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Newsletter

Term 3 Week 9 Newsletter 2024

Kia ora e te whānau, nau mai haere mai to Wiki Iwa panui - welcome to the final newsletter for Term 3.

A special welcome to Morrinsville Intermediate: Ella, Joy and Micke. We look forward to getting to know you and your families. Our current roll is 341.

It is my pleasure to announce the permanent appointment of Mrs Kylie Wells as Deputy Principal. Kylie has been acting in this role for the past 12 months and has done a stellar job and we know she will continue to be dedicated to supporting our tamariki, kaiako and kura, to build on its current strengths in the years to come. Congratulations Kylie.

As you read this email, we will be on Day 4 of our Japan Tour; the eight of us departed very early on Monday morning arriving in Tokyo at 6.00 p.m. with the rest of our group of 70 (seven intermediate schools throughout the Waikato).

The first day of our itinerary was a 'respect for the aged day' so our host school was closed; this illustrates the importance and value placed on grandparents/elders in Japan. Having the day off means our students got to spend the day with their host families and acclimatise to the 33 degree heat without having too much time pressure placed on them. On Wednesday we visited Minami Elementary School where we shared some of our culture with the primary school and taught them some classic Kiwi games e.g. knuckle bones, elastics, cards etc. We were lucky to be taught calligraphy and play some of their fun games. Kazhna and Connie presented a speech on behalf of the group which was well received. We will keep you updated on our progress via Facebook throughout the two weeks.

To Year 7s who are contemplating applying for this cultural experience in 2025, I will meet with you, and your whānau early in Term 4 to gauge interest and answer any questions. I am contemplating selecting students prior to the Christmas break this year.



Zespri AIMS Games:

Last Thursday I had the opportunity to travel to Mount Maunganui to watch our AIMS Games athletes in action. What a proud principal I was. What was clearly evident was the hard work that has been going on leading up to the Games; the players were demonstrating a tonne of internal commitment and positive sportsmanship. The football girls and boys have had a very successful tournament, with some hard but fiercely fought games. Well done teams! A big thank you to Ms Kyla Butcher and Mark Hamer for coaching the teams. We appreciate your dedication and willingness to provide our players the opportunity to represent our school in this arena.

To our netballers who finished a very creditable 30th (out of over 150 teams), well done to you. It is a very tough, and long, competition and I could see you were giving every ounce of effort and energy you had in the tank. Well done. A big thank you to parents Kathy Mills (coach) and Leah Keat (manager) for your time and support.

I was also fortunate to watch a game of indoor bowls, with the pairs in action. Our students looked like professionals, strategising and communicating throughout the games. A big congratulations to Campbell Murdock and Zac Morris who achieved silver in the pairs, and to the combined MIS indoor bowlers who were placed bronze overall for their combined points. An amazing effort given we only had five players (Campbell, Zac, Lucas Caddy, Kaden Keightley and Jaydah Killin). Thank you to our coaches and supporters throughout the tournament.

A special mention to our golfers; Noah Rangiawha won the 9-hole competition bringing home a gold medal, Loui Buttimore placed 18th in the individual stableford for the 9 holes. Together in the teams comp they placed 2nd. Price Hayr placed 15th for Boys Gross and then 5th in the 18 holes team event with Charlie Jamieson. What a fantastic feat!

In gymnastics Lucy Cryer came 2nd in the mini tramp competition and 4th overall in her grade (Level 1-3 Twisters). Renae Nicholls came 5th overall in the Tumbling Twisters competition. It was a tight battle with only 0.500 between Renae and gold. Renae also came 6th in the big tramp competition and 15th overall in her grade (Level 4-6 Open Novice). Caitlin Rae came 5th in the vault. Awesome achievements girls. Well done.

Kyte Waterson placed 7th out of 67 boys in mountain biking. In the MTB Cross Country event Jack Clark placed 61st out of 97 riders. Great results boys.

Charlie Hamer won three of his five games of squash at AIMS and finished 11th overall in his grade band. Fantastic! Charlie has been playing squash for five years and is currently in Grade E1.

Ethan Wing and Addisyn Davie made it through to the quarter finals in rock climbing. They both placed 28th in their own pool which saw the end of the competition for them. Well done on some challenging climbs against some tough competition.

The AIMS cross country runners had an awesome and quick run. Dylan Hunt placed 13th out of 139 in the Year 7 Boys with a time of 11.41mins. Jack Clark placed 52nd of 129 in the Year 8 Boys with a time of 12 mins. Well done boys, an outstanding effort.

MIS entered two teams into the AIMS 3x3 basketball competition, a mixed team and a boys team. The mixed team came away with a bronze medal in their grade and the boys team finished 5th overall in their competition. Fantastic results! Thank you to Mr & Mrs Vette for their time given coaching and managing these teams.

I want to finish off by saying that every one of our AIMS Games athletes showed what EMPOWERED students they were, representing our school with grit, passion and perseverance; AIMS Games, as 'the Olympics for Intermediate aged students' certainly provides the mechanism for resilience and determination. See our Facebook page for more photos.

A huge thank you to everyone involved, including our amazing parent helpers - we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you also to our sponsors:

[Wayne & Nicki Robb - Bayleys Real Estate](#) - AIMS Games Team Hoodies

Netball: NV Motorcycles, KM Automotive, ADM New Zealand Ltd, Paul Steiner Contractors, Sean Mason Law

Football: Barlow Roofing , Silvester Electrical Ltd, The Boltholder, Mitre 10 Morrinsville, Fonterra, Tatua



Finally, this will be my last newsletter for Term 3. A big shout out to our kaiako (teachers) and kaimahi (staff) who continue to work tirelessly to provide your tamariki with amazing learning opportunities at MIS - thank you, I appreciate each and every one of you!

