



A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

# Morrinsville College

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SCOTT JENKINS**



The second half of the term is now upon us as we enter the business time of our school calendar. The last few weeks has seen the Arts community at Morrinsville College shine and in the next few weeks our sports teams will be on the national stage at Tournament Week. Packed around these events are some heavy academic weeks that include our own exams, the next round of the CAA

Literacy and Numeracy exams and the new Level 1 NCEA external exams that are run within our own school setting. It is also the time where we start looking at our potential leaders for 2025 and our current leaders and Year 13 students are busy filling out applications for tertiary courses and the next steps that they will take as they leave our kura.

**Arts Showcase**

Those who went to the Arts Showcase, held over four nights recently, were treated to an evening of Dance, Drama and Music performance that allowed our Arts students to perform on the big stage. It was great to see around 90 performers and a number of backstage crew



working hard next to our staff to showcase their talents. I wish to acknowledge the efforts of Ms Louise Keenan, Mr Ryan McIntyre and Mrs Shona Edmonds for making the evening come together. This week also sees our jazzband and percussion band compete at the regional ITM Band Festival. This promises to be a fantastic day. Tomorrow we will be entertained by our own Talent Starquest as staff and students ‘strut their stuff’ to be judged by their peers and encourage those who aspire to the stage to have a go. This will be great for school spirit and maybe even uncover a new New Zealand talent.



**Tournament Week**

This year our Premier netball team will be competing at the Upper North Island Secondary Schools’ tournament in West Auckland for the week. We are often the smallest school competing there, but each year our teams defeat schools far bigger than ours and compete admirably on a national stage. Our boys’ lacrosse team will be competing across the tournament weekend in Te Awamutu. Lastly, our Development rugby team will be competing at a regional tournament in Napier. We wish all of these teams the best of luck as they represent us on a national stage.

**Student Council Workday**

Our annual Student Council Workday will be held on **Monday 2 September**. The school will be closed for tuition on this day.

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 already designated by our Student Council who will be responsible for allocating all of the money raised.

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

### Speech finals

Our annual Speech Finals were held in the Library on Wednesday 31 July. These are always a highlight for the year which puts on display the high quality of speechmakers that the College develops each year. Thanks to our judges, Mr John Inger, Mr Murray Feast and Mrs Phillipa Kilpatrick.

Winners were:

Year 9 - **Lucas Belmar**

Year 10 - **Delta Downing**

Year 11 - **Christina Parajuli**

Senior – **Rita Bhandari**, Runner up - **Zoe Young**.

Our winners also presented at Rotary the following week. It was great to be able to highlight the depth of our speech-making amongst our community members.



### Senior School Ball

Our senior school ball was held in our PAC last Saturday evening. It was the best attended and most successful ball that we have held in recent memory. Our community will be aware that we have made a concerted effort over the last two years to lift our expectations from our students in terms of the requirements to attend the ball and also their behaviour surrounding the ball. This year's attendees exceeded our expectations in every respect. At just over 200 students, this was



the most we have ever had attending and this was matched by the most staff I have ever seen at a ball. All were able to have a great time in a really well-behaved atmosphere. I want to acknowledge all of the community members who helped out on our security team. I also wish to publicly thank Mrs Vicky Marshall for her efforts coordinating our staff and the student ball committee. If all balls continue this trend I will be a very happy Principal.

### FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MR NILESH PRASAD



#### Senior NCEA Practice Examinations

Next week (26 to 29 August) all of our senior students will be sitting their NCEA Practice Examinations. The timetable for the practice examinations has been emailed to all the students school email accounts. Students are required to see Ms Keightley in the school office if there are any examination clashes so that she can arrange an alternative time for them to sit their exams.

The NCEA Practice examinations are very important and should be taken seriously because it contributes towards the derived grades for external assessments. These grades will contribute towards the end-of-year NCEA examination grades if students are unable to sit the examinations due to some unforeseen circumstances and they end up applying for a derived grade.

Please feel free to contact the school office or our deputy principal Mr Prasad if you have any questions regarding the NCEA Practice Examinations.

