

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou, and Happy New Year!

It has been a vibrant and enjoyable start to the 2010 school year at Mount Roskill Grammar School. Our students have settled quickly to their learning and there is a purposeful rhythm to daily life in the school.

We welcome all of the families who have just begun their association with Mount Roskill Grammar School. We look forward to getting to know you as your son or daughter becomes involved in the life of the school.

Examination results for 2009 were again excellent. Our students continue to match or better national achievement levels. Particularly pleasing is the large number of students gaining NCEA endorsed with merit or excellence, the excellent results in the external examinations, and the continued upward trend in achievement by our Maori and Pasifika students whose results are well above national averages. Further, counter to national trends, our boys achieve at least as well as our girls and better than the national averages for boys or girls. Students gained a creditable 48 scholarships including 5 at outstanding level. **Dux for 2009, Abhilash Kamineni gained 6 scholarships including 2 outstanding passes.** Detailed results are given later in the newsletter.



Our new Deans' Centre is fully operational. **The Deans' Centre is the base for our ten House Deans and the first point of contact for students and families wanting to sort out day to day things.** The House Deans oversee student well being, attendance, uniform and conduct. I am very pleased with the impact that new routines linked to the Deans' Centre are having already. Our aim is to keep you well informed so that together we can support your children in gaining an excellent education.

This is the second year of the introduction of our new school uniform. Students are wearing the uniform well. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child wears the uniform correctly, and for your support of our **school uniform shop on Somerset Road. This is the only outlet for the high quality official uniform manufactured by Elizabeth Michael.** We will be setting up a second hand uniform operation as items become available.

At this time of the year, along with settling into good learning habits students are participating in many different co-curricular activities. Our cultural groups are practising for the Polyfest in March, the new hockey academy has made a tremendous start and summer sports are in full swing. **We encourage each student to take up at least one activity** in addition to classroom learning. Involvement in co-curricular teams or groups allows students to interact with a wider range of their peers, contributes to the development of personal qualities such as persistence and responsibility to others, and most importantly is a lot of fun.

During the Summer break one of our original buildings 'C Block' was demolished to make way for a new two storey building containing thirteen classrooms. The new facilities, and also an extended space for students created by the removal of prefab classrooms, will be ready for use in term 4 this year.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child throughout 2010, enabling them to become exceptional citizens.

'Sursum'

Greg Watson
Principal

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Elections



The Board of Trustees elections for our school will be held early next term.

We are looking for passionate people willing to join a team interested in the education of the students at Mt Roskill Grammar. Experience is not necessary.

Come along to our next Board meeting on Monday March 29th at 5pm and see how we operate. The BoT members will be available before the meeting to speak with you about what is expected of a BoT member. All welcome.

If you wish to speak with someone about being on the BoT please phone the current Chair Marjet Pot: 021 977201 or (09) 6388872. Any of the other BoT members will also be happy to speak with you.

For further information visit the school website: <http://www.mrgs.school.nz/ourschool/bot.aspx>

Nominations close on April 23rd.

Building Projects

Your children may have mentioned that there is currently an open space where the old C block once stood.

Plans have been drawn for a new two storey block to house Social Sciences. This will be constructed throughout this year. Major noisy and disruptive activities will be scheduled for the holidays where it is practicable.

The new Deans' Centre has opened in the newly remodelled lower floor of E block and is already proving to be an asset to staff and students.

MRGS Uniform

MRGS decided a number of years ago to change the uniform and it is pleasing to see so many of the students now in the new uniform. Students get a sense of belonging and pride in their school from wearing a smart uniform. The BoT also set up the MRGS uniform shop on Somerset Road and this is the only shop in Auckland where you can buy the official school uniform. Please ensure that you purchase the uniform from this shop.

