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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9 Newsletter 2025



Kia ora e te whānau, nau mai haere mai ki te pānui Wiki Iwa and the final newsletter for Term 1. The last day of term is Friday 11th April and Term Two starts on Monday 28th April.

One of the most valued and critical elements of education is the home-school partnership. Collectively we make a bigger difference to ensuring our tamariki are happy at school, well prepared and engaged. Yesterday afternoon/last night and this afternoon, our Term 1 Student Learning Conversations (SLCs) were held. Thank you to everyone who made time to prioritise your child's learning and meet with teachers to discuss progress, achievement and goals; I hope you found these valuable and gave you further insight. For those of you who had other commitments, please reach out to your child/re's teacher to make an alternative time for an SLC. If you struggle to come into school, a Google Meet, or a phone call is welcomed. We aim for 100% participation in SLCs as we work together to maximise your child's potential.

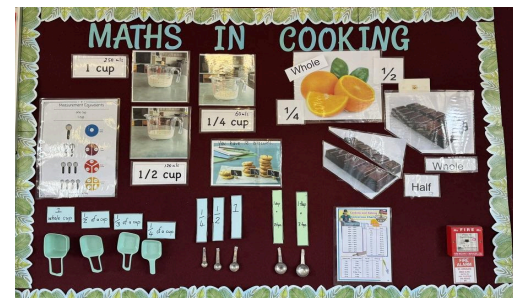
Next Friday we will be holding our school ANZAC assembly after our normal assembly starting at 10.30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Morrinsville ANZAC service at Howie Park will be held on Friday 25th April from 10.30 a.m. Our school will be represented by our Student Executives who will lay a wreath on our behalf, to acknowledge the sacrifices and service of our forebears.

Throughout the week I enjoy getting 'out and about' visiting classrooms and seeing 'learning in action'. I was delighted to see the happy smiles in the Food Tech room as students proudly showed off their culinary skills. This week the Year 7s were making rice paper rolls; the learning focus was how to finely slice (julienne) a range of vegetables and roll them in the rice paper. I was lucky enough to sample one delicious and nutritious!!



It was great to see and hear explicit connections being made between cooking and maths, science, literacy and te reo Māori... if you ever get the chance to pop into the Food Tech room I am sure you will appreciate the 'life skills' being learnt. Hopefully, your child/ren are going home and replicating what they are learning during their lessons.

With school holidays just around the corner I want to say a huge congratulations to all students who have attended school regularly, and have worked hard to be EMPOWERED students; keep it up. We have another exciting term ahead with our production '1841' starting to gain traction. I encourage your child to get involved in this in whatever capacity they enjoy. A BIG thank you to our staff who work diligently every day to support your child's learning. We are fortunate to have such passionate people at MIS who genuinely care for our tamariki and go the extra mile to help them. Miharo mahi!



Finally, I want to wish you a HAPPY EASTER holiday - we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 28th April.

Kind regards

Jenny Clark
(Principal)

Featuring in today's newsletter:

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Sunday 6th April 2025



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 Thinking in Week 7 and 8:

Congratulations to the following students from Week 7: Alyssa P1, Layla P2, Jake P3, Lexi P4, Grace P5, Rocky T1, Lucas T2, Raniera T3, Kahukura T4, Gabi W1, Sofia W2, Rebecca W3, Oliver W4, Brody Science, Oliver Food Tech, Danny Hard Materials, Kayden Art.

Congratulations to the following students from Week 8: Hailey P1, Jesse P2, Blyth P3, Leo P4, Regan P5, Max T1, Embree T2, Eddy T3, Prince T4, Liam W1, Zack W2, Zoey W3, Levi W4, Rebecca H Science, Patrick B Food Tech, Rico T Hard Materials, Mya S Art, Flynn H Performing Arts.

Gold For Glory: At each assembly students are recognised by the principal for showing initiative, or going the extra mile by demonstrating our school vision, motto and values. The recipient in Week 7 was: Zak O'Hearn. The recipients in Week 8 were Alex Tahere and Nathan Zwart. Well done!

Attendance Award: Congratulations to Daytona Room P3 was the recipient of the \$10 attendance voucher. All students who obtained 100% attendance on Friday of Week 7 were in the draw.

Please remember it is important for students to have days off only for justified reasons (illnesses, bereavements; not shopping, haircuts, long weekends, birthdays etc please). Thanks for your support.

ANZAC assembly:

Next Friday we will be holding a special ANZAC assembly to commemorate the New Zealand soldiers from World War One and honour our returned and serving servicemen and women. Students are invited to bring a gold coin to purchase an ANZAC poppy from the office with all funds raised going to our local R.S.A.



Winter Uniform:

During Terms Two and Three students are required to wear winter uniform. This requires a softshell jacket and / or a regulation polar fleece and **plain black school shoes (no: boots, high-tops, coloured soles, coloured laces or logos) and plain black socks**. We recommend leather or vinyl school shoes as they are more weather-tight and longer-lasting than canvas shoes. Girls who choose to wear our uniform skirt may wear either navy or black socks or black stockings.

In addition, plain black track pants can be worn as an optional, additional uniform item during Terms 2 and 3 (i.e. any brand providing they do not have large logos or additional colours). These can be worn to and from school and during the day. Students must wear their royal blue polo shirt to and from school, not their navy PE shirt (apart from after Friday sport where they are permitted to wear PE uniform home). If students choose to wear track pants, they will still need their PE shorts each day for sports and class PE.

