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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 5 Newsletter 2025

Kia ora e te whānau, nau mai haere mai ki te pānui Wiki Rima.

By now winter sports are in full swing; it has been great to see many students taking up the opportunity to play sports beyond school. Once again, a huge thank you to all coaches, managers and whānau supporters.

With 1st June farm changeovers on the near horizon, I want to pass on my best wishes to any tamariki and families who are moving out of the district. We farewell Charlie (P3) and wish him all the very best at his new school. We are expecting five new students to join MIS and look forward to getting to know them and their families.

As you will be aware, the budget was announced last week by the Minister of Finance, Hon Nicola Willis. In terms of education, the Hon Erica Stanford called it the 'Learning Support' Budget. As with any budget, there appear to be some winners and losers and over time the success of the budget will be in the detail.

Our production, '1841', is now in full swing with a large cast of students who have been keen to get involved. The storyline is based on the year following the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It is about two families and the merging of cultures, their conflicts and connections arising during migration. '1841' also illustrates the richness of Matariki celebrations, where hope and renewal bring the families together. Don't miss this unforgettable voyage of broken dreams, resilience, and the ties that unite us all. Tickets will be on sale from next Wednesday at our school office for performances on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th June at 11am and 7pm.

On the property front, I'm pleased to inform you that we are nearing the commencement of classroom refurbishments. This will be a 3-stage approach, starting with Rooms T3/4 followed by Rooms W1/2 and finally Rooms W3/4. The upgrade will include removing the existing cloak bays to create a breakout space accessible between each pair of classrooms (the same as Piako Rooms 1-4 which we completed in 2021. While the pairs of rooms are being upgraded one class will operate from Room 12 and the other from in the hub (library).



Finally, I wish everyone an enjoyable long KINGS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND on Monday 2nd June, and remind you that **TEACHER ONLY DAY is being held on Tuesday 3rd June for staff professional learning in relation to the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics curriculum**, so the school will be closed.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday 4th June.

Kind regards

Jenny Clark
(Principal)

Featuring in today's newsletter:

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Rangatiratanga Award (doing the best for yourself):

During Friday Assembly one student per class is acknowledged for demonstrating Rangatiratanga, specifically one of Key Competency indicators. The focus was Cooperation in Weeks 3 and 4:

Congratulations to the following students from Week 3: Dinuli P1, Lakshya P2, Jack P3, Jasmine P4, Tyler P5, Paesyn T1, Charlie T2, Emma T3, Libby T4, Addison W1, Kaedyn W2, Mia W3, Jacki W4, Max P4 Science, Patrick W4 Hard Materials, Tilli W1 Art, William T2 Performing Arts.

Congratulations to the following students from Week 4: Sophie P1, Karli P2, Wolfe P3, Jake P4, Olivia P5, William T1, Jackson T2, Filimone T3, Payton T4, Ollie W1, Henry W2, Kyle W3, Levi W4, Eva P5 Science, Anahera P2 Food Tech, Sophie P2 Hard Materials, Trey W4 Art, Joy W3 Performing Arts.

Gold For Glory: At each assembly students are recognised by the principal for showing initiative, or going the extra mile by demonstrating our school vision, motto and values. The recipients in Week 3 were: Henry W2 and Max P4. The recipients in Week 4 were Rico T1, Tyson T2 and Jack T2. Well done!

Attendance Award: Congratulations to Cooper W1 who was the recipient of the \$10 attendance voucher. All students who were present on Friday 16th May were in the draw.

Please remember it is important for students to have days off only for justified reasons (illnesses, bereavements; not shopping, haircuts, long weekends, birthdays etc please). Thanks for your support.

Bus and Road Safety: *Reminders for parents and caregivers from MOE School Transport:*

- *Caregivers are responsible for safely transporting their children to and from their school bus stop and as such are best placed to decide the safest way to do this.*
- *Stick to the speed limit: it's 20kph when passing a stopped school bus (on either side of the road).*
- *Drop your tamariki off on the same side of the road as the bus stop.*
- *Teach your tamariki to always get out of the car on the side closest to the curb.*
- *Always take your tamariki to and from the bus-stop.*
- *Teach your tamariki not to run across the road.*
- *Remind your tamariki on how to keep safe boarding and disembarking the bus:*
- *While waiting at the bus stop, keep well back from the road.*
- *Wait until the bus has completely stopped and the door opens before getting on.*
- *After getting off the bus, stand well back from the road and wait until the bus has gone and you can see clearly before moving.*



The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has safety advice that on their website that you may find useful:
[Safety on buses | NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi.](#)

Helping at Home with Reading and Writing:

As a school, we really value the home-school partnership as we believe our collective efforts best support learning. The Ministry of Education has provided some suggestions for you to support your child with their Reading and Writing, from home. Please visit the link below.

