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SPORTS DINNER AWARDS

AWARDS DINNER

The Mt Roskill Grammar School Awards Dinner went well as we acknowledge and celebrate the top participants in several sport and co-curricular activities for 2010. We also thank the invaluable voluntary contribution of coaches – staff, parents and ex pupils which is at times unrewarding but definitely appreciated. Congratulations to all students who received colors and Awards.

- **Staff Coach of the Year – Ms Mardia Te Whiu**
- **Student Coach of the Year – Swatna Lal**



Gold Awards – The Recipients of these awards must participate in 3 codes at the highest level and be a representative player in at least 1 of these.

Gold Awards winners 2010:

- **Zane Van Lieshout**
- **Jaiman Patel**
- **Lita Vatuvei**
- **Telisha Kumar**

The Robert Laing Trophy for Overall Contribution to Girl's Sport

She has played in 3 top sports teams, Football 1st XI, Cricket 1st XI and the 1st Kilkiti team. She is also a member of the Tennis Senior Girls 2 team, coach of the Junior Girls' Cricket team, is a House Sports Captain and is a member of the newly formed Sports Council. The winner of the Robert Laing Trophy is **Swatna Lal**.

The Natrass Family Trophy For Spirit of Sport Award

The Natrass Family Trophy is awarded for the Spirit displayed through Sport. The winner of this award has gone far and beyond what is expected. He is a parent of two MRGS students yet he does not coach either. In 2010 he coached not only the Senior 1 Netball Team, but assisted with both the Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams. He trains all of these teams twice weekly and attends all games. This is the

Mount Roskill Grammar School - Frost Road, Moun

The team has achieved what all teams at our school should be aiming at and that is playing in the premier competition. For the first time in 15 years the Open A Netball Team managed this feat by winning the pre-season tournament. Although they finished 9th out of 12 teams in the Auckland Competition they fared much better in the Waitakere Competition finishing 3rd. The 2010 Girls team of the year is the Netball Premier Team

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MRGS Team of the Year – Boys

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This 3 man team has had yet another fine year, representing MRGS extremely well and at the highest level. Highlight of the year would have to be their 2nd place finish in the Auckland 3 man team event, where **Daniel Yep** finished 17th, **Haile Tesfaye** 7th and **Tadele Tekele-Haimanot** 1st. The 2010 Boys team of the year is the Cross Country team.

BEST ALL ROUND SPORTSWOMAN

This year she was a member of the premier Netball Team, 1st 11 Football Team, 1st Indoor Netball team and the 1st Waterpolo team. She has also represented the school for both Swimming and Athletics. Best All Round Sportswoman of the year - **Telisha Kumar**.

BEST ALL ROUND SPORTSMAN

In 2010 he placed 3rd in the 400m Auckland Championships and will be attending Nationals later this year. He was this years School Athletics Champion and finished 4th in the School Cross Country. Once again he is a 1st team representative in both Hockey and Football and this year is a key member of the U16 Rugby Team, Best All Round Sportsman of the year - **Warren Duncan**

SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

This year she was captain and player of the year for both the Premier Netball team and the Open Girls Basketball team -which is a fantastic achievement in its self as this was her first year in Basketball. She also has the great honour of being selected for the NZ Indoor Secondary School Girls team. Sportswoman of the year - **Lita Vatuvei**.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

He currently plays for Eden Roskill Premer Mens Club, has been selected for the Auckland U19 and New Zealand U17 Softball teams. In 2010 He played in the 1st XV, 1st Lacrosse team, 1st Kilikiti Team, 1st Indoor Netball team and of course the 1st Softball team. Last years sportsman of the year is also this years sportsman of the year - **Zain Van Leishout**.

