

## ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



The second term of the year is now in full swing and we are seeing staff and students engaged in powerful learning all around the school. Our senior students have the opportunity to gauge their progress in the term 2 internal examinations which start on Friday this week and continue for six days. These are an important milestone for the year's work: they enable students to experience controlled assessment conditions and give them a sense of the immediacy of response that will be required in the November external examinations. I am sure that those students who have prepared well will be able to use the results as a measure of progress and also as a blueprint for their further goals in each of their subjects.

Our Junior students too have the challenges this term of new options and new units of work in the range of their subjects. Towards the end of the term all caregivers will receive full reports on student progress and they will be able to attend Parent Report Evenings to discuss attainment and next steps with teachers.

This term has also seen some early celebration of the school's achievement. I was privileged to attend the NZQA Top Scholars awards ceremony in Wellington where our two Premier Scholars, Jordan Zi and William Quach were presented with their medallions. An article later in this newsletter gives further detail on this marvellous event. Another student currently in Year 13, Aaron Li, recently received the honour of being named as non-travelling reserve for the New Zealand team for the International Chemistry Olympiad. This recognises Aaron's pre-eminence in Chemistry.

In addition to academic endeavour we also have seen the start of Winter code sports in term 2. An early marker of this was our annual exchange with Mahurangi College. This is a traditional pre-cursor to the Winter season and was this year typically competitive and rewarding for both schools. Although the weather on the day was atrocious we managed to complete all games and share the time with the opposing school's students. Roskill were victorious in 10 of the 12 twelve games played and the whole day gave all our students a taste of working together as teams.

All sports codes have now commenced their fixtures and already we have had solid performances from our premier teams in Football, Rugby, Netball and Hockey. Each morning before school and evenings after school we can see our students training and playing – taking the Roskill spirit on to the field in a wide variety of codes. As ever I need to remind students and parents that sports fees must be paid - they enable us to register our teams and ensure that competition and development goes ahead for all involved.

Some of you may have seen the recent edition of the magazine 'North and South'. It featured an article on Owen Glenn, a past pupil of the school and the article opened with a large photo of him leaving our Sursum Foundation assembly last term when we honoured Mr Glenn and the yachtsman Tony Rae. It is the example of these successful past pupils that we wish to present to our present students and demonstrate that they too can go "To the Heights" with commitment and hard work.

Later this term the school will be involved in two campus events which I hope caregivers will be able to attend. On Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Matariki with performances and presentations from our three campus schools and later in the term we will hold our now well established Campus Music Concert – a marvellous evening show casing the varied musical talents of the Primary, Intermediate and Grammar schools. Both of these events will be advertised on our website and in letters home to caregivers.

In late June (22, 23 and 24 ) we will also be holding a school production, the first for two years. Students of the school will be performing in a New Zealand play 'Niu Sila'. Details of this are given in a separate article in this newsletter.

Finally I want to draw your attention to our weekly news bulletin, published on the school website. This is a brief communication each week which features detail of the week ahead together with comment on some recent events. We hope that it will be another way in which we report our practice and achievement to the school community.

In closing I wish you all a productive term two and look forward to coming events and the continuing success of our students.

Ki nga taumata

John Wilkinson—Acting Principal

## NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIP – TOP SCHOLAR AWARDS

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May the ceremony for the New Zealand Scholarship Top Scholar Awards was held at Government House in Wellington. This event celebrated the top students in the New Zealand Scholarship examinations of 2010. Awards were given to students who were top in subjects at the highest level in school examinations and also the top nine candidates – Premier Scholars – with combinations of top in subject, outstanding scholarship and scholarship passes were honoured.

At this ceremony two Mount Roskill students from 2010, William Quach and Jordan Zi were presented with their Premier Scholar medallions by the Governor General The Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand. The Prime Minister Mr Key was also present to honour the achievements and spoke individually with our two scholars. Mount Roskill was the only school in New Zealand to have two Premier Scholars and the success of Jordan and William is a fitting reward for their hard work and further evidence of our community's commitment to powerful learning. A number of those present including the Minister of Education and the Chief Executive of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority complimented the school on the achievement of our two top students and the consistency of our top performances.

**Congratulations!**  
**New Zealand's Premier Scholars**  
**Jordan Zi and William Quach**  
**May 2011**



Jordan Zi and William Quach receiving their awards from Anne Tolley and Sir Anand Satyanand



## **UNIFORMS**

Now it is winter please ensure your son or daughter has the right warm clothing to wear. Our uniform shop has a good stock of jerseys and jackets for sale. Only MRGS jerseys and jackets may be worn during the school day. Wet shoes need to be dried out overnight and passes will not be given for this reason. Non- uniform items are not permitted during the school day. Caps and other hats are not part of our winter uniform and must not be worn or brought to school. Any requests for uniform passes must be accompanied by a letter written and signed by a parent.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Lateness to school and classes is of real concern. Students are expected to be at school by 8.40am each day (Wednesday is a later start - 9.20am) and to attend all classes during the day promptly.

