

Newsletter

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Hiranga Resilience

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te tūohu koe, me he manga teitei.”*

*“Pursue that which is precious, and if you must bow, let it be
to a lofty mountain.”*



Te Oranga. Well Being

Kia ora whānau,

Regular attendance is one of the biggest factors in your child's success and happiness at school. Being here every day helps them build strong friendships, stay on top of their learning and feel a sense of belonging in their classroom.

The Ministry of Education has recently updated its guidance and targets around attendance, reminding all of us that Every Day Matters. The national target is for all students to have regular attendance which is defined as being at school 90% of the time or more. Attendance between 80% and 89% is considered irregular.

As per the Ministry of Education our school is required to report on low attendance. Letters have already gone home to some families.

While 90% sounds high, it actually means a child can only miss **fewer than 5 days per school term**. It adds up quickly. A student who misses just one week of school each term will have missed out on an entire year of schooling by the time they turn 16.

We realise that sickness does occur and we never want unwell children in school. Your child's health comes first.

How You Can Help

- **Keep us in the loop:** If your child is going to be absent or late, please contact the school office on 078897250 or text 0274616585 as soon as possible before the school day starts. If we don't hear from you we are required by the Ministry to follow up and mark the absence as unexplained.
- **Talk to us:** If your child is expressing reluctance to come to school, or if your whānau is facing hurdles getting them here, please reach out to their teacher. We are here to partner with you and can help remove barriers to get them back on track.

Thank you for your ongoing support in getting our students to school ready to learn, play, and grow!

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 24 June**
- School Photos
- Tuesday 30 June**
- BOT hui
5:45pm
- Friday 3 July**
- Last day Term 2
- Monday 20 July**
- Term 3 commences
- Monday 27 July**
- Mid Year reporting
- Tuesday 28 July**
- Mid Year reporting

UNIFORM

All children need to have a Morrinsville School Uniform Polar Fleece and black shoes.

Polar Fleeces can be purchased from Harry's or please reach out to your child's teacher to see if any are available second hand.

HEADLICE

All children have received a factsheet about Headlice today. Please check your child's hair and let the office know if you require some Headlice treatment.

BEST ATTENDANCE CLASS OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROOM 1 ON THEIR 96% ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK. THEY WERE REWARDED WITH CHOCOLATE CAKE!



LIFE EDUCATION

During our recent Life Education visit, our senior students explored the kaupapa of 'friendships' and what it means to be a good friend. Through engaging discussions and activities, students learned how to tautoko (support) others, build positive and respectful relationships, and work through conflict in healthy ways. They also discussed the importance of making good choices, standing up to peer pressure, and staying true to their values. These valuable lessons help our tamariki develop the confidence and skills needed to create strong, positive connections with others.

Our junior students enjoyed a valuable visit from Life Education, where they learned about the importance of making healthy food choices and how nutritious kai helps our bodies and brains grow, learn, and stay active. Students also explored basic hygiene practices, including handwashing, dental care, and personal cleanliness, and discussed how these habits support health and wellbeing both at school and at home. We thank the Life Education team for helping our tamariki develop the knowledge and skills to make positive choices for their health.



WAKA POINTS

TAINUI - 89

AOTEA - 83

TE ARAWA - 64

MATAATUA - 61

Congratulations TAINUI!

CROSS COUNTRY

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CHILDREN
WHO PARTICIPATED IN CROSS COUNTRY. IT
WAS A GREAT DAY!**

Dear Whānau,

Our Annual Cross Country Day

Tēnā koutou e ngā whānau

We would like to take a moment to share something that we believe is an important part of every child's learning journey.

Each year we see a significant number of students absent on cross country day. Often families let us know that their child is "sick" or does not want to participate. While we understand that genuine illness does occur, we also know that for many tamariki cross country can feel challenging, uncomfortable or even a little scary.

At Morrinsville School one of our core virtues is **Resilience**. Resilience is not about being the fastest runner or finishing first. It is about having the courage to show up, give things a go, and keep going even when something feels difficult.

As parents, caregivers and educators, we all play an important role in teaching our tamariki that life will sometimes present challenges. There will be days when they feel nervous, uncomfortable or unsure. Learning to face those moments, rather than avoid them, helps build confidence, perseverance and character.

Cross Country is one of those opportunities. It is a chance for our students to challenge themselves, support one another and experience the satisfaction that comes from completing something difficult.

We ask for your support in encouraging your child to **"show up"** on the tough days. By working together, we can help our tamariki develop the resilience and determination that will serve them well throughout their lives.

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Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to grow confident and resilient learners who are willing to step up, have a go and embrace challenges.

Ngā mihi nui

The Morrinsville School Team.