

October 2019: Week 1, Term 4

From the Principal



It was a pleasure to join students and staff welcoming our new Associate Principal Meagan Gaitau in a powhiri last week. We hosted community and school leadership, and about 100 students from Massey High School as they supported and acknowledged Mrs Gaitau. The Haka powhiri performed by all of the MRGS students welcomed our visitors and the whaikorero from both schools highlighted the similarities in vision and values between the schools and how fortunate we are to have Mrs Gaitau taking up the Associate Principal role alongside Mrs Collins. It was fantastic to see students from both schools mingling after the powhiri, eating pizza and singing songs together.

Thank you to senior students and families for your support of the mentoring day. It was great to have students talking through their progress and their plans to enable success in the upcoming examinations. Families can further support their children through discussion approaches to revision. Planning a study programme that takes into account what the date for each exam is and essential steps. Studying in several shorter chunks of time is often more productive than one long session each day. At this stage, doing lots of practice question helps identify gaps in learning and focuses students on expressing their knowledge in a way that meets the requirements of the questions.

Following prize giving senior students who need further support with their learning will continue in timetabled lesson through week 4. In week 5 each department will offer a revision hub for students to come along to. Thank you very much to all of our teachers who are continuing to offer support after the finish of the formal teaching programme.



This week we look forward to seeing families at the campus graduation ceremony for our Māori students and the Arts and Cultural Awards.

Ki ngā taumata

Greg Watson, Principal

Board of Trustees

As senior students are in the final term of school we look forward to their focus on the external examinations. It can be challenging not to get distracted when you are meant to be studying, however, the commitment over the next few weeks will pay off. Set yourself small achievable goals in each subject and if you are not sure what to do next in that subject ask now. I would like to express my thanks to the staff who are continuing to support our students in their learning beyond when many schools have students leave to go and study at home.

To all students, your experiences at MRGS stand you in good stead for your life outside of school, the success of alumni in a range of fields already shows this. Whatever path you choose do your best, and take the Roskill Way with you. It was a pleasure to attend the Sports Awards at the end of last term and see this attitude exemplified, students doing their best individually and in teams and excelling not only at regional but also national and international level.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Gaitau to Mount Roskill Grammar School, working alongside Mrs Collins as Associate Principal, knowing that she brings experience, commitment and warmth to the role.



Marjet Pot, BoT Chairperson

MRGS Form Time for 2020

We are really excited to share with you the evolution of Form Time for 2020 and beyond. From the start of next year, the structure of form class will change from being a mixture of year levels in one form class (vertical form classes), to being a full class of the same year level (horizontal form classes). This is a change which we believe will have many advantages, which include enabling our form teachers to be experts on their current year level, and our students having the opportunity to form stronger connections with more students in their year group.

Students will remain in their current houses, and will also remain with the current students in their year level as they move through to their 2020 form class. Therefore, the majority of students will have a new mentor, meaning they will have the opportunity to form another strong, meaningful relationship with another adult at MRGS. Our Peer Mentoring programme will continue, with senior students creating and growing connections with our junior form classes once per week, throughout the year.

Students will find out their form class at the beginning of the school year in 2020. If students have any further questions, they should talk to their Deans. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gaitau, Associate Principal, meagan.gaitau@mr.gs.school.nz.

Dates for your diary

Term 4	
Wednesday 23 October	Campus Māori Graduation – MRIS, 6:30pm
Thursday 24 October	MRGS Arts & Cultural Awards – MRGS Hall, 7:00pm
Monday 28 October	Labour Day – no school
Wednesday 30 October	Final day for Year 13 students who have met the NCEA Support Pathways sign out criteria
Thursday 31 October	Final day for Year 11 and 12 students who have met the NCEA Support Pathways sign out criteria. School finishes at 12:10pm for Year 12 students and at 1:05pm for Year 11 students on this day.
Thursday 31 October	Senior Prize Giving – MRGS Hall, 6pm: all prize winners to attend and arrive at 5:30pm; all families are invited
Friday 1 November	NCEA Support Pathways begins for students taking Food and Catering/Hospitality and Performing Arts. Peer Support training Year 11 and 12 – Peer Support leaders 10-2pm.
Monday 4 November	NCEA Pathways begins for all students who have not yet met the sign out criteria (normal times of day)