All absences should be explained either by phoning Mrs Hyland (Attendance Officer) on 6210069 or by sending a note with the student on the day he/she returns to school.

Any proposed long absences must be notified by letter well in advance.

If you are planning an overseas trip please be aware that the Ministry of Education discourages students taking trips during school terms.

## **SCHOOL PRODUCTION—NIU SILA**

This year's school production is Niu Sila, a story written by Dave Armstrong and Oscar Kightly. Niu Sila is about education. Samoan and Palagi school kids growing up and learning about culture— the similarities and differences.

The production runs from 22nd June to Friday 24th June. Tickets will be on sale from June 7th. Contact the school office for more information.

## **STUDENT DETAILS**

Please ensure our records are kept up-to-date. If you change address or phone number please let us know immediately. Contact the office so the student records can be updated. If you have an email contact, please make sure that the school has a record of it, so that we can send notices electronically in addition to hard copies with students.

## SENIOR EXAMINATIONS

These will be held from Friday 27th May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. A copy of the timetable for the examinations is included in this newsletter (see the centre page) and is on the website.

- During the six days of the examinations Senior Students (Years 11-13) are only required at school when they have an examination, (for the rest of the time they have study leave).
- **Students must wear full school uniform to all exams.**
- Students need to be aware of the time and date of their examinations.
- It is a student's responsibility to be aware of the examination rules and to be present.
- In case of illness a student **MUST** have a medical certificate.
- Late comers will not be allowed into the examination if they arrive more than 15 minutes after the scheduled beginning of the examination. They must report to the Dean's Centre upon arrival.

*Examination start times:*

**Morning:** 9.00am for 3 hour exams  
10.10am for 2 hour exams

**Afternoon:** 1.00pm for all afternoon examinations unless otherwise indicated.

**Or** At the time designated where the exam is shorter than 2 hours or is a practical assessment with more than one sitting.

**JUNIOR STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL WILL START AT 8.40 AM ON  
WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**

AM	Friday 27th	Monday 30th	Tuesday 31st	Wednesday 1st	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd	AM
YEAR 13	13CLA 13APY (3hr) 13CHS (A) 13JAP	13ENGA 13ENGB 13EA1 13EA2 13TCF (3hr)	13SPS (3hr) 13VAR 13MUS 13FHS (A)	13BIO (9AM- 1 hour only) 13MAS (A) 13MAO 13TCF (3hr) 13MED (1.5hr)	13CHS (C) 13BSP 13MAC 13TCM (3hr)	13ICT 13GDN (3hr) 13DES 13TCM (3hr)	YEAR 13
YEAR 12	12CHE 12MED (1.5hr) 12TRM	12MATA 12MATB 12FHS (A) 12TCF (3hr)	12CMB 12MUS 12HIS (3hr) 12PHX-PRACT (see notes)	12MAO 12DRA 12TCF (3hr) 12BIO	12PFM 12CLA 12GDN (3hr) 12ICT 12TCM (3hr)	12PHX-THY 12PNT 12DAN 12TCM (3hr)	YEAR 12
YEAR 11	11HIS (3hr) 11EA1 11EA2	11GEO (3hr) 11ESL 11GDN	11ENGA 11ENGB	11DAN 11JAP 11FRE 11HEA 11PFM1 11FHS (A)	11TCE 11TCF 11DTT	11FAN (A) 11MUS 11MAO	YEAR 11
PM	Friday 27th	Monday 30th	Tuesday 31st	Wednesday 1st	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd	PM
YEAR 13	13CHS (B) 13FRE 13ESL 13BIO (1hr) 1-2pm 13PHX (1hr) 2-3pm	13ACB 13ACC 13CMB 13PNT	13FHS (B) 13CHE (1.5hr) 13ECB (1hr) 13PHT 13PFM	13MAS (B) 13DAN 13ECS	13CHS (D) 13GEO (3hr)	13DRA 13CMP 13HIE (3hr) 13TRM	YEAR 13
YEAR 12	12ENGA 12ENGB 12EA1 12EA2	12FHS (B) 12BSP 12HRT 12BIO	12GEO (2.5hr) 12CMP 12AC5 (1hr) 12ACC	12JAP 12FRE 12APY 12ESL	12ECS (1.5hr) 12PHT 12MATC	12SPS 12DES 12ECE	YEAR 12
YEAR 11	11ECS 11DMA 11ART	11TCM 11DRA (1hr) 11SPS 11EN6	11AC6 (1hr) 11ACC (1hr) 11MATC (1hr)	11FHS (B) 11MAT6 (1hr) 11MATA (1hr) 11MATB (1hr)	11SCI6 11SCIA 1001SCI	11FAN (B) 11ICT	YEAR 11

12PHX PRACT- START TIME 9AM 1HR SESSIONS- CHECK SCIENCE NOTICEBOARD FOR YOUR TIMES

## SPORT

The winter sports program is well underway with some very pleasing results. It has been fantastic to walk around the school and see so many teams training hard to be ready for their mid week or weekend games. The highlight for the start of this term would have to be a dominant performance from our sports teams in the recent Mahurangi exchange on what was a terrible day, weather wise. It was the first time we have won the exchange in 4 years. Results for the games were as follows:

