

September 2019: Week 9, Term 3

From the Principal



It has been a pleasure to recognise students whose actions and attitudes demonstrate the Roskill Way.

For the first time students have received MRGS values awards at school assemblies. Teachers nominated students to be recognised for each value.

- Manaakitanga – demonstrating respect and responsibility by uplifting the mana of each person
- Whanaungatanga – demonstrating participation, leadership and service
- Tūmanakotanga – demonstrating aspiration and excellence

Congratulations to all of the students who have been recognised with an award.

Thank you to Associate Principal Janine Tupaea who consulted with the school community to develop our refreshed values and established the awards.

Ms Tupaea is leaving at the end of the term to take up the Principal role at Solway College in Masterton – her family town. She is an exceptional leader who balances the utmost care for staff and students with a purposeful and engaging approach to making a difference for everyone. She has looked after and supported the most vulnerable in our community and challenged and enabled everyone to seek the heights. She has lead the development of our NCEA Pathways programme which has enabled many more students to gain qualifications, the strengthenig of our community relationships and tikanga in our school. We know she will be an outstanding success in her new role and hope that one day she will return to lead in Auckland.



Janine, Ka haere koe i raro i a tātou manaakitanga me ou tātau aroha. Janine goes with our blessings and our love.

Te tohu o te rangatira, he manaaki.

Greg Watson, Principal

Board of Trustees

I would like to congratulate the successful candidate in the Board of Trustees Student elections: Mizanur Miah of 12NHLG. Mizanur has said:

"I will be easy to approach if any student issues arise and I will listen to students' needs and opinions, voicing my opinions in a diplomatic way."



In his time at Mt Roskill Grammar School Mizanur has been involved in Ngata House committee, a range of academic competitions, supported the M.E.A.R student lead team and trained as a mediator.

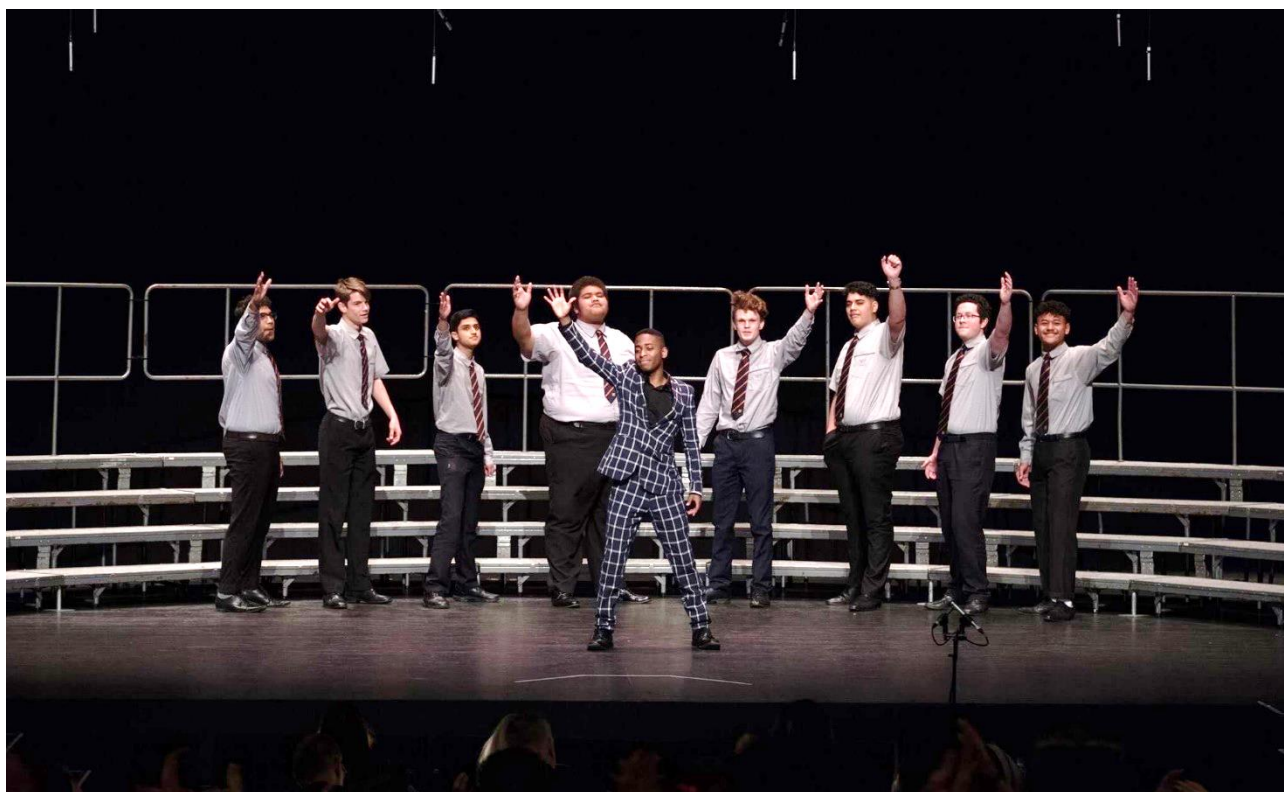


As the student representative we look forward to Mizanur's thoughtful contributions to our meetings and his representation of the student body in our governance of the school.

