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Newsletter

Term 3 Week 9 Newsletter 2025

Kia ora e te whānau, nau mai haere mai ki te pānui Wiki Iwa and our final newsletter for Term 3. The term has flown by; the last day of Term is Friday 19th September at the usual time of 3.00pm. We wish everyone a safe and restful term break! The first day of Term 4 is Monday 6th October.

Firstly I'd like to say a massive thank you to all parents/caregivers/whānau for your support last week at Zespri AIMS Games; our athletes had an awesome time with some outstanding accomplishments. It was very exciting to achieve medals in three codes: the mountain bike relay, aerobics and squash (see below for further details).

Of course we cannot provide these opportunities for our tamariki without support - a special thank you to our coaches/managers, volunteers, business sponsors and school staff who have been working tirelessly to provide these opportunities, we appreciate you giving up your time and energy to enable us to participate at AIMS Games (which was the biggest games yet after 22 years, with over 14,000 competitors). A special thanks to Mrs Keryn Vette who is our teacher in charge of AIMS Games and does a lot of work behind the scenes to enable these opportunities for our tamariki.

It was announced that Zespri AIMS Games was awarded the best 'not-for-profit' event of the year at the New Zealand Event Awards, for the 2024 edition of the tournament. This is a reflection of the dedication of the athletes, schools, volunteers, delivery partners and the whole of the NZ community who 'make it happen'. I want to acknowledge the hard work of the Trustees who spend a lot of time behind the scenes to ensure it runs smoothly, and continues to be 'the Olympics for intermediate students'. Congratulations Zespri AIMS Games!

Congratulations also to our Kapa Haka roopu who performed admirably at the Piako Cultural Festival two weeks ago - they demonstrated great mana and did our school proud. Thank you to our tutors Kataraina and Elijah who have been working hard this year composing original waiata that is relevant to our iwi and region. Miharo mahi to you all! It was great to see whānau there to support our roopu. I want to acknowledge Kylie Wells who is the teacher responsible for Kapa Haka, as well as Lisa MacLennan and Krystal Hamilton who ensured they looked stunning on the day!



Early on Monday morning I am travelling overseas to Japan with a group of 60 Year 8 students from MIS and across Waikato intermediate schools as part of our two week exchange with Makuhari Junior High School. I will post updates regularly on our school Facebook page to keep you abreast of our cultural experiences. In my absence, Mrs Kylie Wells will be Acting Principal and I wish her well in this role and thank her for her support.

Given this is the last newsletter for the term, the team at MIS wish Bailee Foulds all the very best as she goes on maternity leave. We look forward to meeting her new addition and seeing her back in Term 2 2026. In the meantime, Mrs Sacha Reichardt will be taking performing arts and Mrs Anita Semmens will be teaching Science on Fridays in lieu of Robotics for the country schools. Best wishes Bailee and Liam.



Finally, I want to say a big thank you to our amazing staff at MIS for their ongoing efforts and commitment to teaching our tamariki; I appreciate your dedication and diligence. I wish you all a relaxing and well-deserved break.

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 Initiative in Week 8:

Congratulations to the following students from Week 8: Kaden P1, Aarushi P2, Slate P3, Tyson P4, Cadee P5, Eva T2, Clay T3, Kingston-Rose T4, Jordan W1, Ben W2, Zayden W3, Ryder W4, Science Sophie T2, Food Tech: Rebecca P2, Hard Materials Kyle P5, Robotics: Zack W2, Art: Henry W2, Performing Arts: Marc P5.

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 recipient in Week 8 was: Kendal P2. Well done!

Zespri AIMS Games:

The Zespri AIMS Games takes place each year in Tauranga and is a huge international event which gives intermediate aged children the opportunity to compete as a team or individual in 25 different sports codes against other students from around NZ and overseas. Thank you to our dedicated staff and parent volunteers who have spent hours coaching, managing and supporting the students for countless trainings leading up to AIMS week as well as during tournament week itself. Your support is fantastic and very much appreciated by our students!

A huge thank you to [Wayne & Nicki Robb - Bayleys Real Estate](#) for sponsoring our AIMS and Coast to Coast Team hoodies, your continued support is appreciated by our school community!

AIMS GAMES results:

Congratulations to our mountain biking team who took out the silver medal in the mountain biking relay - awesome result! Well done Preston Scott, Kyte Waterson and Jacob Clements. Individual mountain biking results were: Kyte 11th, Charlie Hodgkinson 14th, Jacob 19th, Preston 22nd and Kase Carter 79th.



Congratulations to Charlie Hamer who placed 3rd overall in the Year 8 boys AIMS Games Squash Competition. Not only is this an epic achievement on its own but this outstanding sportsperson also competed in our AIMS Rip Rugby team too and played three games per day.

