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JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

On the 30th November the Junior Girls Volleyball team departed for Rotorua to attend the North Island Volleyball Secondary Champs. This was a week long tournament, the girls having great success in their pool games. Within the first pool we were placed in, we won all our games and came first. Leading into the cross over matches were some tiresome 3 set matches with the girls successfully finishing up 6th out of 20 teams in our division. The teams we came up against were; Wainuiomata, Whangarei High, Tauranga Girls, Rotorua Lakes, Katikati College, Freyberg High, Taradale High, Woodford House Premier and Whakatane High School. The girls were a fantastic bunch to take away and the week long tournament was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done girls, see you all next year!

Team Members:

- *Sapatitai Matenga (Captain),*
- *Awhina Mitchell (Vice Captain),*
- *Hayley Loli,*
- *Lizzie Apisala,*
- *Rosalina Toleafoa,*
- *Miracle Roi,*
- *Michelle Wong,*
- *Sariah Clayton.*



photos

HOCKEY ACADEMY 2010

In 2010 MRGS will be running for the first time a Hockey Sports Academy at year 9. It is an exciting time for the school and we are proud to announce that the head coach for this academy will be John Daji. John is rated one of NZ's top secondary school coaches, he currently coaches the Eden Roskill Premier Ladies side and the NZ Secondary School Girls champions Diocesan.



1ST XI BOYS CRICKET

Almost, but not quite.

That about sums up the final three games of the 1st XI Boys Cricket team season this year. In all three games against St Kentigerns, Kings College and Glendowie we had our chances to win only to see the game slip between our fingers, sometimes quite literally.

In a somewhat odd decision by college sport the first two day game of the second half of our season against St Kentigerns was reduced to a one day game and then, due to bad weather, a Twenty20 game. Despite this the game came down to the wire with St Kents needing 9 to win off the final over, unfortunately our bowling was not up to the pressure and the nine runs needed came off the first three balls of the over.

Next up was King's College and we posted a very good first innings score of 217. Kings we reduced to 71 for 4 and then later in the game 189 for 9 but again we could not finish them off. Kings finally posted 223 and took first innings points from the game. Glendowie College were the top team in the competition and we rose to the challenge early in the game scoring a good 187 in our first innings. Learning from our mistakes against King's we rolled Glendowie for 148, which was still about 30 more runs than they should have scored, having recovered from 78 for 7. Unfortunately we left our worst performance of the year for last as we were bowled out for a paltry 58 in our second innings. Glendowie polished the runs off comfortably only losing one wicket in the process and claiming an outright victory.

Perhaps the boys suffered from a lack of self belief at critical points in the various games, or maybe it was a lack of the final killer blow being able to be delivered, but we simply could not seem to finish teams off when we had them in trouble during the latter part of our season. Despite this the team has learnt many valuable lessons and now believes they can compete with any team in the competition.

As this is my last season in charge I certainly wish them all the best for next year.

Mr R Hanham (Head Coach)

TOUCH RUGBY

Touch Junior Girls

It's been a challenging season for the girls, who have played in the A grade. They have managed to get through the season finishing on a high by winning their last 2 games beating St Cuthbert's 7 - 2 and Marcellin 6 - 1. The girls finished 8th out of 12 schools. Big thanks go to Mr Ciaran Overton for coaching the girls during the season.

Touch Junior Boys

The boys have had a tough season. Nevertheless they have enjoyed the games they have played. This boys team has the



potential to be a number 1 team as a result of their commitment to trainings and their passion for the game.

Touch Senior Mixed New Zealand Secondary School Nationals

We wish the best of luck to this team who are attending the National Tournament in Palmerston North on December 10th - 11th. They have been training very hard for the past 3 months under the skilled coaching of Mr Dennis Matene and are looking in great shape for the tournament. Staff attending are Mr Taunga, Ms Te Whiu and Mr Koloamatangi.

VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR GIRLS

This term has been a very good one for volleyball with two girls teams; one team playing in the A grade and one in the B grade. In the first round both teams won, which meant that the second team moved up into the A grade for the 2nd round. Thank you to Caroline Marshall for giving up her time to coach this team. The A team finished their season in 2nd place behind Onehunga. Mt Roskill was seeded 18th out of 24 schools. Well done to both teams for the season. Also good luck to the team and Miss Harvie and Miss Hughes who are attending the Volleyball Championships in Rotorua.



GET INVOLVED IN 2010

To improve sport within the school it is important that we see an increase in the involvement of parents and ex-pupils of MRGS. If you would like to coach or manage a sports team and have a passion for sport, a child who is involved or would like to give something back to the school please do not hesitate to contact [Mr Buckley](#) (Director of Sport) on 6210050 ext 891. Any help would be much appreciated.

