



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SCOTT JENKINS



A welcome back to all of our students and staff for Term 3. I also want to welcome a number of new families who have come into the area over the last few weeks. Our enrolments continue to be coming in consistently regularly which is not the usual pattern at this time of the year. This bodes well as we start to prepare for our 2025 intake.

Today at assembly, I talked to our students about the academic focus for Term 3 as our students look to complete many of their internal NCEA standards and start to prepare for their external exams that will arrive at the end of Week 3 in Term 4. As part of that discussion, I emphasized their need to maintain their own individual standards of work habits and commitment to their extra-curricular activities as the pressure comes on. For a number of our Year 12 and 13 students, they will be preparing applications for tertiary studies and potential employment opportunities alongside their academic demands. Term 3 is where they achieve the targets they have set themselves to enter these tertiary courses and promote themselves to their potential employers.

This term will be a very busy one and will fly by quickly. In Week 3 we have our Arts Showcase which will highlight the talents of our Arts students and is advertised below. The senior school ball will be one of the highlights of the term at the end of Week 4. Our senior school practice exams will be held in Week 6 which will be followed by the winter tournament week in Week 7. During that week we will also hold our traditional Student Council Workday. The second round of the NCEA Common Assessment Activities for our Years 10 and 11 students will occur in Week 9. In our last week of the term, our senior students will be running Spirit Week and the final Friday of the term will see the annual Matamata Cultural Exchange. When we return next term, our seniors will only have two-and-a-half weeks' before they break for study leave. During these two-and-a-half weeks we will have our Cultural Prizegiving, Sports Prizegiving and our Senior Academic Prizegiving.

Phone Outage this week

I want to thank our families for their patience this week as they have tried to phone our school Office. Our fibre cable was damaged during the holidays and this has meant that phoning in to our Office has been impacted. While most people won't have noticed this due to the work-around put in place, it has slowed our ability to answer the phones and also send out attendance texts where a student has been absent. This is going to be repaired on Saturday as it requires a full shutdown of our internet services.

Out of Zone Ballot for Term 3

As we did last term, we are advising that there will be an enrolment period put in place for Term 3. This means that any students who wish to enrol and who live outside of our school zone will have to go on to a waiting list until a ballot is held at the end of the term. As we have already mentioned, our roll is currently at capacity purely through our in-zone enrolments. We do appreciate the confidence of our community that this shows in our school, but it does bring with it some challenges to meet the needs of all of our students.

Literacy Reading Co-Requisite results

Those who sat the co-requisite assessments (CAA's) in Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 2 can now access their Reading results from their NZQA account. They need to login to their accounts and check their results under the "My school entries and results" section. The Writing and Numeracy results will be released on 5 August. Students who receive Not Achieved for one or more literacy or numeracy standards will be able to download personalised reports highlighting where they did well and where they should focus future efforts from their accounts as well.

Piako Festival

In the last week of Term 2, a highly successful Piako Festival was re-established and held at Morrinsville School. We want to acknowledge their efforts in hosting all of our schools in what was a wonderful event that showcased the talents of all of the kura in our area. I also want to highlight the performance of our own kapa haka rōpu and their tutors who have been working extremely hard this year. See the photo of our kapa haka rōpu on the masthead of this newsletter.

Speech finals

Next week our Speech Finals will be held in the Library on Wednesday 31 July. This is an annual highlight for the year which puts on display the high quality of speechmakers that the college develops each year.

Senior School Ball

Our senior school ball will be held in our PAC on **Saturday 17 August**. Tickets are now being sold at interval and lunchtime in the office foyer over the next two weeks. Please note that there is no Paywave, but Eftpos and cash are available.

Help Wanted - Security

We still require help for security for the evening between 6pm-10.30pm. This involves helping with traffic management and being around the school to ensure our students are safe. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Vicky Marshall, email vicky-marshall@morrncoll.school.nz or phone the school office 8898308.

Student Council Workday

Our annual Student Council Workday will be held on **Monday 2 September**. Students are encouraged to take part in this activity and to make it as personally meaningful for them as possible. Parents should have received a letter explaining the workday fundraiser and all students will be provided with a letter of introduction to take to a potential employer to help them find work for the day early next week. We ask that students earn at least \$25 for a day's work.