SNOW TEAM

This year the Mount Roskill Grammar Snow Team booted up for another year on the mountain minus **Ross "Seveross" Severinson** who was the teacher in charge last year. **Andrew "Mr D." Dunbar** gladly took charge instead and we still managed to have three fun-filled weekends during the snow season between terms 2 and 3. We all had fun on the mountain carving up the snow all the way to the bottom, then whistling back up to the top to do it all over again. However the memories we will keep from snow trips are those of what happened off the mountain. The MRGS snow team



caters to all different abilities and is not a competitive sports team, more a social activity. The reason people keep coming back and rejoining the snow team every year are for the unique memories and in-jokes that will only make sense "if you were on snow trip". It is these things that we will always remember. Stuff such as "minga man" at the petrol station and writing spoons on our foreheads are some of what we will never forget even as we leave the snow team after our stay at high school. Also I'd like to say before I end, part of what makes this snow team so awesome is the collection of teachers who organise and take it for us, sacrificing their own weekends to do so. Mr. Vlaskoffsky (I hope I'm spelling that right) Mr Horne and "Skippy" and Mr Fraser your amazing personalities and sense of humour make the snow trips what they are every year. On behalf of all the students we appreciate you doing this for us.

Sumanth Seshasayee

SPORTS AWARDS DINNER

The Annual Awards Dinner will be on **Wednesday 27th of October** from **6.00pm to 9.00pm** in the **Butler Hall MRGS**. This event is to celebrate the success of our sports teams and other co-curricular activities. Tickets cost \$25 and go on sale as of today. To purchase please pay at the Accounts office then take your receipt to **Ms Te Whiu** in Gym 3 to collect tickets. The school, Sports Co-ordinator **Ms Te Whiu** and Director of Sports **Mr Buckley** would like to acknowledge all the parents who supported teams by attending games and provided transport. See you in 2011.



TOURNAMENT WEEK 2010

Hockey 1st 11 Boys participated in the Olympic Stick tournament in Whakatane and came 5th out of the 16 teams with a record of 3 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses. The 2 losses came against the 2 teams that played in the final.

Hockey 1st 11 Girls tournament was held in Taupo. Once again the girls played really well throughout the tournament. Unfortunately we were beaten in the Semi finals on penalty strokes to the eventual winners. Final placing 3rd= out of 32 teams.

Football 1st 11 Girls participated in the Grant Jarvis Tournament in Taupo. It was an enjoyable week where the girls competed well against all teams. Unfortunately this did not result in winning any games, finishing the tournament in 30th place.

Netball Open A squad continued to show determination and passion at the upper North Island Netball Tournament held in Auckland. This saw the girls finish 12th out of 32 teams in the B grade, a 10 place improvement from 2009.

GIRLS 1ST XI FOOTBALL

- **Coach: Vicky Knowles**
- **Manager: Mr Chellew**

Change was in the air for the 1st XI girls of 2010, many things were different: a new manager, a new coach and a new strip. We had lost three senior players from last year, one of which was our longstanding goalkeeper of 5 years. So special thanks goes to **Veena** for stepping in to those big shoes; you have learned a whole heap and done us proud. We trained Monday and Thursday after school with Wednesday Games, not to forget of course the lovely Friday morning thigh-burning and apparently



ab-creating fitness sessions, alternating with Theory. Thank you to the girls who showed their commitment and passion throughout the season. The highlights of our season would have to be our 3-0 win over St Mary's and our 1-0 win over Glendowie. Tournament in Taupo from 29th August – 3rd September was great fun, though riddled with injuries. Special mention to **Puja Rai** for her very dramatic exit from the game – talk about body on the line! Special thanks must also go to **Shar Thorburn** for the many metres of strapping tape you have dispensed. You are a legend. **Ms Thomas, Mr Chellew** and **Vicky**, thank you again for your time and help with tournament and throughout the season. It was a great time for us all. Good luck to the team of 2011, may you have fewer concussions, more victories and play like you dance!

Helen Edmiston

GYMSPORTS NATIONALS 2010 RESULTS

National Secondary Schools Gymsports Event held 4th and 5th Sept

We had our largest team competing at this National event and our most successful event with a number of gold medals and top placings.

Artistic Gymnastics

- Girls 1 Team: **Erin Weston, Emily Ng, Sarah Deverell**
- Girls 2 Team: **Victoria Ng, Brittany Conlon Stepanic, Shriya Naidu, Ella Berlin**
- B Grade Men: **Hayden Ng**

Trampoline

- Elite Womens: **Sarah Deverell**
- C Grade Womens: **Brittany Conlon Stepanic, Emily Ng**
- B Grade Men: **Mark Yep**

Results were:

Individual Results: Artistic Gymnastics

- **Erin Weston** 1st
- **Hayden Ng** 1st
- **Sarah Deverell** 5th

Team Result: Artistic Gymnastics

Girls team one: **Erin, Emily** and **Sarah** GOLD medal for 1st place

Trampoline

- **Mark Yep** 4th
- **Sarah Deverell** 5th
- **Brittany Conlon Stepanic** 6th
- **Emily Ng** 10th

Well done to all the team this is our most successful event to date. Good luck for the future to **Emily, Victoria** and **Erin** our year 13 student leaving this team.

