

## Morrinsville Intermediate Newsletter: Term Three, Week Three

Kia Ora e te whanau. Welcome to Week 3's newsletter.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Beatrice and Te Ari who joined us last week and Andre who started this week. We hope you have had a good start to your time at MIS, and have made some new friends and connections.

We have had a busy two weeks with reports going home, learning conferences, Bandslam, WAlmaths and hosting the Inter-Intermediate Girls 7s Rugby.

Our mission statement is: 'to provide opportunities for students to learn and grow in ways that acknowledge and value emerging adolescence' - feedback from our students and the community is that they love the diverse opportunities afforded to them during their two years at intermediate. These two years are a time to focus on the whole student, both in and out of the classroom, in their learning and well-being: social/emotional as well as physical development.

### Student-Led Learning Conferences (SLCs):

Research states that learning happens best when a partnership between home and school is active. Thank you to those of you who attended the SLCs on Wednesday last week; data reflects we had 87% conference attendance which is great. Well done on making your child and their learning a priority as I know it is a busy time for farmers with calving which is one of the reasons we schedule during the day.

For anyone who hasn't yet made contact with your child's teacher, I encourage you to do so.

Student Achievement: Key Competencies

The New Zealand Curriculum identifies five Key Competencies (KCs):

- Thinking
- Using language, text and symbols
- Managing self
- Relating to others
- Participating and contributing

MIS believes that the dispositions underpinning 'Participating and Contributing' serve as the foundation for engagement in learning and are therefore be an integral part of our curriculum for 2021 (in 2021 our focus was on Managing self).

Students assessed themselves in Week 1 of Term 1 and again in Week 7 of Term Two. Their assessment was completed in relation to the three different dispositions of Participating and Contributing: Involvement, Initiative and Internal Commitment.

### 2021 Annual Student Achievement Plan Targets:

1. All students will make personal progress in relation to 'Participating and Contributing' aligned with the three dispositions
2. Increase the percentage of students usually/consistently demonstrating the three dispositions of 'Participating and Contributing' to  $\geq 85\%$
3. Reduce the disparity between girls and boys consistently demonstrating the dispositions of initiative and internal commitments to  $\leq 5\%$

### Mid-Year Target Progress:

As you can see below, we are making steady progress towards our target of 85% which is fantastic. However, the disparity between boys and girls has increased somewhat; this is an area for development in Term 3.

- **Involvement** - 70% of all students rated themselves usually/consistently in Term 1 compared with 77% in Term 2 **+ 7%**
- **Initiative** - 70% of all students rated themselves usually/consistently in Term 1 compared with 79% in Term 2 **+ 9%**
- **Internal Commitment** - 69% of all students rated themselves as usually/consistently in Term 1 compared with 75% in Term 2 **+ 6%**

### Bus Route Changes: Bus # 49 and 54:

We have received notification from the Ministry regarding bus changes affecting route 2149 and 2154 from Term 4, 2021. Students effected by these changes will receive a separate notice within the next week or two outlining the specific details of the route changes.

### Cross Country:

Congratulations to our Cross Country runners; we saw some outstanding displays of 'grit, passion and perseverance'. At MIS we work really hard to encourage resilience and this is a perfect opportunity for students to learn that.

However, it was disappointing to note that we had over 50 absences from school last Friday; I do ask parents that even if their child dislikes or struggles participating in an event such as Cross Country, that they are encouraged to give it a go rather than opting out. Struggling is part of learning. Of course I also appreciate that some of the 50 absences were for genuine reasons.

### Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 10 for each race:

**Year 7 Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Samantha Leigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Bryant, 3<sup>rd</sup> Taylor Murdock, 4<sup>th</sup> Georgia Mills, 5<sup>th</sup> Delta Downing, 6<sup>th</sup> Chloe Wilson, 7<sup>th</sup> Maddison Rankin, 8<sup>th</sup> Charlize Bell, 9<sup>th</sup> Hamini Sluys-Tamanui, 10<sup>th</sup> Monique White.

**Year 7 Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> Cody Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> William Patten, 3<sup>rd</sup> William Brown, 4<sup>th</sup> Tate Hayr, 5<sup>th</sup> Joshua Muller, 6<sup>th</sup> Jayden Hotene, 7<sup>th</sup> Kfir Rayhin, 8<sup>th</sup> Blake van Rus, 9<sup>th</sup> Izaiah Douthett, 10<sup>th</sup> Ari Watson.

**Year 8 Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kayley McMillan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Waite, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabrina Chong, 4<sup>th</sup> Jayda Smith, 5<sup>th</sup> Delana Kidd, 6<sup>th</sup> Maiya Thompson, 7<sup>th</sup> Jordyn McAra, 8<sup>th</sup> Mikayla Edwards, 9<sup>th</sup> Caitlyn Kampenhout, 10<sup>th</sup> Sarah Pettigrew.

