

Aspiration, learning and achievement have continued to be the focus of our students despite recent events. This newsletter highlights some of the many recent achievements of our students.

An important focus has been the senior practice exams which were completed last week. This week senior students will bring home a report which updates the status of their learning and identifies areas needing attention. While targetted holiday study is necessary, it is important that students preparing for final exams in November also take a good amount of time for rest and refreshment.

As you will know from media coverage five MRGS students were part of a group of intruders who entered Lynfield College on Monday 31 August while on a school holiday. One of them assaulted a Year 10 Lynfield College student. These students appeared before the Board of Trustees following their suspension and will not be allowed to return to school until a restorative meeting including staff and students from the three schools concerned is held. We value relationships, diversity and respect. Any violence will be dealt with as a serious breach of the school's non negotiable code of behaviour. This usually involves removal from school for a duration ranging from one day to an indefinite period of time. If students ever feel harassed or threatened they should immediately speak to a staff member, a house leader, guidance staff or a deputy principal.

We look forward to seeing everyone return refreshed and ready to learn in Term 4.

Kind Regards

G B Watson  
**PRINCIPAL**



## **ASB SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Every year the ASB Bank awards a prize to the top students in each school across Auckland. At Mt Roskill we receive 8 such prizes and they go to the students with the highest grade point average in their Level 3 internal assessments, calculated at the end of term 2. The winners receive \$150 and an invitation to a scholarship lunch at Eden Park where in previous years they have been addressed by the Prime Minister.

The 2009 ASB Scholars are: **Ahmed Abdile, Abhilash Kamineni, Alwin Lim, Michael Lin, Cornelia Mu, Priya Ratan, Harveer Singh, Natasha Smith.**

## **FELLOWSHIP AWARDED TO MR CLIVE STONE**

Mr Clive Stone, HOD Visual Arts has been awarded a Royal Society of New Zealand Fellowship for 2010. He is one of thirty two teachers to be given a year away from their school to complete a project. Mr Stone's project is 'The Making, Meaning and Migration of New Zealand War Art Produced in the Pacific in WW2'. We are delighted that he has received one of these prestigious fellowships.

## ALLIANCE FRANCAISE

Five Mount Roskill Grammar School pupils were called back for the finals of the Alliance Francaise Speaking Competition on Wednesday 2 September. Their results were:

Auckland Regional Results:

Year 11:	<b>Oliver Nacey</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 12:	<b>Alisi Puloka</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	<b>Roza Ridwan</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Jordan Zi</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>
Year 13:	<b>Cornelia Mu</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>			

## JAPANESE

On Saturday 22 August, students studying Japanese from secondary schools all around Auckland participated in AUT's Japanese speech competition. Competition was fierce.

**Jackie Chun** with his topic - "The Secrets of Success" was placed first and he received his prize at the "Taste of Japan" festival, on Saturday 19 September.

## OUTSTANDING MUSIC RESULTS

Manukau City Stand Up Stand Out Talent Quest: **David Cao** - 1<sup>st</sup> in Solo instrumental section, **Michael Murray-Estall** - 2<sup>nd</sup> in solo vocals. **Emensis** - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bands section.

Auckland Philharmonia Composition Competition: **Oliver Xu** - one of 7 finalists whose music will be performed by the APO in early October.

Pacifica Beats: **Cocokazians** who competed in the Auckland Finals.

Congratulations to our talented musicians and our hard working music department.

## SPORT

The winter sports programme has just finished with the conclusion of this year's sports tournament week. All 5 teams who attended tournaments had a great time and improved as the week went on. The Girls 1st XI Hockey side had the best result coming 5th in its tournament with a record of 7 wins and 1 loss. The School would like to thank all staff and parents involved in this year's winter sports programme and we are looking forward to a bigger and better 2010.

The Junior Volleyball teams have just started back with the girl's side unbeaten in its competition to date. The remaining summer sports start back at the beginning of term 4. Cricket and Tennis are our major summer sports but there is also a chance to play both indoor Soccer and Hockey.

## AWARDS DINNER – WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER

**Guest Speaker: Nathan Fa'avae – Adventure Racer**

Nathan Fa'avae has been one of the best all round adventure racers in the world and Captain of Balance Vector, the highly successful New Zealand Adventure Racing Team. Nathan promises to be an interesting and entertaining speaker.

## DONATIONS

Lawn Bowls, Croquet sets, old PE Uniforms: if anyone has these items at home and no longer has a use for them, the Physical Education department would value your donations. Please contact Mrs Bennett, HOD PE.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 3		
<b>September</b>	Friday 25	<b>END OF TERM 3</b>
TERM 4		
<b>October</b>	Monday 12	Start of Term 4
	Monday 26	Labour Day – <b>HOLIDAY</b>
	Wednesday 28	Awards Dinner
<b>November</b>	Tuesday 10	Senior Prizegiving
	Thursday 12	Junior Exams – Day 1
	Friday 13	Junior Exams – Day 2
	Saturday 14	NZQA Exams begin
	Monday 16	Junior Exams – Day 3
	Tuesday 17	Teacher only day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>December</b>	Wednesday 2	NZQA Exams finish
	Wednesday 2 – Friday 4	Wider Education
	Tuesday 8	Junior Prizegiving
		<b>END OF TERM 4</b>

## DATES FOR 2010

TERM DATES 2010		
<b>Term 1</b>	Tuesday 2 February	Thursday 1 April
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 19 April	Friday 2 July
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 19 July	Friday 24 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 11 October	Monday 13 December

The front cover of this newsletter shows a 'word cloud' of MRGS values. It was generated by inputting responses from a survey of our teachers into the 'wordle' application.