Finally at the start of 2010 the school is looking to set up a school sports committee. This committee would look at ways to improve school sport by having meetings involving parents, staff and students. Once again if you are interested in being involved in this committee please ring [Mr Buckley](#) on 6210050 ext 891.



SUCCESS FOR GIRLS' BADMINTON TEAMS

- **Miss Daji's Thursday team won their competition.** Team: Sharon Ngo, Ahana Palande, Veena Paul Sneha Salimath, Meghna Shelke & Zhi Shean Tee.
- **Mrs Zutics team was 2nd in their competition.** Team: Stacy Alvares, Natasha Banerjee, Christina D'Souza, Smruthi Divate, Namrata Modak, Mrinal Murali & Ankita Tejnani.
- **Miss Robertson's Wednesday team was 2nd in their competition.** Team: Vanessa Wang, Annaliesa Tran, Megan The, & Wenyu Ouyang.
- **Mrs Naidu's Tuesday team was 2nd in their competition.** Team: Shruti Iyengar, Prathyu Kodali, Bindu



Kumar, Sneha Malakappa, Brinda
Mamidi, Krithika Prahallad, Shivani Pulpa & Lini Thomas.

NZSS INDIVIDUAL ROAD CYCLING CHAMPS

David Aung and Nick Miller represented MRGS at this event from the 4th to the 6th of September in Mt Wellington and East Tamaki.

Competitors must complete three separate events, the individual time trial, hill climb and criterium. Points are accumulated according to where riders finish for each separate discipline. This requires being good all round cyclists. Nick who had been at tournament all week was able to complete the hill climb and criterium in the Under 20 age group. His experience and strength from years of cycling both on and off road showed in a very quick time of just under two minutes for the very steep ascent of Mt Wellington. This was the 24th fastest time out of a field of over 70, not bad for someone still recovering from playing hockey all week and not being able to train due to a broken wrist sustain at the individual mountain bike champs earlier in the year.



David who is new to cycling as a sport but has been riding with extreme passion and enthusiasm also rode strongly in all three events in the Under 16 age group. The criterium is perhaps the most exciting and tactically challenging event. Riders race as a group around a 1.5km loop accumulating points for winning certain laps. The course this year had some particularly technical aspects requiring extreme concentration and just a little bit of luck. Both Nick and David were unfortunate to encounter crashes and although neither was involve, they lost touch with the pack and were unable to catch up. Nick and David showed true grit and determination, racing with 100% effort and never giving up, ensuring the cycling community knew MRGS was there to race.

In the overall standings, Nick finished 48th and David 19th in the B-Grade section of the Under 16 boys. David also races in the NZ Champs in Levin from the 26-28th September and we wish him all the best.

[photos](#)

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS GYMSPORTS

On the weekend of the 5th and 6th of September we had a team competing at the National Secondary Schools Gym sports competition.

Results were as follows:

Trampoline

- A Grade - Sarah Deverell finished 3rd
- C Grade - Nikki Lumangtad 10th

Artistic Gymnastic Girls Team

Shriya Naidu, Emily Ng , Victoria Ng, Nikki Lumangtad and Jessica Sprague.
Final Results: Emily 7th, Nikki 27th, Shriya 28th, Victoria 41st, Jessica 50th.

All girls improved on their individual results on all apparatus and it was pleasing to see their commitment to this sport over the entire season.



Congratulations to Hayden Ng in B Grade Boys Artistic where he finished 2nd in the National Secondary Schools.

Click here to see [photos](#).

WINTER SPORT SUCCESS

The Winter sports program is coming to an end with a number of our top sports teams competing well in their competitions.

2009 highlights from Winter Sport to date:

The Girls U19 Basketball side went through its season unbeaten to win the Auckland Central zone championship. While the Boys U19 Basketball side finished third on a point's count back after winning 11 out of 12 games this season. Special mention must be given to two former students Benson Rong and Willie Wei who coached the side superbly.



The Boys U85kg Rugby League side had a great season finishing 2nd in the Auckland competition losing to Massey High school in the final. Special mention must go to Mr Taunga for his outstanding contribution to Rugby League in the school.

The Girls 1st XI Hockey team has had another top season going through undefeated and are preparing to play in a semi final cross over promotional match.

The Girls Netball Open A team finished 3rd in the Auckland Senior A competition and are in the final of the Waitakere competition next week.

Both the Boys and Girls 1st XV rugby teams finished mid table this year while both the Squash and Badminton teams are still currently involved in their competitions.

MRGS will have five teams representing the school at tournament week this year. They are the Hockey Boys and Girls, Soccer Boys and Girls and Netball Open A. The School would like to thank all staff and parents involved in this year's winter sports program and we are looking forward to a bigger and better 2010.