[more photos](#)



REGIONAL ROAD RACE RESULTS

Auckland Secondary Schools Regional Road Race results

On Friday 12th August at Bruce Pulman Park in Papakura MRGS had six students entered into the Senior Boys Race. They were supported by **Mr G Smith**. From a field of 47 runners **Daniel Yep** came in 17th, **Haile Tesfaye** came in 7th and **Tadele Tekle-Haimanot** came in first. Tadele, Haile and Daniel came second overall in the three-man event.

CROSS COUNTRY 2010

This year's Cross Country House competition unfortunately was cancelled on the day owing to poor weather conditions earlier in the week and on the day. The championship run however did go ahead with 85 of the school's best runners involved. This year's stand out result came from **Helen Edmiston** of Year 13 who set a new school record for female students of 13.25 minutes. The House competition was decided by the results from the championship run. This year Green House prevailed and managed to take the honours for this year's Cross Country event.

Cross Country Championship Results 2010

Senior Boys

- 1st **Haile Tesfaye**
- 2nd **Tadele Tekle-Haimanot**
- 3rd **Daniel Yep**

Senior Girls

- 1st **Helen Edmiston**
- 2nd **Worknesh Dinkayehu**
- 3rd **Telisha Kumar**

Intermediate Boys

- 1st **Warren Duncan**
- 2nd **David Zeng**
- 3rd **Khan Rogers**

Intermediate Girls

- 1st **Vandhana Tularam**
- 2nd **Himani Bhatia**
- 3rd **Alana Miller**

Junior Boys

- 1st **Chak Kadali**
- 2nd **Ben Varkey**
- 3rd **Junior Kasiano**

Junior Girls

- 1st **Victoria Mulrennan**
- 2nd **Azora Tohi**
- 3rd **Eleanor Mulrennan**

House Results

- 1st GREEN HOUSE
- 2nd ORANGE
- 3rd= BLUE
- 3rd= RED
- 5TH YELLOW

Auckland Cross Country Championships

Haile Tesfaye is to be congratulated for coming 2nd in the senior boys section for this event.

Year 12 Cross Country

Since the cross country was cancelled the PE Department ran a Year 12 Cross Country Event the next day with all Year 12 students. The results were:

Boys

- 1st Daniel Yep
- 2nd Nikhil Parpudi
- 3rd Callan Goodin
- 4th Kris Gounder

Girls

- 1st Khyati Sharma
- 2nd Ye-Eun Nam
- 3rd Anya Yang
- 4th Yuuka Minobe

GREAT BASKETBALL RESULTS

The **Girls Open Basketball** side went through their season with a record of 11 wins from 12 games in the Auckland Central zone championship. They have now been invited to attend a Greater Auckland Tournament where they will play the top 2 teams from North Harbour, Waitakere and Counties Manukau.

The **Boys U19 Basketball** team finished in first place in the U19 Boys Central Zone Competition after winning 9 out of 10 games this season. Special mention must be given to two former students Benson Rong and Willie Wei who coached the side superbly.

The **Boys U15 Basketball** side finished in first place in the U15B Central Zone Competition after beating Onehunga in the final 56 to 45.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Three Mount Roskill Netball Teams attended the Combined Netball Points Tournament out at the Morrin Rd Netball Centre on Wednesday 4th August. The sun stayed away all day and all teams had to play through hideous wintery conditions but they still had smiles on their faces to be playing the sport they love. There was a variety of results from across the teams but it was safe to say that all players had a great day, made new friends and enjoyed the strong competition against local Auckland teams and some schools that came from as far away as Cambridge.



The results:

- **Premier Netball Team:** 1 win, 1 draw, 2 losses
- **Intermediate Team:** 4 losses
- **Junior Team:** - 3 wins, 2 losses

AUCKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS GYMSPORTS

Artistic Gymnastics

At the Auckland Secondary School Gymsport Champs, MRGS performed extremely well and achieved pleasing results, and the senior girls loved wearing the new school leotards after wearing a 1970's version for the last few years.