Academic Sign Out Process

If a student's total is 80 or above on the sign out sheet: they will be automatically signed out. Please still check for student's progress toward UE and pathways for next year. For example, students may have 80+ for level 2 but need to meet pre-requisites for Level 3 courses or be aiming for endorsements and literacy credits.

If a student's total is less than 80: the student will need to keep the sign out sheet and to get it signed off once they have evidence of meeting the sign out criteria of 80+ credits. They collect evidence by submitting internals or working towards externals and getting subject teachers to sign off on their achievement. Once signed off by a Mentor, Dean or DP the student can return the sheet to the attendance officer.

Resource Clearance Procedure for Senior Students

- Senior Students will be given their clearance/leaving form on Thursday 24th October by their form teacher.
- The leaving forms will have already been processed by Accounts, Library and Sports before it has been given to form teachers.
- Students who have outstanding items will need to have them returned as soon as possible or when they have completed their last external examination.
- There are two boxes at the top of the form that needs to be ticked off and completed by the student and a parent's signature to confirm if a student is leaving school.
- The completed form is taken by the student to B1 where Mrs Parkinson will take the form off the student.

MRGS Values Recognition Awards

At the end of last term, Mt Roskill Grammar students were given Values Awards. There were three categories where students were recognised. The students who were awarded are listed below.

Manaakitanga  Uplifting the mana of each person and celebrating diversity by demonstrating:	Whanaungatanga  Working with others and representing our school by demonstrating:	Tūmanakotanga  Aspiring to be the best we can be by demonstrating:
Zach Alaimoana Maggie Lee Khalifa Alamin Thomas Tuliaupupu Jelena Faleafaga	Rongomai Whaanga Aruni Ramalingam Gemini Ferrall-Fotuhetule Sarah Ogbuze Niharika Mandadi	Abhishek Ravichandran Lauren Johnson Susan Philip Pranav Rao Skanda Deshpande
Rizqi Alvaro Afnan Sayyed Lilyann Sila Huthaifa Ibrahim Hazel Asi	Bronson Aramoana Georgia Ahlquist Corrin Ansin Armon Masomi Jon Fau'ese	Ayesha Ibrahim Kenny Yu Euan McDougall Sylvia McDougall Kalarnee Stunzner
Rachel Ogbuze Preenal Kumar Ihsanullah P A Jaynee Woodward Ghiekma Abrahams	Sam Bonnici Deylone Tohilima Max Noller Nysa Lakhani Zahlia Prasad	Melanie Sands Phoenix Tupa'i Samuel Michelle Ibram Sheng-Ya Wang Ashleen Lau
Joel Ioelu-Siemu Anna Ding Diya Sharma Travis Noa Ruby Ahlquist	Levi Ahlquist Rebecca Zhao Angela Singh Mitchell Gosling Vithusika Sivanesan	Ima Li Aria Shetty Zachrey Zhu Lielani Munauke Nathan Carpendale
Loni Pelesikoti Netane Taukiuvea Jenice Kuzhikombil	Hannah Armstrong Hudson Pfeifer Krisha Chandnani Freya Grant April Hartmann	Chris Lobokunj Kunj Patel Mandela Takaa Lauren van Laarhoven-Hargreaves

MRGS Sports Awards

Congratulations to all the students and staff who were recognised at Mt Roskill Grammar's Sports Awards held at the end of last term.



Girls Team of the Year: Football 1st XI Girls with Staff Coach of the Year Connor Chellew

The following is the full list of awardees.

