

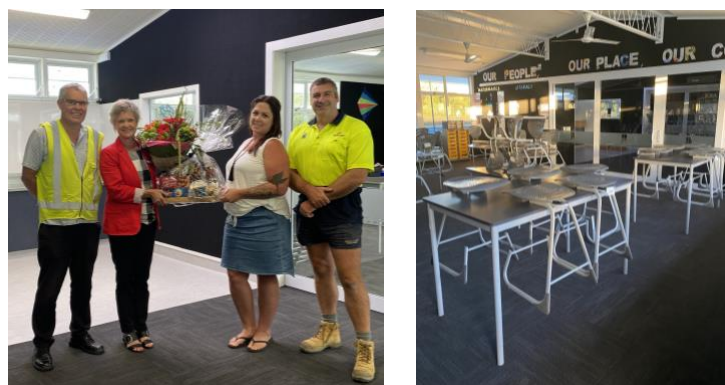
Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term One, Week Seven

Kia ora koutou e te whanau. Welcome to Week 7s newsletter.

We have had a busy two weeks with Learning Conferences this week, the Literacy Centre programme commencing after reading/spelling testing and analysis, e-asTTle assessments, 11 sports, Easter Raffle, Jubilee preparations and the completion of our classroom upgrade project. Exciting times :-)

The building projects have all gone very smoothly and R. 1 - 4 are looking fabulous; it's so satisfying seeing all the planning coming to fruition. Teachers and students are working together to determine how to best utilise the break out spaces to improve learning, and consultation around furnishing these spaces has been held.

A big thank you to Kelvin Lalich Builders who have done a wonderful job completing the projects; they have certainly been a great team to work with. We were very surprised and grateful for the lovely treats given to us last Tuesday at our official handover.



Teacher Only Day and Easter Break:

On Thursday 1st April MIS is holding a Teacher Only Day (TOD). We have planned the day to focus on the Digital Technology Curriculum, working with facilitators from a company called 'Using Technology Better' to determine ways to enhance our practice.

Last year, our TODs were planned and advertised for 2021; these days do not have to be made up at the end of the year as they were issued as part of the NZEI Collective Agreement negotiations to support teachers in relation to curriculum development and implementation.

We must use the eight days before the end of Term 2 2022. We used only one TOD in Term 4 last year, so we have planned for five this year, including one Community of Learning / Kahui Ako day in June.

The other Teacher Only Days are:

- Friday June 4th (Community of Learning TOD; attached to Queen's Birthday)
- Monday 21st June (MIS TOD)
- Friday 10th September (MIS TOD)
- Monday 8th November (MIS TOD)

Please note also that we have attached our TOD on 1st April to Easter, to support families with childcare/holiday arrangements. School will therefore be closed for students from 1st - 6th April.

Student-Led Learning Conferences (SLC):

Thank you to the families who attended the SLCs this week as part of our family/whanau partnerships and reporting to parents processes. I was really impressed with how well our students were able to talk about their learning, state their strengths and identify next steps.

All students have now got their goals established and will be working through their action plan to achieve them.

Any parents / whanau that were unable to attend, we'd really encourage you to make contact with your child's teacher to make a time to meet and discuss your child's learning journey to date.

Farewell Assembly for Mr King:

As you may know, Mr King is retiring from his position as Hard Materials Technology Teacher at the end of Term One. Mr King is our longest-serving staff member and has been teaching at our school for the past 46.

This is a truly remarkable achievement and we will be acknowledging Stuart's contribution to the Morrinsville community by way of a special farewell assembly on Thursday 15th April starting at 1.30pm in the hall, followed by afternoon tea in the staff room.

We would like to extend an invitation to past staff, students, BOT and friends of the school. Please rsvp to m.cook@mi.school.nz or phone 07 8896629 as we will require numbers for catering purposes.



MI Mates Easter Raffle:

Thanks to everyone who has supported our first fundraiser for 2021, our Easter Hamper Raffle. Students are currently selling tickets for a chance to win one of eight Easter Hampers. The raffles will be drawn on Tuesday 30th March. All money raised will contribute towards the costs of replacing the basketball hoops, backboards and poles as well as a new trampoline.

A big thank you to our Student Executives, Justin Lawson and Kirsty Gray for their assistance at New World last Friday, and also New World for their support.



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.**

Surplus IT equipment:

We currently have some excess monitors (suitable for gaming), mice, keyboards etc free to a good home. They come with no warranty and will require VGA cables. If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested, please phone us on 07 8896629 or come in and have a look at what is available.



Online Safety information Evening:

The Morrinsville Community of Learning (COL) are hosting an Online Safety information Evening on Wednesday 31st March at the Morrinsville College P.A.C. See the flyer below for more details including the link to register (registrations are essential due to limited numbers).

Morrinsville Kāhui Ako - Community of Learning is proud to present

An Online Safety Information Evening

MORRINSVILLE KĀHUI AKO
Community of Learning

NURTURING RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS

BY ROB AND ZAREEN COPE

- Understand the harms our children are facing online in relation to pornography, predators & social media access
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful
- Develop an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs

When: **Wednesday 31 March 2021**
Where: **Morrinsville College Performing Arts Centre**
Time: **7.00pm - 8.30pm**
Cost: **Gold Coin Donation**

Please register as spaces are limited

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciMgJyO5JzpaLsoXyFgqK_oY7v_JHnZ5wzjBlubLNBSPOQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

To find out more about Rob & Zareen's work visit: www.ourkidsonline.info

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. **NOW is the time to register!** We are limited to no more than 200 for our seated luncheon and we are unable to make the event viable if we do not have 100 registered.

Make sure you complete our registration form (available on our Jubilee Facebook page or from the school office), and make the \$40 payment online to Morrinsville Intermediate: 12-3437-0000031-00 as COVID 19 restrictions do not allow us to take registrations on the day.

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, as part of the 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. 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!

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

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.

Upcoming dates:

Mon 22 nd Mar	AIMS Games info evening 5.30pm library
Tue 23 rd Mar	Inter-Intermediate Touch Rugby
Wed 24 th Mar	BOT Meeting 6.00pm
Fri 26 th March	MIS 'Working Bee' 9.00am to 12.00pm
Tue 30 th Mar	Inter-Intermediate Drama
Wed 31 st Mar	Cyber Safety community event from 7.00 to 8.30pm at Morrinsville College
Thur 1 st April	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
Fri 2 nd April	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
Mon 5 th April	Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
Tues 6 th April	Easter Tuesday (School Holiday)
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

Remember to Like our school page on Facebook, visit our website www.mi.school.nz and download our free Skool Loop App to keep up-to-date.