In gymnastics our two girls teams came first and second in their grade with **Erin Weston, Sarah Deverell** and **Emily Ng** earning 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Erin Weston also came first in A grade Tumbling with well executed tumble routines.

Hayden Ng placed 2nd in B Grade Mens.

Trampolining

Rachel Baptista and **Ella Berlin** were competing in their first competition and did exceptionally well due to all the training they had put in.

Brittany Conlon-Stepanic qualified in the top 12 to compete in the finals and earned 5th place in her grade. Well done **Brittany** as this was also her first competition.

In Mens B Grade **Mark Yep** was 2nd, and **Hayden Ng** 3rd. **Patrick Lee** was 2nd in Mens C Grade. **Sarah Deverell** moved up a grade this year from A grade to Elite womens and came 4th in this grade.

- **Erin** tumbling - [video](#)
- **Hayden** rings - [video](#)
- **Mark Yep** - [video](#)
- **Sarah** trampoline - [video](#)

more photos available in [photo gallery](#)



PUKEKOHE SPORTS EXCHANGE

This year's annual exchange took place here at Mount Roskill Grammar school on a cold and foggy day. The students from both schools enjoyed a day of competitive sport and socialising with some very close matches. The results this year went our way 10 games to 8 and I am sure all involved are looking forward to next year.

Results:

- **Badminton Senior Boys:** 5-1
- **Badminton Senior Girls:** 6-0
- **Badminton Junior Boys:** 6-0
- **Badminton Junior Girls:** 6-0
- **Football 1st 11 Boys:** 1-0
- **Football 1st 11 Girls:** 0-7
- **Football Junior Boys:** 10-0
- **Football Junior Girls:** 0-1
- **Hockey 1st 11 Boys:** 0-4
- **Hockey 1st 11 Girls:** 2-0
- **Hockey Junior Boys:** 1-5
- **Netball Open A:** 25-19
- **Netball Senior 1:** 25-27
- **Netball Senior 2:** 4-39
- **Netball Int. 1:** 30-26
- **Netball Junior 1:** 21-24
- **Rugby 1st 15 Boys:** 0-17
- **Rugby U16Boys:** 28-12

MAHURANGI SPORTS EXCHANGE

This year's exchange took place on the 28th of April with Roskill 180 students heading northward. For the first time ever the Mt Roskill Kapa Haka group lead our party in the Powhiri, beginning proceedings with great passion and dignity. Mr Buckley and Ms Te Whiu had organised the day perfectly even laying on fine weather for the spectators. While the individual match reports follow it is sufficient to say that the games were played in magnificent spirit and while results might not have always gone our way everyone came away greatly rewarded from the experience.



- Basketball U19 Boys MRGS 47 – 51
- Basketball U19 Girls MRGS 36 – 40
- Hockey 1st 11 Boys MRGS 2 – 1
- Hockey 1st 11 Girls MRGS 4 – 6
- Football 1st 11 Boys MRGS 3 – 0
- Football 1st 11 Girls MRGS 0 – 7
- Netball junior 1 MRGS 17 – 19
- Netball Open A MRGS 55 – 23
- Touch Mixed MRGS 2 – 8

BASKETBALL U19 GIRLS (MAHURANGI)

Team: *Lita Vatuvei, Theresa Vi, Sera Waqa, Lucille Downe, Carnera Frost, Palu Malu, Leilani Marshall, Imran Salad, Tenisha Teura, Renae Toelau.* The game got off to a passionate start with both teams confronting each other head on. **Lita Vatuvei** was quickly nicknamed "The Champion" with her efforts throughout the match, providing a solid block and scoring 10 of Roskill's 36 points. **Sera Waqa** also took her shots at the basket scoring 8 more points. **Theresa Vi** took the chances of several key interceptions. **Mr. Buckley** provided some imperative coaching



throughout the game. The teamwork and spirit of the Roskill team remained strong throughout as they fought valiantly against Mahurangi. The team got some interesting support through the chanting of the boys' basketball team. In the end Roskill sadly lost 40-36.