Sports Awards

Senior Girls Chess Champion

Crystal Chanwong

Senior Boys Chess Champion

Parthi Navaratnam

Most Outstanding Senior Girls Basketball Player

Tikara Jallow

Most Outstanding Senior Boys Basketball Player

Justin Sapoi

Most Improved Senior Boys Basketball Player

Race Greig

Senior Girls Badminton Champion

Ashleen Lau

Senior Boys Badminton Champion

Ian Busby

Outstanding Senior Player in 1st XI Girls Cricket

Laila Jeeru

Daji Trophy for the Outstanding 1st XI Boys Cricket Player of the Year

Fahad Shehzad

Elle Emo Trophy For Outstanding Girl Gymnast

Rebecca Zhao

Senior Girls Volleyball Player of the Year

Shania Gates

Senior Girls Trampoline Champion

Lauren van Laarhoven-Hargreaves

Senior Boys Trampoline Champion

Nathan Sands

The Beresford Trophy For the Best Player in 1st XI Boys

Ilham Hameedi

The Hans Van Pelt Trophy for Most Committed Player in 1st XI Boys Football

Adam Bell

Delta Trophy for Most Outstanding 1st XI Girls Football Player

Hannah Zheng

The Van Groenwood Trophy for Commitment to Girls Football

Hannah Armstrong

Sports Awards continued

The Sheryl Francks Trophy for Contribution to 1st XI Girls Hockey

Turf Cup Trophy for Service to Hockey 1st XI Girls Hockey

The Shadwell Trophy for Contribution to 1st XI Boys Hockey

Turf Cup Trophy for Service to Hockey 1st XI Boys Hockey

Girls Lacrosse Player of the Year

Boys Lacrosse Player of the Year

Outstanding Senior Netball Player

Most Dedicated Player To School Netball

Rugby Girls Player of the Year

Afano Fa'alogo Trophy for Players' Player of the Year in 1st XV Rugby

Hillsborough Rugby Cup Trophy for Best Player in 1st XV Rugby

Captains Cup for 1st XV Rugby

Effort and Endeavour In Senior Girls Water Polo Team

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Best All Round Sportswoman

Best All Round Sportsman

Sportswoman of the Year

Sportsman of the Year

Outstanding Student Coach

The Kumar Family Trophy

Artistic Gymnastic Coach

Artistic Gymnastic Coach

Trampolining Coach

Trampolining Coach

Netball Coach

Manasija Nandagiri

Jessica Rigg

Max Noller

Jacob Madgwick

Lauren van Laarhoven-Hargreaves

Isaac Bayldon

Bianca Bryan

Kate Malone

Cheyenne Takau

Li'i Cowley-Lupo

Selwyn Roebeck

Saimone Helu

Josie Noller

Sean Malone

Shania Gates

Nathan Sands

Cheyenne Takau

Justin Sapoi

Kate Bonnici

Darlene Hotwani-Myar

Kate Bonnici

Vivian Cai Yun Chew

Lauren van Laarhoven-Hargreaves

Abhishek Ravichandran

Kalarnee Stunzner



Best All Round Sportsman Nathan Gates



Outstanding Student Coach Kate Bonnici

Staff Coach Awards

Staff Coach of the Year

Robert Laing Trophy

Nattrass Family Trophy

Connor Chellew

Karyn Gaudin

Mark Matila



Robert Laing Trophy recipient Karyn Gaudin with The Shadwell Trophy for Contribution to 1st XI Boys Hockey recipient Max Noller and Gold Award recipient Josie Noller

Gold Awards

*Hockey 1st XI Girls, Cricket 1st XI Girls, Lacrosse Premier Girls,
Lacrosse Auckland Representative U18*

*Trampoline, Gymsport, Lacrosse Premier Girls, Lacrosse Auckland
Representative U18*

