

Newsletter

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Kawanga Responsibility



Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi
With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.



Tēnā koutou katoa,
E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karangatanga
maha, nau mai, hoki mai ki te tau hou.
He mihi mahana tēnei ki a koutou katoa – ki ō
mātou whānau o te kura o Morenawhira, me ngā
whānau hou kua hono mai ki tō tātou kura.
We warmly welcome all our whānau back to
Morrinsville School and extend a special welcome
to our new families. We are excited for the year
ahead and look forward to learning, growing, and
achieving together as a strong, connected school
community.

Te Wiki Tuatahi

Our first week back went really well, with our tamariki settling in positively and reconnecting with their learning, teachers, and friends. It has been lovely to see happy faces buzzing with enthusiasm. We're looking forward to building on this great start as the term unfolds.

Staffing

We would like to farewell and sincerely thank Miss Hall, Ms Revell, and Mrs Morrison-Cowley for their dedication and service to Morrinsville School. Each has made a valued contribution to our kura and to the learning and wellbeing of our tamariki. We wish them all the very best as they move on to new teaching opportunities and the next stage of their journeys.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Molloy (Room 7), Mrs O'Neill (Room 9), Miss Brown (Room 2), and Miss Kivell (CRT) to Morrinsville School. We are delighted to have them join our kura and wider school community.

Outdoor Education/Camps

Our Year 5&6 Port Waikato Camp organisation is well under way! Your child will have notices every week. Please keep an eye out for them and return your Port Waikato Camp notice to your classroom teacher asap! The **PWC Parent Information Evening** will be held tomorrow Tuesday 3rd February at 5.30pm in Room 5. We invite and encourage all parents to attend.

The Year 7&8 students will be heading to Waitangi in Week 9. Whaea Rosé will be sending information home this week. What a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 3 February

- Port Waikato Camp Information Evening 5:30pm

Wednesday 4 February

- Board of Trustees Family Fun Evening 5:30pm

Friday 6 February

- Waitangi Day - School Closed

Thursday 19 February

- Junior Swimming Sports (Postponement date: Fri 20 Feb)

Wednesday 25 February

- BOT Meeting 5:30pm

Thursday 26 February

- Senior Swimming Sports (Postponement date: Fri 27 Feb)

Tuesday 3 March

- Junior Beach Trip Waihi (Postponement date: Fri 6 March)

Wednesday 4 March

- Interschool Swimming Sports (Postponement date: Thurs 5 March)

Sun 8 March - Fri 13 March

- Port Waikato Camp

Tuesday 10 March

- Y4 Pukemokemoke Trip

Wednesday 25 March

- BOT Meeting 5:30pm

Thursday 2 April

- Last day Term 1

Touch

A touch notice was sent out last Friday with tamariki that were interested. This begins in a couple of weeks. These notices are to be returned by THIS Wednesday at the latest. Payments are due THIS Friday at the latest. No pay, no play. We are still looking for managers and referees. If we don't have these we can't enter Touch teams. Teams will be finalised and sent out next week.

New Lunch Provider

We welcome Bite Lab as our new school lunch provider. This change has occurred as a directive from the Ministry. We understand that these meals may be different from those our tamariki have enjoyed over the past with Te Puna Kai, and we kindly ask families to keep their children enrolled in the lunch programme for at least the next two weeks to allow time for a fair trial of the new menu. Children can bring along a lunch box with extra food.

At lunchtime, all children eat together, regardless of whether they are part of the Healthy Lunch Programme. Students who have not been participating in the programme are asked to bring healthy food only in their lunchboxes — no junk foods, please.

A reminder that we are a water-only school. No other drinks are permitted.

If any families have excess fruit they would like to donate to support lunchtime, it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we make this transition.

Potae & Summer Uniform

Please ensure your child has a named potae/hat. As the weather heats up we will be asking tamariki who do not have hats to sit under the tree. **"Not Potae, No Play"**. We will also be asking tamariki to remove their school jumpers. They do not need to bring these to school when the weather is so muggy and hot. We also encourage everyone to be in shorts. There are a number of children wearing long pants.

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 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 2026) 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.

Morrinsville School Board of Trustees

INVITE YOU AND YOUR WHAANAU TO
JOIN US FOR OUR

POOL

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 4TH 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:	Kyle Yin (Excellence) Kylah Jackson, Minerva Wood-Stotesbury (Highly Commended)
Sport:	Marlee Randall (Excellence) Cohen Lynch, Waipaia Thompson (Highly Commended)

Y2 Awards:

Academic:	Tyson Nagel-De Thierry (Excellence) Lorenzo Manulat, Abigail Buchanan (Highly Commended)
Sport:	Harlee-Jane Anderson (Excellence) Eloise Howell, Jessie Thomas (Highly Commended)

Y3 Awards:

Academic:	Aashis Gautam (Excellence) Payton Richmond, Aaliyah Mann (Highly Commended)
Sport:	Jayda Taulu (Excellence) Rocky Nankivell, Jonah Tuira (Highly Commended)

Y4 Awards:

Academic:	Tuakana Thomas (Excellence) Axen Burndred, Oscar Wood-Stotesbury (Highly Commended)
Sport:	Jahsiah Tuhakaraina-Tuira (Excellence) Creed Nankivell, Kymani-Rose Parker (Highly Commended)

Y5 Awards:

Academic:	Eli Briscoe (Excellence) Brock Spencer, Mackenna Lett (Highly Commended)
Sport:	Eli Briscoe (Excellence) Briar Walker, Mackenna Lett (Highly Commended)

Y6 Awards:

Academic:	Karly Pfeiffer, Jahleel Maldecir (Excellence) Alex Harding, Olive McHardy (Highly Commended)
Sport:	Leanne Hotene (Excellence) Maraea Nahu, Tumanako Watene (Highly Commended)

Y7/8 Awards:

Academic:	Connor Thomson (Excellence) Jahzekiel Campbell, Nathaniel Connor (Highly Commended)
Sport:	Connor Thomson (Excellence) Longdy Phal, Rangikahu Watene (Highly Commended)

Citizenship Awards:

Room 1:	Jahsiah Tuhakaraina-Tuira (Excellence) Honey Edwards, Akyrah Hudson (Highly Commended)
Room 2:	Willow Bennett (Excellence) Sierra Brown, Mackenzie Wilson (Highly Commended)
Room 3:	Zoe van de Pas (Excellence) Amaiayah-Louise Taulu, Teelah Eaves (Highly Commended)
Room 4:	Izaak Pemberton-Higgs (Excellence) Mahli De Thierry-Gifford-Kara, Abigail McDonald, Ava Hards (Highly Commended)
Room 5:	Connor Thomson (Excellence) Jayden Takirau, Jahzelle Muriwai-Brown (Highly Commended)
Room 7:	Athena Leyland (Excellence) Marlee Randall, Romeo Heng-Hun (Highly Commended)
Room 8:	Pou Aramoana (Excellence) Kylah Jackson, Joshua Ciabal (Highly Commended)
Room 9:	Jessie Thomas (Excellence) Olive Te Hau Tanawhe-a-Walker, Xeno Raizel Bautista (Highly Commended)
Room 10:	Jordan De Thierry (Excellence) Daequan Hemara, Kelly Carr (Highly Commended)

Room 11:

Eloise Howell (Excellence)
Mariam Allawi, Charlie Edwards (Highly Commended)

Room 12:

Riley Hodgetts (Excellence)
Alexus Diamond, Charlotte Hall (Highly Commended)

Student Diligence Awards:

Room 1:

Abree Diamond (Excellence)
Paige Rowland, Kyro Edwards (Highly Commended)

Room 2:

Zion-Skyler Bautista (Excellence)
Levi Srun, Cohen Cordes (Highly Commended)

Room 3:

Casey Noonan (Excellence)
Harshika Sedhai, Simon Ponce (Highly Commended)

Room 4:

Vanessa Hun (Excellence)
Kimchen Lim, Senewmi Liyana Athukorala (Highly Commended)

Room 5:

Vinuki Koralagamage (Excellence)
Deeangelo Toko, Karmanjot Singh (Highly Commended)

Room 7:

Micah De Thierry (Excellence)
Kylah Jackson, Joshua Ciabal (Highly Commended)

Room 8:

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

Room 9:

Rosé Suon (Excellence)
Joey Maninang, Naomi Ermakov (Highly Commended)

Room 10:

Te Kingi Tahere (Excellence)
Charlie Leyland (Highly Commended)

Room 11:

Delilah Rowland (Excellence)
Jasper Dowie, Sovannareach Chheang (Highly Commended)

Room 12:

Delcaaliyah Clarke (Excellence)
Michael Wadsworth, Braxton Mossong (Highly Commended)

Te reo Maaori me oona tikanga Awards:

Room 1:

Kyro Edwards (Excellence)
Jahsiah Tuhakaraina-Tuira, Akyrah Hudson (Highly Commended)

Room 2:

Tuakana Thomas (Excellence)
Hunter-Lee Anderson, Willow Bennett (Highly Commended)

Room 3:

Briar Walker (Excellence)
Casey Noonan (Highly Commended)

Room 4:

Karly Pfeiffer (Excellence)
Eli Briscoe, Abigail McDonald (Highly Commended)

Room 5:

Manu Tihera-Wilson (Excellence)
Connor Thomson, Deeangelo Toko (Highly Commended)

Room 7:

Micah De Thierry (Excellence)
Adhav Anup, Athena Leyland (Highly Commended)

Room 9:

Harlee-Jane Anderson (Excellence)
Alexiannah Clarke, Manreet Kaur (Highly Commended)

Room 10:

Waipaia Thompson (Excellence)
Ethan Thomas (Highly Commended)

Room 11:

Jonah Tuira (Excellence)
Justin Sok, Puaheiri Hohipa (Highly Commended)

Room 12:

Tukawekai Thompson (Excellence)
Macy Lett, Aria Spencer (Highly Commended)

Kapa Haka Awards:

Excellence and Achievement:

James Oddy, Leanne Hotene, Nevaeh-Jay Tawhara

Dedication and Service:

Simon Ponce, Jahsiah Tuhakaraina-Tuira, Jahzekiel Campbell, Jessie Thomas, Jordan De Thierry, Kymani-Rose Parker, Mackenna Lett, Micah De Thierry, Stevie Paton, Tuakana Thomas, Waipaia Thompson, Aashis Gautam

Full Attendance:

100% Attendance:

Vanessa Hun, Eli Briscoe, Senewmi Liyana Athukorala, Nathaniel Connor, Abigail Buchanan, Joedy Maninang, Thiwen Liyana Athukorala

Principal's Awards:

Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics:

Connor Thomson