



Week 10, Term 3, 21 September 2018

A Note from the Principal

Kia ora tātou

Our senior students have just returned from their practice NCEA external examinations. The feedback received by each student will act as a guide for next learning steps. Over the term 3 holiday break, along with refreshment and relaxation each senior student is expected to take time to develop a plan for the remainder of the year. The mentoring day in the first week of term 4 will allow the families, teachers and students to discuss this plan together. Senior students who need further support to reach their goals will continue in classes after prize giving. Thank you to our dedicated teachers as they balance precious planning time with the need to support each student towards success.

Term 3 has been hugely enjoyable, bursting with activities and success. Students have led Health week, Peace week, and Tongan language week, Māori language week, a House Haka competition involving every student, and a Ki-o-Rahi tournament for students from the three campus schools.

Sport teams have enjoyed great success with many teams competing in the finals of their competitions. Congratulations to the Boys basketball and chess team for winning Auckland titles and the Boys 1st XI football for winning the right to play off for a place in the Premier League next season.

The junior show 'Where I am at' was a stunning success and the Boys Barbershop chorus and Indian Dance group the Rockez won Auckland titles. Isope 'Akau'ola, Siraankika Govindu and Ella Mavaega won the dance section of the Standup Standout competition with their original composition 'Fade Away'. With another group 'Talanoa' they have been invited to perform at the Tempo Dance Festival at an industry level showcase of dance. This is an extremely high honour and we are very proud of our students' creativity and professionalism.

A highlight for our teachers was the 'Colference' in which teachers from six local schools met together at Mount Roskill Grammar School to enjoy over 20 workshops focused on ensuring the way we teach offers the best support for all our learners.

Following appointment of two of our senior team to Principal roles, we have made two permanent Deputy Principal appointments. **Callum McGibbon** has developed his teaching at Mount Roskill Grammar through teaching in the Health and PE department, his work as a House Dean and in the coaching of our 1st XV. **Rozanne Donald** will join us from the Centre for Educational Leadership at the University of Auckland. Previously she has worked as a teacher at Onehunga High School, a lecturer at AUT and the Director of Professional Learning at St Cuthberts College. We are delighted to have such capable leaders joining our senior team.

We are looking forward to a refreshing break and seeing students back in term 4 ready to finish the year strongly.

Ki ngā taumata

Greg Watson (PRINCIPAL)



Term 4 2018

Term four starts on Monday the 15th October for all students. All students are expected to be at school and the school will be operating the normal daily timetable.

Mentoring - Pathways for success

The final mentoring conference for the year will be held on Thursday 18th October, during the first week of term 4. A time will be made for every student to meet with their mentor on the day to plan out what exactly is required for them to achieve their goals in 2018. Each mentor will be able to report on your student's results in the Term 3 Exams, NCEA Internal results and NCEA Support Pathways.

We highly value any opportunity to meet with caregivers and your involvement can make a big difference in the success of your student.

If you would like to make a time you can book online by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (Code: **vrpe7**)

Alternatively, you call the school on 09 621 0050 with your students name.

Junior Progress Reports

Reports for all Junior students are now available through the KAMAR parent portal.

Please can we request you take the five minute survey attached here

<https://goo.gl/forms/LjicVDhVPdc6RrIT2>

This will help us to strengthen our reporting content and process for 2019.

Suso Winners *(Stand up stand out)*

For the Stand Up Stand Out Competition we were lucky to have two groups chosen for the finals - Diversifire our Hip Hop group, and Fade Away which you have seen in assembly this year - there were only six groups that made it into the final level of the dance competition.

On Saturday 1st September, the two MRGS groups performed at the finals at the Vodafone Events Centre. Diversifire performed brilliantly with great feedback from the audience on their energy and power in the dance, and 'Isope Akau'ola and Siraanika Govindu danced their powerful duet to a song composed and performed by Ella Mavaega live. The judges who were so impressed with the telling and originality of 'Fade Away' that they were awarded first prize in the Dance category at Stand Up Stand Out 2018, beating out Avondale College, Manurewa High School and Sancta Maria College. They receive \$6000 in prizes. Congratulations.



Junior Musical Theatre Project

"Where I'm At" was a musical production that included Dance, Drama and Singing which was put on the Junior Musical Theatre Project. The group was made up of 22 students, some of which had never been on stage before and other students had a lot of experience in the arts. We performed in Term 3 for Mt Roskill Intermediate as a matinee show, and in the evening for our family and friends to some awesome reviews. It was so fun and I wish it would never end - I will always remember this experience.

Erica Ellice (Year 10)



Badminton Nationals



For the **New Zealand Secondary School Championships Tournament** held in September, Mount Roskill was seeded into the **Premier Division 1** made up of the top 12 ranked teams from New Zealand. We had two outstanding players. **Lucas Mitchell** year 9, ranked top under 15 player in New Zealand and already in the top 10 under 17 players. **Ian Busby**, Year 10, is also an Auckland U17 representative player and ranked highly in New Zealand. However at the Nationals we required 4 players for each tie (4 singles matches and two doubles).

