

Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term Two, Week Nine

Kia ora e te whanau.

Wow! What a fantastic week it has been! By the time most of you get to read this, our production, The “Amazing Adventures of Superstan” will have secured a place in MIS’ proud history of successful school productions! Well done to everyone who was involved in making this what it is... especially our amazingly talented cast of students! You all shone so brightly and can be very proud of your efforts. The reviews have been fantastic.

A very special thanks also to our fantastic MIS production team (the entire staff in fact)! Whilst it would be great to recognise each and every one of our team, there simply isn’t room for that! However, a few key people to acknowledge: Bailee Foulds, our talented director for weaving your magic... our kids are very lucky to have your calm expertise! Robyn Wilson, our show’s fantastic producer. Larissa Schumacher; musical director, Lisa MacLennan; wardrobe manager, Jade Linklater; set design, Baylee Baxter; prop queen and Krystal Hamilton; incredible cake creator. Mark Curry, your work with the staging has also been greatly appreciated.

There were also a myriad of tasks undertaken by a number of volunteers - a heartfelt thanks to all of you! Without you the show would not have gone on!!! And finally, to all those who came and watched the show, thank you for being such as awesome audience!

Our students certainly epitomized our motto “Kia u ki te pai” as did everyone who played a part in making...The Amazing Adventures of Superstan - AMAZING!

Thank you to the following businesses who sponsored our production by way of donating or discounting products:

Morrinsville College – Front Staging
PK Sound – Lighting & Sound
Lisa McLennan - Costumes
McQueen School of Dance - Costumes
Imagine If



A sincere thanks:

As I write this final newsletter in my role as Acting Principal, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire school community for your support and contribution to making this a fantastic term! Whether you have coached or managed a team, provided transport for events or assisted in some other way, please know that this is greatly appreciated. Without you, MIS simply wouldn’t be the school it proudly is.

I feel privileged to have been able to be your Acting Principal for the term and have really enjoyed my time in this role. That being said, I am also really excited to welcome Mrs Jenny Clark back to the helm next term.

Have a safe and restful holiday break.

Ngā mihi nui
Andrea Devane

Board of Trustees Report:

Tēnā koutou katoa
Ngā mihi o te Matariki te tau hou Māori

As we near the end of a busy term, the Board of Trustees would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Principal, Mrs Jenny Clark for completing her Teacher Study Sabbatical during Term 2 2021. Jenny’s Sabbatical Report (title as follows) is very thorough, considered and insightful. We look forward to her return to school in Term 3 with an extra spring in her step.

“An inquiry into ways that empower learners to succeed through the embedding of student-led learning (agency) practices that strengthen engagement, and improve learning outcomes for emerging adolescents, particularly boys and Maori”

The Board also acknowledges and thanks our Acting Principal, Mrs Andrea Devane for her seamless leadership and commitment to the school and special mention also to Acting Deputy Principal, Mrs Sally Armstrong for her skills and experience during Jenny’s absence. Morrinsville Intermediate School is very fortunate to have an effective and competent leadership team and staff to fulfil roles as needed.

I take this time on behalf of the Board to wish the full staff, students, school whānau and community, a very safe and happy school holiday break.

Teresa Higham
Board of Trustees Chairperson

“The Amazing Adventures of Superstan” DVD Orders:

DVDs of our production can be ordered through the school office for \$25.00 each.

Keep an eye on our school Facebook page for production photos which will be posted in the next few days.



Amazing Production raffle:

Don’t miss out on the opportunity to purchase a raffle (\$2 per ticket) for a chance to win our production-themed cake. This raffle will be drawn tomorrow morning.

A huge thanks to Krystal Hamilton for creating this awesome cake!

MI Mates update:

A big thanks to all those who supported our recent Oxford Pie Order which raised \$2,090 for our school. Special thanks to the wonderful team of helpers who processed these orders - no mean feat when there are over 2,000 pies to distribute!

Save the Date - Monday 16th August:

A Parent / Caregiver Event is being held at Morrinsville Intermediate Hall regarding Anxiety and Stress of our Tamariki (7pm to 9pm). This is a Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) event. More information to follow.

Linewize:

Don’t forget you have free access to our cybersafety hub - the easiest way to keep tabs on what your kids are accessing online. You can access this using the link below:

<https://mi.cybersafetyhub.nz/>

National Young Leaders’ Day (NYLD):

Our six Student Executives; Elsa, Harlo, Kayley, Christina, Rhys and Taylor, participated in the inaugural NYLD, at Claudelands Events Centre in Hamilton recently, alongside 78 schools from the Waikato. They heard from a range of inspirational speakers and took away some key learnings particularly around being resilient, especially in the face of adversity.

