

June 2019: Week 8, Term 2



From the Principal

It is a crucial time of the term for our students who will be focussing on demonstrating their learning, through achieving to the best of their ability in a number of internal NCEA assessments, or junior diploma assessments.

Managing themselves in the next couple of weeks to prepare well for these assessments and meet their assessment deadlines will enable them to stay on track with their achievement goals for the remainder of the year, and importantly ensure that as many pathways as possible remain open for the years to come. Our hope is that every one of our students will achieve the aspirational outcomes they are aiming for.

The mentoring conversations for our senior students on Wednesday are a valuable step to support this planning, and ignite motivation for the weeks ahead. These conversations will provide an opportunity to discuss where each learner is at, how their learning is progressing, acknowledge them for their achievements to date, support them to maintain a growth mindset, and problem solve their next steps.

We therefore look forward to meeting with each of our mentees and their caregivers throughout Wednesday.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Janine Tupaea
Acting Principal

MRGS Board of Trustees – BoT Election Update

Kia ora MRGS whanau

Thank you to the 11 candidates who have put their names forward to be a Trustee for MRGS. It is pleasing to see the range in cultural diversity and skill mix of the candidates.

The Trustee elections are the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for your children's education.

The next step is for the MRGS whanau to take the time to vote. The candidates need to be voted onto the BoT and so your votes will count.

It is preferable that you post your election papers early as the post is often quite unreliable, or drop them off at the school yourself.

The elections close at noon on 21st June. Please take the time to vote and get your voting papers back to school before the deadline.

Ngā mihi nui



Marjet Pot, BOT chairperson

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Dates for your diary

19 June	Mentoring Conference (senior students only) No school for Junior Students
21 June	BoT Voting Closes at 12noon
24 June	Rotation change for Year 9 students
29 June	School Ball
2 July	Course Information Evening in Hall
5 July	End of Term 2
Term 3	
22 July	Teacher Only Day
23 July	All students attend

Mentoring Conference

Mentoring Conference Day for Year 11, 12 and 13 students and families
Wednesday 19th June

To parents/caregivers of Year 9 and 10 learners:

These students are not required to be at school on this day.

Normal school will resume on Thursday for all students.

To parents/caregivers of Year 11, 12 and 13 learners:

The school is open from 8.30am-8pm on Wednesday 19th June for year 11, 12 and 13 mentoring conferences only. Students to attend in uniform with families.

The conference

In this half hour conference on Wednesday 19th June caregivers will discuss subject specific feedback, which the mentor will have received from subject teachers. This will inform part of the ongoing discussion with your child regarding their academic, attendance and co-curricular goals and next steps.

Booking a time with your student's mentor:

Book online: Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

1. Enter the code **fugqv**
2. Enter your details
3. Select your student's mentor from the list

Thank you for your support of the mentoring programme – it makes a significant difference to students' engagement and achievement knowing that we are all working together with them to help them achieve their goals.

NZQA Fee Changes – Payment Transfer/ Refund Process

In June the Government announced that it was removing the NZQA Fee for all domestic students effective immediately.

This means:

1. Any payments that have already been made for this year will be transferred to pay outstanding fees. Any remaining surplus will be allocated to the students account as a credit balance.
2. Alternatively, if a refund is requested instead of a transfer, a caregiver must make this request in person, via the school accounts office by Friday the 28th of June. The caregiver will be required to complete a refund form. Refund payments will only be made into a valid bank account, as there is no cash held on the premises.

Please note that the NZQA Fee changes and therefore payment transfers/ refunds do not apply to International students.

Matariki

*"Ka puta Matariki, ka rere whānui
Ko te tohu tēnā o te tau e"*

*"Matariki reappears, Whānui starts its flight
This signals the beginning of the new year"*

Each year we celebrate Matariki as a campus, where all three schools come together to celebrate the Māori New Year. It is always an awesome event where we celebrate our students coming together as one big whānau. Our students and Kapa Haka group represented our school with mana and pride and we are very proud of them!



Puketāpapa Youth Summit

MRGS took 23 students to attend the Puketāpapa Youth Summit to discuss issues around improvements that could be made around the Mt Roskill area, mental health and youth leadership with students of other local schools.



ME.A.R Awareness Day



This event was designed to raise awareness of the diversity of cultures within the ME.A.R grouping. Students wore national dress and shared traditional foods with fellow Roskill students.

