

It was a great pleasure to recognise co-curricular achievement at the awards dinner this week. Adventure racer Nathan Fa'avae told a personal story embracing the sportsmanship and excellence values which our award winners certainly display. Congratulations to sportswoman of the year **Aleisha Keshaw** and to Sportsman of the year **Zane Van Lieshout**. Congratulations also to our teams of the year, the Boys Rugby League and the Girls Hockey and Waterpolo teams.

Year 12 student **Jason Walls** has been elected as the new student representative on the Board of Trustees. I would like to thank **Tanay Sudhakar** for his contribution to the Board over the past year and look forward to working with Jason.



With the end of year examinations almost upon us and it is very encouraging to see the excellent achievement of so many students in this newsletter. I look forward to recognising senior students' achievement at the prizegiving on Tuesday 10 November.

G B Watson
PRINCIPAL

HEALTH CURRICULUM CONSULTATION

Parents/caregivers are invited to provide feedback on our Health Curriculum content and delivery. An outline of the MRGS Health Curriculum and a survey questionnaire is available from reception. Either send your son/daughter to collect a copy or phone Mrs Wills on 621-0050 and we will post one out to you. The survey is due back by Monday 16 November

ACHIEVEMENTS

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION:

High Distinctions:

Year 9 - **Asheer Ahmad**

Distinctions:

Year 10 - **Wesley Yep**

Year 9 - **Royce Bird, Cassie Khoo, Neha Mamidi, Jonathan Guo, Hannah Yang**

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHEMISTRY COMPETITION:

Senior Division

- High Distinctions: - **William Quach (with plaque), Yuming Ding (with plaque)
Chandani Pranav, Abhilash Kamineni, Nikhil Mahashabde,
Shruthi Vijayakumar**
- Distinctions: - **Jackie Chun, Caleb Deverell, Priya Mittal, Victoria Ng, Aditya
Sheth, Anmol Bijur, Tae Kim**

Junior Division

- High Distinctions: - **Tom Yang (with plaque), Hannah Yang (with plaque)
Wayne Huang, Sharon Ngo, Wesley Yep, Jonathan Guo**
- Distinctions: - **Asheer Ahmad, Sushmitha Dishpande, Janelle Fernandes, Daisy
Hsu, Cassie Khoo, Brendon Lim, Carmen Ng, Xinyi Ou, Rohit
Rayapeddi, Arnab Sen, Meghna Shelke, Daniel Christev,
Matthew Davidson, Nirusha George, Angela Ko, Athurva
Kulkarni, Shilpan Patel, James van der Loeff, Shreya Handa,
Karan Dasgupta**

AUSTRALASIAN SCIENCE COMPETITION:

High Distinctions:

- Year 10 - **James van der Loeff, Wesley Yep, Tom Yang**
Year 9 - **Cassie Khoo, Hannah Yang, Xinyi Ou**

Distinctions:

- Year 13 - **Alwin Lim, Tae Kim**
Year 12 - **Timothy Widjaja**
Year 11 - **Nathan Collis, Shuting Chen**
Year 10 - **Karan Dasgupta, Sharon Ngo, Shilpan Patel, Marcus Sung**
Year 9 - **Kartik Yellapantula, Daisy Hsu, Jonathan Guo, Asheer Ahmad,
Wayne Huang**

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION:

Prize (Top 0.2%):

- Year 11 - **Aarun Li**
Year 9 - **Richard Xu**

High Distinctions: (Top 1%)

- Year 10 - **Tom Yang**

Distinctions:

- Year 13 - **Aimee Kang, Cornelia Mu, Tae Kim**
Year 12 - **David Yan, Yuming Ding, Aditya Sheth, Jimmy Lin, Anuj Saboo,
Jeremy Cooper, Victoria Ng, Dhanish Semar, Yungsi Luoyu**
Year 11 - **Anya Yang, Clark Sun, Samuel Saunders**
Year 10 - **Wesley Yep, Jessica Liu, Sharon Ngo, Karan Dasgupta, Nikita
Lumangtad, Nirusha George, Shilpan Patel, Harrison Lee,
Zecheng Li, Ewen Wong, Anka Yu, Jonah Kim**

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Year 9

- Hannah Yang, Jonathan Guo, Stephen Li, Edwin Chow, Cindy Ou, Neha Mamidi, Rohit Rayapeddi, Jae-Young Cho, Andrew Cao, Asheer Ahmad, Nikhil Gupta, Venus Cher, Arnab Sen, Lucas Chen, Luke Winny, Raymond Huang

KIWIANIS SPEECH COMPETITION

Ahmed Abdile won the contest with a speech entitled "One Fine Tuesday".

