

Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term One, Week Five

Kia ora koutou and welcome to Week 5. At MIS we are continuing to establish and embed our student-centred routines and structures that enable us to develop our learning-focused culture.

Learning is our core business, and that is underpinned by positive relationships and a sense of belonging. I am happy to report that our Year 7s have settled in well and are adjusting to their new environment.

Board of Trustees News:

Our Board of Trustees is made up of five parent representatives, one staff representative and our Principal. The Board recently accepted a resignation from Rodney Lamb who was an elected parent rep. Rodney joined our Board in 2017 and we would like to thank him for his contributions, particularly within the Property and Health and Safety portfolios.

Casual Vacancy for a parent representative:

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Teresa Higham (Board Chair)
C/- Morrinsville Intermediate
24 Elizabeth Avenue, Morrinsville 3300
Or email: t.higham@mi.school.nz
By: **Wednesday 31st March, 2021.**

Student Executives 2021:

Congratulations to our six elected Student Executives for 2021: Elsa Greay, Taylor Langley, Christina Parajui, Harlo Lawson, Kayley McMillan, and Rhys Gibberd.

As our student leaders, their role is to represent our school on formal occasions, run assemblies, gather and enact 'student voice', support enrolment and induction processes, welcome new students to MIS and enhance our school as role models. Well done to all students who put themselves forward as candidates.



School Swimming Sports:

Classes have been taking part in school swimming lessons and we are grateful to be able to use the college pool. Confident and capable swimmers wanting to trial for the Inter-Intermediate swimming competition took part in our swimming sports competition last Monday. Well done to everyone who took part.

Special thanks to Nigel and Vicki Rogers for their expertise and support running the day, the parents who helped with time-keeping and those who came along to support the swimmers. Also thanks to MBS Advisors for 'giving back to your community' by volunteering your services for the day.



Online Safety Tips for Parents/Caregivers:

In an ever increasing digital climate, and also due to the current Covid-19 situation, children and young people are spending more time online than ever before, whether it is for school work, entertainment or to keep in touch with friends and family.

Please find below a few tips on how to keep your child/ren safe when they are online:

1. Be informed - keep up-to-date with online trends and challenges
2. Communication is key - talk with your child about what they're doing online and the risks they may face
3. Explore the internet - use the internet together so you are aware of the risks
4. Support your child to create an online/offline balance - allow online time, but encourage offline activities including physical activity, board games and family time
5. Encourage your child to stick to a routine - create a timetable to help manage time; screen breaks should be factored in (removing devices from bedrooms at night takes away the temptation for use, and ensures your child gets the sleep they need)
6. Promote respect - encourage respect for themselves and others online. Make sure your child is aware of the impact or consequences their online actions may have
7. Access only age-appropriate content - explain age ratings on games/apps. The rating is there for a reason; do not give in to pressure by your child
8. Beat the boredom - it is natural for your child to want to 'explore' new things online, including speaking to people they don't know. Talk to your child about the risks they may encounter and encourage them to engage in other activities
9. Seek advice - if you are in doubt about any issues related to online safety contact Netsafe.
10. Report abuse - should your child encounter abuse online such as cyber-bullying, report it!
 - Text 'Netsafe' to 4282
 - Email help@netsafe.org.nz
 - Call 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723)
 - Online report at [netsafe.org.nz/report](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/report)

Health and Safety: Our school takes the health and safety of our students very seriously. Our vision is: to promote and maintain a health and safety culture that pays due diligence to people's health, safety and well-being.

Students are given clear guidance around how to act in the playground to help ensure their safety. However, they also need opportunities to think for themselves and problem solve. This includes allowing students to climb trees (in PE gear), with specific guidelines e.g. climbing up the trunk and not out on the limbs where the branches are unable to hold students' weight, and not climbing up beyond two limbs.

Play fighting is something our boys in particular, like to engage in. While it can start out harmless, it is not encouraged as it often leads from playing to fighting and inevitably injury. We have spoken to our students about this and will continue to do so.

Unfortunately accidents can happen, and we can't wrap our students up in cotton wool. However, we work really hard to ensure students are aware of what is sensible and preventable. I encourage you to speak with your child/ren about how they can keep themselves safe by making good choices. Thank you.