MOUNTAIN BIKING - RELAY CHAMPS

Nick Miller and Zac Youngson competed in the ASS mountain bike relay champs at Woodhill Forest on Sunday 23rd August, 2009. The race was three hours long and the course was both technically challenging and a good test of mental and physical strength. Nick and Zac were in the senior boys section and were also up against teams of 4 riders. The Roskill team competed strongly with Nick posting some very quick lap times and Zac followed up with steady riding in support. Nick also rode in the individual champs earlier this year but crashed on the first lap, dislocating the bones in his wrist and breaking it, so this was a strong come back ride and was noted by the event organisers.



SPORTS AWARDS DINNER

- Date: Wed 28th October
- Time: 5-9pm
- Venue: Butler Hall, Mt Roskill Grammar School, Frost Rd, Mt Roskill
- Guest Speaker: Nathan Fa'avae, Adventure Racer

Nathan Fa'avae

Nathan Fa'avae has been one of the best all round adventurer racers in the world and Captain of the Balance Vector – the highly successful New Zealand Adventure Racing Team.

Nathan is an expert navigator with a broad range of skills and experience in the outdoors. As a professional outdoor instructor, Nathan is no

stranger to sleeping on the ground, having wet feet, being attacked by mosquitoes and long days in the mountains with a heavy pack on!

He is a qualified instructor in white water kayaking, sea kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, snow boarding, mountain safety and navigation.



CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country was held on a beautiful sunny day on Thursday August the 6th. The highlight of the day was the enthusiastic and good natured approach the majority of the students displayed during the run. Apart from a little bit of wind on the course the conditions were perfect for good times. The winner of the Championship race was Tadele Tekle-Haimanot (Y12) who completed the 3.2km run in a New School Record of 9 minutes 44 seconds. He was followed closely behind by Haile Tesfaye and Carl Maskell. Caol Lee-Davis (Y10) won the Girls Championship race in 14:22 followed by Eliza Brown and Telisha Kumar, all three finished within 8 seconds of each other. After training hard for three weeks it was fantastic to see so many students enjoying themselves and participating to the best of their ability.



Cross Country Championship Results 2009

Senior Boys

- **1st** Tedele Tekle-Haimanot
- **2nd** Haile Tesfay
- **3rd** Carl Maskell

Intermediate Boys

- **1st** Daniel Yep
- **2nd** Warren Duncan
- **3rd** Kaveendra Krishna

Junior Boys

- **1st** Eshan Taio
- **2nd** Damien Flavell
- **3rd** Kaiz Hudda

Senior Girls

- **1st** Fiona Ting
- **2nd** Natasha Smith
- **3rd** Codesa Afele

Intermediate Girls

- **1st** Telisha Kumar
- **2nd** Akhila Achanta
- **3rd** Tamelia Sue

Junior Girls

- **1st** Eliza Brown
- **2nd** Alana Miller
- **3rd** Madina Faghiryar

House Results:

- **1st** Mansfield
- **2nd** Blake
- **3rd** Baxter
- **4th** Hillary
- **5th** Rutherford
- **6th** Sheppard
- **7th** Savage
- **8th** Ngata

Photos available from [Photo Gallery](#).

FENCING NEWS

The Mount Roskill Grammar School Fencing squad competed in the Larson Foil Competition on Saturday August 1st.

It was a tough competition with over 40 fencers from the North Island representing all age groups. The squad consisted of Reuel Baptista, Hamish Bulmer, Jeffery Liang, Jayden Hickman, Cara Rebello and Mehak Gill who all put in an excellent effort during the day. Despite being the first completion for this year's squad we were well rewarded with Mehak and Cara earning 3rd and 4th places in the women's open event and Hamish put in a fine effort as our only Sabreur. It was a tremendous opportunity to learn and demonstrate fencing prowess.

The next competition is eagerly awaited on Aug 14th at Otahuhu's old recreational centre (on Piki Thomson Place) all supporters would be very welcome.

J. Thompson



CHESS TEAM NEWS

Our two senior teams and three junior teams have had an enjoyable term playing against a number of schools in Auckland. Congratulations to Nicholas Power, Alvir Diwan, Karan Dasgupta, Shilpan Patel, Mohammed Abdul and Junedh Amrute in Junior 1 for getting into the finals.

Congratulations to Victoria Ng who played in the Auckland Girls Championships. She is the Under 18 Champion and came 2nd equal in the Open Division Champion overall.

GYMSPORTS AUCKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

On the 23rd of July at the Bruce Pulman Park the Gymsports teams competed in Auckland Secondary Schools.

