

OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: Back, from left: Samuel Daley, Paige Barbarich, Charlotte Ushaw Whittaker, Navyon Hopa, Jessica Leigh, Danielle O'Shea. Front, from left: Nawadeep Basha, Shanti Collins, Mia Abapo, Eshall Naeem, Tessa Tau'i, Crystal Chooi

A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE



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FROM PRINCIPAL – SCOTT JENKINS



Our senior students' final day was on 30 October when they left for study leave prior to the external NCEA exams which began on Monday this week. Their last day saw the afternoon dominated by our Top House competition which was a fun way for our seniors to finish their Morrinsville College experience, followed by the formal Senior Academic Prizegiving in the evening.

Over the last four weeks we have seen our students achievements recognised through the Arts and Cultural, Sports, International, Service and Senior Academic prize givings. While this makes for a busy period for everyone it does allow us to recognise the achievements of many of our students. For some this will be their first time on stage and for others this will be a regular thing, however each of our young people deserve, and have earned, their moment in the spotlight in front of their peers, teachers and whanau. I want to thank the large number of parents and community members who have been present at each event to support our young people.

Senior Academic Prizegiving



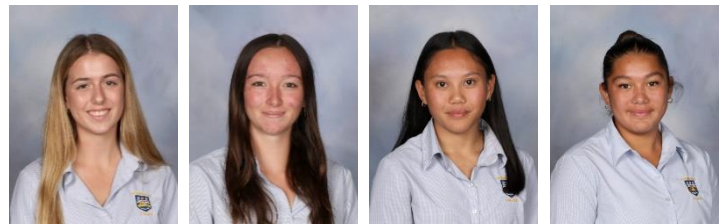
Crystal Chooi and Finlay Richardson

At our Senior Academic Prizegiving held in our PAC, we presented academic awards to our Years 11, 12 and 13 student who had excelled during the year. The major awards were presented as follows: Dux for 2024 is **Crystal Chooi**, the Proxime Accessit is **Finlay Richardson**.



Lucy Bonnar, Samuel Daley, Polina Mzhachikh and Baxter Ward

The JF Luxton Award for All-Round Excellence in the Senior School was awarded to **Lucy Bonnar**. The Oldham Award for Service to the General Welfare of the School was presented to **Samuel Daley** and our other important award for service to others, the CE Wiseley Prize was won by **Polina Mzhachikh**. The Bill and Gill Cranna Award for Excellence in the Arts went to **Baxter Ward**, and the MBS Advisors' Award for Excellence in Year 13 Commerce went to **Danielle O'Shea**. The recipient of the Perry Outdoor Education Trust (POET) Award for Excellent Leadership in Outdoor Education was **Jessica Leigh** and the Head Start Scholarship from the Perry Outdoor Education Trust was awarded to **Mia Abapo**. **Navyon Hopa** was the winner of the Maori Women's Welfare League taonga for contribution to Maori life. The Inter-House Cup for the Champion House went to **Campbell** this year.



Danielle O'Shea, Jessica Leigh, Mia Abapo and Navyon Hopa

2025 Student Leaders

Our Student Leaders for 2025 were announced at our Senior Academic prizegiving. They are:

- HEAD GIRL Pearlra JEFFERSON
- HEAD BOY Jakob BYERS
- DEPUTY HEAD GIRL Ella NICHOLLS
- DEPUTY HEAD BOY Lucas HADJ-BLAHA.



Left to right: Ella Nicholls, Pearlra Jefferson, Jakob Byers, Lucas Hadj-Blaha and Rita Bhandari (Student Rep on the BOT)

2025 Amokura Student Leaders

Our Amokura Student Leaders were also announced at our Senior Academic Prizegiving. They are:



Left to right: AJ Moana-Edwards, Rita Bhandari, Pearlra Jefferson, Tesha Tukerangi and Kaitereo Ratcliffe

Scholarships

Twelve of our Year 13 students were successful in gaining scholarships to assist with their various university studies next year. This is again a great example of students at Morrinsville College aiming to excel and successfully gaining entry into the highly competitive restricted tertiary courses across New Zealand. **See photo on the masthead above:** Tessa Taua'I (B Biomedical Science, University of Waikato); Samuel Daley (B Arts, University of Waikato); Charlotte Ushaw Whittaker, Navyon Hopa and Nawadeep Bashel (Health Sciences, University of Otago); Eshall Naeem (B Oral Technology or Health Sciences, University of Otago); Jessica Leigh (B Science, University of Otago); Shanti Collins (B Surveying University of Otago); Paige Barbarich (B Communications, University of Waikato); Danielle O'Shea (B Commerce Ag & Accounting, Lincoln University); Mia Abapo (B Business, University of Waikato); Crystal Chooi (B Science, University of Waikato).

A reminder - Wearing correct uniform

We expect our students to wear correct uniform each day until the end of the academic year, and that our uniform standards are maintained. Jeans, tracksuit pants, Nike shoes and Birkenstocks are not permitted and white and coloured socks are not part of our school uniform. If students require a uniform pass for a genuine reason parents need to write a note or email their child's learning hub coach.

FROM PRESIDING MEMBER – BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Mrs Ngaire Te Ahu

Our school will close for a Teacher Only Day on **Friday 15 November**. This is to allow East Waikato and Coromandel secondary schools to meet in Waihi and to work together to develop resources for the new Level 1 NCEA standards and prepare for the potential Level 2 standards. The school will be closed for

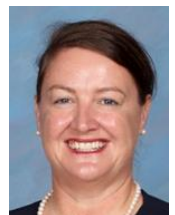
instruction. NCEA exams will continue as scheduled and buses will run as normal.

A PPTA Paid Union Meeting, as allowed under the Secondary Teachers' Collective Contract, will be held on **Friday 22 November**. School will close at 1.20pm. Periods 1 to 4 will run as normal. NCEA exams will continue as scheduled and buses will run as normal.

Student Representative

The Board welcomed **Rita Bhandari** as the new Student Rep for 2025 at their last Board meeting and we farewelled **Polina Mzhachikh** who had been a great role model and did an excellent job as our 2024 Student Rep.

FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MISS ELIZABETH ROSS



Year 13 Uniform Shirt Change

The company that makes the current Year 13 shirt is not going to produce this style anymore, so we need to find a replacement shirt for 2025 and beyond. As you are aware there are still many of the current shirts in circulation to purchase second-hand and

Harry's still have a few of the current shirts in stock. You will be able to wear the current Year 13 shirt next year. Moving forward we are going to have to change the Year 13 shirt design.



Harry's have supplied the following three options and we are keen to hear your thoughts. The three different options are able to be viewed on the Morrinsville College Facebook page or in the main Office reception area. Your thoughts and opinions are important so please complete the survey using the link below by **Wednesday 20 November**.

<https://forms.gle/HmGqd51dzz8i2dxX6>

COMING EVENTS	
Mon 5 Nov – Tues 3 Dec	NZQA Exams
Friday 15 November	Teacher-Only Day – school closed
Fri 22 November	PUM, school closed from 1.20pm
Wednesday 27 November	Graduation Dinner – Viligrads
Thurs 5 – Fri 6 December	Junior Electives Programme
Tuesday 10 December	Junior Prizegiving 10.30am - PAC