<https://newzealandcurriculum.tahurangi.education.govt.nz/reporting-to-parents-and-wh-nau/5637158852.p>

Strategic Planning 2026 - 2028 Community Consultation:

We are in the process of gathering information to support compiling our 2026 - 2028 strategic plan. As a key stakeholder, your input into this is critical. Please take a couple of minutes to complete the brief survey at this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QDDmmqiVdhDlaFOJA_sKiHpKoufFB5JU61Y71o9L_RA/edit



Community Sponsorship:

A heartfelt thank you to the Morrinsville Combined Lions for their very generous donation of \$3,000 which was presented to Mrs Clark last week, on behalf of the Board of Trustees at a dinner held for all schools in our district. Each year the Morrinsville Combined Lions support local schools by making donations derived from slink calf proceeds from the previous season. This ongoing support is very much appreciated by our school community.

Policy Review:

Policy Review is an important component of our school organisation, and consultation process. We are a SchoolDocs school which means we work with SchoolDocs to provide us with a comprehensive set of policies which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc. Please visit our site at: <http://mi.schooldocs.co.nz/>



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Regular review takes place and we alert the community to the review when scheduled. Not all policies are required to be reviewed by the community. The Term Two policies that can be reviewed by the community are:

- *Emergency Management*
- *Disaster Management*
- *Crisis Management*

Winter School Uniform:

A reminder that students are able to wear plain black track pants (any brand) during Terms 2 and 3 as part of our winter uniform.

Approved track pants:

All black nylon type track pants with either an elastic cuff at the ankle or an open cuff (see photos)

Non-approved track pants:

Polar fleece (hunting style) track pants

Flared dress style pants

Exercise / yoga style pants

Coloured logos and labels



Images of approved school track pants above

Also a reminder that footwear in winter is plain black shoes (any brand) with no white soles and black socks that have no visible colour or labels when the shoes are being worn.

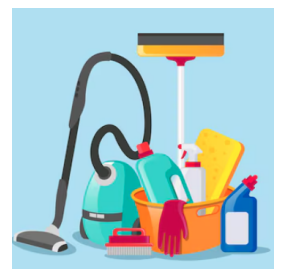
Inter-Intermediate Hockey:

On Tuesday the 27th of May, 10 students travelled to Gallagher Hockey Centre to compete in II Hockey. We had a mixed bag of results with a loss to Cambridge Middle School 0-1, a win against Te Awamutu 5-0 and a draw against Rototuna 1-1. A great day was had by all and we came away from the day with new learners and experiences. Thank you so much to Clayton Dewhurst for coaching and supporting the team!

Part-time cleaner wanted:

We are looking for a part-time cleaner to join our team. The role involves cleaning our school admin block after school hours 1.5 hours per day (7.5 hours per week). The school cleaner must be professional, organised and work quickly.

The successful applicant will need to give attention to each task ensuring the admin block remains tidy and hygienic. They need to be able to work alone as well as a member of a team and be able to follow directions. If this sounds like you or someone you know, please apply in writing (including references) to m.cook@mi.school.nz



Morrinsville College Enrolments for 2026:

Morrinsville College invites current Year 8s and their families to book an Enrolment Tour as an introduction to their school. The tours will start from their Performing Arts Centre (college hall) and session times are listed below. Each parent will be sent a personalized invitation (from the college), giving full information on booking online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, using the Event Code **bb5ba**.



Session dates and times:

Tuesday 3rd June 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Thursday 5th June 4:30pm – 6:30pm

 MIS Calendar: FB/Newsletter Click the link on the left to access our school calendar.

Term Calendar Two events:

Thursday 29th May	Inter-Intermediate Visual Arts Day
Monday 2nd June	King's Birthday (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 3rd June	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
Monday 9th June	Tough Girl / Tough Guy Comp
Tuesday 10th June	Inter-Intermediate Futsal
Wednesday 11th June	National Young Leaders Day
Wednesday 11th June	School Disco 7pm to 9pm
Thursday 12th June	Inter-Intermediate Chess
Friday 13th June	Piako Gymsports Festival
Tuesday 17th June	Inter-Intermediate 1st XV Rugby
Wednesday 18th June	Matariki Celebration Day
Thursday 19th June	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 20th June	Matariki (Public Holiday)
23rd - 25th June	School production week
Friday 27th June	End of Term 2
Monday 14th July	First day Term 3

2025 Teacher Only Curriculum Days:

Term Two:	Tuesday 3rd June (after King's Birthday).
Term Four:	Friday 24th October (before Labour weekend).

2025 School Term Dates:

Term One:	Monday 3rd February to Friday 11th April
Term Two:	Monday 28th April to Friday 27th June
Term Three:	Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September
Term Four:	Friday 24th October to Tuesday 16th December (12.30pm finish)

Photos below of some of our students who took part in the Inter-Intermediate Arts Day at St Andrews Middle School today

