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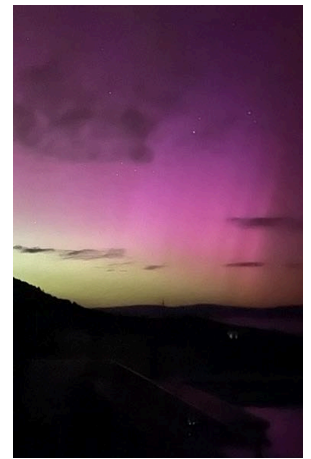
Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3 Newsletter 2024

Kia ora e te whānau and welcome to Week Three of Term Two.

As I write this newsletter we have begun the day with a 'crisp' frost, but followed up by brilliant sunshine (e whiti ana te rā - the sun is shining).

Last weekend large parts of our country got to witness a rare geomagnetic storm sparking stunning auroras and I hope you were able to personally get a view of this potentially once in a lifetime 'light show'. The photo on the right is taken from my brother's house in Kinloch, near Taupo.



I want to warmly welcome Mia, Anke and Emerald who have joined us recently; we hope you have enjoyed your start at M.I.S. this term; we look forward to getting to know you and your family. In saying that, we are sad to say farewell to two of our students, Xavier and Ishaan, who are moving out of the district as part of the June 1st farming changeover. We wish you all the best and hope your 'shift' goes smoothly and you enjoy your new schools. We are also looking forward to welcoming three new students into our school, and district in the next few weeks. Our current roll sits at 340.

As you will be aware, there is a huge push on improving student attendance in schools, ensuring students are at school at least 90% of the time. The government is now targeting a daily attendance rate of 94% along with a goal of having 80% of all students attending school for 90+% of the time by 2030. Currently, the target is 70% of regular attenders. I am happy to report that we had 76% of all students attending 90% of the time in Term 1 and I want to thank you for your support with this. With winter months approaching we know our tamariki are susceptible to ailments so I've attached a link to a Ministry of Education that gives some guidance into helping you navigate through the next few terms:

[Student Attendance: a guide for parents and caregivers](#)

Who can I contact for health advice?

If you ever feel worried about your child's health, contact your doctor or healthcare provider. You can also call Healthline on 0800 611 116 anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for free health advice, treatment and information about what to do next.

[\(https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/attendance-every-day-matters/](https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/attendance-every-day-matters/), 11.05.24)

As part of our Hauroa/Health curriculum on Tuesday we had Attitude NZ address our students about: Healthy and positive friendships and how to set young people up for success. The content included building friendships, handling rejection, conflict, and bullying; please ask your child to share the key messages from their presentation.

Finally, I want to say thank you to those of you who were able to attend our community event on Tuesday evening: 'Behind the Screens' facilitated by Attitude NZ. With increasing impacts of social media prevalent, it was a great opportunity to hear about how we can support and educate our tamariki to interact safely online. Please see below for the key messages shared. Please also set aside an hour of your valuable time next Tuesday evening, 21st May from 5.30pm, to attend an information session for parents about 'KOS' (Keeping Ourselves Safe); this will be run by Constable Snowden as a precursor to classroom lessons in the latter half of the term. I know you will agree that keeping our kids safe is of paramount importance and having your support with this is much appreciated.

Ngā mihi

Jenny Clark

Principal

Featuring in today's newsletter:

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Rangatiratanga Award (doing the best for yourself):

During Friday Assembly one student per class is acknowledged for demonstrating Rangatiratanga, specifically one of Key Competency indicators. The focus was **Responsibility** in Week 1 and 2.

Congratulations to the following students from Week 1: Zac Rm 1, Daytona Rm 2, Teegan Rm 3, Puhikura Rm 4, Laura Rm 5, Anita Rm 6, Jacob Rm 7, Dylan Rm 8, Levi Rm 9, Preet Rm 10, Jax Rm 11

Food Tech: Vanessa R8, Art: Honour R5, Hard Materials: Khan Rm11, Science: Olivia R10 Music: Drew R8

Congratulations to the following students from Week 2: Taitum Rm 1, Dakota Rm 2, Grace Rm 3, Braxton Rm 4, Humeira Rm 5, Liam Rm 6, Renae Rm 7, Addison Rm 8, Kaedyn Rm 9, Cai Rm 10, Vienna Rm 11

Food Tech: Sophie R9, Art: Jordan R8, Hard Materials: Ethan Rm3, Science: Ryder R10 Music: Taama R10

Gold For Glory:

At each assembly students are recognised by the principal for showing initiative, or going the extra mile that demonstrates our school vision, motto and values.

The recipients in Week 1 were: Drew Rm9, Kyte Rm4 and Kayden Rm9. Well done!