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PREFECTS

The School Prefects appointed for 2010 are:

Head Prefects: **Zane Van Lieshout & Helen Edmiston**

Deputy Head Prefects: **Jason Walls & Codesa Afele**



The School Prefects are:

Reuel Baptista

Caleb Deverell

Gray Hunter

Javed Khan

Elia Kim

Kaveendra Krishna

Afa Laufoli

Jordon Milroy

Michael Murray

Jaiman Patel

Robert Pome'e

Ajay Ravindran

Aditya Sheth

Timothy Sue

Tadele Tekle-Haimanot

Aditya Verma

Sophie Askew

Gloria Ching

Ashreya Duvuru

Jennecca Evalu

Tracey Ho

Telisha Kumar

Vivien Lee

Jing Tong Liu

Raina Naidu

Emily Ng

Nandita Rao

Gladys Rowntree

Annaliesa Tran

Lita Vatuvei

Katie Winny

STAFF

We welcomed 9 new teachers for the start of 2010 year: David Hithersay (Science), Sarah Fels (Art Department), Martin Vlaskovsky (Maths Department), Ben Horne, Connor Chellew and Ciaran Overton (PE Department), Ashmita Gosai (Social Sciences Department), Thomaseena Paul (Maori Department) and Carolyn Dower-Cruden (Performing Arts)

PARENTAL DONATIONS

This year we will be sending out requests from 24 February for the parental donation, sports and activity fees. The parental donation remains at \$150.00 per student or \$250.00 per family. Every effort is made to keep school costs to a minimum but to ensure that we offer quality educational opportunities we encourage payment of these costs. The parental donation assists in meeting the costs of providing classroom and sports equipment.

If you have difficulty in paying the total cost at the beginning of the year, please contact the Accounts Office to make alternative arrangements.

2009 MRGS ACADEMIC RESULTS PLEASING

2009 was yet another very good year for NCEA and scholarship results at Mt Roskill Grammar School. With Level 1 pass rates at their highest level ever and 48 scholarships, including 5 outstanding scholarships, Mt Roskill students have, again performed in exams to the highest levels of quality. Our congratulations go out to the students listed below, who gained 50 or more credits at Excellence Level in 2009.

Top Scholars in Level 3 NCEA 2009

| Surname | First Name | Credits at Excellence |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Shen | Amanda | 92 |
| Kamineni | Abhilash | 88 |
| Mu | Cornelia | 86 |
| Kim | Tae | 80 |
| Zhang | Kelly | 76 |
| Lin | Michael | 76 |
| Lopez | Keegan | 72 |
| Mahashabde | Nikhil | 70 |
| Siddiqui | Abdullah | 69 |
| Vijayakumar | Shruthi | 67 |
| Bhutani | Pranav | 63 |
| Smith | Natasha | 63 |
| Barno | Julian | 63 |
| Ratan | Priya | 62 |
| Rebello | Cara | 59 |
| Lim | Alwin | 58 |
| Arif Edwin | Ezra | 57 |

Top Scholars in Level 2 NCEA 2009

| Surname | First Name | Credits at Excellence |
|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Dyavadi | Vijay | 87 |
| Ding | Yuming | 87 |
| Kim | Elia | 80 |
| Zi | Jordan | 80 |
| Pai | Ravina | 78 |
| Quach | William | 74 |
| Sheth | Aditya | 74 |
| Ching | Gloria | 74 |
| Leung | Andy | 73 |
| Mittal | Priya | 66 |
| Tran | Annaliesa | 64 |
| Widjaja | Timothy | 62 |
| Seshasayee | Sumanth | 62 |
| Chun | Jackie | 62 |
| Kaur | Amrita | 59 |
| Ho | William | 58 |
| Rao | Nandita | 57 |
| Nadat | Saaliha | 56 |
| Lee | Vivien | 53 |
| Winnie | Katie | 52 |
| Lin | Jimmy | 52 |
| Edmiston | Helen | 52 |
| Deverell | Caleb | 50 |
| Baptista | Reuel | 50 |