**Year 8 Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jayden Dobson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaydin McLeod, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ethan Spraggon, 4<sup>th</sup> Peyton Chambers, 5<sup>th</sup> Mathew Gordon, 6<sup>th</sup> Taylor Langley, 7<sup>th</sup> Brody Murray, 8<sup>th</sup> Keegan Connor, 9<sup>th</sup> Kyle Pratt, 10<sup>th</sup> Jono Waetford.

### Staff Celebrations:

Special congratulations to our Learning Assistants, Andrea Totton and Krystal Hamilton for successfully completing their Level 4 Teacher Aide qualification. Well done ladies!

### Policy Review:

Parents are invited to provide feedback on the following two policies that are due for reviewing:

- *Behaviour Management*
- *Concerns and Complaints*

You can access the policies on our website as outlined below:

1. Visit the website: <https://mi.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (mi) and password (mis).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

**Bandslam 2021:** Our two school rock bands, Speedos and Rusty Spoonz, competed in the Bandslam competition along with other Waikato Intermediate schools last Friday evening. This event provides a fantastic evening of entertainment and the students enjoy the opportunity to see other schools performing too. Well done to all students involved and congratulations to MJ Green who was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place for male vocals.

Special thanks to Kylie Turner, who has been working with the bands and the parents for their support on the night.



**Gold for Glory:** Both of these students demonstrate our value of Manaakitanga. In Week 1 we recognised the initiative of Harlo Lawson (Showing great Manaaki during Gwynne Shield - supporting the team at every game). In Week 2 we recognised Levi Hunuhunu for his fantastic support shown to a new student to MIS. Well done to you both!

### Rangatiratanga Awards (doing the best for yourself):

Each assembly, one student per class is acknowledged for demonstrating Rangatiratanga. Our focus has been around students demonstrating **responsibility**. Our school wide definition is here for your reference:



### Congratulations to the following students:

Week 1: Rm 1 Kyren, Rm 2 Urban, Rm 3 Reece, Rm 4 Jessica, Rm 5 KT, Rm 6 Hayley, Rm 7 Shylah, Rm 8 Yuvrah, Rm 9 Kyarn, Rm 10 Grace, Rm 11 Jayda. Week 2: Rm 1 Jack, Rm 2 Brittney, Rm 3 Sebastian, Rm 4 Hayley, Rm 5 Ava, Rm 6 Jade, Rm 7 Amy, Rm 8 Monique, Rm 9 Lily, Rm 10 Izaiah, Rm 11 Joel.

### Inter-Intermediate Rugby:

Girls 7s Rugby was held last Tuesday at Campbell Park. We had 12 teams on the day in two different grades, Under 45kg and Open Weight.

Our U45kg girls played with a lot of mana and determination against Berkley and Matamata. Unfortunately they couldn't achieve a win on the day but enjoyed their day thoroughly. Thanks to Dennis Leigh, Waiti Kukutai-Maaka and Brooke Janmaat for coaching. The open weight team had some close games, drawing 12-all against Matamata and had close losses to Berkley and Tokoroa. The girls finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

Boys rugby was held on Tuesday, with both teams having a great day at Bedford Park, Matamata. The open weight team managed to beat Maeroa 46-5, and had two close losses to Berkley 15-19 and a one point loss to Tokoroa. The U56kg team beat Cambridge and had two losses against Rototuna and Matamata. They played with great determination.

Thanks to all parents for supporting our teams.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, Mr Higgins

### Important Upcoming Dates - Enrolments for 2022:

Prospective students and their families are invited to the following school events:

#### Open Evening:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. (starting in the school hall followed by a school tour of classrooms to provide an insight into student learning.)

#### Open Day:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 from 11.00am to 12.30pm

#### Free Parent Evening – student wellbeing:

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August Michael Hempseed from The Collaborative Trust will present on Student Anxiety, Sleep & Resilience in the Morrinsville Intermediate hall from 7.00pm. No registration required, all welcome.

Raising children and teenagers seems to be more difficult than ever. There are a lot of challenges that our children face today. In this funny, thought provoking and Informative seminar, Michael will share some of the latest research and ideas about how to help our young people work through the difficult parts of life and thrive.

#### Upcoming dates:

Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	II Cross Country
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Coast to Coast Sports Camp
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	II Netball
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Piako Gym Festival
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	MIS Open Evening at 6.00pm in the hall.
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	AIMS Games week
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	MIS Open Day 11am to 12.30pm
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	II Kapa Haka
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Taupo Maths Competition (after school)
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	II Music
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Last day of Term 3
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	First day Term 4
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	MIS Craft Day
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	MIS Livestock Day
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Labour Day (Public Holiday)