Gymnastics

- MRGS Artistic Gymnastic Girls
The team consisted of Addisalem Mekonnen, Shriya Naidu, Emily Ng , Nikki Lumangtad and Jessica Sprague.

The girls did a lot better than they thought they would with Emily Ng coming 3rd Equal in the individual competition, and the team finished 3rd overall in the B Grade Novice Event.

- B Grade Boys
Hayden Ng competed in 6 disciplines (floor, pommels, rings, vault, Parallel bars, High Bars) and came 2nd in Auckland. Well done on this superb effort.



Trampoline

Erin Weston competed in this top grade with very difficult moves unfortunately she landed on the blue which results in a nil result.

- A Grade
Sarah Deverell finished 2nd in this closely contested event.
- C Grade
Went better than expected as most were competing in their first competition.
- C grade Girls.
Results were:
 - Brooke Clarkson 13th
 - Nikki Lumangtad 17th
 - Priya Mittal 21st
- C Grade Boys
Our boys team finished 1st in the team event with the following results:
 - Jonathan Guo 1st
 - Patrick Lee 4th
 - Lei Yin 5th
 - Brendan Lim 7th

It was a great day and both gymnastic and trampoline teams can be proud of themselves and how they trained and represented the school. We look forward to hearing the results from those who have qualified to go to Nationals later in the year.

SQUASH TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 16th June the Mount Roskill Grammar School Senior Squash A Boys' Team headed out to Unitec for the Senior Division One Day Tournament. The team consisted of Ben Speedy, Aamir Mitha, Abhishek Pillai, LJ Tai, Naseer Mohammed Abdul and John Elliott. Their aim was to surpass last year's placing of coming 3rd in the tournament. Their aim was to win. They played against Birkenhead College in the first round, with Ben, Aamir, Abihshiek, LJ and John convincingly beating their team 5-0 to advance into the semi final facing Orewa College.

The boys once again excelled, but it wasn't without a challenge as both Ben and Abihshiek had to come back from a 2-1 deficit to beat their opponents in 5 games. With that said, the boys won 5-0 to advance into the finals. With Sacred Heart as their

last opponent, the boys put on a marvellous display of squash with some exceptional games being played. Both teams were in a gripping tie until the end. There was no predictable clear winner with each team taking 2 games before heading into the final and decisive game. However, the final score came out 3-2, to Sacred Heart. The boys played to the best of their ability and had an amazing amount of fun, both on and off of the court where they met with other Squash players.

Special thanks go to Mr Parratt and Mrs Whitaker-Hall, who not only organise the event but also gave some very inspiring talks and advice to the boys. Without them we wouldn't have made it to the final.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Many of our teams compete at the top level and this year the following students have been selected for various representative teams in their chosen sport. Congratulations to them all.



Badminton

- Ashita Sharma **Auck U19 Girls Team**
- Kyati Sharma **Auck U19 Girls Team**
- Eric Sow **Auck U17 Boys Team**
- Wesley Yep **Auck U15 Boys Team**

Hockey

- Aleisha Keshaw **Auck U18 Girls Team**
- Alana Rose Miller **Auck U16 Develop Team**
- Emily McIntosh **Auck U16 Develop Team**
- Jaiman Patel **Auck U18 Develop Team**

Rugby League

- Reece Tamasi **Warriors Development**
- Delouise Hoeter **Auck West U15**
- Junior Leiuia **Auck West U15**
- BJ Magele **Auck West U15**
- Vincent Leota **Auck West U15**

Cross Country

- Tadele Tekle-Haimanot **NZ Junior Team**

BOYS U85KG RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM

Rugby League and the boys Under 85kg team made it to the final by beating St Pauls. Unfortunately they lost narrowly in the final against Massey High School which was held at Mt Smart Stadium. Congratulations boys!

BOYS 1ST XV RUGBY TEAM

The Boys 1st XV Rugby team is currently joint leaders of their competition with quality wins over a number of sides and one recent loss to Otahuhu College.

GIRLS 1ST XI HOCKEY TEAM

The Girls 1st XI Hockey Team is also undefeated with the best result of the year to date being a 4-3 win over the previously undefeated Kings College team. The girls came back to win after trailing 1-3 at half time. We are proud of our girls as they train hard and are fully committed to their team.

BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Both the U19 Boys and Girls Basketball Teams are currently undefeated and leading their competitions. The Boys team is well lead by Captain Paula Latu and leading scorer Jason Ou. The best two results of the year were a close fought victory over Michael Park 36-28 and a big win against ACG 123-36. The Girls team is well lead by Leilani Marshall, and has had an average winning margin of 20 points per game.

TRAMPOLINING NEWS

On Saturday and Sunday, 27th/28th June, two students from MRGS competed in the Auckland/Manukau championships which involves competitors from all over the North Island.