Top Scholars in Level 1 NCEA 2009

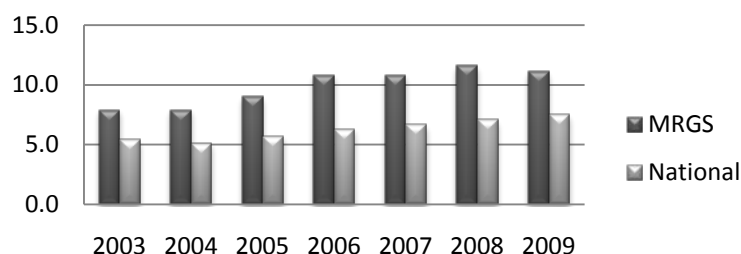
| Surname | First Name | Credits at Excellence |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Li | Aarun | 99 |
| Iyengar | Shruti | 84 |
| Dharan | Krishant | 84 |
| Widjaja | Hannah | 82 |
| Wei | Jessica | 82 |
| Fraser | Gloria | 81 |
| Pillai | Abhishek | 79 |
| Windsor | Joseph | 78 |
| Prahallad | Krithika | 74 |
| Handa | Shreya | 73 |
| Tay | Audrey | 73 |
| Gopalakrishnan | Dheeraj | 72 |
| Li | Annalisa | 70 |
| Yin | Lei | 69 |
| Sharma | Khyati | 68 |
| Thomson | Harry | 67 |
| Wadhwa | Gurleen | 66 |
| Pulpa | Shivani | 65 |
| Liang | Jiixin | 62 |
| Chen | Shuting | 61 |
| Panakal | Priana | 60 |
| Kwok-Heon | Casablanca | 59 |
| Hickman | Jayden | 59 |
| Saunders | Samuel | 58 |
| Balaji | Surya | 57 |
| Deshpande | Manasi | 57 |
| Nandagiri | Sritej | 57 |
| Kalra | Gaurav | 56 |
| Tran | Soo Ching | 56 |
| Sun | Clark | 56 |
| Vemulapalli | Naveen | 55 |
| Gujral | Shireen | 54 |
| Tai | Daniel | 54 |
| Nacey | Oliver | 54 |
| Collings | Samantha | 52 |
| Patel | Priyali | 52 |
| Paul | Andria | 52 |
| Hussain | Tasneef | 51 |
| Suyam | Arjun | 50 |
| Prakasam | | |
| Vinnakota | Chitra | 50 |
| Ranchhod | Monica | 50 |

External Examinations

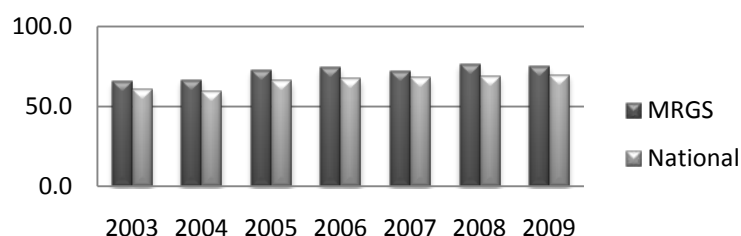
Our pass rates in the external examinations were outstanding and at all three levels of NCEA well exceeded national levels in 2009.

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Excellence Rates (External A.S.)



Pass Rates (External A.S.)

