

Newsletter

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Kia Ora Koutou
Greetings

Core Values



Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our families and to new families a warm welcome to our school.

Last week's start to the year went smoothly and children were quick to settle into their new classes and class routines.

A major curriculum focus over the next 5-6 weeks in our school is the swimming programme. We have a great pool and our Staff run skill based water confidence and safety lessons each day. We aspire to having all our children as competent swimmers and confident around the water. Young children learn to swim quite easily so we are keen to ensure all children leaving our school are able to swim at least 100-200 metres.

Our Year 5-8's have outdoor ed camps this term. Planning for these is currently being implemented. Forms sent to parents need to be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Farewell

Our Caretaker Willy has resigned from his position and is taking a well deserved break. Willy has been an amazing Kaitiaki/Caretaker. He always took pride in keeping our school site in excellent condition. We wish Willy well for the future. Atu Poulson is our new Kaitiaki. We welcome Atu to the team. It is great to have him on board.

Term 1 Upcoming Events

- Weds 5th February**
- BOT Family Fun Evening 5:30pm
- Thurs 6th February**
- Waitangi Day - No School
- Tues 11th-Fri 14th Feb**
- Y7/8 Leadership Camp Waitawheta
- Thurs 20th February**
- Senior School Swimming Sports (Postponement date: Fri 21st Feb)
- Weds 26th February**
- BOT Meeting 5:30pm
- Thurs 27th February**
- Junior School Swimming Sports (Postponement date: Fri 28th Feb)
- Thurs 6th March**
- Interschool Swimming Sports (Postponement date: Fri 7th Mar)
- Sun 9th-Fri 14th March**
- Y5/6 Port Waikato Camp
- Weds 26th March**
- BOT Meeting 5:30pm
- Fri 11th April**
- Last day Term 1
- Mon 28th April**
- Term 2 commences

Core Values/Virtues

Our core values are the basis for all our activities and relationships throughout our school, whether we are engaging with children, with colleagues or with parent/families and whanau.

Nuture : Grow : Inspire
Whangai : Whakatipu : Whakamanawa

We have an expectation that all associated with our school, be they children, staff, parents or visitors, uphold these core values when engaging with each other.

Hopefully we express in our daily encounters the virtues of Manaakitanga, Aroha and Whakaute - Kindness and Respect.

School Rules for All Children

- Children are not permitted to “go shopping” on their way to/from school.
- No lollies nor chewing gum are permitted at school.
- No coloured fizzy drinks, caffeine enhanced drinks or glass bottles at school. e.g. raspberry, V etc. We encourage water only.
- No precious toys come to school. “Show and Tell” items for morning talks need to be stored for safe keeping (give to teacher).
- Hats/Caps (school uniform) must be worn outside.
- “Wheels Days” are Monday and Thursday. Scooters seem to be the preferred wheels. Not permitted are motorised scooters, 3 wheelers or skateboards. Bikes and skateboards are permitted to get to/from school. Helmets are required. They must be stored during school hours.
- No mobile phones are permitted in classrooms or in children’s school bags. The phone will be taken from the child and held in the office till 3pm. If children are bringing a phone/tablet/iPad to school it needs to be handed in to the office before school.

School Uniforms

Our thanks and appreciation for all families ensuring children are in the correct summer uniform.

School Fees

Our School Board does **not** charge school fees nor activity fees.

Some charges are made for aspects of some camps and trips though these are also subsidised. We want all our children to attend their camp.

Headlice

With school being back just a reminder to check your child(ren)’s hair for Headlice.

Annual Personal Information Update

All families (except new enrolments for 2025) must return the Annual Information Update form. The school needs this to ensure it meets the requirement to ensure the safety and well being of your children while at school. In the case of any school based emergency which might involve your child, the staff must have accurate up to date contact numbers, health status and who has/has not got permission to access your child while in our care at school. The collection of information is covered by our school’s privacy policy.

If you haven’t completed the form please do so and return to school before this Friday. If you require another copy please contact the office.