SCIENCE FAIR 2009

90 students took part in our Mount Roskill Grammar School Science Fair which was held on 8 and 9 September. It was again a very successful event featuring some outstanding work from our students. 17 of these projects have been selected to enter the Auckland Regional Science and Technology Fair to be held on 19 October. Congratulations and well done to all the participants.

Top 3 Projects:

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| 1. Junedh Amrute – 902 | Project Title: "Energised" |
| 2. Jonthan Guo – 901 | Project Title: "Open sesame" |
| 3. Jenny Lee & Winnie Chiu – 1002 | Project Title: "Ah! My nails" |

AUCKLAND SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR 2009

Category 6 Living World - Years 9 & 10

Jonathan Guo 2nd Prize

Category 7 Physical World – Years 9 & 10

Junedh Amrute 2nd Prize

Marcus Sung 3rd Prize

Category 12 Senior Technology - Years 11, 12 & 13

Kevin Huang 1st Prize

Special Prizes

Bronze Awards

Brendan Lim Ornithological Society Bronze Award

Silver Awards

Junedh Amrute ASTA Silver Award for original Research Years 9 & 10

Kevin Huang University of Auckland Physics Department – Award for Senior Physics

Ming Pei Wu University of Auckland Physics Department and Medical Physics

Junedh Amrute Jonathan Guo Siddarth Khandrika	}	Liggins Institute (LEN) Science – Scientist for a day – Award for Excellence in Biological Investigations
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Jonathan Guo Dairy NZ Silver Award for Excellence in Biological Science

Kevin Huang University of Auckland Faculty of Science Junior Scientist Awards

Nominations to 'Realise the Dream'

NIWA Gold Awards

Kevin Huang

WIDER EDUCATION 2009

At meetings with teachers running the programmes students will be getting further details. They will also be bringing home permission slips and other relevant information.

Final payments are now due and should be paid to the school Accounts office as soon as possible. Please contact the school office if there is a problem. Only students who have fully paid will be eligible to go on trips.

SUCCESS FOR GIRL'S BADMINTON TEAMS

Miss Daji's Thursday team won their competition. Team: **Sharon Ngo, Ahana Palande, Veena Paul Sneha Salimath, Meghna Shelke & Zhi Shean Tee.** Mrs Zutics 2nd in their competition. Team: **Stacy Alvares, Natasha Banerjee, Christina D'Souza, Smruthi Divate, Namrata Modak, Mrinal Murali & Ankita Tejani.** Miss Robertson's Wednesday team 2nd in their competition. Team: **Vanessa Wang, Annaliesa Tran, Megan The, & Wenyu Ouyang.** Mrs Naidu's Tuesday team 2nd in their competition. Team: **Shruti Iyengar, Prathyu Kodali, Bindu Kumar, Sneha Malakappa, Brinda Mamidi, Krithika Prahallad, Shivani Pulpa & Lini Thomas.**

NZ GYMSPORTS

During the first week of the school holidays we had three MRGS students competing At the NZ Gymsports National Championships Held at Mystery Creek in Hamilton.

Results were: **Hayden Ng** 19th in Mens Level 7 Gymnastics

Sarah Deverell 4th in both Individual Trampoline and Synchronised

Erin Weston 1st in Junior International Double Mini.

SENIOR UNIFORM FOR 2010

You will be aware that the school introduced a new junior uniform this year. A new senior uniform will be introduced in 2010. While the new skirts, shorts and trousers for senior students are the same as for the juniors, Year 12 and 13 students will wear a different shirt or blouse and jersey. The uniform is available from the **MRGS Uniform Shop in Somerset Road** next to the hockey turf. The following information will explain how your son or daughter will be affected.

Year 13 students may remain in the current uniform. If you need to purchase a new red jersey you are advised to purchase it from the MRGS Uniform Shop, as the current Year 13 jersey will no longer have any resale value after 2010. If you need to replace other uniform items please purchase them from the MRGS Uniform Shop in Somerset Road.

Year 12 students are scheduled to be in the new senior uniform in 2010. In cases of financial hardship, students may apply for dispensation from the Principal to continue to wear their year 11 uniforms. However, Year 12 students must be either totally in the new senior uniform or in the current Year 11 uniform. There can be no mixing of new and current uniforms and Year 12 boys will not be permitted to wear the current pale blue shirt in 2010.

The official Mount Roskill Grammar School uniform designed and manufactured by Elizabeth Michael is only available from the Mount Roskill Grammar Uniform Shop in Somerset Road.