Have a happy and safe holiday everyone and we look forward to seeing everyone back in Term 4 (Monday 14th October), well rested, ready for a term of focused learning, school camp and many other opportunities.

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Ngā mihi
Jenny Clark
Principal

Featuring in today's newsletter:

Rangatiratanga Award
Gold For Glory
Honours Awards
MIS Speech Competition
Rotary Speech Competition
Vanuatu Tour Group
Camp parent meeting
Measles Update
School Term dates / Term 3 Calendar (including link)
Red Carpet Event - POSTPONED TO WEDNESDAY TO 23rd OCTOBER

Rangatiratanga Award (doing the best for yourself):

During Friday Assembly one student per class is acknowledged for demonstrating Rangatiratanga, specifically one of Key Competency indicators. The focus was Initiative in Week 8

Congratulations to the following students from Week 8: Indi Rm1, Charlotte Rm 2, Karlie Rm 3, Jaydah Rm 4, Lucas Rm 5, Clay Rm6, Jaaydah Rm7, Erika Rm 8, Abby Rm 9, Samuel Rm 10, Victor Rm 11

Food Tech: Kayla R6, Art: Antalya Rm5, Hard Materials: Anita R6, Science: Harman Rm5

Gold For Glory:

At each assembly students are recognised by the principal for showing initiative, or going the extra mile that demonstrates our school vision, motto and values.

The recipients in Week 8 were: Lucas Caddy and Kaden Keightley. Well done!

Attendance Award:

Congratulations to Lucy Cryer who was the recipient of the \$10 voucher last week. All students who obtained 100% attendance during Week 8 were in the draw.

Please remember it is important for students to have days off only for justified reasons (illnesses, bereavements; not birthdays please).

Honours Award:

Congratulations to Alena Kampenhout who was awarded Honours in Week 7. Alena has worked diligently to achieve her merit points enabling her to apply for Honours. Alena has worked extremely hard and demonstrated grit, passion and perseverance to get to where she is today; well done for believing in yourself and for 'making it happen'.

Alena has achieved: Civics Merit, Academic Excellence and Sports Excellence. Miharo mahi (awesome work)!

MIS Speech Competition:

Congratulations to this year's MIS Speech winners.

1st Place - Cahleisha Pakau

2nd Place - Eva Belmar

3rd Place - Caitlin Mills

These three students will go on to compete in the Rotary Speech Competition in Week 9 and Cahleisha will compete in the II Speech Competition in Hamilton in early Term 4.

A big thank you to our judges Faye Dodunski (Altrusa), Kristie Bailee (Piako Toastmasters), Rita Bhandari (Morrinsville College Senior Speech Winner) and Baxtah Ward (Morrinsville College Head Boy). We know it was a super tough decision and we appreciate you giving up your time to be with us.

A special award, donated by Altrusa, was given to Ihaia De Thierry. He was nominated by his teacher for the progress he has made in writing and presenting his speech on 'Racism'. Congratulations!





Rotary Speech Competition:

Congratulations to our top three speech finalists who presented their speeches on Thursday evening at the Morrinsville Rotary Club Speech Competition. All students spoke outstandingly and were spoken very highly of by the judges and club members. Caitlin Mills was the overall winner of the evening and received the Rotary Speech Cup. Well done Caitlin!

Thank you to the Rotary Club for a lovely meal and evening of great company. We love being part of this event every year and appreciate all that you do for our community.

Vanuatu Tour Group:

Nineteen Morrinsville and Matamata Intermediate students travelled to Vanuatu with Mrs Wilson and teachers from Matamata Intermediate during Week 6 to provide service to our Pacifica community with the support of our local Kiwanis. Such a treasure trove of experiences and memories for these adventurers who helped the people of Vanuatu with their efforts.

A huge thank you to the parents who joined us on this trip. See our Facebook page for more photos.



Camp Parents Meeting:

All parents who will be attending our school camp at Aongatete Lodge in Term 4 are asked to attend a Camp Meeting at 6.00pm on Monday 21st October in the school library. This is only for parents going to camp as helpers. Thank you.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING: Measles update – looking ahead

Measles is dangerous and contagious, especially in communities with low vaccination rates. Although New Zealand continues to be free of measles, it could arrive at any time. We encourage everyone to check if they are immune to measles, especially those planning to travel overseas for the school holidays. The key message: if you aren't sure, get vaccinated.

[Measles immunity – Te Whatu Ora](#)

School Term Dates:

Term One: Wednesday 31st January to Friday 12th April
 Term Two: Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July
 Term Three: Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September
 Term Four: Monday 14th October to Monday 16th December (12.30pm finish)

Calendar Events: [Term 3 School Calendar](#) [Click the link on the left to access the Term Three calendar.](#)

Term Three:

16th to 29th Sept	Japan Tour
Thurs 19th Sept	School disco 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Tues 24th Sept	Il Ki O Rahi Competition
Fri 27th Sept	Last day of Term 3

2024 Teacher Only Days: The following MOE dates have now been tentatively approved by the Board as Teacher Only Days for work on Te Mātaiaho / NZC Refresh:

1. Tuesday 4th June (Week 6 after King's Birthday)
2. Tuesday 28th October (day after Labour Day)

Our primary schools have been consulted on these dates to ensure we work toward the same dates making it easier on families.