This year money raised from the workday will be used for various projects which have been suggested by our students. Workdays in past years have fundraised for projects like our new bus shelter, a cross fit course, water fountains and our annual Year 10 Camp programme.

If you are able to offer students a day of work, please contact Mrs Vicky Marshall, email vicky-marshall@morrncoll.school.nz or phone the school office 8898308.

Waikato Culinary Success

Congratulations to **Rebecca Aitchison** who entered the Waikato Culinary Fare at WINTEC in the last week of Term 2. She competed in the Cafe Cake section where she had to design and create a cake for a special event. Rebecca came away with a Gold award - an amazing 95/100 the top score out of the 22 cakes entered.



EPRO8 Competition

At the end of Term 2 the annual EPRO8 competition was held in Hamilton. This competition is an inter-school science and engineering competition, designed to promote science, engineering and problem solving. Students compete in teams of four to complete a variety of building challenges. This year we had two junior and two senior teams competing. Some of the designs that they had to create included a scooter, a rollercoaster, an air conditioner and a lawn mower. The highlight was probably the fully automated toilet that one of our junior teams created. Their excellent work on this, plus winning a tiebreaker, meant that they came first in their semi-final, securing them a place in the grand final. Well done to all EPRO8 participants this year and a massive thank you to everyone who supported us to make it possible, especially Tatua Dairy Company Ltd's The People and Remuneration Committee for their continued generous sponsorship of our school.



Junior Epro8 team -
Samantha Leigh, Megan Mitchell, Riley Neeld and Georgia Mills with their winning Semi-final trophy

Arts Showcase

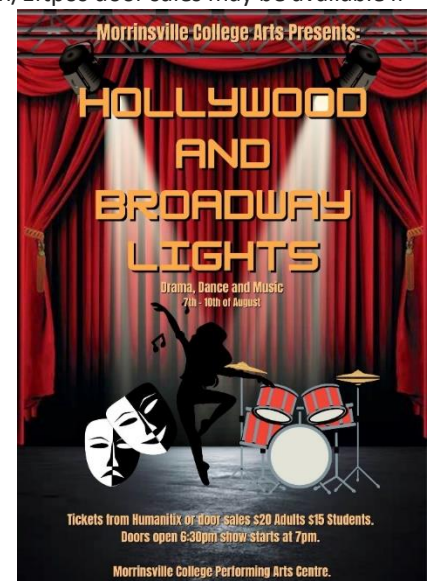
Always wanted to go to Hollywood or Broadway but can't afford it?

Come along to the Arts Showcase being held in our Performing Arts Centre from Wednesday 7 through to Saturday 10 August, starting at 7pm. Tickets available from

<https://events.humanitix.com/hollywood-and-broadway-lights-arts-showcase/tickets>. Some cash/Eftpos door sales may be available if not already sold out.

Don't miss out on this enjoyable night of dance, music and drama celebrating Hollywood and Broadway.

It's going to be awesome!



COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 31 July	Speech Finals – School Library
Wed 7 – Fri 9 August	Showcase in PAC
Tuesday 13 August	Arts and Cultural Photos
Wednesday 14 August	Sports Photos
Wednesday 14 August	BOT Meeting, 7pm
Saturday 17 August	Senior School Ball, PAC
Mon 26 – Fri 30 August	Senior practice exams
Monday 2 September	Student Workday – School Closed
Mon 2 – Fri 6 September	Winter Tournament Week
Mon 9 – Fri 13 September	Year 10 CAA examinations
Wednesday 11 September	BOT Meeting, 7pm
Mon 16 – Fri 20 September	Years 11 & 12 CAA catch-ups
Wed 18 – Fri 20 September	JEEP Trip
Friday 27 September	End Term 3
Monday 14 October	Begin Term 4
Wednesday 16 October	Arts & Cultural Prizegiving
Wednesday 23 October	Sports Prizegiving
Wednesday 30 October	Senior Prizegiving



EPRO8 COMPETITION 2024