Our other players were not of New Zealand Premier level, but they tried hard and all experienced 1 or 2 wins during the 4 days.

In 7 ties we lost to Saint Kentigern College 5-1 (Lucas beat their Number 1), we lost to Westlake Boys Number 1 team 6-0 but game scores 21-14, 21-14 for Lucas. We also lost to Rangitoto 6-0.

On the second day we lost narrowly to Rosehill College 3-3 (6-7 games) which took us out of the top 8 contention.

On the third day we beat Lynfield 5-1 but then lost to Napier Boys High School 3-3 (6-7).

This meant on the final day we played Lynfield again and we beat them again in a closer match 3 to 3, 8 to 6 games.

Leaving us **11th in New Zealand** (32 Boys teams at Nationals), a good result considering we were playing three juniors against seniors from other Schools, including the ties against the eventual Champions, Westlake Boys and the third placed team, Rangitoto.

Fencing

Mount Roskill Grammar fencing team had the end of season competition. All students made good progress in their technical skills, endurance and agility throughout this year. The final results in our foil competition was Daniel Real 1st, Angela Yee 2nd with Aarti Rao 3rd place with all bouts demonstrating adaptability and a good application of the skills taught during the year.

Fencing will restart next year (mid term one) and we welcome new dedicated and interested students to our ranks. (You do not need to have fenced before)

We have a friendly supportive group who are keen continue develop their

competitive fencing skills through weekly tuition in both foil and sabre weapons.

Please contact jonathan.thompson@MRGS.school.nz if you would like more details regarding this sport.



New Zealand Secondary Schools Gymsports

Over the weekend of 8th and 9th of September MRGS sent a team of 17 Artistic, Trampoline and Tumblers to the Secondary Schools Gymsports and the largest team of 17 who qualified to attend.

Day 1 : Artistic Gymnastics and Day 2: Tumbling and Trampoline teams.

Level 1 Artistic Gymnastics, Medals to:

3rd Rebecca Zhao, Kailtyn Booth (1st= Vault, 2nd Bar) WaiYan Relph (1st= Vault, 1st Bar) Chantal Deverell (1st Beam) 1st team :, Rebecca Zhao, Nidhi Vijayanarasimhan, Lillian Huo, Renee Christian, 2nd Team Alyshia Harper, WaiYan Relph, Chantal Deverell, Kailtyn Booth

Level 2 Artistic Gymnastics

1st Jessie Eade (1st on Bars, 3rd on Beam), 2nd Zara Deverell (2nd on vault), 6th Kate Bonnici (1st on beam and 2nd Floor) 15th Vivian Cai Yun Chew

1st Team MRGS Kate Bonnici, Zara, Deverell, Vivian Cai Yun Chew, Jessie Eade

Level 3 Artistic Gymnastics

Celia Toussaint 20th (1st on Bars and 2nd beam)

TUMBLING: B Grade Womens, 5th Jessie Eade, 11th Zara Deverell, 14th Lillian Huo, 15th Kaitlyn Booth

C Grade Womens, 4th Alyshia Harper, 6th = Nidhi Vijayanarasimhan

TRAMPOLINE, 4th A grade Mens Nathan Sands 10th A grade Womens Zara Deverell, B GRADE Womens 11th Alyshia Harper, 14th Kaitlyn Booth, 15th Eva Mason

International Peace Week "Save the Planet" 2018



What a joyous, generous, collaborative, fun week we had during Peace week!

The Mediators worked so hard for weeks leading up to this great week screening Peace T-shirts (designed by Justina Groeber), painting peace banners, making an

original 'Save the Planet' video and creating their own song, making peace ribbons... the list goes on. The Mediators ran activities each day: Assembly presentation with the original song & video on Monday; face painting & badge making on Tuesday; sausage sizzle raising \$575 for the Auckland City Mission on Wednesday; 'Celebrating Diversity & Anti –violence' stall day on Thursday, and the Peace March on Friday. The Stall day was full of student-led stalls like Skittles, PSSP, BILS, SYNC, Live4Tomorrow, SADD, "It's not ok campaign", Amnesty, MUNA, crane- making, badge making, face-painting. We also had SHINE, Youthlaw, Youthline, Manalive and Bodysafe providing important stalls of information. We were lucky also to have the wonderful Johanson's Angels SUSO band playing beautiful music.

There is a quote that says: "True character is doing the right thing when no one is looking" and this is what the Mediators & Friends did! They got on with the important job for Peace, not for ego but because they genuinely want to make a positive difference to our MRGS community.

A big thank you to all of you who made Peace week the success it was!

Boys Dance Project



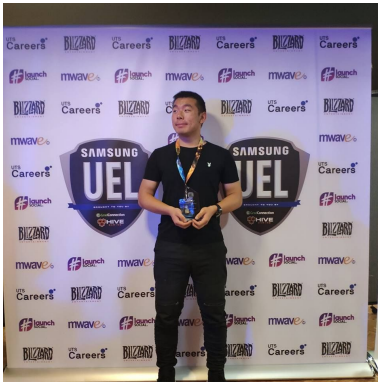
The Boys Dance Project is a group of MRGS boys who have a passion for dance. They train every Tuesday after school in contemporary, hip hop and Pasifika fusion style. During term 2 they worked with Joash Fahitua and collaborated to create a piece that was performed at the MRGS Performing Arts showcase 'Rua'.

