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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1 Newsletter 2025

Kia ora e te whānau, nau mai haere mai ki te pānui Wiki Tahi and the first newsletter for Term 2.

I trust you all had time during the school break to relax and unwind over either the Easter or Anzac Day holidays. We are all looking forward to another busy and exciting term ahead.... our production, entitled 1841, is underway and scheduled for performance in Week 9 (24th - 25th June). We are very lucky to have Miss Bailee Foulds and Mr Chris Gore who have collaborated to compose the script and we appreciate the extra time and effort that is required to 'make this happen'. Well done to those students who came to school during the holiday break to begin preparation..... a great example of empowerment.

On the last day of Term 1 we held our ANZAC commemorative assembly. We were lucky to have Paula Hendra, Captain Anne-Marie Leng, Officer Dave Fryer and Kerry Diamond from our local RSA join our assembly and share some of their insights and experiences in relation to their roles in the army. Our students gained a better appreciation, and empathy, for those who have served our country during a range of conflicts and made many sacrifices for the good of us all.

On ANZAC Day, our student executives attended the service at Howie Park; they did a great job of representing our school and laying a wreath on our behalf. We heard several addresses from dignitaries, including Mayor Adrienne Wilcock and the head boy and girl from Morrinsville College who spoke about the importance of commemorating the day and remembering its significance as part of our history. Lest we forget!

As part of our school value of Whakawhanaungatanga - doing the best for our community, and empathy (as part of our learner profile EMPOWERED), we are having a **NON-UNIFORM day to support our local Food Bank next Friday 9th May**. It would be appreciated if your child/ren could bring along at least one item of non-perishable food to donate to the Foodbank. Our student executives will be organising dropping the food off to the foodbank on our behalf. Thank you for your support.

As you are aware, we have an ongoing focus to improve attendance and engagement at school. Our targets include:

1. Improving our daily attendance rate as a whole school from to $\geq 91\%$ - in Term One we are achieving a daily attendance rate of 93% which is pleasing. Our next job is to maintain, or even build on this
2. Reducing unjustified attendances across the school - we are currently having 1.6% unjustified attendance, which is on the right track; reducing unnecessary absences will help reduce this further (these include taking long weekends, days off for birthdays, going shopping etc)
3. Reducing the rate of absences on Mondays and/or Fridays by $\geq 5\%$. As you can see on the right, Fridays in Term 1 had the lowest attendance rate. I would love to see this improve further in Term 2

#	DayOfTheWeek	Present	Justified Absent	Unjustified Absent
1	Monday	93.73	4.79	1.48
2	Tuesday	93.97	4.95	1.08
3	Wednesday	93.51	4.53	1.95
4	Thursday	93.49	5.23	1.29
5	Friday	91.40	6.27	2.33

Finally, I just want to reiterate how lucky we are to have such wonderful whānau support - we look forward to continuing to work with you in partnership to ensure our tamariki get the most out of the learning opportunities afforded them. With winter sports beginning soon, I'd like to thank coaches and managers for your commitment and wish you all the very best for a fantastic season. I'd also like to thank our staff for their diligence, time spent over the break planning and preparing for Term 2. We are fortunate to have such a hard working and enthusiastic team.

Kind regards
Jenny Clark
(Principal)



Featuring in today's newsletter:

Rangatiratanga Award
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Attendance Award
Honours Award
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Mr Curry keeping our grounds in tip top condition

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 Reflection in Week 9 and Managing Self in 10:

Congratulations to the following students from Week 9: Alyssa P1, Preston P2, Lachlan P3, Willow P4, Amelia P5, Brent T1, Heath T2, Liam T3, Tristan T4, Anna W1, Shae W2, Lydia W3, Alana W4, Precious Science, Lydia Food Tech, Kendal Hard Materials, Zariya Art, Bridee Performing Arts.

Congratulations to the following students from Week 10: Raegan P1, Rebecca P2, Slate P3, Penelope P4, Marc P5, Paesyn T1, Sophia T2, Thomas T3, Rachel T4, Jordan W1, Natalie W2, Madison W3, Kimberley W4, Sophie D Science, Isaiah L Food Tech, Honour Hard Materials, Honour Art, Jack C Performing Arts.

