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i te whai ao

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7 Newsletter 2024

Kia ora e te whānau and welcome to Week Seven.

The weeks continue to fly by as we are immersed in a multitude of activities.

A special welcome to Layla, Prince, Arnav and Boston who have recently joined us at MIS. We look forward to getting to know you and your families.

Konnichiwa to our Japanese students who arrived last Thursday, from Shibuya Makuhari Junior High School (MJHS); we were all very excited to welcome the group back this year; this reciprocal exchange has been going on for over 25 years (apart from the disrupted three years due to Covid-19).

A big thank you to our wonderful host families who have opened their homes and have been immersing the Japanese students into 'Kiwiana' culture. I have heard lots of exciting experiences being had including: autumn calving (on dairy farms), going to the lake or beach, kayaking, fishing, eating fish n chips on the beach and some lucky families who are planning to go to the Chiefs game this weekend. Go the Chiefs!!!

This week the students have visited:

- David Street School for a primary school experience
- the supermarket (our honey, chocolate and cookie times are very popular)
- Maungatautari
- Waitomo Caves

Today the students have visited Karamu Horse Riding Centre as well as Hamilton Gardens. On Monday the students will be at school preparing for their Sayonara Party which starts at 3.30 p.m. until approximately 5.00 p.m. for host families and our students from Japan. We ask that host families provide a plate of finger food for afternoon tea please.



The safety of our students is always of paramount importance Thank you to those of you who are making a concerted effort not to park on the yellow lines up at the top gate. If cars are parked on the yellow lines it makes visibility for the road monitors more difficult. Thanks for your cooperation.

Finally, I want to recognise the important work our local Food Bank does to support our community. Next **Friday 22nd March** we will have a **non-uniform day** and ask all students to bring a can/packet of food to donate to the Food Bank in lieu of a gold coin. Thank you for our support.

Ngā mihi
Jenny Clark
(Principal)



Featuring in today's newsletter:

Rangatiratanga Award (doing the best for yourself)

Gold For Glory

Welcome Ming - Mandarin Learning Assistant

Cyber-Smart with Constable Tash Snowden

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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 Internal Commitment in Week 5.

Congratulations to the following students from Week 5: Baxtah Rm 1, Jordan Rm 3, Eva Rm 4, Grayson Rm 5, Piper Rm 6, Jimmy Rm 7, Gabi Rm 8, Taya Rm 9, Xavier Rm 10, Hayley Rm 11.

Music: Sienna Rm 2, Food Tech: Jack Rm 3, Art: Te Rongo Rm 1, Hard Materials: Ihaia Rm 6, Science: Hayley Rm 11

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 recipient in Week 5 was: Reece Rm 8 for displaying awesome leadership on swimming sports day. Well done!

Introducing our 2024 Mandarin Language Assistant - Ming:

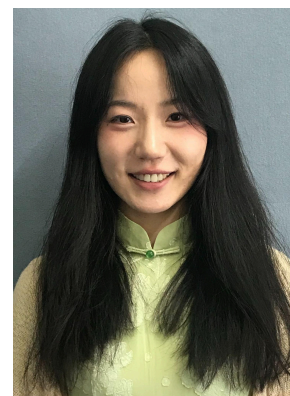
Kia ora,你好

My name is Xue Mingming (薛明明) and I am a Mandarin Language assistant. I come from Hebei Province, China. My grandparents raised me, I am very grateful to them. I also have a sister and a brother, they all live in China now. This is my first time abroad and I am so lucky that I have come to New Zealand, this beautiful country.

I teach the students Mandarin and at the same time, they teach me English. Learning from each other is really wonderful.

Beyond the classroom, I love singing, dancing, reading, doing sudoku, playing badminton, and crafts. I love doing puzzles, Lego, and diamond drawings, these things give me so much joy.

I am happy to be a part of this awesome Morrinsville Intermediate crew. All the people here always give me warmth and support. I'm looking forward to meeting you all.



Cyber-Smart with Constable Tash Snowden:

Yesterday we were lucky to have Tash Snowden (our community constable) come into our kura yesterday to talk to us about Cyber Safety and Cyberbullying.

It was very timely as it's increasingly becoming a problem for us all. Statistics state that one out of five people will get cyber bullied; statistics could even be higher as these are only the ones that have been reported to the Police or NetSafe.

We learnt many things, but the biggest takeaway was that Tash wants us to 'THINK'.

Think before we post and share, as there are many social media platforms in which we are all on and we are talking to people that we don't know everyday.

We have to be really sensible and understand that once we send something on the internet it is potentially there forever!

By Fergus, Jimmy, Eesha and Hammad.

Student Learning Conversations (SLCs):

The learning partnership between home and school is highly valued and appreciated. Recent consultation indicated that the vast majority found a face-to-face conversation of 15 minutes adequate, and most of you enjoyed having your child present which is what we encourage. However, we understand that some of you prefer to meet with your child's teacher without your child present, which is absolutely your decision.

We invite all parents/caregivers/whānau to join us at our SLCs on Tuesday 26th March (from 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.) or Wednesday 27th March from 1.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. Parents / caregivers are invited to book a 15 minute slot by logging onto www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and using the **Event Code: h68j4** If you do not have access to the internet, please phone the school office on 07 889 6629 for assistance.

To enable adequate time for teachers to meet with all families, we ask that you **pick your child up early from school on Wednesday 27th from 12.30 p.m.; school will remain open in the afternoon for any students requiring supervision by the tech/specialist teachers.**

A separate notice was sent home with all students on Monday to indicate if they have permission to leave school early into your care. The permission slip must be returned to the classroom teacher by Friday 22nd March to enable us to make supervision arrangements.