Marjet Pot, BoT chairperson

MRGS Barbershop

The Mt Roskill Grammar School Barbershop boys recently competed at the National Barbershop competition in Christchurch. They came 1st in Auckland and then finished 5th nationally in the choir section.



Dates for your diary

Term 3	
Thursday 26 September	Sports Awards 7pm
Friday 27 September	End of Term 3 – early finish 2:40pm
Term 3	
Monday 14 October	Start of Term 4
Thursday 17 October	Mentoring Conference 3 – Years 11-13; please book in at schoolinterviews.co.nz (event code is mhy8q); no school for Year 9 and 10
Wednesday 23 October	Campus Māori Graduation
Thursday 24 October	Arts & Cultural Awards
Thursday 31 October	Senior Prizegiving

MRGS Mentoring Conference



The final mentoring conference for the year will be held on Thursday 17th October, during the first week of term 4.

Every year 11, 12 and 13 student is required to attend a 30 minute conference with their Mentor to plan for NCEA Support Pathways and the external examinations.

Each mentor will be able to report on your child's results in the Term 3 Exams, NCEA results and opportunities available in the NCEA Support Pathways Programme.

There are no classes on this day. This is a day of study at home for students in year 9 and 10.

A notice will be given to each senior student before the end of the term with a proposed time and details about the mentoring session including the mentor code. To make a booking go to schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter event code: **mhy8q**.

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

Strike for Climate Change – The Big Day



A nationwide Climate Change event is on Friday 27th September. Mt Roskill Grammar School is not arranging for students to participate, therefore parents and caregivers will have responsibility for any student who travels to the event.

Students who would like to attend will need to have written parental permission given to the attendance officer, ideally the day prior or before school Friday, so that she can arrange relevant passes to leave school ahead of time.

MRGS at the Korean Speech Event

Mt Roskill Grammar students had a great result at the Korean speech event last week. There were 13 participants in the secondary school division and 4 Mt Roskill Grammar students participated.

MRGS results:

Rupinderjit Kaur (*Year 11*) - 2nd prize

Jackie Lu (*Year 11*) - Participate prize

Lilly Mao (*Year 9*) - Participate prize

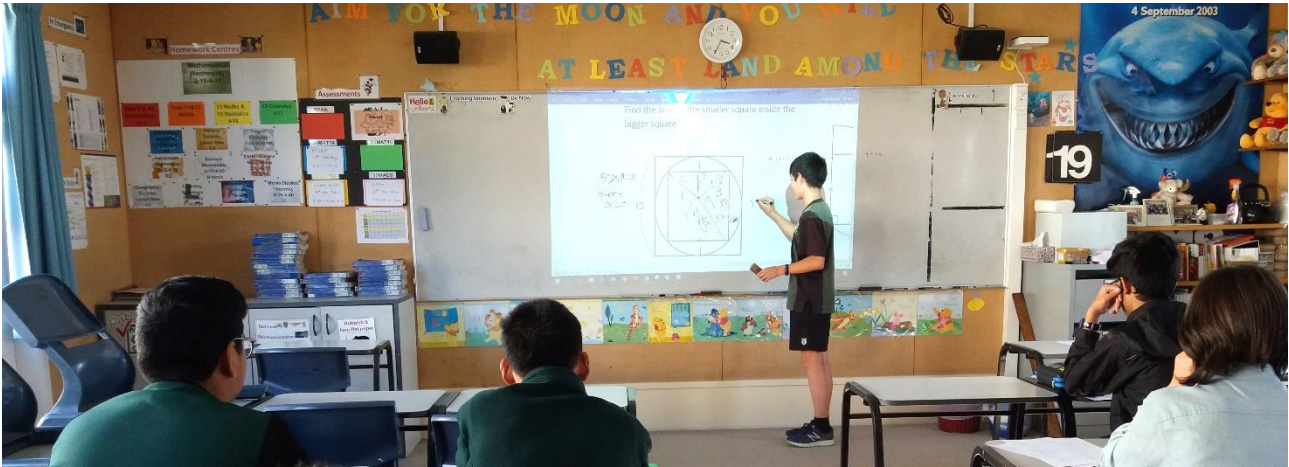
MRPS Waharoa Opening

We were privileged to be a part of the Mt Roskill Primary School Waharoa opening this month - a very special occasion where we were proudly represented by several of our students.



