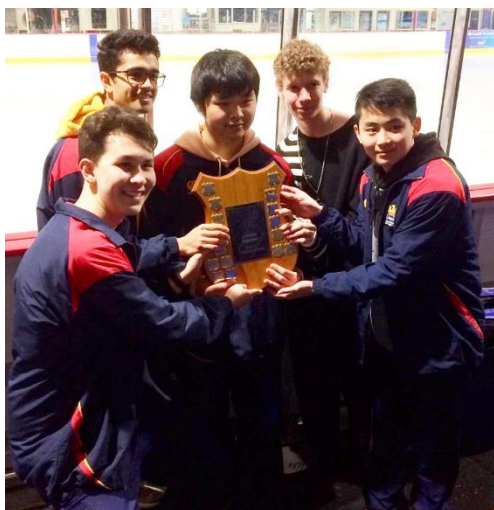


September 2019: Week 7, Term 3

From the Principal



Our senior students are about to enter their practice NCEA external examinations. These exams are a superb opportunity for each student to try out exam revision strategies and find out how well tuned their learning is. The feedback received by students will guide next learning steps.

Over the term three 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 conferences early in term 4 will allow the families, teachers and students to discuss this plan together. Senior students who need further support from teachers to reach their goals will continue in classes after our senior prize giving.



Our sports teams have just returned from tournaments all over New Zealand and have shown manaakitanga in their sportsmanship representing our school, and whanaungatanga in supporting their teammates and coaches throughout tournament week.

There have been some fantastic results as our teams competed with the best, demonstrating an indomitable spirit and passion for their chosen sports. Thank you to all the coaches, managers, and families who helped prepare and support our teams.

Ki ngā taumata
Greg Watson, Principal

Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees elections were held in July 2019 and it is timely to thank our outgoing BoT members and to welcome the co-opted members on the Board.

Judith Bingham, Don McKenzie and Grant Power have given exceptional service to the school community through their time on the BoT. Together they have given in excess of 15 years' service. Most BoT members can expect to attend one meeting a week during the school terms so one could say that between the three of them they have given 1800hrs of service to the school. It is a huge thank you from the BoT to these three people for their willingness to share their expertise and often to put the school ahead of their own personal and family commitments. Thank you, the school is indebted to your generosity and is a better place as a result of your governance.

Following the BoT elections the Board has co-opted three trustees. The BoT should reflect the ethnic make-up of our school community and we must have Māori representation on the BoT. When making a decision on who to co-opt the Board should also look at the skills required on the Board.

Sieni Voorwinden, Nirav Patel and Susan Ratana have been co-opted on to the Board. These three Trustees all stood at election time and the Board is delighted that they were willing to be co-opted. Sieni is of Samoan ethnicity and brings her legal training and business management skills, and was a member of the past BoT. Nirav is of Indian ethnicity and is a civil engineer and was on the previous BoT. Susan is Māori/Australian, Te Rarawa te iwi, a member of our School Whānau Advisory group and a long serving Public Servant.

I would also like to thank Mele Kaufusi who has been student Trustee for the past year.

The school is fortunate to have such a strong, skilled BoT who will work together to provide Governance. BoT meetings are open to the public and meeting dates are on the website. It would be great to see members of the school community at the meeting. You are always very welcome.



Marjet Pot, BoT chairperson

Dates for your diary

Term 3	
12-24 September	Senior subject entry examinations – Year 11-13 students only need to attend when they have a timetabled examination or revision tutorial. Normal school for all year 9's and 10's.
Thursday 26 September	Sports Awards
Friday 27 September	End of Term 3

Auckland Measles Alert

The Auckland Regional Health Service have been in contact to remind us of the importance of preventing measles by getting immunised. Currently more than 20 schools in Auckland have had one or more cases of measles and we are reminding families that if a case of measles does occur we will inform all of those who have potentially been in contact with the student identified and will be asking that those children not immunised stay home for up 10 days.

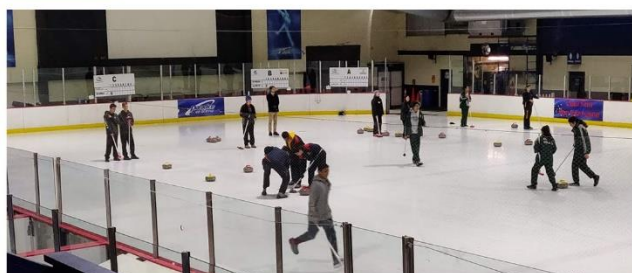
If your child gets measles please inform the school immediately.

Measles is a highly infectious airborne virus which affects both children and adults. If you think you have measles, it's important to call before visiting your doctor to avoid you spreading the virus in the waiting room. If you're feeling sick, you should stay away from work, school or public places, to help prevent putting other people at risk.

This also applies if you or a family member aren't fully immunised and may have been in contact with someone with measles. By isolating yourself you will help protect vulnerable members of our community including babies, pregnant women, cancer patients and others who are unable to be immunised and for whom the impact of the disease can be devastating. You are contagious 5 days before to 5 days after rash onset, counting the day of rash onset as day 1.

MRGS Curling Team

Congratulations to the Mt Roskill Grammar Curling team who won against Long Bay College in the North Island Secondary Schools Boys Curling Championships with an impressive score line of 9-5. Huge acknowledgement and recognition to Ms. Adviento from our Science department who has been instrumental with the team's success.



Tournament Week

Congratulations to all of our sports teams that spent last week representing our school during Tournament Week. And thank you to all the coaches, managers, and families who helped prepare and support our teams.

