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Intermediate School

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i te whai ao

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1 Newsletter 2024

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

I trust everyone had some time during the school break to relax, unwind and recharge for the term ahead. As you can see from the calendar below we have another action-packed term of learning for our tamariki.

During the break I was fortunate to travel to Canada to attend the ULead Education Conference in Banff (this was my first ever international conference and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to attend). It was an amazing experience with 1,100 delegates from all over the world including just under 200 from New Zealand. We heard from a diverse range of speakers and gained numerous insights while making new and valuable connections.

One of our keynote speakers was from a young man who had suffered extreme cyber-bullying (he had a rare form of dwarfism and got teased mercilessly). After suffering hugely, he made a conscious decision to 'make a difference for others'. He was instrumental in getting a curriculum programme implemented to help prevent cyber bullying as well as assisting students who have been bullied online. His key message was about the importance of being empathetic to the plight of others, as opposed to being self-absorbed. Visit this link here for a short [You Tube clip](#) about elevating compassion and empathy.

At Morrinsville Intermediate all classes will be involved in Common Sense Education lessons this term; the focus targets being a responsible digital citizen. To complement this, we are fortunate to have the company Attitude NZ' here on Tuesday 14th May from 6.00 p.m., conducting a valuable session on 'Behind the Screens' (see further details below). I urge you all to add that to your calendar and look forward to seeing you there.

I want to thank our student executives who attended the ANZAC service at Howie Park on the 25th April. They did a great job of representing our school and laid a wreath on our behalf. We heard several addresses from dignitaries, including Mr Tim van de Molen (MP) and the head boy and girl from Morrinsville College; they shared valuable messages about the importance of understanding and empathising with our forebears who made many sacrifices to enable us to live as we do today. Lest we forget!

In closing, I wish everyone a successful term ahead; we value our partnership with you and collectively look forward to continuing to provide quality learning opportunities for your child/ren. I would also like to thank those of you who have volunteered your time to support our sportsmen over the winter sports season; thank you for enabling our tamariki to get involved and keep active.



Ngā mihi

Jenny Clark

Principal

Featuring in today's newsletter:

Rangatiratanga Award and Gold For Glory

Kia U Ki Te Pai Award - James Leigh

Honours Student - Campbell Murdock

Emergency Preparedness - Lockdown Drill

Important Community Event: 'behind the screens' presentation for parents 14th May 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Attendance Analysis Term 1

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Term 1 and 2 Calendar (including link)

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 Involvement in Week 11.

Congratulations to the following students: Reef Rm 1, Zara Rm 2, Paige Rm 3, Reid Rm 4, Charlie Rm 5, Rosie Rm 6, Alana Rm 7, Layla Rm 8, Rm 9, Parnvee Rm 10, Logan Rm 11 Tyson.

Food Tech: Rosie Rm 6, Art: Jack Rm 11, Hard Materials: Jax Rm 11, Science: Zeke Rm 4, Music Grace, Teegan, Gabi, Charlie.

Kia U Ki Te Pai Award:

Congratulations to James Leigh who is our Term One Kia U Ki Te Pai Award recipient! The Kia U Ki Te Pai award is a prestigious award given out once per term to a student who displays our motto Kia U Ki Te Pai in everything that they do.

James is described by many as a positive role model to others in all that he does. James is incredibly friendly and helpful. He always gives 100% and shows amazing internal commitment to being the best version of himself. James is an outstanding leader who genuinely looks out for the wellbeing of others and is always putting himself forward to help wherever he sees a need.

Congratulations James, you can be very proud of yourself!



Honours Student:

Congratulations to Campbell Murdock who is our second Honours Student for 2024!

Campbell has achieved Honours by maximising the opportunities MIS has provided and illustrating our school vision: Empowering learners to succeed (Hei whakamana nga ākonga i te whai ao). Campbell demonstrates commitment and consistently demonstrates our school vision, motto and values as an 'Empowered Learner'. Well done Campbell and thank you for being an outstanding role model to your peers.

Campbell has earned the points to apply for Honours by achieving:

- Sports Excellence
- Academic Excellence
- Civics Merit



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 while being observed 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 3 after a school assembly to explain the protocols.



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 directed at their respective age groups from either their teacher or Harrison Tew[®].

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.