AIMS Games: Anchor AIMS Games is an inter-school sporting competition for young sportspeople across New Zealand and the wider South Pacific.

Every September, thousands of 11 to 13-year-olds gather in Tauranga to compete against their age in a variety of individual and team sports. For many, this is their first experience of a super-scale sports event, complete with an opening ceremony, professional livestream coverage and world-class facilities. Anchor AIMS Games encourages an active life, fair play, and participation across a variety of sports. They are held in Tauranga from September from 4th - 10th in 2021.

There are 23 sports to contest, ranging from netball, hockey, football, futsal, through to mountain biking, gymnastics and yachting. For more information visit: nzaimsgames.co.nz

As a school we need to determine who is potentially wanting, and meets the criteria, to participate at AIMS. There will be an information evening on Monday 22nd March at 5.30 p.m. in the library. Please come along to hear more about our AIMS organisation.

Key Competencies: Each Friday during assembly one student per class is acknowledged for demonstrating Rangatiratanga (doing the best for yourself). This is one of our values and is interrelated to all the Key Competencies. This year, we are consolidating on last year's focus on developing the dispositions of: responsibility, resilience and reflection.

Our 2021 Key Competency focus is 'Participating and Contributing'. Underpinning this is developing students': initiative, involvement and internal commitment. What we are really wanting to emphasise is strengthening the effort and commitment by our students to actively engage in their learning and give 100% effort. Developing these habits now will set them up for success not only at MIS, but for College and beyond.

Congratulations to the following Week 4 Rangatiratanga award recipients, the focus being 'initiative': Cairo, Kairi, Shayd, Ayden, Anessa, Hamini, Camryn, Hawaiki, Alysa, Alex, Rhythm, Olivia, Curtis, Aurora and Jade.

Student-Led Learning Conferences (SLCs):

SLCs will be taking place on 16th and 17th March from 3.30pm to 7.00pm (provided we are in Alert Level 1 or 2).

Parents / caregivers can book a 15 minute SLC online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the event code: c7kgs. See our separate notice for more details.

50TH JUBILEE 10TH APRIL 2021, 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Morrinsville Intermediate School is celebrating its 50th birthday (postponed from 2020 due to COVID-19 lockdown). We will be holding the celebration reunion on Saturday the 10th April, from 10am to 4pm at the School. It will be a wonderful opportunity to visit the Intermediate and catch up with friends. We would love to see a great turnout to help celebrate this momentous occasion.

There will be displays of artwork and brief performances by groups of students. A catered morning tea and luncheon will be available for our guests, at a cost of \$40 (registration fee).

We have a Facebook page 'Morrinsville Intermediate Jubilee' to complete the online registration or collect a form from the school office. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at our Jubilee celebrations.

MIS Working Bee:

We need your help as part of our preparations for the 50th Jubilee, we are holding a working bee on Friday 26th March from 9.00am til 12.00pm. Our list of jobs to complete include:

1. Plantation - tidying this up and the spreading of wood chips
2. Shrubs - trimming
3. Cricket nets - maintenance
4. Waterblasting

If you have a few hours to spare, we would really appreciate you coming along and giving us a hand; if you have a wheel barrow, hedge trimmer, shovel or a water blaster to bring along that would be a huge help. Thank you in anticipation for your support!



Upcoming dates:

Tue 9 th Mar	Inter-Intermediate Volleyball
Mon 15 th Mar	Inter-Intermediate swimming
16 th & 17 Mar	Student-led learning conferences 3.30 - 7pm
Mon 22 nd Mar	AIMS Games info evening 5.30pm library
Tues 23rd Mar	Inter-Intermediate Touch Rugby
Wed 24 th Mar	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Tue 30th Mar	Inter-Intermediate Drama
Wed 31 st Mar	Cyber Safety community event from 7.30 to 8pm at Morrinsville College
Thur 1 st April	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
2 nd to 6 th April	Easter weekend
Sat 10 th April	MIS 50 th Jubilee
Thur 15 th April	Mr King's farewell assembly at 1.30pm
Fri 16 th April	Last day of Term One
Mon 3 rd May	Start of Term Two

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