

## Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term Two, Week Three

Kia ora e te whanau. Welcome to Week 3

Tena koutou e te whanau. The past two weeks have seen all of our learners settling into new opportunities, establishing new goals, and revisiting our school expectations, particularly in the area of Managing Self and demonstrating RESPONSIBILITY.

We encourage all caregivers to help in this by providing opportunities that allow your children to think for themselves. A great way of doing this is simply reframing your statements into open questions e.g. Instead of saying "You need to remember your PE gear", reframe this as, "What do you need to remember for school tomorrow?" Make them do the thinking, not you!

### Cyber Safety Hub:

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are excited to introduce you to a new resource made available to you through our partnership with Family Zone - our new school Cyber Safety Hub.

As you may already be aware, our partnership provides your family with access to the Family Zone tools to use at home with your children if you wish. We acknowledge the challenges our emerging adolescents face as they navigate their world both offline and online, and it is great news that our Board of Trustees have agreed to cover all costs for this tool, to ensure free access for all. We believe that this safety hub is the key to providing the support and protection, at a time in their lives where our children need it most.

The purpose of the Cyber Safety Hub is to complement those tools with practical guidance and information to further support you in engaging with your children in their digital development.

These tools and resources also allow the school and parent body to work together on creating a holistic approach to guiding each student's online journey.

You can access the Cyber Safety Hub using the link below:  
<https://mi.cybersafetyhub.nz/>



### About the Parent Cyber Safety Hub:

The Cyber Safety Hub includes resources to help your family better understand the different Family Zone tools available to you and how to use them, plus access to regular cyber safety events to help you stay informed about the latest digital trends.

Also, the Cyber Safety Hub provides expert advice from leading cyber experts, ySafe, on the most pertinent issues and frequently asked questions around platforms like TikTok, Fortnite, Instagram, and more.

There are app reviews with age and safety recommendations, along with a range of guides to help ensure healthy boundaries around screen-time & gaming, plus step-by-step instructions for using parental controls and filtering out inappropriate content.

We are very excited to be able to offer you this level of expertise and support in an area that we know has been challenging for many parents to manage. We look forward to working closely with you as we develop the cyber safety conversation within our school community.

Later in the year, there will be an opportunity to come together for a parent / caregiver meeting to share information on this tool. In the meantime, please explore the link.

### Welcome to our new Board of Trustees Member:

Hi my name is Justin Downing. I am a local dairy farmer, born and bred in Morrinsville and attended Morrinsville Intermediate... a long time ago! My wife Liesl and I have two girls; the eldest having been through this school two years ago, and our second daughter who is currently enrolled at Morrinsville Intermediate as a Year 7 student.



It's great to have the opportunity to give something back to a school that I am very proud of, for what it has provided for both myself and our daughters. I am looking forward to being part of your Board of Trustees.

### Winter Uniform:

The majority of students are looking very smart in their winter uniforms; a requirement for Terms Two and Three. A reminder that students need a softshell jacket and/or regulation polar fleece and regulation black school shoes (no high tops). Boys are required to wear plain grey, knee high school socks and girls are required to wear knee high navy socks or black stockings. Beanies can also be purchased. Please, NO ANKLE SOCKS!

### Junior Netball Umpires:

A big thank you to Mrs Lisa Ezekiel who has been coaching a group of students to umpire netball. What a fantastic learning opportunity to strengthen the Key Competency of Participating and Contributing incorporating the three I's: Involvement, Initiative and Internal Commitment! The girls can be very proud of their first games last week. Keep it up!

### The Amazing Adventures of Superstan Production 2021:

Not only have our production cast begun rehearsals, others have begun creating props and backdrops as well as designing posters, flyers, tickets, and even developing ideas for food sales through our school-wide enrichment programme that takes place on a Tuesday afternoons. Be sure to ask your child about the enrichment programme they have opted into.

### Production Costumes:

Thanks to those who have offered to lend a hand. It's not too late to offer your help - please contact the office on 07889-6629 or email our producer Robyn Wilson at [r.wilson@mi.school.nz](mailto:r.wilson@mi.school.nz) Many hands make light work!

### NZ Science Roadshow:

What an awesome opportunity for 110 lucky students and a few lucky teachers who got to attend highly engaging exhibition hosted by Morrinsville College.



The Science Roadshow is a nationally travelling programme to schools and their communities suitable for students up to Year 10 with 70 hands-on exhibits.

### Tomorrow is Pink Shirt Day to support 'Anti-Bullying':

Get your PINK on! And stand proudly together against bullying. Aroha, kōrero awahi and mana manaaki are the three core key values for Pink Shirt Day AND for EVERY DAY!

**Kōrero awahi:** is about being able to communicate clearly, positively and with aroha to others.

**Aroha:** is about giving unconditionally and can make your relationships with whānau, friends and communities stronger by letting them know on a daily basis, through kōrero or actions, that they are loved and/or appreciated.

**Mana Manaaki:** Māori understandings of mana manaaki include many things – with Pink Shirt Day, it means building up other people's mana! The awahi/support you give your mates, fellow taura or whānau can uplift their mana and help them feel good!

**Please note:** This is not a general Mufti Day, students need to wear *predominantly* pink attire OR their school uniform with pink accessories. (Please no facepaint or hair dye). This is about raising awareness, not a fundraiser, so no donation is required.



### 'Gumboots for Hope':

Next Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, we will be encouraging everyone to wear gumboots (with their school uniform). Having depression is like walking through mud every day, hence the reason for wearing gumboots.

This is a very worthy fundraiser to give Kiwi kids who are struggling with mental health the opportunity to access free counselling services for when they really need it.

'I Am Hope' is calling on Kiwis to show their support and donate on Gumboot Friday to help reach their \$5 million goal. All donations, no matter how small, help! Thankyou.



### Teacher Only Day – Friday 4th June:

Schools across our Kahui Ako (CoL) will be closed on Friday 4th June 2021 for a collective Professional Learning Day around Cultural Responsiveness. This will be a significant day for all staff.

Alternative arrangements will need to be made for all students on this day. We thank you for your support. This is followed by Queen's Birthday Public Holiday on Monday 7th June.

### Upcoming dates:

Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Pink Shirt Day
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> May	MI Mates Meeting 5.30pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Gumboots for Hope (wear gumboots)
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Disco in the hall 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	II Visual Arts Day
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (Public Holiday)
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> June	II Hockey Competition
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> June	II Futsal Competition
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> June	National Young Leaders Day
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Tatua visit
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	II 15-aside Rugby Competition
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> June	II Open Junior Gymsport Competition
28 June – 7 July	Life Education in school
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> June	II Basketball competition
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Production matinee & evening show
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Production matinee & evening show
5 - 8 July	Matariki Week
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term Two
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Start of Term Three

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