



MORRINSVILLE

Intermediate School

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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9 Newsletter 2024

Kia ora e te whānau and welcome to Week Nine

Earlier this week we held our Student Learning Conversations (SLCs); it was pleasing to see so many parents/caregivers/whānau engaging in focused discussions around their child's learning. It is a well known fact that students are more likely to thrive in school if parents are actively involved in the learning process and partnership. Thank you. For those of you who were unable to attend this week; I encourage you to make an alternative time with your child's teacher to touch base and see how your child/ren have been progressing and what their next steps, and goals, are. As a school we had 81% of students/families/whānau attending SLCs.

A BIG thank you to you all for your donations to the Morrinsville Food Bank; their supplies were getting very low and they are grateful to our school community for their generosity.

Last week we bid farewell to our students from Shibuya Makuhari Junior High School. They spent 13 days with us and embraced the Kiwi culture, getting to experience a diverse range of activities and visit lots of places (Taupo, Rotorua, Mount Maunganui, Paeroa, Raglan etc). They were a great group and our students enjoyed getting to know them; there were a number of tears as we waved goodbye to them last Tuesday morning.



A very BIG thank you to all host families; you did an amazing job of opening your home and welcoming the students like a member of your family. Thanks for your generosity. Thank you also to Mrs Carolyn Nicholson (liaison) who ensured everyone was well looked after and 'in the right place at the right time' - this ensured everything ran smoothly. I'd also like to extend my thanks to Mrs Michelle Cook who does an outstanding job of sorting host families; this is no small task and she does it year after year with efficiency. Thanks Michelle.

Morrinsville Intermediate School works really hard to provide a great learning environment and resources for our ākongā. While we are happy for the public to utilise our grounds after hours I urge everyone to ensure our property is treated with respect. It was really disheartening to see how some people thought it was OK to vandalise our picnic tables and mini basketball hoop recently. Other equipment that is often abused are our trampolines (please ensure there are only ever two people jumping at a time and no sitting on the safety frames), or dome area.

If you are wishing to use our school facilities please ensure they are cared for, and any litter is put in the bins provided. Acts of vandalism or disrespect take valuable time and funding away from much more important things. Thank you for your understanding and support as I know the majority of you are awesome!

On a much happier note I hope everyone has time to relax and take valuable time to spend with friends and family over the Easter break. School resumes on Wednesday 3rd April and we look forward to having 100% attendance for the short, three day week (thank you in anticipation of not taking an extended break).

Ngā mihi
Jenny Clark
(Principal)



Featuring in today's newsletter:

Rangatiratanga Award (doing the best for yourself) and Gold For Glory
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NB: DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS ON SUNDAY 7th April

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 7 & Week 8.

Congratulations to the following students from Week 7: Indie Rm 1, Kael Rm 2, Kaznah Rm 3, Kayne Rm 4, Clay Rm 5, Fern Rm 6, Erin Rm 7, Erika Rm 8, Fynn Rm 9, Kyle Rm 10, Georgia Rm 11.

Food Tech: Pranvee Rm 9, Art: Greer Rm 9, Hard Materials: Olivia Rm 10, Science: Maddie Rm 11

Congratulations to the following students from Week 8: Tyler Rm 1, Btyon Rm 2, Olivia Rm 3, Declan Rm 4, Rico Rm 5, Eddy Rm 6, Rachel Rm 7, Ruby Rm 8, Lucas Rm 9, Tessa Rm 10, Levi Rm 11.

Food Tech: Hailee Rm 9, Art: Price Rm 7, Hard Materials: Ethan Rm 3, Science: Tyson 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 8 was Te Aho Rm 5. Well done!

Introducing Mike Garrud - Board Presiding Member:

Kia ora e te whānau my name is Michael Garrud. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a trustee and the new Presiding member of the Morrinsville Intermediate Board of Trustees.

I have lived in the Morrinsville area for over 20 years. I am a husband to Susan Garrud, a primary trained teacher who works part-time in the Junior team at David Street School. I have three boys, Adam who is presently thriving in Year 6 and identical twin boys, Thomas and Ryan in Year 4 at David Street School.

I am working for our family business Walsh Enterprises as the Operations Manager for two Dairy Farms and a Heifer dry stock block. I am currently on the David Street Board of Trustees and a trustee of the Waikato Farmers Trust; these roles have developed my governance experience and skills in Finance and Property.

As a member of the board, I really enjoy being actively involved in the governance of the school, supporting the staff, students and parents, enabling them to succeed. With your support we can continue to develop and enhance our school and the wider community.

My aim as a Trustee and Presiding Member is to ensure that the quality of education at Morrinsville Intermediate is maintained to the highest standard and the staff have all the resources they need to accomplish this goal. I believe strongly in the concept of local community schools. They should reflect, and be accessible to their communities; nurturing their students in all aspects of life. Kia U Ki Te Pai.