We had four students representing our school in gymnastics. A huge congratulations to Isla Scott who placed 2nd overall in aerobics, amazing! Isla had a fantastic time at AIMS, there were plenty of nerves but having put in lots of practice over the last few months helped her to feel more confident and she performed her routine beautifully! A highlight was watching the other gymnasts

perform and being part of the AIMS atmosphere, it was the icing on the cake to come home with a silver medal!

Alyssa Smith placed 4th in her grade (1st floor, 2nd beam, 4th uneven bars and vault). Caitlin Rae placed 28th overall and Savannah Jackson placed 26th overall. Well done girls!



Well done to our eight AIMS Games Cross Country runners who displayed grit, passion and perseverance in windy conditions. You represented our school proudly. Our top runners were: Dylan Hunt 32nd, Frankie Buttimore 55th, Rosie Soffe 58th.

Our Aims Games netball team had a great 6 days away. They are a very talented group of netballers, and a great bunch to work with. They all improved throughout the tournament. It's a tough competition of 6 days of netball playing teams from all over NZ. We lost our first 3 games, and won the next 5 games. This meant we were 1st in Pool C, and came 25th overall in the Open Grade. Taitum Bell was awarded our Aims sportsmanship medal, as he consistently showed great team spirit! We enjoyed meeting students from other schools, and supporting other MIS athletes. Thank you so much to our generous sponsors: Mr & Mrs Silvester senior (accommodation), Silvester Electrical (backpacks), Piako Motors (van use and diesel), Bayleys (hoodies), ANZ bank (drink bottle and beanies), Fonterra (calci-yum milkshakes), Mr & Mrs Herbert (warm up tops). Special thanks to Coach Mish, her super Mum, Karen and Sheree & Gavin Austin. Special memories forever!!

AIMS Girls Football Team – A Week to Remember!

The AIMS Girls Football team had an inspiring tournament, playing nine games over the week. Despite often being the smaller team on the field, our players showed incredible heart and determination. The week was capped off with a memorable win on Friday morning—a true testament to their growth both on and off the field. Our goalies held their nerve under pressure, and every player gave it their all.

A heartfelt thank you to Busck Prestressed Concrete, Bowers Brothers Concrete, Fonterra, and Tatua for helping make this week so special for our players and their families.

Rip Rugby 35th Overall and 3rd in Heartland Grade:

What an amazing week the Rip Rugby team had. The team was unlucky to face two strong opponents on the first day of pool play, both of whom finished in the top five overall. Our next goal was to achieve the highest possible ranking in the 33th - 64th Heartland grade. Over the course of the week, the team played a total of 13 games, with nine of those being thrilling matches after the first day. Finishing third in the Heartland grade was a great result. The skills the team developed over many weeks of training and the week-long competition were incredible. What a fantastic week!

3X3 Basketball Mixed Team 16th overall. Boys team 32nd overall. Our boys' team learnt valuable lessons about how pool play can affect final placings. They faced many close losses but showed resilience in every game. The mixed team played the weekend with one less player, which meant everyone had to step up and take on the challenge. Their teamwork and strong defence helped them secure a place in the Top 16. Sportsmanship Medals were awarded to Brent and Curtis for their positive attitudes and commitment on and off the court. Well done to all players for their effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship and thank you to Mr & Mrs Vette for managing and coaching the team.

Well done to Ryan Marshall and Thomas Ford who competed in the AIMS BMX competition. Ryan placed 14th and Thomas placed 15th.

Indoor Bowls - we had six students playing bowls in the singles and pairs who all enjoyed the AIMS Games experience. We would like to say a huge thanks to Jeff Davie for, once again, volunteering his time both leading up to the tournament and taking time out during the week of the competition as coach and manager.

Noah Rangiawha represented our school in the AIMS 18 hole golf competition, he scored 90 in Te Puke, 89 in Tauranga and 98 at the Mt Maunagui course, placing 51st overall.

Badminton - three MIS students competed in the badminton competition and enjoyed the opportunity of taking part in such a huge tournament. Well done to Aarushi, Lakshya and Raniera for getting involved.

MIS Speech Finals:

Congratulations to our speech award winners from last Friday's speech final:

These students prepared and presented some engaging speeches that captured our judges and audience's attention. Well done!

1st Adam Garrud (why petrol cars are better than electric cars)

2nd Grayson McMillan (socks)

3rd Wri Bhatta (the power of one day)

Altrussa Progress Award: William Smith (the future)

A big thank you goes out to our judges who gave up their morning to be with us. We had Pearla Jefferson and Ella Nicholls (Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl from Morrinsville College) and Megan Harding from Altrusa Morrinsville. We really appreciated you all being involved.



