



MORRINSVILLE
SCHOOL

TE KURA O MORENAWHIRA

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Newsletter

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**Whakaute
Respect**

**Manaaki whenua, manaaki tāngata,
haere whakamua
Care for the land, care for the people, go forward**



Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 12 May

We will be having a Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 12th May.

The PD focus is on the new assessment tool to be used alongside the new SMART NZ Curriculum.

The SMART assessment tool will cover Reading, Writing and Mathematics for Year 3's - Year 8's.

Over the year we will be attending further PD to familiarise ourselves with the use of the tool in assessing children's Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 12 May - Teacher Only Day
- Friday 15 May - Pink Shirt Day
- Tuesday 19 May - Rugby Netball Funday (Postponement date: Thurs 21st May)
- Wednesday 27 May - BOT hui 5:30pm
- Monday 1 June - King's Birthday observed - no school
- Wednesday 3 June - School Cross Country (Postponement date: Weds 4th June)
- Thursday 18 June - Interschool Cross Country (Postponement date: Fri 19th June)
- Wednesday 24 June - School Photos
- BOT hui 5:30pm
- Monday 29 June - Mid Year reporting
- Tuesday 30 June - Mid Year reporting
- Friday 3 July - Last day Term 2

PINK SHIRT DAY

Friday 15th May.
Mufti Day.

Please bring a gold coin donation to support this cause.





Our tamariki are having an awesome time playing netball each Wednesday afternoon.

Morrinsville College Enrolments

Morrinsville College will be holding Enrolment Tours to introduce Year 8's to Morrinsville College. The tours will start from our Performing Arts Centre and session information is listed below. Each parent will be sent a personalised invitation, giving full information on booking, which is essential, online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, using the Event Code yth36.

- Tuesday 2 June, Session 4:00pm – 5:30pm
- Thursday 4 June, Session 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Virtues

The following children's names were drawn out for virtue rewards:

Junior: Dilshaan Singh, Room 9 for showing the virtue of TOLERANCE : TUKUMARIE

Middle: Eloise Howell, Room 12 for showing the virtue of TOLERANCE : TUKUMARIE

Senior: Georgia Thomson, Room 5 for showing the virtue of RESPONSIBILITY : KAWANGA

The children will join me at the Wagon Wheel for a Hot Chocolate.



NETBALL - UPDATED – WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY

MS Maungakawa - Year 3

Coach: Josh Cresswell. **Manager:** Kathleen Howell.

Teacher: Mrs Gitika Bedasie / Mrs Gigi Khehra-Nahal.

Delilah Rowland, Puaheiri Hohipa, Jessie Thomas, Cattiva Gibbons, Eloise Howell, Joey Maninang, Hannah Lowe.

MS Pukemokemoke - Year 4

Coach: Miss Jorja Stewart. **Manager:** Sarah Hall.

Teacher: Miss Kim Brown.

Riley Hodgetts, Amelia Lockley, Macy Lett, Isla McHardy, Tukawekai Thompson, Charlotte Hall, Levi Jordan, Maddison Gilbert, Delcaaliyah Clarke, King Cooper.

MS Maungatapu - Year 5

Coach: Adriana Leask / Natasha Wilson. **Manager:** Eileen Diamond.

Teacher: Whaea Tray Whiu.

Oscar Wood-Stotesbury, Max Phillips, Te Ao Rerehua Phillips, Melah Wood, Te Ao Kapurangi Phillips, Abree Diamond, Mackenzie Wilson.

MS Maungatautari - Year 6

Coach: Emma Elliot. **Manager:** Lycinda Lett.

Teacher: Miss Taimarina Johnson.

Indy Haddleton, Georgia Thomson, Zoe van de Pas, Mackenna Lett, Miles Elliot, Casey Noonan, Lexi Trotter, Briar Walker.

Games for Wednesday 6th May:

The draw was not available at the time of printing.

Please check ClassDojo or the Morrinsville Netball Centre website for updates.

Through the window I can hear loud gunshots and soldiers crying in pain. I always think to run away but when I hear soldiers pain, I want to help them. Some soldiers died from pain so I feel so horrified and scared. Some of my friends died from illness and some died when the troop ship SS Marquette was sunk. We cut off the soldiers legs when we can't do anything about the gunshots. I can see young soldiers dying in pain. I kneel beside a soldier, pressing cloth against his wound as blood seeps through like a leaking tap. My hands were shaking but I don't stop. Around me, men lie on stretchers like broken dolls, some whispering, some too quiet. The smell is sharp and bitter, like medicine, mixed with smoke. Outside the guns boom like thunder, shaking the ground beneath us. A young soldier grabs my hand, his eyes wide like a scared child. "Am I going to be okay?" he asked. I force a small smile, even though my heart feels heavy like a stone. "You'll be alright" I said softly hoping my words are stronger than my fear. The lantern flickers above me, like light dancing. It might disappear at any moment. I wipe the sweat from my face, but more keeps coming like I'm near the sun. Still, stand tall. I felt hot and heavy while wearing my uniform. In this place full of pain, I try to be like a small light that won't go out.

By Vinuki Koralagamage, Year 8, Room 5.