In addition to the short-sleeved polo shirt, a short-sleeved plain black or navy t-shirt / thermal may be worn underneath (not to be visible please). Non-regulation rain jackets may be worn on wet days to / from school, but not within school.

We also have school beanies which are permitted to be worn during Terms 2-3. Beanies are available from either our school office for \$10, or from Harry's, Thames Street, Morrinsville (where all uniform items are purchased).

Please remember to clearly name all uniform items so they can be returned to their owner if left around the school.

In summary, we encourage our students to wear their uniform with pride, always, as it reflects the high standards we have for our tamariki, both in and out of the classroom.



Photo from the school prospectus of students wearing our school uniform

School Disco:

Team Waitakaruru are hosting a whole school disco next week (Thursday 10th April) from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the school hall.

The theme is 'Don't Worry, Be Happy' (i.e. wear whatever makes you happy, as long as it is appropriate for a school event), dress in theme - there are prizes up for grabs!

Tickets cost \$5.00. Students are to bring in their \$5 entry fee and a signed permission slip to the foyer before school or at morning tea.

The canteen will be open selling drinks and snacks during the disco.

Students must be **picked up from the foyer** by an adult at 9pm. Students may not leave the building on their own or meet parents in the carpark.

Please ensure that if your child attends the disco they attend school on Friday as 'being tired after the disco is not a justifiable reason for being absent from school'. Every day counts and every minute matters. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



Canteen: new price list and eftpos service:

With increasing costs, we have reviewed our canteen food prices; unfortunately the cost of some items have been increased and will take effect from the start of **Term 2**. See the canteen price list below:

LUNCH SPECIALS

MONDAY - Lasagne / Chicken topper \$4.00

TUESDAY - Nacho \$6.00

WEDNESDAY - American Hotdog \$4.00

THURSDAY - Chicken burger / Hamburger \$6.00

FRIDAY - Raspberry roll treat day \$1.50

OTHER FOOD AVAILABLE

MINCE & CHEESE PIE	\$4.00
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$4.00
WRAP	\$4.00
CHICKEN / BEEF NOODLES	\$3.50
POTATO CHIPS	\$2.00
MISC SNACK FOODS	50c-\$1
JUICIES	\$1.50
MOOSIES	\$2.00
AQUA DRINKS	\$2.50
PLAIN WATER	\$1.50
SLICES	\$2.50
LASAGNE/CHICKEN TOP	\$4.00

We have noticed some students bringing large denominations to school i.e. \$20 notes (and the occasional \$50 note). We discourage this for several reasons:

- we do not carry a large amount of change in the canteen
- lost money
- temptation to spend more than what has been approved from home
- theft (while this is rare, having money around does bring temptation)

We ask that no more than \$10 notes are brought to school please, and preferably only the amount required by the student.

With society becoming increasingly 'cashless' we are going to offer an **eftpos service in the canteen** from Term 2; this will mean students can use their eftpos or debit cards (not credit cards) which will reduce the need to bring cash. No cash advances will be given.

Holidays during term time:

With holidays rapidly approaching it is timely to bring up the matter of holidaying outside our term breaks. As a school, we believe in the importance of consistent attendance for your child's academic and social development. Regular attendance allows students to fully engage with their learning, build strong relationships with their peers and teachers, and make the most of the educational opportunities available to them.

We'd like to remind families that holidays and vacations are best scheduled during the designated school holiday periods. Taking time off during the school term can disrupt a child's routine, cause them to miss crucial learning, and make it more difficult for them to catch up. It also impacts on building stable friendships.

We encourage you to plan family trips and outings during the scheduled school holidays, allowing your child to fully recharge and return to school refreshed and ready to learn.

If your child must miss school for an unavoidable reason, please inform the school office as soon as possible. We are here to work with you to ensure your child can seamlessly transition back into their studies.

Together, let's prioritise attendance and make the most of the valuable learning time available. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the office.

AIMS Games Update:

This year we will be entering the following teams into AIMS Games:


- Rip Rugby
- 3x3 Basketball
- Netball (which is separate from the 8A team)
- The Girls' Football team is currently conducting an I.I. trial alongside other students interested in competing at AIMS Games. A final decision regarding the entry of a football team will be made following the I.I. competition
- Students wanting to compete in the cross country are to sign up with Mrs Muter (W3) and they will need to trial to be able enter (the trial period will be held until the end of Week 2, T. 2)



Mrs Vette (P1), the teacher in charge of AIMS, has sent out an email and posted on Skool Loop regarding entries for individual sporting codes. If you did not receive this communication, please contact her at k.vette@mi.school.nz

School Term Dates 2025:

Term One:	Monday 3rd February to Friday 11th April
Term Two:	Monday 28th April to Friday 27th June
Term Three:	Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September
Term Four:	Monday 6th October to Tuesday 16th December (12.30pm finish)

 MIS Calendar: FB/Newsletter [Click the link on the left to access our school calendar.](#)

Term Calendar One events:

Thursday 3rd April	Otago Problem Solving #1
Thursday 3rd April	Student Learning Conversations 3.15pm to 6.30pm
8th - 9th April	Epro8 Event (inter-school)
Thursday 10th April	School disco 7pm to 9pm (school hall)
Friday 11th April	Last day of Term One
Friday 18th April	Good Friday (public holiday)
Monday 21st April	Easter Monday (public holiday)
Friday 25th April	ANZAC Day (public holiday)
Monday 28th April	First day of Term 2

2025 Teacher Only Curriculum Days:

Term Two:	Tuesday 3rd June (after King's Birthday).
Term Four:	Friday 24th October (before Labour weekend).

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