They will also be performing this dance in upcoming school assemblies. Each week this term, they will be creating and filming dance based challenges set by industry professionals and uploading them on our instagram account. Follow @mrgrs_performing_arts to see The Boys Dance Project in action. If you would like to join the group

come to the Performing Arts studio after school every Tuesday.



e-Sport



Lucky Chen, a 2017 graduating prefect, competed in the Australian University Esports League (UEL). The UEL is a competitive tournament that runs over five weeks, with finalists being flown to Sydney to compete on a world class stage in front of a live audience. All the best university players from Oceania competed in either Overwatch, League of Legends, or Hearthstone for their share of the \$10,000 prize pool. Lucky 'Yifang' Chen represented 'Failing Uni Kids' in Overwatch; a six versus six objective based first person shooter. 'Failing Uni Kids' went the entire tournament losing only one map, the equivalent of winning Wimbledon and only dropping one game. A fantastic result for Lucky and some great momentum for Esports in New Zealand.

Barbershop

The Mount Roskill Barbershop know ads 'The Chan Clan' competed in the New Zealand Young Singers in Harmony National competition. The competition this year was held in Tauranga, with the top schools in the country competing in male, female, and mixed quartets as well as choruses. We had two male quartets, 'Wildcard Redemption' and 'The



Lovesick Blues' make it to the national competition this year, one of the only schools in the country to do so. On top of this, our full chorus performed amazingly, captivating the large crowd and comfortably being the crowd favourite. This placed 'The Chan Clan' at a commendable 4th place in the country for male choruses. A great feat for one of the smallest choruses in the competition. A special thank you to Tim Chan for his continued help with the boys.

Interhouse Haka Wero competition

Term 3 saw the beginning of a new Mount Roskill tradition, that being the annual inter house Haka Wero competition. Each house learnt and practised throughout the term before producing a final performance to celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week).

The performances were filmed and then judged by external experts against a set marking criteria which included; mahi-ā-ringā (participation and inclusion), tikanga (customs and protocol), whakaaturanga (performance and execution), and mātauranga (knowledge, confidence and understanding).



The competition was very close with only 2 points separating first place from fifth place, which is a strong indication of how well each and every house performed. Huge congratulations to Ngata House who took out the wero for 2018. The video clip of each houses performance and a whakairo trophy will be presented during assembly next term.

Japanese Cooking

Okonomiyaki (Japanese Savoury pancake)

As a part of the Year 10 Japanese curriculum, our class participated in making a popular Japanese dish, okonomiyaki, our classmate Kevin brought his Mum, Mrs Wang, and his aunty to help out. Okonomiyaki is a savoury pancake containing a variety of ingredients. Our version consisted of cabbage, flour, egg and squid. We added okonomiyaki sauce and mayonnaise, and enjoyed eating them. The pancake was oishii (delicious). We had a lot of fun making it.

Rupinder Kaur

On Monday 6th August for the first time, we invited the parents of Year 9 students of Japanese to a sushi making class. One mother was able to join the Y9 Sushi session with the students and this was much appreciated.

The rice and cut ingredients were already prepared. Each student made one roll of sushi with seaweed (Nori) and cut it into 7 to 8 pieces. They were all proud of the sushi they had made for themselves. Even though it was after lunchtime, they ate all of their tasty sushi.

Some students helped afterwards to wash the plates, bowls and sushi mats.

I really appreciated the parent help and look forward to doing this again with other classes and again inviting the parents.

Yukiko Kojima (Japanese Teacher)



Boys Lacrosse 2018

The team has built up from the beginning of the year to be very strong contender in the quarterfinals. The group of students most of whom had not played lacrosse before have practiced twice a week to produce a high level of skills and adopted a positive and constructive attack style. Teachers and students attended in good number the games played on the back MRTGS field giving the boys real pride in playing for the school. The play off for third or fourth place will take place on the last day of term.

The boys are looking forward to concluding the year with a worthy display of these skills against the Auckland Grammar foe.



Girls Lacrosse 2018

Lacrosse girls have had a rollercoaster season this year. The Premier team had a brilliant start to the season, but after some close games, finished a disappointing 5th place in Division One. Resilient, this motivated the team, and they stepped up to the challenge at Auckland Championships, coming 2nd overall in Auckland. This year's Lacrosse Blue Team included many new players to the sport. They were committed, training multiple times a week developing their stick work, and had a lot of fun as a team. Regardless of the score on the board, the Blue Team were tenacious, and fierce opposition. Overall the players in this sport have developed not only as athletes and players, but friends. Auckland representatives for 2018 are Darlene Hotwai-Myar, Laila Jeeru and Lauren van Laarhoven-Hargreaves (who is also in the NZ U19 World Cup squad).



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