

Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term Two, Week Seven

Kia ora e te whanau. Welcome to Week 7

It is hard to believe we are now half way through Term 2! It has been wonderful to see so many students demonstrating RESPONSIBLE qualities. These include; commitment to learning goals, showing respect to self and others, and looking after our school environment. Keep it up!

Support Staff Week:

Last week we acknowledged our wonderful Support Staff who are the glue that keeps our school together, and who clearly are an excellent 'support' to our students and teachers. We are very lucky to have such an incredible team of positive people who work so hard to make a difference for our tamariki. Sabrina and Jaya did a fantastic job creating a thank you video for them!



It is also timely to say a big thank you to all of you! The support that you give to your children, day in and day out does not go unnoticed. Being a parent is not easy, and we appreciate the efforts you make by getting your children to school every day, ensuring they are listening to, supporting them through the struggles of pre-adolescence, and helping them to navigate a world very different to the one we grew up in, particularly as they learn to keep their on-line and off-line values 'in-line'!

Social media is a great challenge for us all and hopefully you will take up the opportunity offered on Monday at the Family Connect Event to learn how to keep your children safe online. Details as follows:

Family Connect Event Online Safety (Morrinsville College) 21st June

For parents/caregivers/guardians etc (NB – this is not applicable for students to attend). Please register using the link below:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/morrinsville-community-connect-event-presented-by-linezize-tickets-154368521403>

Have you downloaded the app yet to our new school Cyber Safety Hub? You can access this using the link below:
<https://mi.cybersafetyhub.nz/>

Introducing Ranapia and Tya, our new kapa haka tutors!

It is very exciting to welcome our incredibly talented kapa haka tutor Ranapia Keepa and his amazing assistant Tya Robinson who had their first official session with our kapa haka ropu last Friday.

Ranapia is born and bred in Whakatane (Ngati Awa) and is a very talented tutor and performer. He tutored last year's winners of Mana Kura Tahī; the National Primary School Kapa Haka competition! Ranapia is also an esteemed performer in his own right and is part of the prestigious Te Iti Kahurangi kapa haka ropu.

Ranapia was officially welcomed with an emotive student-led powhiri earlier in the term, where he was supported by his cousin, Tawhana, who is currently a student at our school. The whakatauki he shared during his powhiri was one to remember; Manaa e watea ana i te hinengaro, ka taea e nga mea katoa; If the mind is clear, anything is possible.

Tya is from Taranaki (Ngaruahine descent) and is also talented in kapa haka. Both Ranapia and Tya are studying to become primary school teachers and are currently in their second year, through Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī.

Ranapia and Tya have said they are excited to be working at MIS, and sharing the knowledge that they have. We are blessed to have them choose our school!



Ranapia and Tya, pictured with Matua Higgins, and a few of our excited kapa haka students Harlo, Paige and Georgia.

Spotlight on Sport:

After 2020, the year of missed sporting opportunities, the 2021 winter sport season has kicked off with great success and it is awesome to see so many of our students involved in team sport; either representing our school or through our community sports clubs!

We have eight netball teams. Our 8A, 8B, 7A and 7B teams play on a Saturday in the Hamilton league and our other four teams play in a local league on a Thursday evening.



Pictured above: Our Aims Basketball lads train every Sunday and play on a Wednesday evening.



Our three hockey teams play in a Waikato League on a Friday night in Hamilton. Pictured above is our Morrinsville Blue Team.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in coaching, managing, providing transport and supporting on the side-line. Your support is truly appreciated by our school. Without you, our students would not be able to participate in all the extra-curricular sports on offer.

Reminder - Teacher Only Day (21st June):

Our school is CLOSED ON MONDAY for Teacher Only Day. This day is to further our journey of learning around better use of Digital Technologies.

The Amazing Adventures of... Super Stan

Production dates: Wednesday 30th June and Thursday 1st July
Wow, our production is going to be 'Super' fabulous! We have just over a week to go, and the excitement is building!