Erin Weston (Year 12) in the Elite Grade came 2nd in the synchronised event and 4th in the individual competition. Erin was penalised because her hair touched the tramp and was capable of higher attainment as this was her only mistake.

Sarah Deverell (Year 10) Won her 15-16 year old group. She also came 2nd in the synchronised trampoline competition.

We are so proud of you both. Both girls put in enormous hours into training and it is great to see the commitment and dedication they both put into practicing pay off. Both girls have a bright future in this sport and we look forward to following your progress.

Here is a link to Erin's [set routine](#)

PUKEKOHE EXCHANGE JUNE 2009

This year's annual exchange took place away at Pukekohe High School. This exchange was much smaller in numbers than in other years. The students from both schools who were involved enjoyed the day, the competition, the chance to watch other sports and the chance to socialise and mix with different students. Unfortunately the results did not go our way this year, Pukekohe winning the exchange 8 games to 3, with one draw. Next year's exchange will take place at MRGS and we are already looking forward to reversing these results. Special mention must go to the six year 10 boy students who filled in for the 1st XI Boys Soccer team.

Results for Exchange

- Rugby 1st 15 Boys 7-17 loss
- Netball Open A 38-52 loss
- Netball Junior 1/ 18-26 loss
- Netball Junior 2/ 4-35 loss
- Football 1st 11 Boys 1-4 loss
- Football 1st 11 Girls 0-2 loss
- Football Junior Girls 1-0 win
- Hockey 1st 11 Boys 0-4 loss
- Hockey U15 Boys 0-4 loss
- Hockey 1st 11 Girls 2-2 Draw
- Badminton Senior Boys 5-1 win
- Badminton Senior Girls 5-1 win

TRAMPOLINING

The trampolining team are training at Tri Star Gym in Mt Roskill and have been showing great improvement in their skills. Their first event is the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships in July. The team consists of a number of new trampolinists. If you have always wanted to try this sport there are still spaces left in the team. Please contact [Mrs Bennett](#) in the PE dept.

During Queens Birthday weekend Sarah Deverell Year 10 represented her club in a North Island Trampolining Competition in Gisborne. Sarah came 3rd in the 15-16 age, which is fantastic as she's still only 14. She has qualified for Nationals where she will represent Auckland in September at Mystery Creek. Congratulations, this is an

awesome accomplishment.

SURF LIFESAVING

During term 4 of last year and 1 of this year, the new MRGS Surf Lifesaving team in partnership with the United Northern Piha Surf Lifesaving Club met and began training towards the Surf Lifesaving New Zealand Surf Lifeguard Award, the first qualification needed to work professionally as a lifeguard here in NZ and overseas. The team was very committed and trained 2 week nights a week for swim training and first aid theory. This was followed with all day sessions on Sundays, hitting the surf at Piha.

The lifeguard exams were finally run in March and by this time the tough schedule meant that only 4 of the original 12 members of the group were ready to try for their exams; Briar Elliston, Holly Elliston, Catie Mulrennan and Kathryn Frankcom-Burgess. The girls met for 'Lifeguard Finishing School' at Muriwai on 28 March. In challenging 3 to 4 ft surf with strong rips running and numerous surfers in the line up the girls ran through a number of surf skills, practice rescues and scenarios. By the end of the day they were tired and aware that the real exam at Piha the following weekend would be very challenging.

On Saturday 4 April the girls met the rest of the candidates from Surf Lifesaving Northern Region for the real exam at North Piha and once again the west coast served up very testing conditions. The majority of the exam was run in an area with a particularly powerful rip that the girls had to work against to successfully complete the exercises, practicing skills that will serve them well in their future lifeguarding. To their great credit they all completed the day successfully and achieved the Surf Lifeguard award. A special prizegiving was held on Saturday 16 May at the Marine Rescue Centre in the city, where the girls received their certification. They deserve great credit for their dedication and commitment. Congratulations girls!

The group will meet again in Term 4 and new members are very welcome. To qualify you must be reasonably fit, and with training over the two terms and summer able to complete a 400 metre timed swim in less than 9 minutes without stopping. You will also need to be able to commit twice a week to training, including Sundays through the summer to hang out at Piha and work on your skills.

1ST XV RUGBY: EARLY SEASON SUCCESS

The season has started very well for the team. They had 5 pre-season games winning well against One Tree Hill College, Immanuel from Australia and the Old Boys, with losses to Lynfield and Onehunga High School (0 - 30). However in the first round of the competition they had an historic 7-3 win against the number one seed, Onehunga. This was a big turnaround from the pre-season warm up. Kaleli Hopoi scored a very good try barging off three would-be tacklers before scoring near the posts. Patrick Tiatia converted to make it 7 - 0 at half time. Onehunga High School made several attacks at our line in the second half but failed to cross it. Wasa Laufoli was player of the day for his great defence and for getting to the break downs quickly.