The recipients in Week 2 were: Gabriel Rm11 and Emma Rm8. Well done!

Behind The Screens Community Event:

After an engaging and informative session with Attitude's presenter Allenzo about factors of a positive friendship, members of our school whānau and our local community gathered in the evening for an enlightening and highly beneficial presentation around being proactive in our children's lives and how they're interacting online. Some of the key messages that we discussed were:

- The importance of creating conversation with your child. Ask questions, listen and stay involved.
- Blue light replicates sunlight and so it can impact your sleep patterns if exposed too late at night.
- Download and explore the apps your children are using so that you can help them to interact safely.
- Establish stopping cues that let your child know when no devices will be used e.g. no device time before school or no devices at the dinner table.
- Using 'rounds' to negotiate time on devices e.g. play two rounds and then put it away, watch two episodes then turn it off. This allows them closure and not having to stop in the middle of a game or show.



Open Invitation to School Assembly:

We have a face-to-face assembly every second Friday (odd weeks) starting at 9.40am in our school hall. Families are very welcome to attend. Assembly is an opportunity to share key messages and to celebrate student achievement.

In Week 1 we welcomed the MP for Waikato, Mr van de Molen who shared some information about his journey through school, to his current role. It is always lovely to have whānau join us so if you ever have a few spare minutes on a Friday please feel welcome to come along.

Pink Shirt Day 2024:

Morrinsville Intermediate School is joining the movement on Pink Shirt Day tomorrow (Friday 17 May), and encouraging our staff and students to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū - Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

There is no cost to students, this is a day to promote awareness. However, the canteen will be selling bags of 'pink' lollies at lunchtime for \$2 with proceeds going to the Pink Shirt Day Appeal. You can learn more about Pink Shirt Day here: www.pinkshirtday.org.nz



Morrinsville College Enrolment Evenings for current Year 8 students:

Year 8 enrolment tours will be held at Morrinsville College on **Tuesday 11 June and Thursday 13 June, both from 4.30pm through to 6.30pm**. All are welcome. Contact Morrinsville College directly for more information 07889 8308.

Inter-Intermediate Football:

Our II Football Teams had an awesome day out at Jansen Park in Hamilton last Tuesday, with some great results. The girls made it through to the semi-finals and drew against Rototuna Junior High, resulting in a penalty shoot-out. Our girls scored 4 goals to 1 and took out 3rd place overall - awesome job girls!

The boys team had 2 wins, a draw and a loss, and just missed the semi-finals by 1 point.

A special thanks to Katy, Rita and Kirk for coaching and supporting the teams on the day!



Thank you Fonterra:

A huge thank you to Fonterra who have granted our school \$780.00 towards our school / community garden project which is being initiated by Whaea Trish. This money will fund a new, purpose-built garden shed so all the gardening tools and equipment can be stored in one place, close to the existing raised garden beds and greenhouse.

This school gardening Initiative will create a partnership with the local community to build capability in horticulture as well as our school's Food Tech department. We look forward to our new shed being erected and put to good use by our keen gardeners!



Morrinsville Pakeke Lions Club donation:

Thank you to Morrinsville Pakeke Lions Club Charitable Trust for your donation of \$3,000 which is going towards heat pumps for our school hall. This generous donation is from the combined Morrinsville Lions Clubs from funds derived from the collection and sale of casualty calves which have been donated by local farmers during the 2023 calving season. Your continued support towards our school is very much appreciated.

Thank you Hellers:

We would like to acknowledge the support of Hellers Sausages who contribute to school fundraising by donating for sausage sizzles. We have received 960 sausages from the Hellers 'Sausages for Schools' scheme and these will be gratefully received by our MI Mates fundraising committee who plan to run sausage sizzles at the Morrinsville Netball Centre on Thursday nights and at upcoming school events. Thank you Hellers!

Waikato Lit Quiz:

Last Tuesday night two teams travelled to Berkley Normal Middle School to compete in the Waikato heat of the Kids Lit Quiz. It is an annual quiz about books and anything book-related. The hall was packed with 55 teams from across the Waikato. Our two teams 'played' the sport of reading with enthusiasm against some very tough competition. Overall we placed 26th with 61 points, and 37th with 52 points. A fantastic effort.

Thank you to Mrs Baxter for 'training' us and driving the van.
Thank you to all the parents who came along to support us on the night.



