

Newsletter

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**Kia Ora Koutou
Greetings**



Whakaute Respect



Scooter Use At School

We have had a few accidents with scooters being used at school. Some scooters do not have the protective cover at the end of the handlebars (see photo). We ask parents to ensure that the scooter your child is bringing to school has the ends protected. It is a matter of safety for your child and others who may borrow it. We are barring the use of scooters which do not have this safety feature intact on the end of the handlebars.



Term 2 Upcoming Events

- Weds 7th June**
 - School Cross Country
 - (postponement date Thurs 8 June)
- Fri 9th June**
 - Y5/6 Basketball Funday
- Fri 16th June**
 - Interschool Cross Country
- Tues 20th June**
 - School Photos
- Tues 21st June**
 - Tough Guy Tough Girl
- Weds 28th June**
 - BOT Hui 5:30pm
- Fri 30th June**
 - Last day term 2

RAT TESTS

We have a large supply of RAT tests available. Please contact the Office if you would like some.

Netball Draw

Weds 7th June

- 4:30pm - Court 3 - **MS Maungakawa** vs Orini
4:30pm - Court 5 - **MS Pukemokemoke** vs Tatuani Lions

Thurs 8th June

- 3:30pm - Court 3 - **MS Maungatapu** vs Tatuani Diamonds
4:30pm - Court 2 - **MS Maungatautari** vs SJ Gold
5:30pm - Court 1 - **MS Y7&8 Waitakaruru** vs MIS 7B

MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE YEAR 8 ENROLMENT TOURS

This year we are, again, retaining the Enrolment Tours format to introduce Year 8's to Morrinsville College. Each parent will be sent a personalised invitation, giving full information on booking, which is essential, online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Event code r7gzw

Bookings will be open on Monday 10 July.

The tours will start from the John Inger Performing Arts Centre and session information is as follows:

- Tuesday 25 July, Session: 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Wednesday 26 July, Session: 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Cross Country 7th June 2023

- Tomorrow, Wednesday 7th June Cross Country is taking place (weather permitting).
- Children will need to wear shorts, t-shirts, and covered shoes (these can be removed when running).
- We encourage everyone to dress up in their waka colour.
- As it will be colder in the morning a jumper and school jacket are recommended.
- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and morning tea.
- All children will be sitting in their waka groups on arrival and not individual classes.

The times below may vary and are only a guide on how the day will run.

10:00 am	Race 1:	7 Year old Boys
	Race 2:	7 Year old Girls
	Race 3:	8 Year old Boys
	Race 4:	8 Year old Girls
10:30am	Race 5:	5 Year old Boys
	Race 6:	5 Year old Girls
	Race 7:	6 Year old Boys
	Race 8:	6 Year old Girls
11:00am	Race 9:	9 Year old Boys
	Race 10:	9 Year old Girls
	Race 11:	10 Year old Boys
	Race 12:	10 Year old Girls
11:15am	Race 13:	11 Year old Boys & Girls
	Race 14:	12/13 Year old Boys & Girls
12 noon	Pack up. Rubbish collection. Bus back to school.	

The Diary of a Kingmaker

Tuesday, 18th June, 1848

Dear Diary,

"I have been living in a time of war and i've sent heaps of messages to try and convince England and the Paheka to give us our land back. I've been trying so hard that I went to see the Pakeha myself and told them that their Queen needs to give what is ours back.

They sent me home to tell my government stuff...but by now they have already taken over half of the Waikato and so many of our warriors have died.

Thursday, 12th September, 1848

Dear Diary,

The war has finally finished and now there is peace amongst us. But no one is happy. Our land is all gone and I don't think we will get it back any time soon...or ever!

By Patrick Briscoe
Room 4

A Winter's Morning in the McDonald's Cottage

Wednesday, 10th July, 1848

Dear Diary,

"Aaahh" I yawned as the golden sunlight started peaking through my window. I pushed my quilt off my bare legs and hopped up out of bed. I shifted around the quilt until the bed looked made. I straightened up the silky pillows. I opened my sturdy wooden closet and chose my most beautiful dress to wear. I slipped it on ever so elegantly, trying not to wrinkle it up.

My footsteps echoed across the halls. I sat down at the table. Mama was at the coal cooker making some porridge in a pot. "Go get some firewood honey" bellowed Mother to Father. "Ok" he screeched as he went outside. Mum dropped a bowl of porridge on the table in front of me. It almost splashed out. "Careful Mother" I coughed quietly at her. "You sound a little ill dear" Mum lightly and gently placed her hand on my forehead. "Oh no, you're getting a fever love".

I lay down on the cushioned sofa with a cloth that Mama dipped into water. Little dribbles of water slid down my cheek. Father chugged down the creaky floor boards, heaving with big barky pieces of wood, ready for Mother's stove. Mama bought me some fresh pumpkin soup. It steamed up onto my face. I slurped up my soup and snored away into a deep slumber.

By Eva Belmar
Room 4

After Room 4's visit to the Morrinsville Museum, we were so excited about what we had learnt at both the Mana Whenua exhibition and The McDonald's, Colonial Cottage exhibition - that we decided to put ourselves in their shoes and write a Diary Entry in a day of their lives. Eva had written as one of the McDonald children and Patrick has written as one of the local Kingmakers.



Noho Marae ki Kai-a-te-Mata

Last Thursday our Year 7&8 class spent the night at Kai-a-te-Mata Marae. Our kaupapa was to immerse our rangatahi in marae protocols and tikanga as well as learning more about our local curriculum, Te Tumuakitanga, Te Kingitanga, our local history and iwi. On behalf of Morrinsville School we would like to thank Kai-a-te-Mata Marae for having us.

He mihi kau ana maatou, ki te Marae o Kai-a-te-Mata, moo te tautoko, te manaakitanga a Matua Gary raatou ko Nanny Gale, Ko Nanny Tilly, Moo taa maatou nei.
noho Marae (Akomanga rima).

Ngaa mihi ki a koutou, On behalf of Akomanga 5, we would like to thank Kai-a-te-Mata, Mr Gary Thompson, Nanny Gale, and Nanny Tilly for the support and care to us all. We appreciate everything you did for us all.

He mihi hoki ki a Whaea Tania, raaua ko Whaea Tray. Me te kai kuki a Whaea Ngapera.