*Waterpolo Senior Mixed, Netball Premier, Lacrosse Premier Girls,
Lacrosse Auckland Representative U18*

Laila Jeeru

Lauren van Laarhoven-Hargreaves

Josie Noller

Leadership Awards

Basketball Senior Girls

Cricket 1st XI Boys

Football 1st XI Boys

Football 1st XI Girls

Reesey Toala

Vishwa Nadakandage

Akash Boppana

Fahad Shehzad

Fardeen Faheem

Hannah Zheng

Amber Meiklejohn

Madeline McCormick

Sarah McKenzie

Leadership Awards continued

Gymsports

Kate Bonnici

Vivian Cai Yun Chew

Abhishek Ravichandran

Lauren van Laarhoven-Hargreaves

Max Noller

Hockey 1st XI Boys

Lauren van Laarhoven-Hargreaves

Lacrosse Senior Girls

Jeremy Hand

Lacrosse Senior Boys

Isaac Bayldon

Netball Open Premier

Shania Gates

Bianca Bryan

Rugby 1st X Girls

Cheyenne Takau

Table Tennis

Pranav Rao

Youxiang Lei

Tennis Senior Boys

Max Noller

Volleyball Senior Girls

Shania Gates

Jochebed Faleni

Waterpolo Senior Mixed

Josie Noller

Sean Malone



Senior Basketball Boys Coach Martin Windsor with **Boys Team of the Year: Senior Boys Basketball**

New Zealand / Auckland / Representative Recognition Awards

Basketball Boys

*Auckland U19, Auckland U23 (one of 2 college students selected);
HoopNational Tournament Tongan Men's Team; has just been
offered a full basketball scholarship to play professional basketball
overseas*

Justin Sapoi

Basketball Girls

Cook Island U17 Women's, FIBA Oceania U17 Championships

Tikara Jallow

New Zealand / Auckland / Representative Recognition awards continued

Lacrosse Boys

New Zealand U15

Jeremy Bell
Joshua Lyon
Joshua Ford
Rishi Navaneethan

New Zealand U18

Auckland Men's Open Grade

Adhil Nishat
Jeremy Hand
Joshua Lyon
Joshua Ford
Isaac Bayldon

Lacrosse Girls

Auckland U15 Girls

Auckland U18 Girls

Aliyah Irwin
Darlene Hotwani-Myar
Lauren van Laarhoven-Hargreaves
Josie Noller
Maryam Cader
Rishika Raju
Laila Jeru

Athletics

Auckland U16 Interprovincial Athletics Champs

Nathan Sands

Rugby Boys

New Zealand U18 Barbarians Squad

Akuila Fakatoumafi

Saimone Helu

Auckland 15s U16 Central

Selwyn Roebeck

Rugby Girls 15s

Auckland 15s U18 Girls Central West

Cheyenne Takau
Christina Mariner
Tualele Felise



Sportswoman of the Year Cheyanne Takau; Natrass Family Trophy Coaching Award recipient Mark Matila, Best All Round Sportswoman Shania Gates and Sportsman of the Year Justin Sapoi

Wider Ed Week

Year 9 and 10 Wider Education Week 2019 will run from Monday 2nd through to Wednesday 4th December and it is compulsory for all junior students. This is a time when we want students to get out there and challenge themselves. There are a number of activities for students to take part in, both offsite and at school. The cost differs according to what is chosen; deposits are due now and students can fundraise as the full amount is not due until November 22, 2019.