#### CAA Exams

These exams will mostly impact our Years 10 and 11 students who did not pass the Numeracy and Literacy exams in the first round earlier in the year. These will take place on Week 8 which is 9 – 13 September. These will follow exactly the same rules as our NCEA practice exams and each student has already had a run through of what is required in the first round.

#### Student Representative on the Board of Trustees

Each year elections are held for a Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. This is a very important role and is open to all students. Nominations will open on Monday 2 September and close on Friday 13 September at 12 noon. All students are eligible to be nominated and to vote. Nominated candidates will speak to the school at an assembly on Monday 23 September and students will vote on Tuesday 24 September. The elected Student Representative will begin their duties at the beginning of Term 4.

#### End-of-Year Prizegivings

Term 4 will be very busy with our annual prizegivings. Our first prizegiving will be the **Arts and Cultural Prizegiving** on Wednesday 16 October, followed by our **Sports Prizegiving** on Wednesday 23 October and our **International Prizegiving** on Thursday 24 October. The **Senior Academic Prizegiving** will take place on Wednesday 30 October, the last day of school for our senior students. All prizegivings will be held in our Performing Arts Centre in the evenings.

### Swimming Success

**Max Cryer** and **Rylee Davie** represented Morrinsville College at the NZ Secondary School Swimming Championships in Auckland recently. Max competed very well finishing with 6 PBs. Rylee finished with 2 PBs. Results were as follows: Max, 50m freestyle heat final 1; 50m backstroke heat final 2; 200m breaststroke heat final 4; 200IM heat final 4; 50m fly heat final 5; 50m breaststroke heat final 6. Rylee, 50m fly heat final 6; 50m freestyle heat final 8; 50m backstroke heat final 9; 50m breaststroke heat final 9.



### Sports Results

Week 4 - 12/08/24

#### Football:

Our girls' 1st XI won 3-1 against Te Awamutu SG 1st X1. Our goal scorers were Sofia Bonnar 2 and Tesha Tukerangi 1. Boys' 1st XI had a loss to St Paul's SB FC Social 1-6. Boys' 2nd XI had a win against St Paul's SB Gold 2-1. Our boys dominated territory and possession and were unlucky not to score more goals. POD went to Yuba Rai and Rhys Gibberd.

#### Lacrosse:

Girls' lacrosse drew with St Peter's Development team 9-9. Boys' game was cancelled due to weather.

#### Rugby:

U15 had a loss to Fraser High School 10-55. 1st XV had a default.

#### Netball:

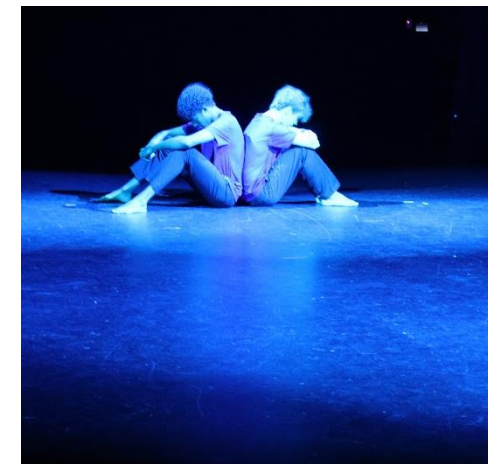
A great day for Morrinsville College. Thanks to all our supporters for coming down to the courts and cheering us on. Open A won against Sacred Heart GC 36-33. Junior Premier won against Sacred Heart GC Premier 35-19. Junior Development won against Rototuna HS Year 10 Development 22-16.

### HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED FOR 2025

We require homestay families to host our new international students in 2025. By opening your home to international students you will

- Experience and learn about a different culture
- Give your family a big brother/sister that they can bond with
- Take pride in showing off what your community and NZ has to offer
- Make a lifetime connection
- Gain the satisfaction that you have helped a student get a great experience in NZ and to further their education.

Homestay families are a highly-valued part of our International Student programme. If you would like to know more, or you are interested in taking part in this rich, rewarding experience, contact our International Student Administrator, Philippa Fryer through the school Office, phone 8898308 or email: [philippa-fryer@morrroll.school.nz](mailto:philippa-fryer@morrroll.school.nz)



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