



MOUNT ROSKILL
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MRGS News Bulletin Week ending 28th October

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou, Talofalava, Malo'elelei, Namaste, Ni Hao

At assembly this week I talked about three very good things that happened over the Term Three break. Firstly the Rugby World Cup finished with the best possible result. It has been a special time for New Zealand hosting such a big event and it has been fantastic to see the enjoyment and goodwill amongst people in recognising the skill and commitment of players from so many nations.

Secondly, the launch dinner of the Sursum Foundation – a group of past students and teachers was held in the school hall. The Foundation is raising funds to support education at the school. Over 200 guests hosted by our prefects and the under 15 boys Rugby team dined together and enjoyed a speech from former Principal Colin Prentice and a fundraising auction led by Keith Dowdle, son of former Principal Charlie Dowdle. Congratulations to Nick Tuialii and the Foundation for their organisation of the evening. Information about the Foundation is on the school web site.

Thirdly, it was very good to see many students in at school during the break completing assessment work and participating in tutorials. About 150 students attended mathematics tutorials over each of four days! Well done to the students and thank you to our teachers who gave their time.

Our senior prize giving is next Wednesday evening and families are invited to come along to join us in recognising the outstanding achievement of our students. NCEA external examinations begin on November 10th. At this stage it's important that students are doing lots of practice questions. After all questions are what they will be facing in the examinations. Doing practice questions helps identify gaps in learning and focuses students on providing the information in the manner required by each question. Practice questions can be found on the 'study it' web site, the school i-Learn site, or in class notes.

Finally, congratulations to Orange House who won the house shield for the second year running by the narrowest of margins from Green House.

Greg Watson

Principal

2011 NZQA Examination Timetable

| Day/Date | NCEA L1 | | | | |
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| Tuesday 20 – Thursday 22 Sept | Mathematics Common Assessment Task (MCAT) for AS91027 administered by the school | | | | |
| Day/Date | Time | NCEA L1 | NCEA L2 | NCEA L3 | Scholarship |
| Thursday 10 Nov | am | Media Studies | | | Drama |
| | pm | Art History | English | | English |
| Friday 11 Nov | NO EXAMINATIONS ON THIS DAY | | | | |
| Saturday 12 Nov | am | | | | Statistics and Modelling |
| | pm | | | | Science |
| Monday 14 Nov | am | Mathematics | Art History | Home Economics / Spanish | |
| | pm | Dance | | Statistics and Modelling | |
| Tuesday 15 Nov | am | German | Accounting | Science | |
| | pm | Accounting | German / Te Reo Rangatira | Biology | |
| Wednesday 16 Nov | am | English | Latin / Media Studies | Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira | Classical Studies |
| | pm | Chinese | Physics | Art History | Physics |
| Thursday 17 Nov | am | Agricultural and Horticultural Science | Mathematics | Dance | Te Reo Māori |
| | pm | French | Te Reo Māori | Economics | Art History |
| Friday 18 Nov | am | Biology | Education for Sustainability | English | |
| | pm | History | Biology | Agricultural and Horticultural Science / Japanese | German |
| Saturday 19 Nov | am | | | | Chemistry |
| | pm | | | | History |
| Monday 21 Nov | am | Science | Chemistry | Chemistry | Latin |
| | pm | Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira | Drama | German | Music |
| Tuesday 22 Nov | am | Chemistry | Geography | Health | Biology |
| | pm | Classical Studies | Samoan / Spanish | History | |
| Wednesday 23 Nov | am | Geography | Dance / Home Economics | Geography | Accounting |
| | pm | Home Economics | Japanese | Classical Studies | Samoan |
| Thursday 24 Nov | am | Japanese | History | Accounting / Latin | Te Reo Rangatira |
| | pm | Physics | Agricultural and Horticultural Science | Mathematics with Calculus | Agricultural and Horticultural Science |
| Friday 25 Nov | am | Economics | French | Physics | Spanish |
| | pm | Social Studies | Science | Drama | Media Studies |
| Saturday 26 Nov | am | | | | Mathematics with Calculus |
| | pm | | | | Geography |
| Monday 28 Nov | am | Drama | Classical Studies | Making Music / Te Reo Māori | French |
| | pm | Te Reo Māori | Music | Media Studies | |
| Tuesday 29 Nov | am | Business Studies / Spanish | Social Studies | Social Studies | Chinese |
| | pm | Health | Chinese / Health | French | Physical Education |
| Wednesday 30 Nov | am | Music | Economics | Music Studies | Economics |
| | pm | Latin | Business Studies | Chinese | Japanese |

All AM exams start at 9.30am

All PM exams start at 2.00pm

Uniform Reminders:

Year 11 students change to senior uniform next year as Year 12s – shirt/blouse with grey crest and collar and red jersey or vest.

Senior students are entitled to wear a regulation blazer (optional) which must be paid to the Accounts office at Admin at the time of order.

Uniform items that need to be custom made (larger than women's size 24 and men's size 4XL) will cost an extra \$10 per item if ordered in 2012. Items ordered and paid for in 2011 will not incur the extra cost. Students ordering made-to-measure items must pay at the Accounts Office at MRGS by 1st November.

Orders for blazers and made-to-measure items require a student to collect an order form then take it to the manufacturer: Elizabeth Michael, 357 New North Rd, Kingsland, for a fitting. Custom made items and blazers are then delivered to MRGS for collection by students.

Donations of Uniform are always welcome – even socks! Please drop them to reception in either the main office or the Deans' Centre.

The uniform shop is moving!

The new location is at the MRGS Gate 3 car park, Frost Road.

The shop will reopen on Friday 25th November 8 – 9am, 3 – 4pm

Monday 5th December 8 – 10am, 2.30 – 4pm

Tuesday 6th December 8.00 – 9.00am and 3.00 - 4.00pm

Wednesday 7th December 8.00 – 9.00am and 3.00 - 4.00pm

The shop will open in the New Year on Tuesday 17th January.

What's coming up?

2nd November

Senior Prizegiving 5.30pm

Students must report to form class in full school uniforms at 5.20pm

3rd November

Last day for Seniors

Final assemblies and exam entry slips issued

10th November

NZQA and Scholarship exams start

16-18th November

Junior exams

25th November

NCEA Teacher only day

30th November

NZQA and Scholarship exams finish