



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SCOTT JENKINS**



It is good to be coming to the end of what has been a long 11-week term. As we look back over the term, there have been numerous highlights including a number of camps and chances for learning to take place off-site with the good summer weather. There have been a number of events focused on developing school spirit and allowing our student leaders to build their capacity. The coming second term takes on a different focus as academic endeavour becomes the priority. The second term is often the hardest term of the year as cold weather sets in and our students see the rewards of their determination and hard work.

**Mr Ed Krystman**

I want to acknowledge all of the community support as we work through the passing of our colleague Mr Ed Krystman over the last two weeks. I have spoken to both our staff and our students that one of the things that stayed with me the most was watching our staff support our students, and at the same time seeing many times our students ask our staff how they were doing. This was both touching and a strong symbol of our school culture. I appreciate that it would have been an inconvenience as we postponed Parent Teacher Interviews and also to close the school for the afternoon to allow our staff to attend Ed’s funeral in Hamilton. It was great to see not only our current staff but a large number of ex-staff, current and past students at the funeral. Friday’s ‘Mr Krystman Tie Day’ was a great way to celebrate Ed’s life and his family visited the school at lunchtime and heard many stories from students and staff about his teaching exploits.



**Te Puaawaitanga Leadership Trip**

This year we have developed a specific experience to develop some of our student leaders. Our head students, Board Student Representative and our Amokura all headed to Wellington this week

to meet with various political and industry leaders to gain their perspective on leadership. This was done in conjunction with the leaders of Kapiti College who will reciprocate by visiting us in Term 2. Our student leaders visited Te Papa and Parliament Buildings where they were hosted by three of our local MPs, were able to watch question time in the House, visited the old Upper House room and also practiced their media skills in the famous Prime Minister’s media room. This has been a great experience for these students and they will be bringing back many ideas to use to build upon our own leadership strategies.





### ANZAC Day Commemorations

As they do each year, our head students will be speaking on behalf of the young people of Morrinsville at the 10am ANZAC ceremony at Howie Park on **Wednesday 25 April**. They will also lay a wreath on behalf of Morrinsville College. They will also present their speeches at our own school ANZAC assembly on the first Wednesday back. At that assembly our deputy head students will read the roll of honour listing all of those past students who were killed during World War II. This year our Librarian, Mrs Angela Peters, has researched some of the details around the young men on this roll of honour. Many served and were buried in places that were spread right across the globe and each has their own unique story. Initiated by our student leaders, today's mufti day allowed each student who donated a gold coin to receive an ANZAC poppy in commemoration of these soldiers and to support our local RSA.

### Cellphones

Many of you will have seen the information that was sent out before Easter around our finalised cellphone policy following the Government's mandated regulations. This was also discussed with our students at our last assembly. Many students were today acknowledging their last day with cellphones and did so with a good sense of humour. I would remind those parents of students who wish to apply for an exemption to allow students to use earphones in their classes for medical or learning reasons, that they will need to apply to me in writing and include that evidence in the letter.



### Winter Uniform

With winter upon us, it is a good time now during the holidays to check your student's winter uniform. Non-uniform hoodies will not be accepted. The students will initially be asked to remove them and for repeat offenders they will be confiscated to be collected at the end of the day. School jackets, including the new puffer jackets, are available to be purchased at Harry's Surf & Sport. Students are allowed to wear navy blue or black thermal tops only underneath their shirts. Students are able to wear the formal black school trousers only. These can be purchased at Harry's, however we will not accept different trousers such as cargo pants or tracksuit pants. Students are welcome to continue to wear the traditional school shorts as most students do.

### Parent Interviews

Our parent interviews have now been scheduled for **Wednesday 29 May from 1pm to 7pm**. The alert for this will be sent out through School Bridge at which time people will be able to book slots to see their student's teachers.

### Paid Union Meeting

The PPTA have signalled that they will be holding their regional paid union meeting on **Wednesday 15 May** as is allowed under their collective agreement. This will mean that school will finish early on that day. Exact details will be sent out early next term in the next newsletter.

### Year 8 Enrolment Evening

This is advanced notice that our Year 8 enrolment tours will go ahead on **Tuesday 11 June and Thursday 13 June, both from 4.30pm through to 6.30pm**.

### COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 25 April	ANZAC Ceremony, 10am Howie Park
Monday 29 April	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 1 May	ANZAC Assembly
Thursday 2 May	Top Art Exhibition trip
Friday 3 May	1 <sup>st</sup> Duke of Edinburgh trip
Saturday 4 May	Winter netball begins
Saturday 11 May	Winter sports codes begin
Wednesday 15 May	Paid Union Meeting, ½ day school
Mon 20 -Fri 31 May	Years 10 & 11 NCEA Numeracy and Literacy CAA exams
Wednesday 29 May	Parent/Teacher Interviews 1pm – 7pm

