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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7 Newsletter 2026



Kia ora e te whānau, nau mai haere mai ki te panui Wiki Whitu. Welcome to Week Seven's newsletter.

The term, and year, are literally flying as we continue to embrace learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

Teachers are in the process of completing their end of year reports to parents; you will receive these electronically on Thursday 3rd December (fingers crossed there are no technical difficulties as have been experienced in NCEA exams).

Last week, we welcomed the **Education Review Office (ERO)** to Morrinsville Intermediate School. While their findings remain provisional until they go through ERO's internal moderation process, we are thrilled to share some very encouraging initial feedback. The reviewers noted many areas of strength across our kura—rating us as "Excelling" in Teaching, Leadership, Professional Capability, Partnerships, Inclusion and Wellbeing, and Stewardship and Governance. In particular, ERO praised the strong, positive relationships we hold with mana whenua and our whānau, the dedication of our staff, and our articulate students who spoke with genuine pride about belonging at MIS.

As we look ahead, we have highlighted two key priorities to guide our next steps: continuing to embed structured approaches in English and Maths within the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum, and strengthening our targeted, evidence-based interventions to lift achievement and equity—particularly in Writing and across specific student cohorts; these next steps were already included in our 2027-2028 strategic plan.

ERO acknowledged 71% regular attendance to-date this year, meeting the current Government target as we continue working toward ERO's 80% benchmark. Please ensure your child attends school right to the very last day this year as 'every day counts and every minute matters'.

A huge thank you to our students, staff, Board, and whānau for your support and involvement in making the visit such a success. We will share the confirmed report with our school community once ERO finalises their moderation process.

At this time of the year we are busy looking ahead and planning for 2027, particularly staffing and class placements. (please see below for details regarding staffing). Next Tuesday, 1st December, we will be holding our Orientation Day; Year 6 students will visit and meet their classroom teacher along with next year's Year 8s. Our current Year 8s will also head to Morrinsville College and will meet key personnel and be given a guided tour of the school (NB: they won't learn who their teachers will be on Tuesday).

Jenny Clark
(Principal)

Featuring in today's newsletter:

Rangatiratanga Award
Gold for Glory
Attendance Award
Honours Awards
Inter-Intermediate Lacrosse
Inter-Intermediate Golf
MIS Music Showcase
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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 Wonder in Week 5: Congratulations to the following students: Hailey P1, Roberto P2, Jake P3, Prince P4, Izaak P5, Ashton T1, Laura T2, Dream T3, Charlee T4, Zoe W1, Michaela W2, Maiah W3, Lauren W4, Food Tech: Adrian T1, Hard Materials: Kary W1, Art: Zinah P5

The focus was Engagement in Week 6: Congratulations to the following students: Charlie P1, Isiah P2, Aiden P3, Ishan P4, Eyaneeka P5, Jack T1, Nile T2, Addison T3, Georgia T4, Jacob W1, Jedd W2, Curtis W3, Harper W4, Science Jacob W2, Food Tech: Ryan P1, Hard Materials: Angie T1, Art: Ellie T4, Performing ARts: Chase W3, Robotics: Elijah W1.

Gold For Glory: At each assembly students are recognised for showing initiative, or going the extra mile by demonstrating our school vision, motto and values. The recipient in Week 5 was Charlie from T4 and in Week 6 the recipient was Quade from W2. Well done!

Attendance Award: Congratulations to Lauren from W4 who was the recipient of the $10 attendance voucher. All students who were present for all of Week Five were in the draw.

Honours Students:

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Honours during assembly in Week 5:

Kate Nymph: Cultural Excellence, Academic Excellence, Sports Excellence.

Adam Garrud: Civics Excellence, Cultural Excellence, Academic Excellence.

Natalie Keen: Double Academic Excellence, Civics Excellence, Cultural Merit.

Aarushi Aryal - Double Honours: Double Cultural Excellence, Double Academic Merit, Academic Excellence, Sports Excellence.

Joss McMillan: Academic Excellence, Sports Excellence, Civics Merit.

Lexie Arnold: Civics Excellence, Sports Excellence, Cultural Merit.

Well done to you all, we are very proud of your achievements and your commitment to our school vision, values and motto! You all epitomize our Learner Profile: EMPOWERED.



Inter-Intermediate Lacrosse:

Last week our students competed in the WIMS Lacrosse tournament and everyone enjoyed a very successful day. The MIS boys made the final, playing off for 1st and 2nd against Cambridge Middle School which they narrowly lost 2-1. The boys were awesome on the field all day and should be very proud of themselves.