### **Basketball**

U19 Boys	MRGS	49	MAHURANGI	38
U17 Boys	MRGS	47	MAHURANGI	14
U19 Girls	MRGS	31	MAHURANGI	19

### **Football**

1 <sup>st</sup> 11 Boys	MRGS	4	MAHURANGI	0
1 <sup>st</sup> 11 Girls	MRGS	0	MAHURANGI	5

### **Hockey**

1 <sup>st</sup> 11 Boys	MRGS	0	MAHURANGI	3
1 <sup>st</sup> 11 Girls	MRGS	1	MAHURANGI	0

### **Netball**

Open A	MRGS	30	MAHURANGI	27
Senior 1	MRGS	20	MAHURANGI	4
Intermediate 1	MRGS	18	MAHURANGI	11
Junior 1	MRGS	16	MAHURANGI	10

### **Volleyball**

Senior Girls	MRGS	2 Sets	MAHURANGI	1 Set
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### **Upcoming Event**

The **Pukekohe Exchange** is the school's second exchange of the year and takes place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of June at Pukekohe.

**Sports Fees** for all winter sports team are now due. It is vital to the development of sport within the school that all students pay their fees. Sports fees help the school pay for sports entry fees, transport costs, hireage of facilities and upgrading of uniforms and equipment.

A friendly reminder to all **spectators** please support good play from both teams, respect both teams and officials and remain off the playing surface at all times.

For the latest Draws and Results visit [www.mrgs.co.nz](http://www.mrgs.co.nz) or [www.collegesport.co.nz](http://www.collegesport.co.nz).

## **Sports Results**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> saw our **senior Squash team** face Massey at the Lynfield Recreation Centre.

The first week of term saw the start of the **1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby** season. During round 1, a close fought game between the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and Avondale College saw the boys run out 8-6 victors. A solid performance and a good start to the season. Round 2 on Saturday saw the boys travel to Marcellin College with the aim to recapture the shield. MRGS's mistakes led to a few easy tries for Marcellin but good determination brought the boys back into it, but unfortunately they lost 24-18.

The **Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey** saw their first points in A grade with a 0-0 draw with Diocesan 2. This was a great team performance lead by Alana Miller, Tess Hourigan-Johnston and Emily McIntosh. The **Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI** have had 2 wins from 2 games winning 5-1 against Lynfield and 5-0 against Kelston with a great team performance in both matches.

The **Open Girls Basketball** team have won their first 2 games of the season easily with a 37-14 win over MAGS and a 47-14 win over Diocesan.

The **Open Boys Basketball** won 69-18 against Dilworth. Top points scorer was Parveer Singh with 18 points. Unfortunately they lost their second game of the season to St Peters 45-70.

All 3 girls **Football** teams won their opening games of the season. The 1<sup>st</sup> X1 winning 3-0 against Baradene, the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 winning 2-1 against St Cuthberts and the Junior Girls winning 5-1 against EGGS. While the Boys 1<sup>st</sup> X1 have had a loss, a draw and a win to start their season.

All **3 Junior Sports Academies** (Football, Hockey, Netball) are now up and running and we are looking forward to some top results from these teams. Currently both the Boys Football and Hockey Academy teams are showing excellent commitment and dedication to all training which has led to huge improvements in both skill and tactical awareness.





## DURING EXAMS THE BELL TIMES ARE CHANGED.

*School start and finish times:*

### Friday 27<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Form Period	8.40	Friday	27 May	<b>2-6</b>
Period 1	8.50 – 9.50	Tuesday	31 May	<b>3-1</b>
Interval	9.50 – 10.10	Friday	27 May	<b>3-1</b>
Period 2	10.10 – 11.10			
Period 3	11.10 – 12.10			
Lunch	12.10 – 1.00			
Period 4	1.00 – 2.00			
Period 5	2.00 – 3.00			

**N.B.** No assemblies or **SSR** during exam period.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 2		
<b>May</b>	Friday 27 – Friday 3 June	<b>SENIOR EXAMS</b>
<b>June</b>	Monday 6	<b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY</b>
	Wednesday 8	<b>MATARIKI – CAMPUS CELEBRATION</b>
	Tuesday 14	<b>EXCELLENCE AWARDS – 7PM</b>
	Thursday 16	<b>PUKEKOHE SPORTS EXCHANGE</b>
	Wednesday 22 – Friday 24	<b>SCHOOL PRODUCTION</b>
	Thursday 30	<b>CAMPUS MUSIC CONCERT</b>
<b>July</b>	Thursday 7	<b>SENIOR REPORT EVENING</b>
	Wednesday 13	<b>JUNIOR REPORT EVENING</b>
	Friday 15	<b>END OF TERM TWO</b>
	Saturday 16	<b>SCHOOL BALL</b>
TERM DATES 2011		
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 2 May	Friday 15 July
<b>Term 3</b>	Tuesday 2 August	Friday 7 October
<b>Term 4</b>	Tuesday 25 October	Friday 9 December