2024 Board of Trustees Survey

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all those who responded to the survey carried out at the end of last year. The survey gave parents/caregivers the opportunity to provide feedback on how the school is delivering on its core values and strategic goals. It identifies what things you think are going well and what could be improved upon. It allows the Board to hear direct and honest comments and suggestions, which in turn helps us in checking in on and setting the direction, focus and priorities for 2025. It was discussed at our 18th December 2024 meeting.

The prize of a \$100 Warehouse voucher was won by the Balaba whaanau.



KYLE YIN THOROUGHLY ENJOYING HIS LUNCH



**OUR ROOM 10
NEW ENTRANTS
WORKING AWAY
LAST WEEK**





ABOVE: ROOM 4 LEARNING HOW TO CORRECTLY TURN AND BREATHE WHILST SWIMMING FREE STYLE.

RIGHT: ROOM 4 WORKING OUT MEASUREMENTS ABOUT THEMSELVES, LIKE THEIR HEIGHT AND HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE.

Morrinsville School
Board of Trustees

INVITE YOU AND YOUR WHAANAU TO
JOIN US FOR OUR

P O O L

PARTY & BBQ

BRING YOUR TOGS & TOWEL AND COME ON DOWN
FOR SOME MUSIC, A SWIM AND A SAUSAGE
SIZZLE. THANKS TO OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
5:30 - 7:30 | MORRINSVILLE SCHOOL POOL

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

School End of Year Awards

At the end of last year a final assembly was held. Children were presented with certificates for 100% attendance and Class Awards for Excellence in Sport, in Citizenship, in Academic Excellence, Student Diligence and in Te reo Maaori. We congratulate all those who achieved the awards and we recognised a great group of other children who were in the reckoning for each award. Teachers had shortlists of between 5-8 children for each award so their selection tasks were not made easy.

Y1 Awards:

Academic: Tyson Nagel-De Thierry (Excellence)
Jasper Dowie, Cameron Wadsworth (Highly Commended)

Sport: Ashton Marsh (Excellence)
Eloise Howell, Puaheiri Hohipa (Highly Commended)

Y2 Awards:

Academic: Aria Spencer (Excellence)
Tukawekai Thompson, Payton Richmond (Highly Commended)

Sport: Macy Lett (Excellence)
Tanner Walker, Aaliyah Mann (Highly Commended)

Y3 Awards:

Academic: Oscar Wood-Stotesbury (Excellence)
Rylan Chim-Long, Tuakana Thomas (Highly Commended)

Sport: Jahsiah Tuhakaraina-Tuira (Excellence)
Kasen Pizzini, Riley Howell (Highly Commended)

Y4 Awards:

Academic: Eli Briscoe (Excellence)
Mackenna Lett, Miles Elliot (Highly Commended)

Sport: Zoe van de Pas (Excellence)
Mackenna Lett, Eli Briscoe (Highly Commended)

Y5 Awards:

Academic: Alex Harding (Excellence)
Karly Pfeiffer, Jahleel Maldecir (Highly Commended)

Sport: Maraea Nahu (Excellence)
Karly Pfeiffer, Tumanako Watene (Highly Commended)

Y6 Awards:

Academic: Patrick Briscoe (Excellence)
Tiana Thompson, Madison van de Pas, Amaia-Rose Tuhakaraina (Highly Commended)

Sport: Cooper Nahu (Excellence)
Tiana Thompson, Alyssa Marsh, Nyjah Potae (Highly Commended)

Y7/8 Awards:

Academic: Nathaniel Connor (Excellence)
Olivia Thomson, Legion Reilly (Highly Commended)

Sport: Olivia Thomson (Excellence)
Jodecie Lemalama, Connor Thomson (Highly Commended)

Citizenship Awards:

Room 1: Amaiyah-Louise Taulu (Excellence)
Reef Nickel, Horiana Thomson (Highly Commended)

Room 2: Briar Walker (Excellence)
Abigail McDonald, Charlene Edwards (Highly Commended)

Room 3: Jessica Khehra (Excellence)
Barnz Te Hau Tanawhea, Halo Enoka-Davis (Highly Commended)

Room 4: Emma Millar (Excellence)
Saphera Jeffress, Caleb Rojas-Miranda (Highly Commended)