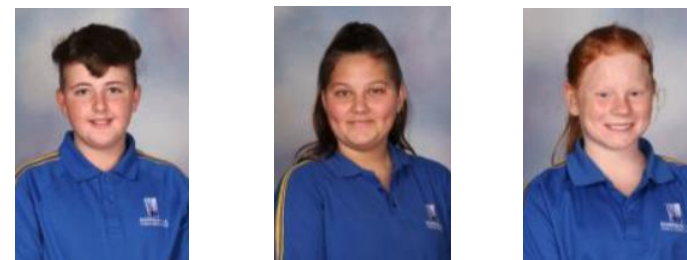


Gold for Glory:

In our last assembly we recognised the amazing efforts of Maddisyn Evans for demonstrating fantastic manaakitanga (giving to others)! Maddisyn collected an incredible amount of can tabs for Kantabs for Kids. The tabs are recycled and funds raised are sent to the Kidney Kids Support Group of NZ to support and assist all children with kidney disease who need dialysis. This is a great example of a student taking responsibility and using wonderful initiative!

Well done also to Ivanna Hart and Jo Paton from Room 2 for initiating this fundraising drive in our school!

Photos below of Maddisyn, Ivanna & Jo.



Rangatiratanga Awards (doing the best for yourself):

Each assembly, one student per class is acknowledged for demonstrating Rangatiratanga. Our focus at present is students demonstrating resilience. Our school wide definition is here for your reference:



Congratulations to the following students who received these awards at our last assembly:

Dayna Room1, Ahmet Room 2, Wyatt Room 3, Rylee Room 4, Brooke Room 5, Kaden Room 6, William Patten Room 7, Jakob Room 8, James Room 9, Sophie Room 10, Joel Room 11.

Matariki Celebrations and our Term 2 Kia U Ki Te Pai Award:

Next week we will be having fun celebrating this most important event. We have an immersion day planned for Thursday - all things Matariki, and on Friday (the final day of term), we will be entertained by kapa haka students. We also have our final term assembly where we will be presenting the Term 2 ‘Kia U Ki Te Pai’ Award - to a student who exemplifies our school motto; Whatever you do let it be your best.

Life Education:

This week and next we have Mike and Harold with us in their Life Education Truck, empowering our students to make positive choices around drugs, including alcohol, in order to lead full and healthy lives. Many thanks to the Life Education Waikato East Trust for creating this amazing learning opportunity for our children.

Inter-Intermediate Sporting Success (see our Facebook page for photos):

Gymsport - Congratulations to our strong team of competitive gymnasts who represented MIS at last week’s Waikato I.I. Gymsport and achieved excellent results. Many hours of training are put in each week by these athletes who compete regularly in weekend competition.

Special commendation to Sabrina Chong: 2nd overall (1st vault, 2nd uneven bar, 2nd beam) after recovering from a major arm break!

Well done also to Jack Hamilton: 5th overall (3rd floor, 3rd vault), Jaiya Elfa: 5th overall (1st floor, 2nd uneven bar) and Amber Bowers-Pirrie: 6th overall (2nd vault).

Rugby - Last week our First 15 Rugby Team, accompanied by coach, Mr Higgins competed in the I.I. Rugby Tournament. The team met some tough challenges however finished with a win over Berkley Intermediate resulting in them being placed 5th overall, a commendable result. Well done team!

Basketball - Teams competed in the I.I. tournament this week. Whilst many of our girls were relatively new to basketball, they never gave up and managed to achieve one win. Our boys, in contrast, entered this tournament having trained together for some time in preparation for AIMS. They did incredibly well to make it to the final! Unfortunately, the shots weren’t quite landing for the lads, and they lost by a small margin to Maeroa. Still, a wonderful achievement to be runners-up! Thank you Mrs Vette, Coach Ashley and our parent helpers.

Upcoming dates:

5 - 8 July	Matariki Week
Fri 9 th July	Last day of Term Two
Mon 26 th July	Start of Term Three
Fri 30 th July	School Cross Country
Tues 3 rd Aug	Girls II Rugby
Wed 4 th Aug	Student Led Conferences
Tues 10 th Aug	Boys II Rugby
Mon 16 th Aug	Student Anxiety and Stress Parent Event
Tues 17 th Aug	II Cross Country
23 rd – 27 th Aug	Coast to Coast Sports Camp
Tues 24 th Aug	II Netball
Wed 1 st Sept	MIS Open Evening for prospective families