

Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term Two, Week One

Kia ora e te whanau. Welcome to Term 2 - and a very chilly start to May! We hope you all had a fantastic holiday break enjoying the last of the summer sunshine. It has been great to hear of the many adventures that our students experienced over the two weeks.

Thinking back to where we were as a country just one year ago; how lucky we are to be in the position we are now - 12 months on! Working together, our team of 5 million, has proudly achieved that, however we must not get complacent. Remember to use your Covid-tracer App and continue to be vigilant with hygiene routines!

A special welcome to our new students Mieke and Rounui - we look forward to getting to know you! We know you will make lots of new friends here and enjoy all the learning opportunities on offer.

Jenny Clark Sabbatical:

As you know, our amazing Principal Mrs Jenny Clark is away on a very well deserved sabbatical. We trust she is having a magnificent time so far planning her adventure to all four corners of Aotearoa!

It is my privilege to be Acting Principal in Jenny's absence, and I look forward to an exciting, and very busy term ahead. We are fortunate to have an amazing team at Morrinsville Intermediate, so please, if you do have a concern, get in touch with your child's teacher. Often, a conversation can shed so much light onto a situation.

Mrs Andrea Devane
Acting Principal

Farewell Mr King:

We would like to acknowledge Stuart King, our Hard Materials teacher who has recently retired. Stuart's final day at Morrinsville Intermediate was Friday 16th April, having started here in 1976... our longest serving staff member ever!

Mr King has taught thousands of students during his career and seen many changes over the years. Our school held a special farewell assembly at the end of last term to acknowledge Stuart's contribution to education. We would like to thank Stuart for his huge commitment to Morrinsville Intermediate and the students he has taught over the years.

Happy retirement Mr King, we wish you all the very best!



Photo of Mr King on his last day at MIS following our ANZAC assembly

Staff News:

It is great to welcome Mrs Baxter back to Room 10. Here she is pictured along with the newest addition to the Baxter whanau, four month old Noah, born on his due date; 18th December 2020. Big brother Conrad is very proud!



We are very excited to announce the safe (and slightly early) arrival of Mrs Montero's baby daughter, who was born yesterday (her name is still being decided). Mum and baby are both doing very well. Congratulations to the proud new parents, Amanda and Maurice!

"Kia U Ki Te Pai" Award:

Congratulations to Elijah Rollerson who was the Term 1 recipient of this prestigious award which recognises a student who exemplifies our school motto - "Whatever you do, let it be your best." Elijah demonstrates great integrity and places significant value on the needs of others. He strives in all areas of school life and is an excellent role model for his peers. A very worthy recipient. Well done Elijah!



ANZAC Day Commemorations:

Thank you and well done to our Student Execs; Taylor, Harlo and Christina for representing Morrinsville Intermediate at Howie Park to remember those who fought in World War One and subsequent conflicts.



Responsible Use of the Internet:

In the last newsletter we shared our connection with Linewize, a company who is supporting us to "meet the challenges of today's connected learning environments. From content filtering and cyber-safety alerts, to teacher/student screen sharing, to ongoing education for our entire school community."

The latter aspect, which involves education for our entire school community, is exciting news for you! Soon, you will find out how Linewize can help you directly at home with how to manage your children's online behaviours. Watch this space!

In the meantime, continue to monitor the digital content your child is accessing, and the times they are accessing this, to avoid any impact on their learning and behaviour at school. Thank you for your support with this.

MIS Production 2021 "Superstan"

YES!!! It's that time again and our 2021 show is sure not to disappoint. Main roles are now confirmed following auditions at the end of Term 1. Before too long, we'll be in full swing! The Amazing Adventures of Superstan is to be performed in Week 9.

Production dates for your calendar are:

Wednesday 30th June:

Matinee 11.00am and evening show 7.00pm

Thursday 1st July:

Matinee 11.00am and evening show 7.00pm

Tickets will be available for purchase from the beginning of June so watch this space.

Costumes for Production:

Volunteers wanted... If you are able to lend a hand, please contact the office 07 889-6629 or email our producer Robyn Wilson at r.wilson@mi.school.nz Thanks!



E-Pro 8:

Currently we have four teams of four students working on an in-school science and engineering challenge using a specially designed Epro8 kit. The top teams from this challenge move to the next stage where they compete against other schools in the 'live' series, and who knows, ultimately a shot at the Waikato Grand Final! We wish our teams all the best in their quest.

Science Roadshow:

We have an allocation of 110 spaces for students interested in Science to attend the NZ Science Roadshow at Morrinsville College next Thursday. The slots will be allocated on an interest basis and drawn out of a hat in the event we have over and above the number keen. What a fantastic opportunity that we are excited to be able to support.

School based extra-curricular activities:

It is great to see so many students involved in after school activities such as music lessons, netball and hockey. Special thanks to the parents and friends of the school who have volunteered to help with managing or coaching teams, your support is greatly valued.

A reminder that fees for extra-curricular activities are now due for payment. Please contact our office on 07 889 6629 if you are not sure what is owing. Thanks.

Student Achievements:

During the holidays some of our students excelled in the National JiuJitsu Champs. JiuJitsu is a self-defence martial art and combat sport based on grappling, ground fighting and submission holds. It focuses on the skill of controlling one's opponent, gaining a dominant position and using a number of techniques.

Tayla Houldsworth achieved gold in the yellow-black category 55kg, Caitlyn Kampenhout achieved gold in the white belt 55kg, Tawhana Hohipa achieved silver in the white belt 49kg and Hawaiiki Taupo achieved bronze in the white belt 45kg. A fantastic result for these athletes who belong to the Morrinsville Brazilian JiuJitsu Club. If anyone wants to find out more about getting involved in this club, these students are very keen to chat with them.



'Gypsy Day' approaching:

June 1st is not too far away, please let us know if you are leaving our district to assist us with planning.

Lost Property:

Please ensure all uniforms are well named so lost uniform items can be quickly returned. Students who are missing uniform items are welcome to view the lost property during break times. The lost property is held in the sick bay cupboard.

Upcoming dates:

Tues 11 th May	II Football competition
Wed 19 th May	Lit Quiz at Southwell School
Wed 19 th May	BOT Meeting 6.00pm
Fri 21 st May	Pink Shirt Day
Tues 25 th May	MI Mates Meeting 5.30pm
Wed 2 nd June	School Disco in the hall 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Thur 3 rd June	II Visual Arts Day
Fri 4 th June	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Mon 7 th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (Public Holiday)
Tues 8 th June	II Hockey Competition
Tues 15 th June	II Futsal Competition
Wed 16 th June	National Young Leaders Day
Fri 18 th June	Annual Tatua visit
Mon 21 st June	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Tues 22 nd June	II 15-aside Rugby Competition
Wed 23 rd June	BOT Meeting 6.00pm
Thur 24 th June	II Open Junior Gymsport Competition
28 June – 7 July	Life Education in school
Tues 29 th June	II Basketball competition
Wed 30 th June	Production matinee & evening show
Thur 1 st July	Production matinee & evening show
5 - 8 July	Matariki Week
Fri 9 th July	Last day of Term Two
Mon 26 th July	Start of Term Three