If you have a student who is going overseas during this time, please arrange this with the MRGS attendance officer. Otherwise, see the different trip options below:

1. Wider Ed Camp – Marsden Bay

Cost: \$150 (\$50 deposit to secure a spot)

Spots Available: 80 students

Activities include: **Surfing, Archery, Caving, Kayaking** and more



2. Paddle & Scramble – 3 locations (see activities)

Cost: \$160 (\$50 deposit to secure a spot)

Spots Available: 75 students

Activities: Puhoi Kayak, "Tree Adventures" Adventure Ropes, "Vector Wero" Whitewater Park



3. Wet N Wild – 3 locations (see activities)

Cost: \$160 (\$50 deposit to secure a spot)

Spots Available: 30 students

Activities: Day 1 - **Snow Planet**, Day 2 - **Delta Force Paintball**, Day 3 - **Parakai Springs Pools**



4. Island Hoppers – 3 locations (see activities)

Cost: \$160 (\$50 deposit to secure a spot)

Spots Available: 30 students

Activities include *exploring*: Day 1 - Rangitoto Island, Day 2 - Rotoroa Island, Day 3 - Tiritiri Matangi



5. Aqua Ed – MRGS School Pool

Cost: \$20

Spots Available: 20 students

Activities include: **Introductory swimming sessions** to develop water confidence and skills by trained swim instructors



6. Stay & Play @ School – MRGS School

Cost: \$10

Activities include: 3 days of fun and sports; Day 1 - Rippa Rugby, Day 2 - Slow Pitch Baseball, Day 3 - Aussie Rules + sausage sizzle and pool to finish each day

7. Paper & Dice – MRGS School

Cost: \$5

Activities: **See what you can accomplish armed only with your wits** (and some dice) + sausage sizzle and pool to finish each day



8. Let's Get Arty – MRGS School

Cost: \$10

Spots Available: 70 students

Activities: **Screen Printing and Art Activities** – bring a t-shirt + sausage sizzle and pool to finish each day



9. Walkabout – 3 locations (see activities)

Cost: \$30

Spots Available: 20 students

Activities: Day 1 walk - **Bethells Beach**, Day 2 walk - **Kitekite Falls, Piha**, Day 3 - **Parakai Springs Pools**



10. Snorkel & Snow – 3 locations (see activities)

Cost: \$160 (\$50 deposit to secure a spot)

Spots Available: 30 students

Activities: Day 1 - **Goat Island Snorkel**, Day 2 - **Delta Force Paintball**, Day 3 - **Snow Planet**



11. Fun in the Sun – 3 locations (see activities)

Cost: \$160 (\$50 deposit to secure a spot)

Spots Available: 100 students

Activities: Day 1 - **Rainbows End**, Day 2 **Delta Force Paintball**, Day 3 **Parakai Springs Pools**



12. Saddle Ski Swim – 3 locations (see activities)

Cost: \$160 (\$50 deposit to secure a spot)

Spots Available: 20 students

Activities: Day 1 – **Muriwai Beach Horse Trek**, Day 2 - **Snow Planet**, Day 3 - **Parakai Springs Pools**



Diwali at MRGS



Thank you to Ella Kumar for her organisation of the 2019 Diwali Evening. This was an event held for our Puketāpapa community where we welcomed Michael Wood (Labour MP for Mt Roskill) and Parmjeet Parmar (Naitonal List MP). Special thanks to Saakshi Hedge who not only lit the candle for MRGS with Mr Watson, but who also compered the evening with Ella.

All profits made from this event will be donated to the Mt Roskill Waterbase Hockey Turf.

Alumni News

MRGS alumni showing passion for our community! Congratulations to **Bobby Shen (2007)**, **Jon Turner (2006)** and **Fiona Lai (2006)** who were elected to the local Puketāpapa board.



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.

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If you are taking out a new ASB home loan and it meets the criteria outlined below, you can support Mt Roskill Grammar by nominating the school and ASB will donate \$500.



Supporting success in your school.

If you're a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you take out a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.



ASB's lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. Eligibility criteria - Documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2020. For this promotion to apply, you must make mention of it during the home loan application. Only applies to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity. The offer is limited to one donation per new home loan. The donation will be made to the chosen school on complete draw-down of the home loan. Excludes lending through brokers. Full eligibility criteria, exclusions, terms and conditions are available at asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html

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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.

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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.