Rotary Speech Competition:

On Monday evening our speech winners then went on to represent MIS at the annual Rotary Speech Competition against students from St Joseph's in the annual clash. This event provides an opportunity for students to deliver their speeches to a community audience who always appreciate the efforts of our students.

Although our students did not receive placings this year, they represented our school proudly and enjoyed the experience. Well done.



Morrinsville Intermediate Summer Uniform:

Now that spring is here, we are near the end of the term. With that comes a change from winter uniform back to summer uniform in Term 4. This means students are no longer able to wear tracksuit pants. A reminder that during Terms 1 and 4 students require regulation, black roman sandals. Sandals are also a requirement for college so if parents need to purchase new sandals for Term 4 they will also be worn the following year. Students who need to have their uniforms mended e.g. split skirts are welcome to see Whaea Trish in the Food / Fabric Technology Room.

All students will be issued with a school-owned sun hat early in Term 4 as part of our Sun Smart Policy. Students will be responsible for their hat throughout the term and are asked to wear them during the school day whenever they are outside. These hats are to remain at school at all times. **Please note: from Term 1 next year students will be required to purchase their own sun hat from Harry's as part of the uniform.**

Also a reminder to name all uniform items so they can easily be returned if they end up in the Lost Property cupboard.

New Enrolments for 2026:

A reminder, we ask that all enrolments for new students to our school are completed by the end of Term 3 to assist us with classroom placement and staffing. Please follow the link below to enrol your child for 2026. NB this does not include current Year 7 students already enrolled at MIS:

<https://ole.edgelearning.co.nz/Default?schoolId=dbde586c-8bf3-41a6-bad8-3390732b7dfe>



2025 Health, Well-Being and P.E. Consultation:

Parents / Caregivers are invited to fill in a Google Form Survey via the link below, it takes 3-5 minutes.

<https://forms.gle/37JbmY3bX4hGpZpZ6>

The purpose of this consultation is to collect parental voice on our current health programmes and the general well-being of our students. This includes relationships and sexuality education (RSE) which will be taught in Term 4.

If you would prefer a paper copy of this survey, please collect one from our office. The survey is available from Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 12th September.

There will be an RSE Consultation Evening held on Tuesday 16th September at 6pm in the Library followed by an Information Evening on Wednesday 8th October at 6pm. All welcome.

Thank you, we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Morrinsville Intermediate School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative:

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent by 8th October 2025 to:

Michael Garrud, Presiding member (chair) Morrinsville Intermediate School Board

Address: m.garrud@mi.school.nz or

C/- Morrinsville Intermediate

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Morrinsville, 3300



Term Three / Four Calendar events:

15th to 28th Sept	Japan Cultural trip
Tuesday 16th Sept	II Ki O Rahi Competition
Friday 19th Sept	End of Term Three
Monday 6th October	Start of Term Four
Wednesday 8th October	Craft Day - involves whole school
Thursday 9th October	Livestock Day and Top Team Challenge - involves whole school
13th-31st October	Navigating the Journey taught in class
Monday 13th October	Out of Zone Ballot for 2026 enrolments (if required)
Wednesday 15th October	Year 8 immunisations
Thursday 16th October	National Shake Out
Tuesday 21st October	II Vibrant Voices Competition
Wednesday 22nd October	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 23rd October	Morrinsville Group Day
Friday 24th October	Teacher Only Day
Monday 27th October	Labour Day - Public Holiday
Wednesday 29th October	School Athletics Day - all day rotation event, parents welcome
Friday 31st October	School sprint finals - after lunch, parents welcome
Thursday 30th October	II Music
Tuesday 4th November	II Softball
Thursday 6th November	II Kapa Haka
Monday 10th November	Japan Meeting for 2026
Wednesday 12th November	Special Person's Day
Thursday 13th November	Photolife (sports, cultural, civic photos)
Tuesday 18th Tuesday	II Lacrosse and II Ultimate Frisbee
Friday 21st November	X-Factor finals
Friday 21st November	Last day for Honours applications
Tuesday 25th November	II Athletics
Wednesday 26th November	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 3rd December	Year 6 and Year 8 Orientation visits for 2026
Monday 8th December	School Fun Day
Wednesday 10th December	Year 8 Formal Social 7pm to 9.30pm
Thursday 11th December	End of Year Reports go home
Monday 15th December	Prizegiving 11am to 1.00pm
Tuesday 16th December	Last day of school 12.30pm finish

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:	Monday 6th October to Tuesday 16th December (12.30pm finish)

2026 School Term Dates:

Term One:	Monday 2nd February to Thursday 2nd April
Term Two:	Monday 20th April to Friday 3rd July
Term Three:	Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September
Term Four:	Monday 12th October to Monday 14th December (12.30pm finish)