BASKETBALL U19 BOYS (MAHURANGI)

Team: *William Fonua, Awot Hailemichael, Yueh-Ha Lai, Kevin Lam, Jamal Mohamed, Tata Nyunt, Jason Ou, Tony Pruksanunt, Parveer Singh, Josh Wilson.* The under-19 boys basketball team went into the match confident and well prepared. Their intensive training showed in the opening quarters, where they extended their lead to over 10 points. Mt Roskill fought hard to keep this lead, with **Josh Wilson** and **Tata Nyunt** providing strong leadership and good play. The Mahurangi team proved to be a challenge for Mt Roskill and they had to work hard to stay on top. Unfortunately, Mahurangi kept nibbling away at our lead before overtaking us in the fourth quarter to end the match 51-47 to Mahurangi College. **Teacher in charge- Mr C. Buckley.**

NETBALL INTERMEDIATE 1 (MAHURANGI)

Team: *Louann Campos, Florence Fialua, Teukialupe Havea, Nancy Hoeter, Imasha Kumarawansa, Kristal Manase, Temalisi Piutau, Telesia Sevele, Esther Usumaki.* **Teacher in charge- Ms. A. Harvie.** One of the first games of the day, the Intermediate Girl's netball team worked hard to open the overall innings in Mt Roskill's favour. The girls put up a strong fight against Mahurangi, keeping the opposition on their toes throughout the game. Proficient passing and solid attack and defence helped the girls to a close finish, which went Mahurangi's way with a closing score of 19-17.



1ST XI SOCCER BOYS (MAHURANGI)

Team: Ahmad Alshamsi, Enes Cencki, Devneel Chand, Caleb Deverell, Naweed Faghiyar, Kris Gounder, Jacky Lin, Metia Lisati, Paudel Aalok, Aakash Rai, Omar Sawaiz, Ameer Sing, Ben Speedy, Masillan Veejian, Anfernee Yee, Teacher in charge- Mr A. Rankin. After the loss of the girls 1st eleven soccer team to Mahurangi, the boys were determined to do



better in their match. Although the game started sluggishly in the first half, Mt Roskill scored the opening goal thanks to **Devneel Chand**. Mahurangi made several close attempts but none quite entered the net. In the second half, both teams picked up their game, especially their offence, with **Ben Speedy** skilfully marking the opposition. Strong defence and fantastic work by all the players ensured that the three goals by Mt Roskill went unanswered, with a final score of 3-0 to Mt Roskill.

1ST XI HOCKEY BOYS (MAHURANGI)

From the first whistle the 1st XI hockey boys began to dominate the Mahurangi side. Within the first five minutes Roskill had scored and not long after had scored once more. However, playing as a new team, Mahurangi managed to score a goal after half time, bringing the final score to 2-1 to Roskill. Exceptional play from the entire team. Goal scorers were **Vishal Patel** and **Eshan Taio**. Special thanks goes to **Mr Hays** our coach, for organising the team, and Year 13 students **Jaiman Patel, Kiran Ramji** and **Aditya Verma** for having an awesome last ever exchange.

1ST XI HOCKEY GIRLS (MAHURANGI)

Mount Roskill First eleven girls put on a great performance against Mahurangi College. Our annual exchange is always tough and this year was no exception! After being un-prepared due to a very hasty time change we took a hit and were down 4 - nil in the first ten minutes. Once everyone was all fired up, it was time to fight back and show everyone why we are the first eleven. By the end of the first half we had managed to work together and get the ball in the back of the goal. With a final score of 6 - 4 to Mahurangi, we were very proud of our game, how well we pulled together as a team, our goal scorers **Amelia, Alana** and **Michelle(2)** and how, right to the last whistle, there was no sign of giving up.



DRAGON BOATING

The Auckland Secondary Schools Dragon Boating Festival was held on the 14th of March at Lake Pupuke. Mt Roskill Grammar was well represented by our strong team of dragon boaters who all arrived promptly on Sunday morning. Taking the early start in their stride, the team was ready to give it their all and put to use all the skills they had learnt over the training period of six weeks.



We participated in four races of which three were heats and one was a final. We did well in all three heats, finishing with commendable times. All a little tired from the first three races, we had a well-deserved lunch break and then returned for our final race. All the girls put in a huge effort and the MRGS Dragon Boating Team was placed fourth in their division.