Gold For Glory: At each assembly students are recognised by the principal for showing initiative, or going the extra mile by demonstrating our school vision, motto and values. The recipient in Week 9 was: Tilly in T4. The recipient in Week 10 was CJ in W1. Well done!

Attendance Award: Congratulations to Sam O'Hearn (Week 9) and Skyla Barnett (Week 10) who were the recipients of the \$10 attendance vouchers. All students who obtained 100% attendance in Week 9 and 10 were in the draw.

Please remember it is important for students to have days off only for justified reasons (illnesses, bereavements; not shopping, haircuts, long weekends, birthdays etc please). Thanks for your support.

Honours Student:

Congratulations to Anna Austin - our very first Honours Student for 2025! Anna has worked extremely hard to earn the required Merit points for Honours, stepping out of her comfort zone and willingly putting in the effort across a diverse range of codes and activities.

Anna's Honours award was presented to her during assembly in Week 9 and her family were able to join us to help celebrate her success.

Anna has achieved:

- Cultural Excellence
- Academic Excellence
- Sports Merit

The Merit Awards programme is offered to embed the school vision "Empowering Learners to Succeed" by providing students with opportunities to participate in academic, sporting, cultural, and civics roles and activities at Morrinsville Intermediate. Students are able to earn Merit points through improvement, outstanding achievement and leadership roles.



For more information regarding our school Merit system go to the 'Merit and Awards Programme' tab on our school website.

Kia U Ki Te Pai Award:

Congratulations to Mikayla Dewhurst who is our Term One Kia U Ki Te Pai Award recipient! The Kia U Ki Te Pai award is a prestigious school award given out once per term to a student who displays our motto Kia U Ki Te Pai in everything they do. This award is presented to a student who embraces all that our school offers both inside and outside the classroom and someone who is consistently well mannered, respectful and leads by example.

Mikayla consistently demonstrates the KCs, she is caring, supportive and ensures everyone feels included. Mikayla is highly involved in a range of school activities and responsibilities and she is a valuable member of our learning community. Well done Mikayla, we are very proud of you!



Staffing update:

We welcome Mrs Carla McKenzie to our team from the beginning of Term 2. Carla is predominantly working in Topehaehae One (T1) as Miss Lyndsay Oldham takes maternity leave from Week 4.

Carla is an experienced teacher and is familiar with our school having both of her children attend here, as well as having relieved here.

With a growing roll (373) Mrs Sally Armstrong is also being released an additional day in her role as Assistant Principal / SENCO.

We wish Miss Oldham all the very best for the remainder of her time with us and for the safe arrival of her baby.

Structured Curriculum:

As you will have heard, all schools are required to deliver a structured approach to literacy and mathematics. This includes one hour of explicit teaching in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Our literacy programme consists of word work (The Code) that is founded largely on spelling, as well as the use of Writers Toolbox. In addition to this teachers will be teaching other literacy concepts. There is some writing being completed online, and some offline. We aim to have a balanced approach.

In Mathematics we have already implemented a school-wide maintenance programme (approximately 15 minutes per day) along with Maths Whizz. Maths Whizz is supplementary to explicit teaching which in Term 2 will be largely based on PR1ME Mathematics. This is the resource that we elected to use which was provided by the government. We have used Term 1 to identify which book students will be working from to ensure they can be both challenged yet able to access the learning. Teachers have received professional development in the use of PR1ME in Term 1 and have worked hard to ensure they're ready to start using PR1ME Maths as part of their programme from the start of this term.

There may be some 'kinks in the road' initially, but please understand teachers are navigating many changes mandated by the government and are doing their best to deliver an effective programme that meets the needs of all ākonga (learners). If you have any questions about the learning programme please ensure you speak to the classroom teacher first and foremost.

Student Success: Levi Rodgers

Levi recently competed in three days of racing at the Junior Nationals Motocross Champs at Pukekohe. He competed in the 11-12 year old division in the 85CC class finishing a very commendable 2nd placing across New Zealand.

Congratulations Levi, we are very proud of you and your success a great example of someone who demonstrates the fact that commitment and determination bring results. Miharo mahi!



Emergency Preparedness: Lockdown Drill

Health and safety are of utmost importance. As a school, we work with Harrison Tew, a company who specialises in emergency preparedness.