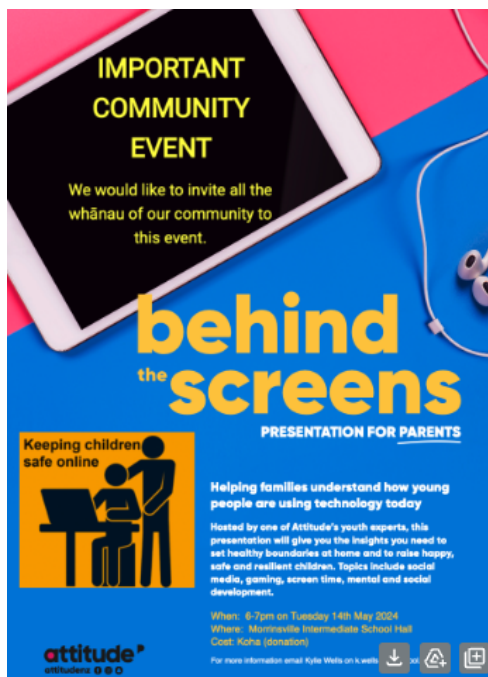
In a genuine incident, should you become aware of a lockdown or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone the school, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

We thank you for your support.

Jenny Clark

Principal

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With the increasing presence and popularity of social media we are all aware this has brought a myriad of problems.

MIS works really hard to educate our tamariki about keeping safe on various digital platforms, however, we are seeing behaviours beyond school impacting on school.

We have a student presentation by 'Attitude NZ' (education group) planned for Tuesday May 14th. For students this will include the topic of social skills, friendships, bullying and resilience.

Following this we have organised the group to run a presentation for the whānau and friends of our community around how whānau can help their young people navigate the adolescent years in a rapidly changing world.

We would love for anyone in the community to come along and listen in the hope that they take away some valuable information and strategies that will help them to support their children and the youth of our community.

Watch the promotional video to find out more:

<https://youtu.be/15XLNIzaXtA?si=TLIb3IQz19969Qep>

Please keep this date free, and invite your friends and neighbours to join us. Entry will be by koha (to help offset the cost to our school).

Enrolment Zone Ballot:

The Ministry of Education has developed an enrolment scheme for Morrinsville Intermediate School implemented from 2024. The Board invites applications from parents of out of zone students who wish to enrol their children at Morrinsville Intermediate School for the 2024 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 13th May, 9am.

The Board has determined that three places are likely to be available for out of zone students in June 2024. 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 13th May 2024, 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.

Attendance Matters:

I have just completed our Term 1 attendance data analysis. Congratulations to the 55 students who have achieved 100% attendance in Term 1; that is awesome!

Our aim is for all students to be attending regularly i.e. at least 90% of the time. As you can see, we have 76% of our students achieving this, with the boys attending more regularly than girls. Well done boys! The new Government target is for all schools to achieve 80% of students attending regularly, so currently we are just falling short of that. I believe with your support, we can meet the 80% threshold if any absences are legitimate and can't be avoided.

Thank you to everyone who ensures absences are notified prior to the start of school; this saves our office staff considerable time as it is policy for any unnotified absences to be followed through with a phone call. Any students who are absent without notification are regarded as 'truant'; you may be aware that the current government is looking to fine parents/caregivers of students who are not attending school without a justified cause.

We are also trying to reduce the number of unjustified absences, which currently sit at 2%.

An unjustified absence is seen as an absence that happens within your control e.g.:

- taking a day off for an extended weekend
- having a day off for a birthday
- going shopping
- visiting relatives etc

2024 School-wide Attendance Summary (31st January - 12th April)

2024 Whole School	< 70% (chronic)	70% - 79% (moderate)	80 - 89% (irregular)	90 - 100% (regular)	Total
Whole School	3 (<1%)	11 (3%)	68 (20%)	257 (76%)	339
All Girls	-	8 (5%)	37 (24%)	110 (71%)	155
All Boys	3 (2%)	3 (2%)	31 (17%)	147 (80%)	184

Please note that our bell goes at 8.50 a.m.; we encourage everyone to be here ready to start the day by no later than 8.45 a.m. As you can see from the tables below, 'missed minutes' do add up over a period of time and can have a significant impact on lost learning. At MIS we use the saying 'EVERY DAY COUNTS and EVERY MINUTE MATTERS'. Thanks in anticipation of your support to ensure your child accesses their learning regularly. If you need any support from us please let us know.