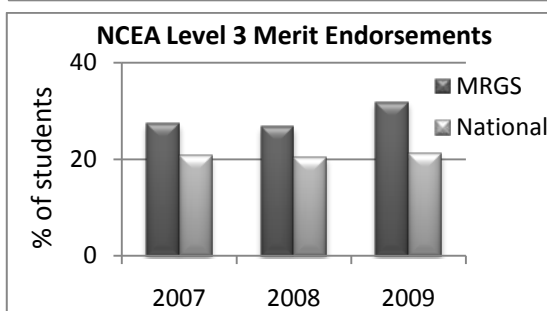
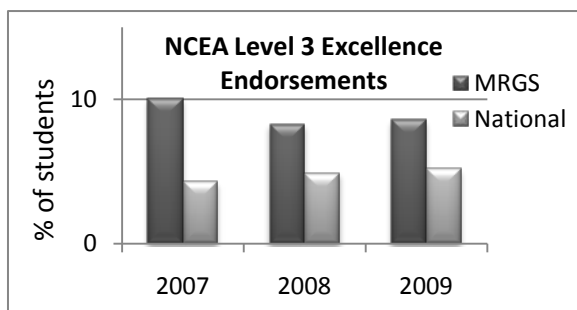
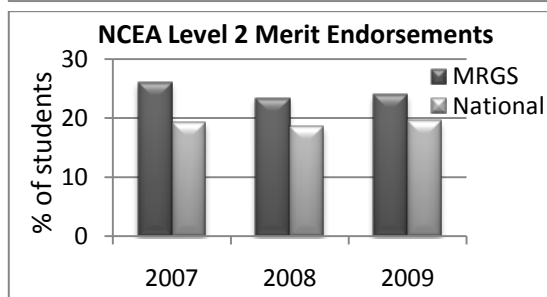
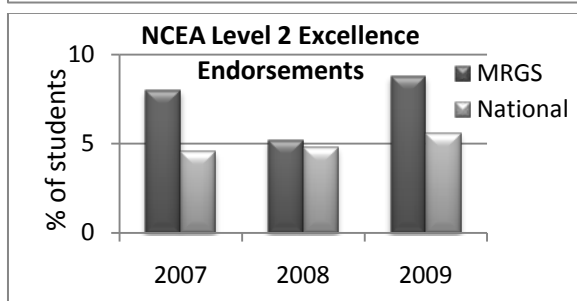
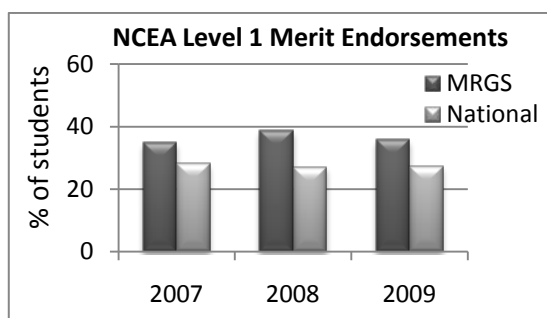
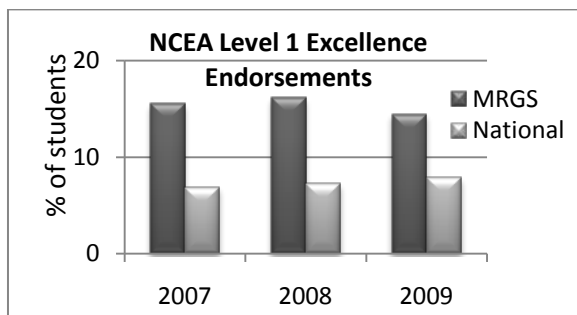


NCEA Certificate Pass Rates

Our NCEA pass rates were again very good and, at 65%, our Level 1 pass rate was our highest ever.

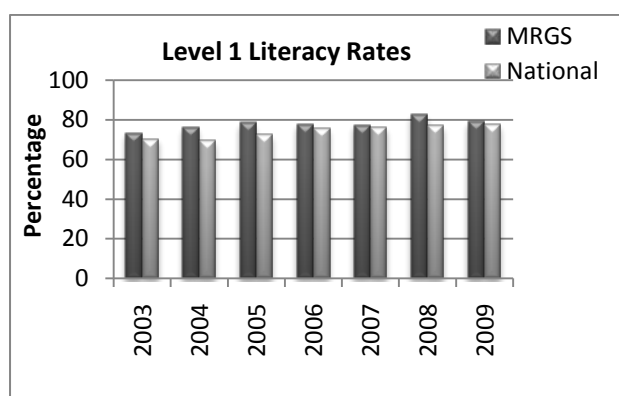
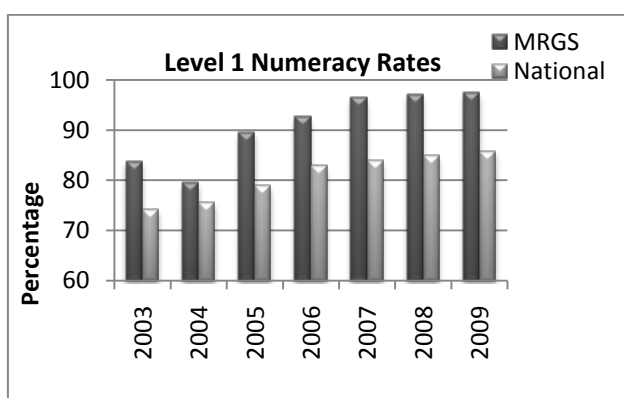
Excellence and Merit Endorsements in 2009 NCEA