Room 5: Aaliyah Pluss, Sapphire Chaloner (Excellence)
Connor Thomson, Jodecie Lemalama (Highly Commended)

Room 7: Jessie Thomas (Excellence)
Sovannareach Chheang, Te Āio Tapuwai Cooper (Highly Commended)

Room 8: Pou Aramoana (Excellence)
Kylah Jackson, Joshua Ciabal (Highly Commended)

Room 9: Jayda Taulu (Excellence)
Aaliyah Mann, Riley-Aroha Hodgetts (Highly Commended)

Room 10: Athena Leyland (Excellence)

Room 11: Akyrah Hudson (Excellence)
Jahsiah Tuhakaraina-Tuira, Delcaaliyah Clarke (Highly Commended)

Room 12: Tia McCaskill-Pakinga (Excellence)
Olivia Cooper, Rylan Chim-Long (Highly Commended)

Student Diligence Awards:

Room 1: Zoe van de Pas (Excellence)
Khean Balaba, Lydia Steadman (Highly Commended)

Room 2: Casey Noonan (Excellence)
Brock Spencer, Shimron Dalguntas (Highly Commended)

Room 3: Kate Nymph (Excellence)
Ariana Sun, Jennifer Hun (Highly Commended)

Room 4: Emma Millar (Excellence)
Savannah Jackson, Alyssa Marsh (Highly Commended)

Room 5: Kaycie Paul (Excellence)
Sapphire Chaloner, Jodecie Lemalama (Highly Commended)

Room 7: Rosé Suon (Excellence)
Puaheiri Hohipa, Jasraj Dhaliwai (Highly Commended)

Room 8: Naomi Ermakov (Excellence)
Frankie-Rose Lynch, Vaydah Hudson (Highly Commended)

Room 9: Brodie Nickel (Excellence)
Hayden Edwards, Sierra Mann (Highly Commended)

Room 10: Devante Lemalama (Excellence)
Micah De Thierry, Stevie Paton (Highly Commended)

Room 11: Lexi Trotter (Excellence)
Quade Wenham, Tanner Walker (Highly Commended)

Room 12: Manraj Khehra (Excellence)
Dean Ermakov, Zidane Ghaerisilveh (Highly Commended)

Te reo Maaori me oona tikanga Awards:

Room 1: Joedy Maninang (Excellence)
Amayiah-Louise Taulu, Horiana Thomson (Highly Commended)

Room 2: James Oddy (Excellence)
Karly Pfeiffer, Ashton Moore (Highly Commended)

Room 3: Kaira Muriwai-Brown (Excellence)
Charlie Moore, Maraea Nahu (Highly Commended)

Room 4: Tiana Thompson (Excellence)
Mia Clark, Patrick Briscoe (Highly Commended)

Room 5: Olivia Thomson (Excellence)
Connor Thomson, Legion Reilly (Highly Commended)

Room 7: Olive Te Hau Tanawhea (Excellence)
Te Āio Tapuwai Cooper, Ashton Marsh (Highly Commended)

Room 8: Pou Aramoana (Excellence)
Marlee Randall (Highly Commended)

Room 9: Jonah Tuira (Excellence)
Taiaha McCaskill-Pakinga, Te Ariki Hurinui (Highly Commended)

Room 10: Stevie Paton (Excellence)

Room 11: Delcaaliyah Clarke (Excellence)
Tukawekai Thompson, Isla McHardy (Highly Commended)

Room 12: Oscar Wood-Stotesbury (Excellence)
Manraj Khehra, Tuakana Thomas (Highly Commended)

Kapa Haka Awards:

Excellence and Achievement:
Ava Hards, Horiana Thomson, James Oddy, Karly Pfeiffer, Olivia Thomson

Dedication and Service:
Cooper Nahu, Jahsiah Tuhakaraina-Tuira, Jahzekiel Campbell, Taonui McCaskill-Pakinga

Full Attendance:

100% Attendance
Kate Nymph, Delilah Rowland, Nathaniel Connor

Principal's Awards:

High Achievement in Mathematics
Patrick Briscoe, Sanuki Korlagamage

Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics
Nathaniel Connor