cook  
School Secretary Julie Tesselaar

### ANCILLARY STAFF

Literacy Centre Lisa MacLennan  
Librarian / Learning Assist. Andrea Totton  
Canteen / Learning Assist. Michelle Meale  
Learning Assistants: Krystal Hamilton, Rachel Hughes,  
Carolyn Nicholson, Kylie Turner (Music).  
Caretaker/Cleaners: Mark Curry, Dana Robeff, Rebecca Bain

**School Buses & Road Safety:** All students who travel by bus have had a bus meeting at school today to be allocated their bus number and roll for pick-up from school in the afternoons. If you have any queries regarding bus times please contact Greenline Motors direct on 889 7758.

The designated place for children crossing the road is the crossing on Elizabeth Ave. Parents are to drop their children off and pick up them up on Elizabeth Ave (known as the 'Top Gate'). Student safety is paramount.

### Term Dates for 2021:

Term One: 02.02.21 to 16.04.21  
Term Two: 03.05.21 to 09.07.21  
Term Three: 26.07.21 to 01.10.21  
Term Four: 18.10.21 to 14.12.21



### School Bell Times:

Block One 8.50am to 10.40am  
Block Two 11.00am to 12.30pm  
Block Three 1.30pm to 3.00pm