A special thank you to **Megan** and **Annaliesa** for being great callers and **Aditya** for his steering expertise. Most importantly, thank you to **Mr Williams, Ms Strickland** and **Mrs Hodge** for all the organisation, transport and encouragement. 2010 was another awesome season, good luck to all the year thirteens, we'll miss you next year, and for those still at school, look forward to another season of dragon boating come 2011.

Coach:

- **Mr Williams**

Team Members:

- **Manasi Deshpande,**
- **Ashreya Duvuru,**
- **Jenneca Evalu,**
- **Haley Finlayson,**
- **Gloria Fraser,**
- **Mehak Gill,**
- **Annyssia Gonsalves,**
- **Shireen Gujral,**
- **Shreya Handa,**
- **Shenali Lewke Bandara,**
- **Nikki Lumangtad,**
- **Aimee Matthews,**
- **Alexandra OConnor,**
- **Wenyu Ouyang,**
- **Ravina Pai,**
- **Eva Penny,**
- **Megan Perry,**
- **Shivani Pulpa,**
- **Simone Rebello,**
- **Annaliesa Tran,**
- **Mattie Tuialii,**
- **Vanessa Wang,**
- **Hannah Widjaja**
- **Aditya Sheth.**

Manasi Deshpande

[photos](#)

ATHLETICS



At the recent Auckland Athletics Championship three students had very good results.

Zion Alataua-Haira finished 2nd in the Junior Boys Shot Put. **Warren Duncan** finished 3rd in the Intermediate Boys 400. **Haile Tesfaye** finished 2nd in the Senior Boys 1500.

CRICKET 1ST XI (MARCH)

This team has made a good start to the year reaching the 3rd round of the Gillette Cup for the first time in a number of years. There have been two outstanding performances from Term One. **Sanchut Chopra** scored a memorable 135 against St Kent's, while the youngest member of the side and opening batsman **Karan Banker** scored 3 half centuries.



SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL (MARCH)

This team has had a fantastic season. The team won the Auckland Central Zone competition going through the season undefeated. They then went onto finish a creditable 8th place at the Greater Auckland Volleyball Championship. The girls should be congratulated for their hard work and dedication. Special thanks must go to **Caroline Arthur** and **Fale Malifa** for their outstanding coaching.



FENCING

Mount Roskill fencing team has got off to a flying start. 35 students make up the 2010 summer team and Hamish Bulmer has already gained a 3rd placing in Sabre in his first competition of the season. Students interested in joining the team for the winter squad should approach [Mr Thompson](#) towards the end of term 2 to register interest.



SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL (FEBRUARY)

- vs MAGS Premiers 2-0 (Win)
- vs DIO 2-0 (Win)

The Senior girls volleyball team played very well against MAGS and Dio on Thursday 18th February with the player of the day, **Rosa Toleafoa**, helping the team along with her massive serves. On Thursday 25th the girls play their last home games against Baradene who is below them on the points table and Onehunga who like Mt Roskill remain undefeated. Coaches – Mrs C Arthur and Mr F Malifa (parent coaches).



CRICKET 1ST XI (FEBRUARY)

The boys 1st XI cricket side has made a promising start to the year winning their first four games of the season. Unfortunately they had their first loss in the weekend, losing to Westlake Boys in the last over of the day.

Coach – Mr B Horne

2010 STUDENTS' SPORTS FEE POLICY

All students involved in sport should now have paid their fees associated with their sport.

Due to a change in funding from the government for school sport, MRGS will be applying a pay before you play policy effective from the 1st Feb 2010. Students intending to play for a school sports team will be required to pay the full sports fee upfront or a \$30 deposit before trialling (where a trial is held). This upfront payment will assist the school in covering the costs of running a successful sports program. If financial assistance is required contact [Mr Clinton Buckley](#) (Director of Sport) to organise a part

payment plan or fundraising activity.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SPORTS

The Sport Department are looking for Coaches, Managers and Transport providers. If you have the time or the passion for sport please contact [Mr Buckley](#) Director of Sport on 6210050 ext 891. Whether you are a parent or ex student we would love to have your help. Parent help is essential in a large school like MRGS with well over 100 sports teams representing the school. Helping your child's sport is an excellent way of becoming involved with school.