Year 13 Production 'Blood Brothers'

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Year 13 Production 'Blood Brothers' which performed four times last week in the Performing Arts Studio. The story follows twin boys born in Liverpool in the 1950s, then separated and their lives growing up over the next few decades. It is a story that follows ideas of superstitions and nature vs nurture in a show that has moments of joy, humour and tragedy. The cast performed beautifully and had so much professionalism in their approach; we had wonderful reviews from our audience because of their incredible commitment on and off stage. The cast would like to thank the crew so much for their hard work especially Mark England for making such a beautiful set.



Rainbow Youth Gala Night

We are immensely proud of our students Sonam Bagwe (below left) and Uday Bhatia (below right).

Uday was one of the Masters of Ceremony. Sonam gave the keynote speech, and received a standing ovation.

At Mount Roskill Grammar School, Diversity is our strength. We celebrate our students' authentic leadership in creating a more diversity-affirming and socially just Aotearoa New Zealand.



1st XI Girls Football

The 1st XI Girls Football team are currently undefeated in the Auckland Senior A1 Competition as they push for promotion into the Auckland Premier Grade for 2020. With four games remaining, the girls are currently leading the competition after beating Western Springs 9-0 where Clara Muller scored 5 goals as well as having a good hard-fought win against Kings College 1-0 being two results to note.



1st XI Boys Hockey – Moving up a grade

The first round of competition has ended with a thrilling final game against Macleans College. We needed to win to advance to the Super City competition.

The day did not start well with game delayed by 1 ¼ hours. We rustled up some food for the late-night game and headed out on to a turf that more closely resembled a paddling pool. The rain persisted, our Fijian players ran twice as hard to keep warm, and although we could not find the back of the net, we defended well with the game ending with a score of 0-0.

As we needed a result, we headed to a penalty shootout and with Josh, our goalie, who having not touched the ball during the game, managed a fabulous defensive play and held out the oppositions shots on goal. The result was a victory to Mount Roskill and entry into the Super City A Grade competition, somewhere the team has not been for a few years. A great result for the team that is getting better and better each week.



Uniform

As the weather gets colder a reminder that students are expected to wear school jackets or jumpers to and from school. If you need to fundraise to buy a jacket or jumper you can see Mr McGirr in admin.

NEW - Official school scarf now in stock - \$30.

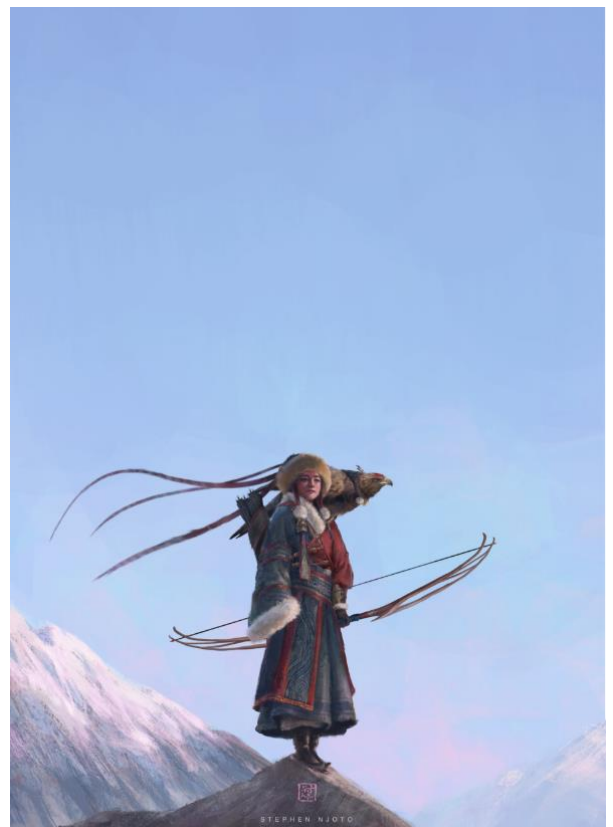


Alumni News

Stephen Njoto [2015]
Concept artist / Illustrator

Congratulations to Stephen Njoto for winning a 2019 Chroma Art Award in Concept Design for "Eagle Huntress".

https://www.artstation.com/stephen_njoto



Student Safety

Please ensure that when you collect your child from school that you are always parked safely and aware of all students. We have students from our school and students from the primary and intermediate who may not be as easy to see. Stopping on yellow lines is not legal or safe.



Roskill Stories

If you have Roskill stories about the success of current or past pupils, please share to alumni@mrgs.school.nz or message the MRGS Facebook page.