NB: Buses will run as normal on Wednesday 27th

II Volleyball:

Girls Team: Cahleisha, Alena, Tautoko, Mersadiez, Brodie, Indie, KJ, Ava, and Puhi.

We started off the day with a tight game against Te Awamutu; we were winning in the first half but came to a downhill right when we switched sides, we just lost by 1, (22-21 to TAI)

Our next game was with Fairfield, we were trying so hard to step up our game but our serves weren't going over. We ended up losing by 6 (18-24 to FAI). Our next game was against Matamata and we were lucky enough to get our serves over and scored a lot more points.

The overall score this time was (16-23 to MOR).

Finally, our last game was against Peachgrove. We won the toss and took the first serve, and scored 8 straight points from our serves hitting the ground. We had an awesome game, the buzzer went for the end of the game and we all looked at the points chart. We had won by (18- 27)! Overall, it was a really fun experience and we all had a great day and learnt how to play volleyball. Thank you Ms B and Mr Day who helped coach and train us.



The Boys II Team: Baker, Cooper, Toby, Jack, Campbell, Reef, Zajian, and Andre.

First off we started the day with a bye then we finally had a game and were trailing by a lot but then we made a comeback but just lost in the end and by 1 which was hard to take as we had played well.

The next game we played was Te Awamutu, it was a rough game we lost by 6. Rototuna Junior High was next, a team that was about the same level as us and we made an amazing comeback. We ended up with a tie from the last point. In our last game we played Peachgrove; we had an amazing serving game, great sets and digs that resulted in a massive win by 14. The boys team had a great day at I.I. Volleyball. There were a couple of good spikes. We did have some losses, but even in those losses it was still a really fun game to play.

Thank you so much Ms B for helping us on the day and in training also thank you Mr Day for helping with training. Thank you to Jake's Grandad and Reef's Mum for taking us there and back, your time is appreciated.

II Swimming:

It was a cool, windy day for our swimmers at the Inter-Intermediate Swimming Sports, on Monday, which was held here in Morrinsville. Although it was cool in and out of the pool, it didn't dampen our representatives' effort or enthusiasm.

Kia U Ki Te Pai – whatever you do, let it be your best.

Thank you to our parent support, Mrs Muter the teacher in charge, and Cambridge Middle School for hosting.



School Fees and Donations:

Our School Board has opted into the School Donations Scheme for 2024 which is available to schools in Decile 1-7 to help cover costs historically incurred by families. The School Board does not require families to pay fees towards day-to-day operations. However, we do ask that a fee of \$40 is payable to cover the cost of the take home component for Hard Materials and Art. Despite the increasing cost of materials to the school the Board is mindful of ensuring we keep the fees as low as possible and so will not be increasing the fee this year.

Hat fee: a fee of \$10 is charged to all school families for the use of the school hat (worn in Terms 1/4). The fee covers some of the purchase cost and also the laundering costs.

Families are welcome to pay the \$50.00 fee from now on. Our school bank account number is: 06-0369-0928976-00. Please include your child's name and 'school fees' as a reference. **All families who pay the \$50 fees by the end of Term One, will go in the draw to win a \$100 grocery voucher.** Alternatively, families are welcome to set up an automatic payment to pay the fees off.

There are some things that will still require payment by parents e.g. out-of-hours music tuition, sports teams, and overnight camps (which are all voluntary extra-curricular activities).


Community Consultation - Redevelopment of Campbell Park:

On behalf of Campbell Park Trust, a committee has been formed to review and plan for the next 50 years of our great facility. Working with Sport Waikato, a survey will be going out in the next couple weeks to understand what people think of facilities and how they use the grounds. There will be a survey link circulating so please take the time to complete the five minute survey, the more feedback provided the better!

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 Term One Calendar [Click the link on the left to access the Term One calendar.](#)

Term One:

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| Thurs 14th March | WBOP MTB Competition |
| Mon 18th March | All raffle books and money due in (including any unsold books) |
| Mon 18th March | Sayonara Party for Makuhari and host families 3.30pm to 5.00pm |
| Tues 19th March | Makuhari students leave Morrinsville 8.00am |
| Tues 19th March | II Touch |
| Fri 15th March | Netball trials |
| Wed 20th March | BOT Meeting 6.30pm |

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| Fri 22nd March | Non uniform day (food bank donation in lieu of gold coin) |
| Fri 22nd March | Netball trials |
| Tues 26th March | Easter Raffles drawn |
| Tues 26th March | II Drama |
| Tues 26th March | Student Learning Conferences 3.15pm to 6.00pm |
| Wed 27th March | Student Learning Conferences 1.00pm to 7.00pm |
| Fri 29th March | Good Friday - Public Holiday |
| Mon 1st April | Easter Monday - Public Holiday |
| Tues 2nd April | Easter Tuesday - Public Holiday |
| Wed 3rd April | Y7 & Y8 Immunisations |
| Wed 3rd April | E-Pro8 Finals 5pm |
| Thur 11th April | School disco 7pm to 9pm (school hall) |
| Fri 12th April | Last day Term 1 |
| Mon 29th April | First day 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 Week 2 before Labour Day).

Please visit our school website www.mi.school.nz Like us on facebook and download our free Skool Loop App to keep up-to-date with school activities and events.

VACANCY

We're seeking community volunteers to run
LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Would you like to support our school community?

Do you have any sparetime during the week between 12:40-1:20pm?

Do you have any hobbies, skills or talents you could share with our students?

Possible Ideas

- Arts, Crafts
Knitting, Crochet
Sewing
- Poi Making
Harakeke Weaving
- Tennis, Petanque
Indoor or Outdoor Bowls
Boot Camp (fitness circuit)
- Drama, Plays
Acting, Music
Dance, Movement
Singing, Karaoke
- Chess, Checkers
Puzzles, Boardgames
Card Games
Dungeons & Dragons