The girls played really well, and ended up playing off for third and fourth, which came down to one point scored in the last seven seconds of the game! Meaning they came 4th. This was an awesome effort and they had some solid wins on the day as well!

Thanks to everyone who supported the students on the day.



Waikato Primary and Intermediate School Golf Competition:

Twelve MIS students attended the Waikato Primary and Intermediate School golf competition held at Pirongia Golf Course on Friday 20th November. With perfect golf conditions on the day, our players got the chance to pit their golf skills against 130 players from around the region. We also fielded our very first girls Ambrose team, who took the opportunity to try a new sport and had quite a few laughs over the day. Koby (49 nett) and Lexie (52 nett) took home prizes for their efforts in division 2, while both the boys and girls ambrose teams also took home prizes for their scores. The students were all amazing, and picked up a few new skills to take with them into their next golf rounds.

Thanks to Mike Garrud and Martin Kennedy for helping with transport on the day.









MIS X-Factor:

On Monday we held our annual X-Factor competition. We had a variety of acts perform for the whole school, from cultural dances and classical piano to heavy metal musicians and hip hop choreography. All performers did an outstanding job, and it was a very hard decision for our judges! Well done to all students who got involved and took the opportunity to showcase their talents.



Congratulations to the following students who were awarded placings:

1st: Zayden Munn and Liam McKenzie performing heavy metal on drums and electric guitar

2nd: Ollie Chapman performing a classical medley on piano

3rd: Eva Kraenzlin and Tiana Thompson singing Hallelujah in English and Te Reo Māori

MIS Music Showcase Friday 4th December:

To celebrate an amazing year of making music at Morrinsville Intermediate, we are excited to invite you to our end of year Music Showcase! This is a wonderful opportunity for our talented students to share their musical achievements and celebrate their hard work throughout the year, with a touch of Christmas cheer!



Date: Friday 4th December (Week 8)
Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Venue: MIS Hall
Doors open: 1:40pm for whānau / families to find a seat.

Performances will include our Choir, Acoustic Band, Rock Band, Yaw's Guitar Groups, Piano Soloists and Acoustic Jam Group. The whole school will be attending to support our performers, and we warmly welcome whānau / family members to join us for this special celebration.

Staffing Update:
As we look ahead to the 2027 school year, we have a few staffing updates to share with our school community.

At the end of this term, we will be farewelling **Mrs Carla McKenzie**, who is taking a well-earned break from permanent teaching, and **Mr Gavin Craw**, whose fixed-term contract has come to an end. We are also saying goodbye to **Whaea Taylor**, who is leaving us to pursue exciting new cultural opportunities and **Mrs Kylie Turner**, rock band tutor, is not returning in 2027. We thank them all sincerely for their dedication, energy, and the positive impact they have had on our tamariki.

Looking ahead to next year, we are pleased to share that the Board of Trustees has approved a one-year trial for **Mr Day** as our PE specialist. We are also delighted that **Mrs Sally Armstrong** and **Mrs Belinda Duncan**, who have been teaching on Fridays this year, will be returning to our school community as relievers in 2027.

We will share further updates regarding our new staff appointments for 2027 in our final newsletter of the year.

Morrinsville College Enrolments:
A reminder if your child will be attending Morrinsville College next year and you have not yet enrolled, this needs to be done urgently (see the link below). Obviously students need to select their subject options and the college needs to confirm their incoming enrolment numbers and staffing.
https://www.morrcoll.school.nz/enrol-with-us

End of Year Prizegiving:
Our prizegiving will take place on Monday 14th December from 11.00am in the school hall. Families are very welcome to join us and help celebrate the success and achievements of our students. All efforts will be made over the next week to contact families to advise you if your child is receiving an award. Following prizegiving any children with parents in attendance may be signed out for the afternoon.



Upcoming Calendar Events:

26th Nov to 30th November	Financial Literacy (ASB Get Wise)
Tuesday 1st December	Year 8 Orientation Visit at Morrinsville College
Tuesday 1st December	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 7th December	MIS Fun Day
Wednesday 9th December	Year 8 Social 7.00pm to 9.30pm
Thursday 10th December	End of Year Reports will be emailed home
Monday 14th December	Prizegiving 11am to approx 1.30pm - all welcome
Tuesday 15th December	Last day of school (12.30pm finish. Buses will run at this earlier time)

2027 School Term Dates:

Term One:	Tuesday 2nd February to Friday 9th April
Term Two:	Tuesday 27th April to Friday 2nd July
Term Three:	Monday 19th July to Friday 24th September
Term Four:	Monday 11th October to Thursday 16th December

NB: proposed Teacher Only Days (curriculum PLD): Tuesday 8th June and Tuesday 26th October