Get your tickets NOW! Available from the office.
Adults (college age and up) \$15.00 Children \$10.00
Pre-schoolers \$2.00. Senior Citizens \$10.00



The Amazing Adventures of... Mrs Clark!

It has been great to follow Mrs Clark as she has explored from the very top of the north to the very bottom of the south, including Stewart Island! Mrs Clark has been awed by so many stunning sights that our beautiful Aotearoa has to offer us. We can't wait to hear of all her adventures when she returns.



From Cape Reinga to Bluff!

Welcome to our seven awesome new students! They have all made a positive start, and are demonstrating great resilience as they get used to their new learning environment!



From left: James, Jacob, Wyatt, Amelia, Ava, Aurora. Absent: Reece

Gold for Glory: Each week in our assembly, we recognise a student exemplifying our school motto "Kia U Ki Te Pai". Well done to Caitlin Carson for demonstrating responsibility! Caitlin demonstrates positivity through her excellent attitude towards learning, and it was great to see her featuring in our 'Support Staff Video' as pictured here.



Times Tables Champs Term 2:

Well done to cousins Christina Parajuli and Malbika Bhandar who blitzed the field in our recent school-wide times tables test by a whopping 6 seconds. Congratulations also to all students who improved their Term 1 score, and to those who achieved a top 10 result.

Times Tables Champs Term 2! 100% correct in fastest time:

1=	Christina Parajuli	50 secs
1=	Malbika Bhandari	50 secs
2	Taylor Langley	56 secs
3=	Jakob Ezekiela	60 secs
3=	Riley Kienner	60secs
5=	Kfir Rahin	61 secs
5=	Fletcher Little	61 secs
7	Densi Abongo	68 secs
8=	Zarah Kazim	69 secs
8=	Emilie Mohring	69 secs
8=	Kyle Pratt	69 secs



ICAS Exams:

This year students will have the opportunity to take part in the following extra-curricular, online ICAS assessments between 9th August and 3rd September:
Science, Digital Technology, English, Writing, Spelling, Maths.

The cost per exam is around \$18.50 with the closing date for entry and payment Friday 6th August (to the office). All students who have shown an interest have a take-home information sheet which includes payment information. You can also visit the website for more information.
<https://www.icasassessments.com/>

Morrinsville College Enrolment Tours:

We encourage all our Year 8's and caregivers to head along to Morrinsville College for the '2022 Year 9 Enrolment Tours'. There are still two tours available:

- Tuesday 22 June, Session 4.00pm – 5.00pm,
- Wednesday 23 June, Session 4.00pm – 5.00pm

It is essential that you book a session day and time online at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> and use the Event Code 4u84u. For more information phone 889 8308.

Rangatiratanga Awards (doing the best for yourself):

Each Friday during assembly one student per class is acknowledged for demonstrating Rangatiratanga. The past few weeks the foci has been around being responsible.

Congratulations to the following students:

Week 4: Isabel Rm1, Charlize Rm 2, Casey Rm 3, Solana Rm 4, Aurora Rm 5, Katelyn Rm 6, Shylah Rm 7, Paityn Rm 8, Juan Rm 9, Alice Rm 10, Olivia Rm 11.

Week 6: Dana Rm1, Alice Rm 2, Rhys Rm 3, Jessica Rm 4, Leighton Rm 5, Sabrina Rm 6, Camryn Rm 7, Peyton Rm 8, Leah Rm 9, Tyler Rm 10, Jaiya Rm 11.

Upcoming dates:

Mon 21 st June	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Mon 21 st June	Cyber Safety Hub Community Event 7pm at Morrinsville College. See our FB page to register.
Tues 22 nd June	11 15-aside Rugby Competition
Wed 23 rd June	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Thur 24 th June	11 Open Junior Gymsport Competition
28 June – 7 July	Life Education in school
30 Jun – 1 st July	Production matinee and evening shows
Tues 29 th June	11 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