Writing Progress and Achievement:

In 2024 we are focusing on improving student writing achievement. We are trialling the use of Writers Toolbox in Team Piako; this is proving beneficial with students working hard to strengthen their understanding of the twelve sentence structures. See an example of Kayden's writing from R. 2 who has used the context of Aotearoa New Zealand History, specifically Tarapīpipi, to write about:

Tarapīpipi, became leader of his iwi Ngāti Hauā, even though he wasn't the oldest son. Tarapīpipi's dad, Te Waharoa asked three things as he died. The three things were don't listen to the Missionaries, don't stop fighting our enemy iwi and always be friends with Pākeha. Tarapīpipi stopped his iwi from fighting. Their enemy iwi was called Te Arawa from Rotorua but he always tried to keep his promise to be friends with the Pākeha.

Worried about Māori losing their land to European settlers, Tarapīpipi went to Auckland to complain at the Native Office and got ignored by the English. He decided at this time he wanted Māori to start the Kingitanga movement. The Kingitanga movement was for the Māori to have one central voice for all Māori so that they could talk to Queen Victoria about their problems with land being taken. Tarapīpipi went around the whole North Island to find a king. Eventually, Tarapīpipi found a person that had connections with all the iwi in the North Island. His name was Pōtatau Te Wherowhero.

The Kingitanga movement was seen by the British as offensive to Queen Victoria because it looked like Māori were ignoring her. The NZ land Wars between Māori and The British began and it was a long and gruesome war. The British wanted land from the Māori. During the war, Tarapīpipi remembered his dad telling him to stay friends with the Pākeha but this became hard as the British were taking away Māori land and lives. Unfortunately, Tarapīpipi died in 1866 after an illness. Like his dad, he also had final words to his people which were, obey the laws of god and man.

Written by Kayden R. 2

Kā tahi te hau māuiui Kayden (what an achievement).

As a school, we are also implementing 'The Code' which is a structured literacy approach targeting spelling. In the Literacy Centre, students needing further support are using Steps Web, another structured literacy programme. For those students who are excelling in Writing, we have recently established a Writing Warriors group, who meet with Mrs Grant on Tuesdays, to work together with a goal of achieving Level 5 of the New Zealand Curriculum.

Update from our Public Health Nurse:

The children's mobile ear clinic will return on Tuesday the 11th of June. Please note the mobile timetable is now available online [Children's ear clinic » Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand Waikato \(waikatodhb.health.nz\)](https://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/childrens-ear-clinic)

Hand washing: Washing your hands is one of the best ways to keep people from getting sick and spreading illnesses. It also gets rid of germs you pick up from other people, animals or surfaces you touch. Teach your children how to wash and dry their hands properly and this will help to keep them well.

We should wash our hands before and after eating (or handling food), after visiting a public space (e.g. public transport), after touching animals, after coughing or blowing your nose, after handling rubbish, after touching money, after going to the toilet, and whenever your hands are visibly dirty.

My contact details are below – please feel free to contact me. I am happy to assist you with any health concerns your students may have. Public Health Nurse: Keren Johnston.

Email: keren.johnston@waikatodhb.health.nz Phone number: 027 336 7636



Asthma: Now that we are in cooler weather we need to remind families that students who suffer from asthma are required to bring their own reliever inhaler and spacer to school. The school maintains an up-to-date asthma kit for emergencies only. Thanks for your assistance.

School Term Dates:

Term One: Wednesday 31st January to Friday 12th April
Term Two: Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July
Term Three: Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September
Term Four: Monday 14th October to Tuesday 17th December

Calendar Events:  MIS Calendar: FB/Newsletter [Click the link on the left to access the Term Two calendar.](#)

Term Two:

15th - 16th May	Marae visits
Fri 17th May	Pink Shirt Day
Tues 21st May	Writer presentation (Des Hunt)
Tues 21st May 5.30pm	Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) parent information evening; Constable Tash Snowden
Tues 21st May 6.30pm	Camp information Evening
Tues 28th May	II Hockey
Wed 29th May	National Young Leaders Day (Student Exec.)
Thur 30th May	II Visual Arts
Mon 3rd June	King's Birthday (Public Holiday)
Tues 4th June	Teacher Only Day (school closed for teacher professional learning and development)
Tues 11th June	II Futsal
Thurs 13th June	II Chess
Tues 18th June	II First XV Rugby
Wed 19th June	Tough Guy & Girl Challenge
Wed 19th June	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Tues 25th June	II Basketball
Wed 26th June	Japan Tour Group meeting Cambridge Middle School 6.00pm
Thurs 27th June	Piako Cultural Festival
Fri 28th June	Matariki (Public Holiday)
Thurs 4th July	School Cross Country
Thurs 4th July	School Disco
Fri 5th July	Last day of Term 2

2024 Teacher Only Days: The following MOE dates have now been approved by the Board as Teacher Only Days for work on Te Mātaiaho / NZC Refresh:

1. Tuesday 4th June (Week 6 after King's Birthday).
2. Friday 25th October (end of Week 2 before Labour Day).