In the second game against Southern Cross both teams attacked the lines numerous times but we managed two tries to Southern Cross' one. Kaleli Hopoi and Andrew Tuala scored tries with Patrick Tiatia converting both, as well as kicking two penalties. Final score 20-5 with Carl Maskell being named player of the day for his great line out takes, his tackling and his tireless energy.

A big thanks must go to Etena Vaiouga our new coach, a past pupil who is inspiring the boys, and to Nick Tuialii and Malakai Kolomatangi who have taken pre-season training since February.

MAHURANGI SPORTS EXCHANGE 2009

This year's annual exchange took place here at Mount Roskill Grammar school. The students from both schools enjoyed the day. Unfortunately the results did not go our way this year Mahurangi winning the exchange 7 games to 4.

Photos are available [here](#)

Results for the Exchange

- Rugby 1st 15 Girls 15-10 win
- Touch Mixed 2-5 loss
- Netball Open A 34-40 loss
- Netball Senior 1 29-19 win
- Football 1st 11 Boys 6-0 win
- Football 1st 11 Girls 0-2 loss
- Hockey 1st 11 Boys 2-1 win
- 1st 11 Girls 2-4 loss
- Basketball U19Boys 44-60 loss
- Basketball U19 Girls 6-40 loss
- Basketball U17 Boys 23 - 28 loss



JOSEPH BENSLEY - NZ JUNIOR WATER POLO REP

Joseph Bensley who is a former Mt Roskill Grammar Student has been selected to represent New Zealand at the 2009 Water Polo Junior Mens world Chamionships in Croatia. Joseph is currently coaching the MRGS Girls Team along with Eleanor Natrass.



BADMINTON NEWS

Four MRGS students have been selected in Auckland Badminton Representative teams:

- Ashita Sharma (under 19)
- Kyati Sharma (under 17)
- Eric Sow (under 17)
- Wesley Yip (under 15)

There was very good attendance at trials and eleven MRGS teams have been entered into interschool competition for terms 2 and 3.

2009 NZSS DIV 2 WATER POLO CHAMPS (GIRLS)

On Thursday 23rd April the senior girl's waterpolo team made our way down to Hamilton to compete in the division 2 waterpolo nationals. After a 2nd placing at our North Island tournament we were keen to once again go out and prove ourselves despite the lack of one of our



starting lineup, Mattie Tuialii.

Our first game took place that night against Takapuna Grammar and proved to be our most nail-biting game of the tournament with Briar Elliston scoring the winning goal right on full time buzzer. The next day was an exhausting one, with a disappointing early morning loss to Carmel College, a convincing win over Western Heights High School finishing off with a well earned victory over John Paul College.

Saturday morning brought about a must win game against Hamilton Girls High. Even though Roskill was up 3 - 1 at half time, the local team managed a comeback resulting in a heartbreaking Roskill defeat 5-4. Despite another loss to St Kentigern that afternoon, we still managed to make 5th / 6th playoff against St Mary's College (who beat us at extra time at North Island and who we will be in our Auckland Quarter Final).

We played hard but unable to shut down their star player, allowing her 2 goals in the 2nd half, and resulting in a final score 2-1. We would like to thank our Coaches Eleanor Natrass & Joe Bensley for their time and effort this year, our Manager Mardia Te Whiu, camp mums Grace Natrass and Roshini Salway, and all the parents who came to support the team. Overall we came with a higher result than last year and even though it wasn't as good as we hoped for, as the team would say - it was a game of 4quarters and waterpolo was the winner on the day. *Catie Mulrennan*

RESULTS

- Takapuna Grammar 3 - 2 Scorers Telisha Kumar / 1 Briar Elliston / 2 win
- Carmel College 0 - 4 loss
- Western Heights 7 - 4 Scorers Briar Elliston / 5 Serah Tuialii / 2 win
- John Paul College 5 - 4 Scorers Briar Elliston / 1 Catie Mulrennan / 3 Kathryn Frankcom-Burgess / 1 win
- Hamilton Girls High 4 - 5 Scorers Briar Elliston / 2 Eva Penny / 1 Serah Tuialii / 1 loss
- St Kentigern College 2 - 3 Scorers Briar Elliston / 1 Catie Mulrennan / 1 loss
- St Mary's College 1 - 2 Scorer Briar Elliston 1 loss

2009 NZSS DIV 2 WATER POLO CHAMPS (BOYS)

This tournament was played in the Holidays from 20th to 23rd April at Hamilton's Water World Pool, Te Rapa.