MRGS Year 8 Mathematics Club

Connecting with one of our campus schools we have a number of Year 8 students meeting on Fridays after school to share in accelerated maths learning in our MRGS Year 8 Maths club. Thanks to Miss Yang and the MRGS Maths department for their leadership of this exciting programme.



MRGS Gymnastics



We are extremely proud of our Mt Roskill Grammar students who recently competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Gymsports competition held on the 24th-25th August. 15 Students entered and we gained a total of 9 medals at this competition. The results are as follows:

Day 1 - Artistic Gymnastics Teams

- Rebecca Zhao: *Level 1 Artistic Gymnastics* - 1st Equal / Individual Medal
- Lillian Huo: *Level 1 Artistic Gymnastics* - 1st Equal / Individual Medal

- Renee Christian: *Level 1 Artistic Gymnastics* - 3rd / Individual Medal

- Rebecca Zhao, Nidhi Vijayanarasimhan, Renee Christian: *Level 1 Artistic Gymnastics* - 1st team

- Lillian Huo, Jennifer Christian, Diya Mistry: *Level 1 Artistic Gymnastics* - 2nd team

Day 2 - Tumbling and Trampoline Teams

- Nathan Sands: *A Grade Trampoline* – 5th
- Lauren van Laarhoven-Hargreaves: *A Grade Trampoline* – 12th
- Melanie Sands: *C Grade Trampoline* – 13th
- Renee Christian: *C Grade Trampoline* – 18th



Language Perfect World Championship 2019



From the 27th August – 3rd September over 1,600 schools worldwide took part in the International Language Perfect World Championship run by Education Perfect (www.educationperfect.com). Mt Roskill Grammar is top 40 in the World, 11th in NZ and 4th in French in NZ.

Top MRGS winners were:

Elite Award & Badge - 10,000+ points:

Liahona Lauano (MRGS Top pupil)

Huthaifa Ibrahim, Riley Mara and Bhavya Jasti

Emerald Award - 5,000+ points:

Ayesha Ibrahim, Zahlia Prasad, Nathan Carpendale, Lucy Palu

Gold Award - 3,000 points:

Lisanke Gowsigan, Ayesha Ali, Armaan Mohammed, Nayu Kondo, Aamina Mohamed

Silver Award - 2,000+ points:

Reuben Byrne, Zoey Liu, Mathesh Suthakaran

Bronze Award - 1,000+ points:

Euan McDougall, Jessica Chung, Sylvia McDougall, Jelena Faleafaga, Muznah Siddiqi, Jannet Xu, Rhea Lalani, Lily Mao, Karen Wang, Nancya Lin, April Hartmann, Winnie Zou, Morsal Darman, Akshaya Mathialagan, Fabian Li

MRGS Debating Success



Congratulations to our MRGS debaters for receiving recognition of their talents. Hannah Armstrong, Nesil Satani and Simar Bains attended the Auckland Schools Debating end of season Prizegiving. They each received speaker awards for placing 4th, 7th and 10th in Auckland for the Senior Open grade.

Earlier in the year the team also reached the quarter finals of the Senior Open grade only to lose to eventual grade winners, Ormiston Senior College.

Mental Health Awareness Week Seen Through Arts



Tangata is a piece that has been devised and performed by Nimeti Akatere, Netane Taukiuvea, 'Isope 'Akau'ola (MRGS Level 3 Drama students). This presentation aims to convey mental health related themes, including dealing with depression from the male perspective. Tangata was performed at an Auckland Council Mental Health event for young people going into university, encouraging discussion and reflecting on healthy choices.

Isope, Nimeti and Netane were also invited to perform Tangata for staff and students at Massey High School.

The audience included the building class and it was amazing to see those students in their high-vis tops watching Netane give a powerful portrayal whilst in his high-vis – an incredible and teachable moment.

They will be performing on the last day of this term as part of an Auckland Council Mental Health event in the city, and at MIT to their teachers in training.

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 to 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.

Alumni News

Beryl Fletcher [1954], Author



Beryl Fletcher [first MRGS head girl, 1953/1954] came to Mt Roskill Grammar School as a senior student and was dux. As an adult she became an award winning author, winning the 1992 Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best First Book in the Asia/Pacific region with *The Word Burners*. She went on to write four more works of fiction and a memoir, *The House at Karamu*, from which the 1954 MRGS cricket team photo is taken. Beryl is seated directly behind the bats – the captain.



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 Mt 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 (09) 629 0732 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@mrqs.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.