The high quality of academic achievement at MRGS dominates the statistics. Excellence rates in external examinations were again well above national levels across the board from Levels 1 to 3. 15% of all Year 11 students gaining Level 1, received an “Excellence Endorsement” for achieving more than 50 credits at excellence level. At levels 2 and 3, 9% of students gaining an NCEA certificate received excellence endorsements. These figures are almost double national averages. In addition, merit endorsements were gained at rates well above the national levels.



Numeracy and Literacy

The MRGS numeracy pass rate was also higher than ever at 97%, well above national rates. Our literacy pass rate well exceeded national levels and at 79.3%, was our second highest since NCEA began.



Scholarship Examinations

Mt. Roskill Grammar School students have again performed successfully in the scholarship examinations. A total of 48 scholarships were gained, including five at the “outstanding scholarship” level. Special congratulations go to Abhilash Kamineni who gained six scholarships including two outstanding scholarships. Cornelia Mu is also commended for her five scholarships including one at outstanding level. The full list of students and subjects gaining Scholarships in 2009 are listed below.

| Name | Number of Scholarships (Grade “S”) | Number of Scholarships (Grade ”O”) | Total number of Scholarships |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Abhilash Kamineni | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Cornelia Mu | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Keegan Lopez | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Nikhil Mahashabde | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Natasha Smith | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Shruthi Vijayakumar | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Tae Kim | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Alwin Lim | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Michael Lin | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Kelly Zhang | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Houde Huang | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| William Quach | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Gloria Ching | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Yuming Ding | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Dinesha Kumarawansa | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Dinushi Kumarawansa | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Antonia Lapwood | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Jing Tong Liu | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Cathrine Mulrennan | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Priya Ratan | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Katherine Rees | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Mark Shaio | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Amanda Shen | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Abdullah Siddiqui | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Megan Teh | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Nuoya Wang | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Oliver Xu | 1 | 0 | 1 |

| Subject | Number of Scholarships (Grade "S") | Number of Scholarships (Grade "O") | Total number of Scholarships |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Statistics and Modelling | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Chemistry | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Technology | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| English | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Mathematics with Calculus | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Geography | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Accounting | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Biology | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Chinese | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Classical Studies | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Graphics | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Physical Education | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| French | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Physics | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Congratulations to all of those students gaining scholarship and to all of our students who have done well in their studies in 2009. Thank you to all of the teachers who assisted our students with their examination preparation so expertly.

INCREDIBLE TECHNOLOGY RESULTS

In summary:

- 80% of those Year 13 students entered for Scholarship gained a Scholarship
- Kevin Huang earned an “Outstanding” in Scholarship.
- 3 students nominated for “Realise the Dream” awards, one by two different groups (a first!)
- 2 students were given travel awards (a third was not eligible because he gained one last year, only 6 awarded in New Zealand).
- 1st place in the international computer science competition.

Individual brilliance:

Kevin Huang

Kevin designed and built a remote controlled lawnmower. This creation earned him a Gold Award at the Auckland Regional Science Fair and a nomination to the “Realise the Dream” awards (a New Zealand wide competition). There he won first place in the Senior Technology category. He was also awarded an Auckland University Scholarship worth \$2000.



He submitted an entry to the national “Bright Sparks” competition (entry is by internet submission) and gained second place in the senior category as well as another nomination for the “Realise the Dream” awards. As a result he has been awarded a travel scholarship to Beijing in March where he will compete with students from 16 other countries. He has also been invited to attend the “Bright Sparks” awards ceremony in Wellington in

March. Kevin gained an “Outstanding” in his New Zealand Scholarship examination.