WHAT IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON?

⊕ JUST A LITTLE BIT LATE FOR SCHOOL DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT

If your child is missing	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Almost 1.5 weeks of the school year	Almost half a school year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Almost 1 school year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per school week	4 weeks per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 hour per day	1 day per school week	8 weeks per school year	Over 2.5 school years

DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 OR 2 DAYS A WEEK DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT...

If your child is missing	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years....
Half a day per week	20 days per year	1 month per school year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per school year	Almost 2.5 school years
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per school year	Almost 5 school years
3 days per week	120 days per school year	Over half a school year	Almost 8 school years

(diagrams referenced from: Helen Jolly, Fendalton Open-Air School)

Winter Uniform Reminder:

During Terms Two and Three students are required to wear winter uniform. This requires a softshell jacket and / or a regulation polar fleece and **plain black school shoes and plain black socks (no coloured soles, laces or logos)**. We recommend leather or vinyl school shoes as they are more weather tight and longer-lasting than canvas shoes.

In 2022 we introduced an additional item to the winter uniform. Plain black track pants can now be worn as an OPTIONAL, additional uniform item during Terms 2 and 3. Students may wear **plain black track pants** (i.e. any brand providing they do not have large logos or additional colours, including large CCC logos on the leg). These can be worn to and from school and during the day. Students must wear their light blue polo shirt to and from school, not their navy PE shirt (apart from after Friday sport where they are permitted to wear PE uniform home)

Students may wear any style of **plain black shoes** that are suitable for school i.e. plain black sneakers are accepted (no boots or high tops) along with any style of black socks. Girls who choose to wear our uniform skirt may wear either navy, black socks or black stockings.



Students will still need their PE shorts for sports and class PE.

Please remember to clearly name all uniform items so they can be returned to their owner if left around the school.

All uniform items can be purchased through Harry's in Thames Street, Morrinsville. In addition to the short-sleeved polo shirt, a short-sleeved plain black or navy t-shirt / thermal may be worn underneath (not to be visible please). Students can also purchase school beanies from the office for \$10 which can be worn outside as part of the winter uniform in Terms 2 & 3. Non-regulation rain jackets may be worn on wet days to / from school, but not within school.

We also have school beanies which are permitted to be worn during Terms 2-3. They are available from either our school office for \$10, or from Harry's (on Thames Street).

School Camp at Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre and Lodge:

On Tuesday a newsletter was sent home with all students to provide information about this year's school camp being held at Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre, which will take place on a class-by-class rotation during Term Four. There will be a Camp meeting held in the school hall on Tuesday 21st May starting at 6.30 p.m. to hear more about Aongatete Camp and an opportunity to ask any questions.

This will be a new camp for Morrinsville Intermediate and we are both extremely fortunate and excited to be attending Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre. At Aongatete the focus is on environmental education, outdoor safety and sustainability, providing environmental education opportunities and activities that foster the development of positive life skills to provide learning opportunities in the NZ bush. At MIS students have the opportunity to attend camp every 2nd year so students will attend in either Year 7 or Year 8. Please read the camp newsletter for full information including camp dates, activities involved and camp fees.



AONGATETE
OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE & LODGE

School Fees:

At Morrinsville Intermediate we ask for a fee of \$40 to cover the cost of the take home component for Hard Materials and Art. In addition, a Hat 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. 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 paid the \$50 fees by the end of Term One went into the draw to win a \$100 grocery voucher. Congratulations to Vicky Judge who was our lucky recipient this year!

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 Two calendar.](#)

Term Two:

Thur 2nd May	Topehaehae trip to Te Miro
Tues 7th May	II Football
Tues 7th May	Lit Quiz 6pm
Tues 14th May	Attitude Concert for all students
Tues 14th May	Community Event: 'Behind the Screens' presentation for parents 14th May 5.30 pm Tues
Wed 15th May	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
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)
Tues 11th June	II Futsal
Wed 12th June	Japan Tour Group meeting Cambridge Middle School 6.00pm
Thurs 13th June	II Chess
Tues 18th June	II First XV Rugby
Wed 19th June	Tough Guy & Girl Challenge
Thurs 20th June	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Tues 25th June	II Basketball
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).

