

Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term Three, Week One

Kia ora e te whanau. Welcome to Term 3. I trust you had an enjoyable and restful break with your child/ren ready for the new term.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees for supporting my sabbatical leave last term. After teaching/principalship of over 30 years having a term off was awesome as I took time to reflect and rejuvenate after completing my study obligations. I enjoyed New Zealand as a tourist travelling from the tip of the North to the bottom of the South, and much in between as well as taking time to appreciate my own backyard. Hiking to the top of Mount Te Aroha was a challenge that I was able to tick off; I feel fit and refreshed ready to embark on an exciting term ahead.

A big thank you to Andrea Devane and Sally Armstrong who stepped into Acting Principal and DP during Term 2. They did a fantastic job as I knew they would, along with the rest of the staff. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team at MIS who work diligently to support our tamariki. Thank you!



Summit of Mt. Te Aroha

Gwynne Shield:

I'd like to acknowledge all our players who competed in the Gwynne Shield competition during the holidays. I was fortunate to make it over to watch one of their games. What I saw was a group of players who worked hard as a team and showed amazing resilience; you were winners in the way you stuck together and supported each other right to the end of the tournament. Your grit, passion and perseverance was truly tested during the week and was deservedly acknowledged in being awarded the Sportsmanship Cup. Well done to you all.

Matariki Celebrations:

We were excited to end our term with a great celebration of Matariki. After such a busy period of time focusing on our school production, Matariki was a fantastic time to gather together as a school, reflect on our achievements and enjoy immersing ourselves in the range of activities led by our Mahi Tahiro and Te Reo Extension ropu, including Māori games, waiata, kapa haka and arts.

Highlights included our whole school shared lunch (thanks to everyone for your contributions), along with the performance by our Kapa haka development group who were simply stunning!



Term 2 Kia U Ki Te Pai Award:

The Kia U Ki Te Pai Award is one of our most prestigious awards, given out only four times per year to a student who consistently demonstrates our school motto: Kia U Ki Te Pai, whatever you do, let it be your best. Congratulations to Danielle Venter who was presented this award in our final assembly of Term 2.

Danielle exudes natural leadership, often extending herself out of her comfort zone. An example of this was when she initiated a visit from Mr Inger, requesting he come along and speak to us at an assembly around our 2021 theme; Our People, Our Place, Our Connections'. Danielle truly believes in giving back to the school and she supports the ideas of others. Well done Danielle!



Honour Students:

Congratulations to our first Honours students for 2021; Taylor Langley and Sabrina Chong. Both these students have an excellent work ethic, and they are fabulous role models who make the most of the opportunities available to them. Taylor and Sabrina's families were invited to attend assembly to help us celebrate their achievements and their names will be added to our Honours Board at the end of the year.



Taylor Langley has received Honours by earning Civics Excellence, Academic Excellence and Sports double Merit and Excellence.

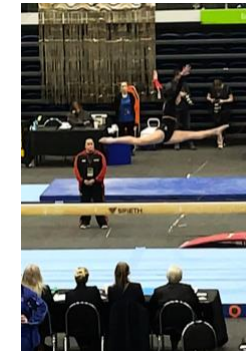


Sabrina Chong achieved Honours by earning Civics Excellence, Academic Excellence and Sports Excellence.

Sabrina's success at Nationals:

Congratulations to Sabrina Chong for achieving great success at the National Gymnastics competition last week - 2nd overall for beam and 7th overall for vault. These results at national level are truly exceptional!

This has been an interesting two year journey for Sabrina due to Covid-19 cancelled many competitions last year and a major injury this year. We are super proud of our talented Morrinsville Intermediate gymnast. Well done Sabrina!



Gold for Glory:

In Week 9 we recognised the initiative of Chase Hooker for his amazing practical thinking in fixing the window crank mechanism in his classroom. In Week 10, we recognised the leadership skills of Jade Cook during our Matariki Immersion Day where she capably led an entire team in learning Kapa Haka! Tu meke Jade!



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:

Managing Self Rangatiratanga

RESILIENT

"A student who views challenges as learning opportunities, perseveres through difficulties, bounces back from setbacks and strives to be the best they can be, no matter what."

Motivated Growth Mindset Empowered Persistence Courageous Grit

Some days there won't be a song in your heart.
Sing anyway.

- Emory Austin

At MIS Students are RESILIENT And... NEVER GIVER UP!

Congratulations to the following students:

Week 9: Rm1 Keegan, Rm 2 Amy, Rm 3 Dylan, Rm 4 Esme, Rm 5 Jorja, Rm 6 Jayden, Rm 7 William H, Rm 8 Mieke, Rm 9 Jackson, Rm 10 Ashlee, Rm 11 Rhys.
Week 10: Rm1 Jayden, Rm 2 Jo, Rm 3 Briar, Rm 4 Alexis, Rm 5 Chelsey, Rm 6 Reagan, Rm 7 Sabrina, Rm 8 Kurious, Rm 9 Fletcher, Rm 10 Karen, Rm 11 Cohen

Livestock and Group Day 2021: Dates are confirmed for 2021. Morrinsville Intermediate Livestock Day (Thursday 21st October) and Morrinsville Group Day (Friday 29th October) TBC

For Morrinsville Intermediate and Morrinsville Group Day the birth dates are as follow:

Calves:	Early	1st July - 20th July
	Late	21st July - 1st September
Lambs & Goats:	Early	1st July - 31st July
	Late	1st August - 1st September

Some important considerations for male animals:

Ram lambs can be entered and are not required to be castrated or rung.

Buck goats or crypt orchids can be entered and are not required to be castrated or rung.

Bull calf section will be available.

Note: Calves must have a NAIT Tag - If an animal is not tagged then the school or steward has the right to turn the animal away.

SLCs and reporting to parents: All students will bring home a written Mid-Year Report next Monday. This will be followed by Student-Led Learning Conferences which will take place throughout the day on Wednesday 4th August from 8.30am to 6.30pm

15 minute SLC Bookings can be made online by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz The event code is **4tp4f**

Please note: On Wednesday 4th August classroom teachers will be busy with SLCs throughout the whole day so it would be appreciated if students are kept home from school and just come in for their SLC booking, with their parents.



School Cross Country TOMORROW starting at 1.40pm:

Our school Cross Country is being held tomorrow after lunch. Race times are: Year 8 girls 1.40pm, Year 7 girls 1.47pm, Year 8 boys 1.54pm, Year 7 boys 2.00pm.

Students are advised to bring an old towel and a plastic bag to put their PE gear in after their run. All students will require a water bottle and their school polar fleece / school jacket to put on afterwards.

We expect all students to participate unless they have a medical note signed by a parent / caregiver. We'd love to see parents and family friends come down to support the students.

Upcoming dates:

Fri 30th July	School Cross Country
Tues 3rd Aug	Girls II Rugby
Wed 4th Aug	Student Led Conferences
Tues 10th Aug	Boys II Rugby
Mon 16th Aug	Student Anxiety and Stress Parent Event
Tues 17th Aug	II Cross Country
23rd - 27th Aug	Coast to Coast Sports Camp
Tues 24th Aug	II Netball
Wed 1st Sept	MIS Open Evening for prospective families starting at 6.00pm in the hall. All welcome!