Nikhil Mahashabde

Nikhil created “Spynik”, an internet monitoring system for children, which he entered into the “Bright Sparks” competition. He was awarded 3rd place and a nomination for the “Realise the Dream” awards. In December he was given a travel award to Taiwan (one of only two in New Zealand) which he took earlier this month. Taiwan hosts some 250 students from 13 countries around the world, giving them a chance to display their inventions in one of 10 categories available. Nikhil was awarded First Place in the Computer Science category and has also been invited to attend the “Bright Sparks” awards ceremony in Wellington in March.



Abhilash Kamineni



Abhilash created a USB transfer system, allowing direct transfer of data from one USB to another, which he entered into the “Bright Sparks” competition. He was awarded 3rd place and a nomination for the “Realise the Dream” awards. In 2008 he was awarded a travel scholarship to Taiwan for his previous efforts. He was also awarded a scholarship in Technology in the New Zealand Scholarship Examinations. He has been invited to attend the “Bright Sparks” awards ceremony in Wellington in March.

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

A warm welcome to all new students and their families from the MRGS Counselling Department. Our four counsellors offer a confidential counselling service for students, and we welcome referrals from parents. We deal with a wide range of issues, including loss and grief, depression, family stress, anxiety, isolation, relationships and harassment. Please e-mail or phone for an appointment. Our e-mail addresses are on the school website: www.mrgs.school.nz. Click Student Services, then Counselling. We are all members of the New Zealand Association of Counsellors, and abide by the N.Z.A.C. Code of Ethics.

This term we will start two exciting programmes for our new students:

The Year 9 “TRAVELLERS” programme. Travellers is a school-based resilience building programme for young people in their first year of secondary school. It was designed by Pauline Dickinson from the University of Auckland, and we are proud to have been part of this wonderful programme since its start eight years ago when we piloted the programme.

It helps students face life and its challenges with confidence and new skills. The programme is run in 80 schools across New Zealand.

In March all Year 9 students will be invited to fill out the Travellers questionnaire, which will help us select approximately 80 students who will benefit from this programme the most. The questionnaire is computer-based, and all information will be kept strictly confidential.

Eight groups will be run, with a maximum of ten students per group.

For more detail, please check www.travellers.org.nz

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ANTI-HARASSMENT PROGRAMME

Experiencing harassment and bullying can cause deep distress for teenagers, and can make it hard to concentrate at school. At MRGS we take harassment seriously. Students often report they used to be scared to tell on harassment as they feared “narking” might lead to the bully being punished, and this making the harassment even worse. This term the Counsellors will run two interactive Anti-Harassment workshops with every Year 9 class. We will explain that it pays to tell when harassment happens, and who to tell. We use mediation and restorative meetings to effectively stop harassment. Students have the option of having their identity kept confidential.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE – ‘TE WHARE WAIORA’

Our Health Centre at Student Services is currently staffed by two registered nurses and a third nurse will be joining us soon. We offer a variety of services to all students and do comprehensive health and wellbeing assessments on all Year 9 students that consent. We are here to support all students and their families/caregivers with their health needs. Please contact us if you wish to discuss any health matters or have any concerns or queries. More information about us and our contact details are on the school website under Student Services.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education is a compulsory subject at Mt Roskill Grammar from Year 9 – 12 where all students have two periods per week. All students are expected to wear correct PE uniform for all lessons. Please ensure your son/daughter has their uniform clearly named in full.

WE all know the benefits of exercise and eating properly, we have read it, most of us have acted on it, yet we still get many parents signing letters to get their child excused from PE. Please think about what you are doing before signing – there are many things in life we do not feel like doing but most often, once we have done them we are glad we did.

If your child is well enough to be at school then they can still take part in some of the PE lesson. The Physical Education curriculum area is often referred to as having the most valuable skills you can learn for life – by learning: teamwork, sportsmanship, peer friendships, cooperation, leadership, self esteem, self confidence, personal identity and self worth and even though students maybe fully involved in sport outside of school they can still benefit in these areas during PE.