Mount Roskill Grammar School Boys were represented by a team of 11 players at this Tournament. Daniel Verhoven in goal, Ryan Goodin and Michael Verhoeven as centre forward specialists with Jordan Harris, Harry Thompson, Sam Saunders, Vincent Rhodes as drivers and Alwin Lim as a specialist Point and Centre back player. Tane Diaz, Oskar Simmons- Carlsson and Peter Siew played a very important role as substitutes.

Mount Roskill played 5 matches: Winning one, losing three and drawing their final match.

- St John's College- Hamilton 6- MRGS 4
- Rotorua Lakes 7- MRGS 8
- Northcote College 8- MRGS 2
- Mt Maunganui 14- MRGS 3
- Final Play off for 7th and 8th against Long Bay College resulted in a draw 6 goals all. Both teams finishing on 7th equal.

Top goal scorers were:

- Ryan-10 goals
- Jordan- 6 goals, of which 2 were penalties
- Alwin -3
- Harry- 2
- And Michael and Tane both scored one goal each.

Excellent work in field both on attack and defence by MRGS as a unit meant that MRGS

progressed to the top 8 teams in the tournament, being knocked out of the top four by Northcote College the eventual 4th placed team and St Johns who were eventually placed third. The winners, Church College from Hamilton beat Auckland's Kristin in a final that ran to extra time.

Final Placing - MRGS BOYS 7th=

2009 New Zealand Secondary Schools Division Two Championships.
Boys Northern Zone-

- 1st Church College
- 2nd Kristin College
- 3rd St John's College
- 4th Northcote College
- 5th Hamilton Boys
- 6th Mt Maunganui
- 7th = Long Bay & MRGS
- 9th John Paul College
- 10th Western Springs
- 11th Rotorua Boys High School
- 12th ACG Senior College
- 13th Takapuna Grammar Boys
- 14th ACG Parnell
- 15th Rotorua Lakes

GOLF - BATTLE OF THE SEXES


Golf has grabbed the public imagination following Danny Lee's outstanding win in the Johnnie Walker Classic. The quest is on to find the next Danny Lee.

Our own school team of Seve Ha, Harry Na, Jared Taia, Samantha Collings and Haveer Singh shaped up well for their first challenge of the season against Macleans College in what turned out to be boy versus girl and girl versus boy in a 'no holds barred' match-play golf arm wrestle. Seve ran out a winner six

holes to three against a charming young lady who often threatened to outdrive him passed the 250 metre mark. Harry competed against a similar opponent who outdrive him a couple of times and she was uncompromising in her ability to sink a long putt and Harry's hopes on a number of holes. Nevertheless Harry withstood the pressure and drew his match, 4.5 each. Jared also had a tough match against a boy who was determined to the last hole which resulted in a narrow loss, 4 to 5. Samantha, being our number 4 player, also had an exciting match against a boy who had a better golf handicap than her. Nevertheless she ran out the winner by two strokes on the day. The final team result was no massacre but a hard earned win to Mt Roskill over Macleans.

Our season's second match which was against Pakuranga matched up the New Zealand Number 2 Boys player, Seve Ha, against the New Zealand Number 1 Girl's player, Cecila Cho. Seve's power and accuracy on the drive was equally matched by Cecila's placement and precision of approach to the green. They were evenly matched over the first eight holes and were heading for a draw when Seve found himself in strife in the out-of-bounds area on the ninth hole and having to play a second ball which also strayed into trouble. Seve conceded a narrow loss 5-4 to Cecila. Harry played magnificent golf, also for eight of the nine holes, and conceded the ninth hole only, to run out a winner 6-3 against another talented female opponent. Jared worked hard in the only boy versus boy match to stay close to his opponent. Samantha who is turning out to be our find of the season, stuck to her game grittily and sunk two 10 metre long putts early in the game to sink her young male opponent's hopes and run out the winner, 6-3. Final score, Mt Roskill (19.5) win over Pakuranga (16.5).

The season is shaping up to be a thrilling battle of the sexes where the boys are being fiercely challenged in The Gentleman's Game.

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DRAGON BOATING 15TH MARCH 2009

On a sunny Sunday at the crack of Dawn, 7:45am to be exact, the MRGS Dragon Boat squad arrived at Lake Pupuke in Takapuna ready for a competitive, fun and ultimately rewarding day of racing. We participated in 3 heats, improving and getting stronger as we moved through the races. Despite the wind picking up as the day progressed, we managed to keep safely in our lane avoiding other teams who were struggling to head in a straight line. We managed to qualify third fastest for the plate final and after a short lunch, where we were entertained by Nesian Mystik, we prepared for our last race with a few token stretches and some very loud chants.