Ngā mihi
Michael Garrud



Charter and [Strategic Plan 2024-2025:](#)

If you would like to read our Strategic / Annual Plans, please visit the link above which is on our school website; a lot of consultation and time has gone into developing this with key stakeholders. The plan has three goals:

<p>1. Mataiahika Connecting & Collaboration</p> <p><i>Connecting to place and community; we develop and nurture strong relationships, and enable and value collaborative partnerships between all stakeholders</i></p>	<p>2. Matauranga Curriculum</p> <p><i>We have a localised curriculum that is relevant, engaging and inclusive, giving effect to <u>Te Tiriti o Waitangi, its principles and articles</u></i></p>	<p>3. Matairea Strengthening Capability</p> <p><i>We have a highly competent and committed team who affect equitable outcomes for all ākonga</i></p>
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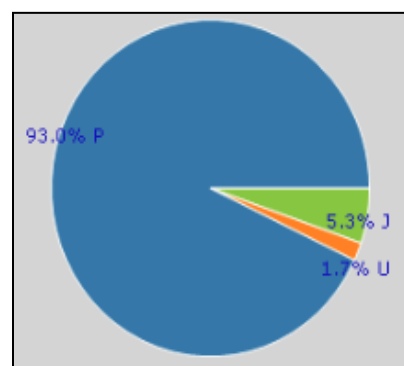
We are keen to work closely with you all to ensure we achieve our goals; the 2024 measures include:

<p>Two planned EOTC events/activities per year for each team that links to the school wide concept plan</p> <p>Two community-based events planned per year e.g. Family picnic, MI Mates fundraisers, Te Ahi Ora Event, Special Persons Day</p> <p>Improve the percentage of SLC engagement to at least 80% (with positive feedback provided regarding the value of the SLCs)</p> <p>At least 70% of our ākonga are attending school regularly (ie 90% of the time)</p> <p>Annual 90%+ daily attendance rate (we are aiming for 91%)</p>	<p>Learner profile graphics will be visible across the school</p> <p>Improved learning outcomes and achievement: grow the % of students achieving at/above expectation in Reading, Writing and Mathematics</p> <p>Learning Assistants are confidently and effectively implementing explicit and targeted learning programmes consistently across the school</p>	<p>Staff's capability strengthened with increased confidence to meet the needs of diverse ākonga (determined through gathering baseline and end of year data)</p> <p>All staff growing confidence and competence in using te reo Māori in everyday contexts (determined through gathering baseline and end of year data)</p> <p>SLT are confidently supporting their team to grow their capability, through CPS) to improve evidence-based student learning outcomes in Writing (baseline and EoY data will be gathered to determine this)</p>
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One of the first measures we will be reporting on will be engagement in SLCs; once I have confirmation of that I will share it with you. If you did not have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, please make contact with them to either meet face-to-face, online or via phone. Ideally we would like 100% attendance at SLCs.

Daily attendance is tracking well but has declined since earlier in the term. We need to keep ensuring our tamariki are at school every day to ensure continuity of learning. I do have concerns about some students who have condoned unjustified days off ... this severely impacts their ability to make the learning progress they are need to to be well prepared for college, as well as developing positive relationships with their peer group. I encourage you to support your child to get to school daily and on time please.

If you need any support please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher (in the first instance) or Mrs Kylie Wels (acting DP) or myself (Jenny Clark, Principal).



Community Service:

Our overarching learning concept for 2024 is 'Global Citizenship' and one of our strategic goals and actions is:

Mataiahika: *Connecting & Collaboration - seek voice from our community about how we can contribute as a school to our wider community and create a community service group (eg marae service, riverwalk/bank clean up group etc)*

We are looking for a manageable 'project' that MIS can contribute to throughout the year as part of service to our community and being responsible citizens. If you have any suggestions please let us know as we'd love to hear from you.

Staffing Update:

I wish to inform you that Ms Jade Silva (Deputy Principal) has submitted her resignation to the Board of Trustees. Jade joined us last year and has been on maternity leave since August. While Jade had every intention of returning to MIS she has made the decision to spend more time with her young family, which is completely understandable. We thank Jade for her contributions to MIS in 2023.

Mrs Kylie Wells has been working in the Acting Deputy Principal role in Jade's absence and has been doing a fantastic job. The Board has extended Kylie's tenure, with her acceptance, in this position until the end of Term 4 2024. The permanent Deputy Principal position will be advertised in Term 3 for a Term 1 2025 start.

Miss Foulds (Monday - Thursday) and Mrs Semmens (Friday) will continue to teach in Room 4 to ensure continuity of learning.

Property Matters:

With our roll continuing to grow Te Mahau (Ministry of Education) has approved the provision of two 'short term roll growth classrooms'. This will enable us to accommodate predicted growth in 2025 as we anticipate having 12-13 classes.

The classrooms are described as 'short term' (five to seven years) with permanent classrooms planned to be built near the end of that time frame.

As you will be aware, there are a lot of school property projects currently being axed but we have our fingers crossed that the assurance given by Te Mahau that ours is urgent due to the 'in-zone' roll growth ensures the two classrooms will arrive around June/July. Watch this space.

Mountain Biking WaiBOP Schools XC Champs:

On 14th March a team of keen MIS mountain bike riders competed at Te Miro Bike Park. Racing got underway in the morning and the MIS team were lucky to ride before the rain set in as the track became muddy and slippery. The relays started in the afternoon and competitors had to race around the track as many times as possible in 45 minutes. This took teamwork to have the next rider ready. It was a great experience and everyone enjoyed the day out at Te Miro in the rain and mud!

Results:

Individual Year 7 Girls:

Mikayla Dewhurst 9th

Individual Year 7 Boys:

Kyte Waterson 3rd

Dylan Hunt 6th

Preston Scott 7th

Marshall Bootten 18th

Ryan Marshall 25th

Harry McCormack 26th

Individual Year 8 Girls:

Danielle Rayhin 5th

Individual Year 8 Boys:

Micah Kraenzlin 17th

Jack Clark 27th

Team Events:

Kyte, Jack, Mikayla 2nd

Harry, Dylan & Marshall 5th



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).

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:

Fri 29th March	Good Friday - Public Holiday
Mon 1st April	Easter Monday - Public Holiday
Tues 2nd April	Easter Tuesday - School 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 of Week 2 before Labour Day).