Interpersonal skills: Respect for diversity and cultures, care and concern for others, social justice, communication skills, tolerance. These are some of qualities we want to instil in our students as well as being physically active.

Most of these benefits are not measurable but clearly lead to a more productive and healthy lifestyle. As parents we hope you can help us to help you install these skills in your child while they attend Mt Roskill Grammar so please, next time your son/daughter asks for a note to be excused from Physical Education you may think twice. Physical Education is no different to any other subject – you wouldn't think of asking your child to be excused from Maths or English, why PE?

Are your child's medical records with the school up to date and has their PE teacher been informed of any medical issues that might need to be recognised in a PE class?

Please contact Mrs Bennett HOD Physical Education ext 824 if you have any areas in the Physical Education curriculum you would like to discuss.

UNIFORM

The MRGS Uniform Shop is located near the hockey turf on Somerset Rd. Opening hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 8 – 9am, 3 – 4pm. In 2010 Year 9, 10 and 12 students are required to wear the new uniform and in 2011 Year 12 and 13 students must be in the new senior uniform. There will be no dispensation. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition. If you have any queries about uniform, please contact Mrs Barker, Deputy Principal.

DEANS' CENTRE

After a lengthy consultation with staff, students and community, and careful planning, our system of pastoral care for students has been restructured. This has included the construction of a new Deans' Centre in E block adjacent to the Administration building. There are five Houses with a Dean and Associate Dean per house. Each house has an office in the Deans' Centre and Mrs Hyland the Attendance Officer is also located there. Feel free to phone or visit your child's Dean (by appointment) if you have any concerns. Houses are known by a colour and you can identify which house your child belongs to by the first letter of their form class code.

| HOUSE | DEAN | ASSOCIATE DEAN |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| BLUE | Mr Swanwick | Mrs Cave |
| GREEN | Mr Williams | Ms Cranch |
| ORANGE | Ms Leigh | Mr Eley |
| RED | Mrs Heywood | Mr McGirr |
| YELLOW | Mr Subramaniyan | Ms Earl |

Vertical forms have been retained so your child belongs to a form class that includes a range of students from Year 9 to Year 13. Form teachers will be making regular contact with parents over issues concerning attendance, uniform and lateness as well as providing positive feedback.



SPORTS NEWS

School sports are up and running with a busy summer sports program in full swing. The following sports have all started: Cricket, Senior Touch: Boys, Girls and Mixed; Senior Volleyball: Boys and Girls; Water Polo: Senior: Boys and Girls, Junior Mixed; and Tennis. There have been a number of pleasing results to date.

Cricket

Boys

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

Volleyball

Girls

| | | | |
|----|---------------|-----|-------|
| 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 18 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).

Touch

We have fielded 3 teams adding a mixed team for this year. The 3 teams are sitting in the top 4 of their grades.

Coach – Senior Boys / Mr M Koloamatangi
 Senior Girls / Mr C Overton
 Senior Mixed / Mr G Taunga

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.

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 Tuialii
- 2nd Eva Penny
- 3rd Holly Elliston

House Results – Swimming

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



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.

We are currently looking into starting a Football Academy in term two depending on player interest.

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.

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.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| TERM 1 | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| March | Monday 1 – Friday 5 | Year 13 Camp |
| | Thursday 11 | HPV Vaccinations |
| | Tuesday 16 | Junior Reports Posted |
| | Wednesday 17 – Saturday 20 | POLYFEST |
| | Thursday 18 | Junior Report Evening |
| | Friday 26 | Senior Reports Posted |
| | Wednesday 31 | Senior Report Evening |
| April | Thursday 1 | END OF TERM 1 |
| | | Closing time 3.10pm |
| | Monday 19 | BEGINNING OF TERM 2 |
| | Wednesday 28 | Mahurangi Exchange |
| TERM DATES 2010 | | |
| Term 1 | Tuesday 2 February | Thursday 1 April |
| Term 2 | Monday 19 April | Friday 2 July |
| Term 3 | Tuesday 20 July | Friday 24 September |
| Term 4 | Monday 11 October | Friday 10 December |

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