ROAD SAFETY

Mount Roskill Grammar School is participating in the Auckland City Council's 'Chaos at the School Gate' programme. It involves placing parking officers on patrol outside schools to observe non-compliant behaviours and issue tickets to those illegally parked.

The 'Chaos at the School Gate' programme has been very successful and is helping to reduce the danger to children as well as improve traffic flow around schools.

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PASTORAL CARE

Over the past two years we have been reviewing our Pastoral Care structure and in 2010 we will be introducing the revised system. The number of houses will be reduced from eight to five, each one led by a Dean and an Associate Dean. Staff have now been appointed to these positions and part of E block has been renovated to create the "Pastoral Care Centre". By creating the space from which the deans can be based students wellbeing can be better supported as the Deans will be more available and centrally located. Students will notice little change in their form class as the groups remain largely intact and will be led by the same form teacher. The same opportunities will be available for student leadership and we will continue to promote fundraising activities for the local community.

BUILDING

House Deans Offices

The conversion of the north end of E Block into a Pastoral Care Centre housing the Deans and Associate Deans of the reorganised houses has been completed. The space allows for reception, waiting, meeting and interviews as well as work spaces for the leaders.

C Block

The Board of Trustees has let the tender for the rebuilding of C Block to Econobuilt Ltd. While this project started off as a refurbishment of existing rooms we quickly adopted the idea of placing a suite of classrooms on the top of the existing structure. Discussions have lead to further refinement. The existing building will be replaced by a two storey block of thirteen classrooms housing Social Sciences and Media Studies.

Detail planning is underway and demolition is due to happen in January 2010. The whole process should be completed by August 2010.

NCEA EXAMS

Will be held as per examination timetable issued by NZQA.

GAP YEAR AU PAIR PROGRAMME TO THE USA

If you have good babysitting experience, hold a NZ drivers licence and love travel and childcare then visit www.ark-international.co.nz.

EASY SHOPPING FOR YOU – FUNDRAISING FOR MRGS

Leading stores including Noel Leeming, Bond & Bond, Dominos Pizza, Dell and many more. You can shop for DVD's fashion, holidays, baby, home, iPods, books, magazines, toys, gifts, electrical and even your groceries! Just select Mount Roskill Grammar School when you shop or browse online at www.yourfastshop.co.nz. All shopping raises money at no extra cost to you.

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STATIONERY SHOP

We would like to inform all parent and students the temporary stationery shop that we open for the start of our new school year (usually housed in room L1), will now be moved to a new area close to our Uniform shop.

Both shops can be accessed from an entrance on Somerset Road - the Uniform shop is well signed from the road. Students can also walk across to the shops from the main field area to the buildings that are close to the footbridge onto Somerset Road.

Please consider using the school Stationery shop when purchasing your students stationery, you will find that we have competitive pricing with the commercial shops (e.g. a 2B5 exercise book sells in shops for \$6.99 we sold them for \$2.50 until we ran out of stock, we still undersell the shops at \$4.50).

Our stationery prices are held at the cost of what we have purchased at the start of the year, we do not raise our prices until that stock has run out and in most years our stock does not run out until the end of the second term.

When our shop is supported by our parents all proceeds from this shop is channelled back into our school and therefore benefit all our students at MRGS. We look forward to being of service to you at the start of 2010 and for the following terms.

YEAR 9 & YEAR 10
STATIONERY PACK
DO NOT MISS OUT ON THIS OFFER
BE READY FOR THE START OF SCHOOL

Pack contains these items

6x1B5 Exercise Books
 4x2B5 Exercise Books
 1x1B8 Exercise Book
 1xJ5 Exercise Book
 1x14B8 Refill
 1xRingbinder
 1x Subject Dividers
 10xPlastic Pockets
 6 Coloured Pencils
 1xNo 4 Art Brush
 1x Staedtler Compass
 1 x Eraser
 1xGluestick
 1x HB Pencil
 1x Norris Pencil
 1xPen
 1xProtactor
 1x30cm Ruler
 1xScissors
 1xPencil Sharpener

SCHOOL PRICE IS ONLY \$40.00

To purchase these items out of the school could cost you \$84.35 (Retail Price October 2009) SAVE \$44.35

Limited packs for sale. Available at Resource Center or Stationery Shop Pay by Eftpos, Cheque, or Cash

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 4		
November	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 – NO SCHOOL
December	Wednesday 2	NZQA Exams finish
	Wednesday 2 – Friday 4	Wider Education
	Tuesday 8	Junior Prizegiving
END OF TERM 4		

DATES FOR 2010

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

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