The final standings for teams that attended Tournament Week 2019 are below:

Team	Tournament	Standing
Curling	North Island SS Champs	1st
Football Girls	Kathy Seaward	3rd
Football Boys	Trident Tournament	3rd
Basketball Boys	Schick Premiership AA Zone 1	10th
Basketball Girls	Schick Northern Cup	5th
Hockey Girls	Chica Gilmour Tournament	13th
Hockey Boys	Johnson Cup	6th
Netball	B Grade	27th
Lacrosse Girls	NZSS Girls Lacrosse Championship	9th







MRGS Students at the 2019 Science Fair



Mount Roskill Grammar hosted the finalists of the NIWA Auckland City Science and Technology Fair. Approximately 180 students, Years 7-13, exhibited at this year's 60th anniversary of the Fair, held in our hall, Friday 30th and Saturday 31st of August. Innovative minds from across central Auckland presented a broad variety of projects that inspire and spark imagination.

We are extremely proud of our own students who participated and excelled:

Fateema Islam Y9: *"Surface Tension vs. Density" (Material World)* - 3rd Place / Special Prize

Rishi Santosh Y10: *"Food to Mars" (Research)* - Highly Commended / Special Prize

Devika Modak Y10: *"Most Aerodynamic Car Shape" (Physical World)* - Highly Commended

Mahreen Dossa Y9: *"Watch Out" (Living World)* - Highly Commended

Rishi Santosh Y10: *"Food to Mars" (Research)* - Highly Commended / Special Prize

Alex Thomson Y9: *"Air Pressure" (Physical World)*

Joshlyn Iyekekpola Y9: *"A Better Way" (Living World)*

Eric Li Y9: *"Does Caffeine Affect Recall" (Living World)*

Afsandi Hafidz Y9: *"Does Caffeine Affect Recall" (Living World)*

Noa Travis Y9: *"What Foods Do Ants Prefer" (Living World)*

Ezekiel Haunga Y9: *"What Foods Do Ants Prefer" (Living World)*

Sana Dhala Y9: *"pH and Bodies" (Material World).*

Pasifika Filmmakers Visit



This term we were blessed to have the Pasifika film maker brother and sister duo of Samoan Director Stallone Vaiaoga-loasa and Producer Dinah Vaiaoga-loasa visit our students to talk about film making.

Stallone spoke about his background, including graduating with a conjoint Bachelor of Arts & Law degree from the University of Auckland and his decision to pursue a career in film making instead. The pair described their

experience making their first two films (*"Three Wise Cousins"* and *"Hibiscus and Ruthless"*) and promoted their latest film *"Take Home Pay."* Special thanks to Vicky Bogle, the Head of Media studies, for helping to arrange the visit.

MRGS Student Excellence



Congratulations to Kalarnee Stunzner who was named the 'Under 15 Rep - Most Valuable Player, 2019' for the Mangere Otahuhu Netball Centre.

Junior Health Curriculum - Community Consultation

Every two years, Mount Roskill Grammar School conducts a community consultation on our Health Curriculum. Health is compulsory in the NZ Curriculum for Years 9 and 10 students and can be chosen as an NCEA subject in Year 11, 12 and 13. Health has an important role in the New Zealand Curriculum, teaching our students life-long skills and knowledge.

The MRGS Community Health Consultation will take place this term. The consultation consists of an online survey that will only take a few minutes of your time. We appreciate the time you take to complete this, as it helps develop and grow our Health Education as a subject at Mount Roskill Grammar. An email will be sent to all parents and caregivers on our email database with a link to the survey. A link will also be available on the school website and paper copies available from the school office. We value your input and look forward to receiving your feedback.

If you have any further questions regarding the Health programme at MRGS, please contact HOD Health, Maria Vince, 621 0050 ext 741, maria.vince@mrgs.school.nz.

Alumni News



Nalini Singh [1995], Author

Nalini Singh is a *New York Times* best-selling author 30 times over. She has written 45 books since her first novel *Desert Warrior* was published in 2003 and is frequently spotted on the *USA Today* and *Der Spiegel* bestseller lists as well.

Nalini speaks three languages – English, Hindi and Japanese – and credits her days at Mt Roskill Grammar for immersing her in a diverse population. "It was such an awesome melting pot," she says. "I made so many good friends and I got so many opportunities. Living and growing up in Auckland, it's such a diverse city and I think it's definitely affected my books. I've always had very diverse characters in my books; that just came out naturally, it wasn't a thing I consciously did. I didn't even realise that it was something a little bit different until I started getting letters from all over the world saying, 'Wow, it's so cool to see someone like me.'"

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.

Mount Roskill Early Childhood Centre

Located on the Mount Roskill School Campus, the Mount Roskill Early Childhood Centre has had 27 years of supporting our tamariki take their first steps in their Roskill learning journey. Low child-teacher ratios and a home away from home environment is a rare find in Auckland. Spaces are available now. Check out our website www.mountroskillearlychildhood.co.nz and contact Nerys on 6290732 with any queries.

Want to be a Host Family?

If anyone would like to be a host family for our international students, please contact **Fia Clark**: fia.clark@mrgs.school.nz or ring the school office and ask for **Fia**. Please note that there is a 21-day police vetting process for anyone who has not been vetted. This will be organised by the school.

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.

MRGS Sponsors



Thank you to New World Mt Roskill for their continued support of sport at MRGS, and to Gilmours for supporting students who are fundraising for the 2020 Europe trip.

