



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE



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FROM ACTING PRINCIPAL – ELIZABETH ROSS



It has been a hectic end to the term which finished today with the annual sport and cultural exchange with Matamata College. This was a fitting way to end the term where our students have taken every opportunity to shine outside of the classroom with EOTC, through sports, through the Arts and through cultural activities.

Academically, the pressure now comes on as we approach the end-of-year and the external NCEA examinations. I want to acknowledge our Year 11 cohort who are navigating their way through the new Level 1 NCEA standards. Year 12 students continue to track well and now should be preparing for their external exams and completing their internal standards. A number of our Year 13s are currently in the midst of hearing back from university applications while preparing for their final few weeks of secondary school. I want to wish staff and students a relaxing holiday break.

Staff Updates

Welcome back to **Mr Vance Symon** who has been on leave during Term 3 and a huge thank you to **Mr Brian Killen** who took over Mr Symon’s classes during his absence. Welcome back to **Mr Daniel McNamara** who has been on study leave this year.

Spirit Week

A hugely successful and fun Spirit Week has just concluded with many staff and students taking part in the daily themes and organised events. On Monday we held a Cultural Day, Tuesday was an 80s theme with jump jam at lunchtime in the PAC, Wednesday we held a crazy hair day and Shave for a Cure, Thursday students dressed in their House colours and

took part in a House Quiz and today we held a very popular pyjama day. See photos below.

Student Council Workday

Our annual Student Council Workday was held on Monday 2 September. The final total of money raised on workday was \$6,796. I want to thank all of those families and employers who assisted in this undertaking.

Student Representative on the Board of Trustees’ Election

The voting process for Student Representative for 2025 has been in progress this week. There were six nominations submitted. All candidates spoke to the school at assembly on Monday and voting began on Tuesday through to today. The successful candidate will be announced on Monday 14 October, the first day of Term 4. It was very pleasing to see the overwhelming number of students exercising their democratic right to vote.

Matamata Cultural Exchange

Today our students took part in the annual Matamata Sports and Cultural Exchange which was hosted by Matamata this year. This was a highly successful day. We took a senior and junior netball team, a mixed touch team, kapa haka roopu and a debating team all of whom won their respective challenges and basketball which was our only loss for the day. Next year we will be hosting the event and look forward to hosting our Matamata neighbours.

FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MR NILESH PRASAD

Senior NCEA Examinations



NCEA external examinations is just around the corner. The exam starts on 5 November 2024 and the timetable for the examination can be found on the NZQA website or by using the link below:
The last school day of the seniors will be **Wednesday 30 October**, and they will

be on study leave after that. The first two weeks of next term is particularly important for some senior students as they work towards completing their internal assessments and preparing for their externals. We do understand that the time before the external assessments could be stressful for some students. Therefore, we encourage caregivers check-in with their children to see if they are on track or need extra support in preparing for these exams. Subject teachers will be available to provide guidance and support to students to prepare for the exams, but they will need to arrange with their teachers via email to organise an appropriate time to come in to see them. Please see the link below for the Levels 1,2 and 3 NCEA External Exam Timetable.

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/NCEA/2024-Timetable-FINAL-4-3-24.pdf>

End-of-Year Prizegivings

A reminder of the dates of our annual prizegivings:

- **Arts & Cultural Prizegiving** – Wednesday 16 October
- **Sports Prizegiving** – Wednesday 23 October
- **International Prizegiving** – Thursday 24 October
- **Senior Academic Prizegiving** – Wednesday 30 October
- **Junior Prizegiving** – Tuesday 10 December, the last day of school for 2024.

All prizegivings will be held in our PAC.

Electives

Once again this year the Years 9 and 10 students will have the opportunity to participate in end-of-year electives on **Thursday 5 and Friday 6 December**. All students have made their choices and should know what electives they have been allocated for these days. If you or your child does not know what elective they are on, please email electives-@morrcoll.school.nz. More information about individual electives will be given out next term by the teachers leading the different electives.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE FOOTBALL GAME



Our 2nd XI football team played their final game for the season on September 14th, in Rototuna. The boys dedicated their last game to **Mr Ed Krystman**, who sadly passed away earlier this year. In Mr Krystman’s honour the boys wore black armbands and had a minute's silence before the game started. This was a fitting tribute with Stefan, Mr Krystman's son, watching the game. The boys did well and came away with a win of 5-2.



Netball

The Junior Development netball team would like to thank and acknowledge their coaches, Marie Hamen and Jameelah Warner-Morris for coaching them this season. It was great to have two new coaches to the school and we thank them for their support enabling the girls to play in both the Morrinsville and Hamilton City netball competitions.

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MORE HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED FOR 2025

We require new homestay families to host our international students in 2025. Please contact our International Student Administrator, Philippa Fryer through the school Office, phone 8898308 or email: philippa-fryer@morrcoll.school.nz

COMING EVENTS

Monday 14 October	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 16 October	Arts & Cultural Prizegiving
Tuesday 22 October	Board Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 23 October	Sports Prizegiving
Thursday 24 October	International Prizegiving
Monday 28 October	Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday 30 October	Senior Academic Prizegiving
Wednesday 30 October	Last day for seniors
Thurs 31 Oct – Sat 2 Nov	Duke of Edinburgh Trip
Mon 5 – Fri 8 November	Junior Exams
Mon 5 Nov – Tues 3 Dec	NZQA Exams
Friday 15 November	Teacher-Only Day – school closed
Wednesday 27 November	Graduation Dinner – Viligrads
Thurs 5 – Fri 6 December	Junior Electives Programme
Tuesday 10 December	Junior Prizegiving – end of term

SPIRIT WEEK

CULTURAL DAY



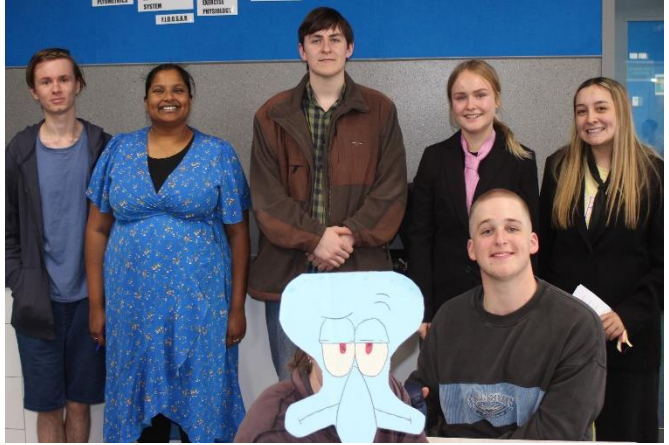
SHAVE FOR A CURE



THE 80s



HOUSE QUIZ



PJ DAY