We are due for an audit on our practice. This includes conducting a **lockdown drill** to ensure everyone understands the importance of being prepared in the case of an emergency as well as ensuring we conduct our drills with vigilance. The drill / practice will happen in Week 2; I will be outlining the process with students at this week's assembly.



LETTER FOR PARENTS BEFORE A LOCKDOWN EXERCISE

Dear Parents,

As part of keeping our school safe we need to be able to respond safely and quickly to a range of emergency situations.

We work alongside an independent company, Harrison Tew®, who specialises in emergency management planning for schools, whose procedures have been successfully implemented in hundreds of schools throughout New Zealand.

As part of maintaining our emergency procedures in our school, specialised training is being conducted with our senior leadership and staff by Harrison Tew®.

The students will also receive information on how to respond in an emergency at assembly tomorrow, and from their teacher again next week.

We will then be conducting a lockdown exercise under the guidance and support of Harrison Tew®.

During the exercise you will receive a notification from the school, so it is important that your emergency contact details are up to date and correct. The notification will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website.

In a genuine incident, should you become aware of a lockdown or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone the school, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

We thank you for your support.

Jenny Clark

Principal

MI Mates Easter Raffle:

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Hamper Raffle.

A total of \$6,818.00 was raised! Proceeds will go towards additional outdoor seating (already purchased, and looking fantastic), and replacement netball goal posts.

Congratulations to the following lucky hamper winners: Rob, Paul, Brad Salmon, Trish Flavell, Skylar Barnett, and Kathryn. We hope you enjoyed your easter treats!



Enrolment Zone Ballot:

The Ministry of Education developed an enrolment scheme for Morrinsville Intermediate School which was implemented last year. The Board invites applications from parents of out of zone students who wish to enrol their children at Morrinsville Intermediate School for the 2025 mid-year intake. To pre-enrol your child please find the link on our school website and Facebook page.

Once the school has received your out of zone pre-enrolment you will be sent a Ballot Registration. The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Monday 12th May, 9.00am.

The Board has determined that five places will be available for out of zone students in June 2025. If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required, it will be held on Monday 12th May 2025, at 10.00am.

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held. For more information please contact office@mi.school.nz or phone 07 8896629.

School Fees:

All families who paid the \$60 School Fees by the end of Term One went into the draw to win a \$100 grocery voucher. Congratulations to Kayla Maunder who was our lucky recipient this year!

At MIS we ask for a fee of \$50 as a contribution towards the costs of the take home component for Technology classes and a \$10 Hat fee for the use of the school hat (worn in Terms 1 & 4).

For families still to pay; our school bank account number is: 06-0369-0928976-00. Please include your child's name and 'school fees' as a reference. Thank you.

 MIS Calendar: FB/Newsletter Click the link on the left to access our school calendar.

Term Calendar Two events:

Monday 28th April	First day of Term 2
Wednesday 30th April	Topehaehae team trip to Te Miro
Tuesday 6th May	Inter-Intermediate Football
Friday 9th May	Whakawhanaungatanga NON-UNIFORM Day (Foodbank item required)
Monday 12th May	Out of zone ballot mid-year intake
Tuesday 13th May	Inter-Intermediate Basketball
Wednesday 14th May	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 16th May	Pink Shirt Day
Tuesday 27th May	Inter-Intermediate Hockey
Thursday 29th May	Inter-Intermediate Visual Arts Day
Monday 2nd June	King's Birthday (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 3rd June	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 10th June	Inter-Intermediate Futsal
Wednesday 11th June	National Young Leaders Day
Wednesday 11th June	Tough Girl / Tough Guy Comp
Wednesday 11th June	School Disco 7pm to 9pm
Thursday 12th June	Inter-Intermediate Chess
Friday 13th June	Piako Gymsports Festival
Tuesday 17th June	Inter-Intermediate 1st XV Rugby
Wednesday 18th June	Matariki Celebration Day
Thursday 19th June	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 20th June	Matariki (Public Holiday)
23rd - 25th June	School production week
Friday 27th June	End of Term 2
Monday 14th July	First day Term 3



Student Executives representing our school at the ANZAC Day service

2025 Teacher Only Curriculum Days:

Term Two: Tuesday 3rd June (after King's Birthday).
Term Four: Friday 24th October (before Labour weekend).