In the final we managed to get off to a good start and despite having superior technique, timing, and putting in a massive effort, we ended up coming third. Dragon boating, despite only being raced over a 500m course, taking approximately 3 minutes to complete, involves a great deal of dedication and commitment. We were training twice a week, often getting home after 7pm, and after a full day on Sunday the girls deserved to be very proud of their efforts. Special mention goes to Captain Annie who has been our metronomic caller for the last two years and who also had the important job of ensuring that Mr Williams didn't manage to run over too many Swans during training!

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ATHLETICS DAY 2009

This years Athletics Day had a different look about it than in previous years. Firstly it was sunny and hot and secondly the day was broken up into two parts. The Athletics championship ran periods 1 and 2 while the more traditional carnival ran periods 3 to 5.



ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

This was the first Athletics championship event that the school has had in well over 10 years. It was fantastic to see so many students enter and take part in such a competitive manner. This event gives our more able athletes a chance to compete at a higher level and to qualify for the zone competitions later in the term. The students involved thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and I am sure this event will get bigger and better in years to come. Congratulations to this years' Athletics champions and well done to the other competitors.



Results

Senior Boys

- 1st **Dion Wing**
- 2nd **Tadele Tekele-Haimanot**
- 3rd **Caleb Deverell**

Intermediate Boys

- 1st **Warren Duncan**
- 2nd **Kaveendra Krishna**
- 3rd **Ahmad Alshamsi**

Junior Boys

- 1st **Opeti Kei**
- 2nd **Keerthy Nallur**
- 3rd **Jonathan Ngai**

Senior Girls

- 1st **Alisi Koloamatangi-Damu**
- 2nd **Julie-Anne Sagote**
- 3rd **Natasha Smith**

Intermediate Girls

- 1st **Brittany Conlon-Stephanic**
- 2nd **Carrie Li**
- 3rd **Shivonne Oconnor**

Junior Girls

- 1st **Oshan Malifa**
- 2nd **Priyanka Reddy**
- 3rd **Adriene Grafia**

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2009

The afternoon Athletics carnival was a hot, yet very enjoyable, friendly but fierce house sports competition where students were involved in track, field and novelty events. The PE staff, with the help of peer support leaders, did a fantastic job in running the event. The House leaders, form teachers, support staff, and sports captains tried very hard to encourage their house on to heroic feats and a house victory, but at the end of the day fun and enjoyment was the name of the day and a great time was had by all.

This year **Baxter House** prevailed and managed to take the honors for the Athletics Carnival 2009.

House Results:

- 1st **Baxter**
- 2nd **Savage**
- 3rd **Blake**
- 4th **Hillary**
- 5th **Rutherford**
- 6th **Mansfield**
- 7th **Sheppard**
- 8th **Ngata**

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SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

This year it was fantastic to see so many students enter the Swimming Championships. It was probably the largest number of entries we have received in a number of years. The Swimming Championships is the event for our more able swimmers and we select the team to attend Central Zone Swimming from these swimmers. The swimmers competed very well with some of the events having tight finishes. Congratulations to this year's Swimming Champions and hopefully we will continue to have high levels of participation in future years.



Junior Boys

- 1st Lucas Chen
- 2nd Richard Ru
- 3rd Emily McIntosh

Intermediate Boys

- 1st Harry Thomson
- 2nd Sam Saunders
- 3rd Jerry Chen

Senior Boys

- 1st Walter Zhang
- 2nd Nick Miller
- 3rd Nick McIntosh

Junior Girls


- 1st Alana Miller
- 2nd Diana Ng
- 3rd Emily McIntosh

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Mattie Tuialii
- 2nd Mone Koga
- 3rd Eva Penny

Senior Girls

- 1st Briar Elliston
- 2nd Serah Tuialii
- 3rd Holly Elliston

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2009

A multitude of house colours and a wide variety of swimming costumes graced our swimming carnival again this year. The students ran, swam and piggy backed each other across the pool whilst their House Leaders, House Captains and helpers enthusiastically encouraged each and everyone to have a great time. No matter how well you swim, or whether you can swim at all, the swimming carnival is an opportunity for the school to have a good time



and come together for a bit of friendly rivalry to start the year off in a positive manner. The majority of students take part and House rivalry whilst friendly is fierce. This year Blake prevailed and managed to take out the honours for swimming in 2009 well done Blake.


House Results:

- 1st Blake
- 2nd Mansfield
- 3rd Hillary
- 4th Ngata
- 5th Baxter
- 6th Savage
- 7th Sheppard
- 8th Rutherford

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JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE NGARUAWAHIA TRIP 2008

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