We acknowledge and thank many wonderful parents and volunteers who give of their time and effort to assist our students in achieving to their full potential on the sporting field.



HOCKEY ACADEMY

The Year 9 Hockey Sports Academy has begun with two in-school trainings a week and a theory and fitness class before school on Wednesday mornings. It is an exciting time for these students who are receiving top quality coaching. The aim of this Academy is to offer a programme designed for top performing athletes.



SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP/CARNIVAL

Both events have taken place already this term. The carnival was smaller than in previous years with only Year 9 & 10 students participating. All involved enjoyed the fun afternoon. Visit the [photo gallery](#) to see some photos.

Swimming Championships 2010

Junior Boys

- 1st Timothy Coldham
- 2nd Kevin Chow
- 3rd Mark Yep

Intermediate Boys

- 1st Timothy Bulmer
- 2nd Akash Kumar
- 3rd Ryan Grbich

Senior Boys

- 1st Meihana Jolliffe
- 2nd Harry Thomson
- 3rd Sam Saunders

Junior Girls

- 1st Jacinta Weaver
- 2nd Katherine Sung
- 3rd Diana Qiu

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Shreya Naidu
- 2nd Diana Ng



- 3rd Ye-Eun Nam

Senior Girls

- 1st Mattie Tualii
- 2nd Eva Penny
- 3rd Holly Elliston

House Results – Swimming

1. Red House
2. Blue House
3. Orange House
4. Yellow House
5. Green House

MIXED TOUCH TEAM NZSS TOURNAMENT

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOL TOUCH NATIONALS, Palmerston North, 10 – 14 December 2009

It was with much excitement and “steps into the unknown” that the team left to experience the intensity of the NZ Secondary School Touch Nationals. After a long drive we arrived in Palmerston North. A quick unpack, and we were off to the venue for an orientation walk around and practice. This was a time to stretch and focus on the days ahead.



Day 1:

Game 1 we were drawn to play St Andrew's College. The players were nervous at the start but steadily started to string “sets”

together. Unfortunately they could not maintain this in the second half. Dropped balls and a lack of focus cost us the game and we went down 8 – 2. Touchdowns: Reece – 2. We needed to work on putting in the “hard yards” for Game 2 vs Massey High School. This game also started well, with both teams scoring touchdowns. Again a lack of focus on “settling” crept into our play. We eventually went down 7 – 2. Touchdowns: Reece – 1 Esi – 1. Our final game for the day was played at 5.40 pm vs Wainuiomata High School. The long day and intense competition was taking its toll on our players. Injuries and sore bodies featured in our 5 – 2 loss. Touchdowns: Reece – 1 Pat – 1.

Day 2:

On Day 2 of the competition, we were placed in Division 2, playing teams similar to ours. We were hoping that the results would be better and we were still looking for that elusive win. Game 1 vs Lincoln High School – what a game! Both teams traded touchdowns throughout the game. We were up by 1 with 5 minutes to go. Lincoln were camped on our line for the final moments but our team dug deep and held on to win 4 – 3. This was a great boost to morale. Finally the important “win” at nationals! Touchdowns: Reece – 2 Oshan – 1 Pat – 1. For our second game we played Botany College. We were in the game at half time but brought back to reality with Botany winning 9 – 4. Injuries and lack of fitness again took their toll. However, we managed 4 touchdowns: Reece – 2 Ritchie – 2. In Game 3 we played Nayland College. This game was a cliff-hanger, trading touchdown for touchdown all game. In the final seconds Nayland scored, winning 7 – 6. Touchdowns: Reece – 3 Anthony – 1 Pat – 1.

Day 3:

Finals Day. Game 1 pitted us against Trident High School. The winner of this game would play off for 13th and 14th. Our team fought hard and didn't give up but the past 3 days had left us tired and we were still carrying injuries. We lost 5-4. Touchdowns: Reece – 2 Pat – 2.

It has been my pleasure to coach these young people. They tried their best and gave their all. Learn from the experience in Palmerston North and develop your individual skills in the game. Believe in yourselves and you will achieve. For those seniors leaving, I wish you the best. For those staying at school I issue a challenge. Work hard and get back to Nationals next year – fitter, focused and proud of your team and your school.

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- Opeti Kei,
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