# Newsletter



November 2019: Week 5, Term 4

#### From the Principal



We are in the midst of the Year 9 and Year 10 final exams. This year we have dispersed the assessments over five school days during lesson time enabling teachers to have on-going conversations with students about the art of preparing for higher stakes assessment. It was fantastic to have about 150 students choose to remain after school one afternoon to prepare for the English assessment last week – that attitude from students is especially rewarding for teachers!

In the weeks following, our learning programme broadens. Firstly, in week 7 the junior school will have a shared focus on the idea of 'fake news' – exploring facts, interpretations, stories and myths across the curriculum. Secondly, in week eight the Wider Education programme offers students the opportunity to explore a range of outdoor activities, on camps, day trips, and in-school events. There is lots to learn during this week, which is a school year highlight for many.





We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Junior Prizegiving on December 6.

Ki ngā taumata **Greg Watson, Principal** 

#### **Board of Trustees**

#### **Government Donations Scheme**

From the beginning of 2020 we will no longer be seeking donations or fees for compulsory curriculum materials or day trips. The Board of Trustees has opted into the government scheme, which provides the school with \$150 per student with the proviso that donations and fees are not requested to support the compulsory curriculum. The amount to be funded by the government is less than the fees and donations previously collected by the school, however, this scheme is tremendous for so many students and their families, removing a potential barrier to learning.

We will be very clear about what component of education experiences are government funded, and which ones are the optional extras that we need your support to provide. We will also be looking to adjust our practices, finding additional ways to provide cost effective learning resources.



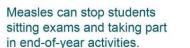
Thank you to families who have supported the school with donations over the years.

Marjet Pot, BoT Chairperson

## Measles Alert Continues

While the number of measles cases is declining, the virus is still circulating in Auckland school communities. Unvaccinated students exposed to measles may need to miss NCEA and other exams. MMR vaccines have been prioritised for anyone under the age of 30 and teachers under the age of 50 years.

## Measles during exams



If students get measles they may miss NCEA and other exams.

Their friends and classmates may also have to stay away from exams, if they have not had a measles vaccination.

Doctors will vaccinate your young person for FREE.

Do it now, so measles doesn't interfere with exams, sports, camps, activities or holidays.

#### Be aware of measles symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Rash
- Sore red eyes



For advice, call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116)

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

Dates for your diary	
Term 4	
13-19 November	Yr 9 and 10 Summative Assessments
2-4 December	Wider Education Week
6 December	Junior Prize Giving; End of Term 4

#### Puketāpapa Youth Awards



Continuing our celebration of Mt Roskill Grammar students who won Puketāpapa Youth Board Awards at this years' event, we would like to acknowledge Abdullah Mirza who received the "Cultural Contributor Award." Congratulations to Abdullah and the other MRGS students (mentioned in our last newsletter) who were honoured at this year's event. We are extremely proud of you.

## Afghan Association of New Zealand Flag Donation



Sincere thanks to the Afghan Association of New Zealand for donating the correct Afghanistan flag for our school hall circle of flags.

Pictured is Zahid Hamid, Afghan Assocation of New Zealand Secretary & Communication Officer, with MRGS Principal, Greg Watson.

If there are any other students or staff who are not represented in these flags, please let us know so we can ensure these are updated.

#### Health Centre Advice to all 2019 Leavers



Good-bye and good luck to all our 2019 Leavers from the Nurses at the Health Centre.

We wish you all the best for 2020 and to share this great new website full of information on finding your way after leaving school:

#### https://school-leavers-toolkit.education.govt.nz/

It includes taking care of yourself and others — links to everything from mental health providers to information on leaving home, flatting and getting a job, also how to manage

your finances and applying for financial support for tertiary education.

### Nominating MRGS with ASB Home Loans



### 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

If you are applying for a home loan with the ASB, and it meets the criteria outlined below, you can support Mt Roskill Grammar by nominating the school and ASB will donate \$500. ASB's lending criteria and terms apply.

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## MacLeans Centre Superstars Talent Show































## 2019 Attitude Awards



Alexandra Holmes (Macleans Centre) is performing in the opening act at the 2019 Attitude Awards at Sky City this Friday night with William Waiirua (social media personality and Dancing with the Stars contestant). Highlights of the Awards will televised on TVNZ1, 1st December.



## 2019 Senior Prizegiving Speech - Head Boy'Isope 'Akau'ola



Malolo is a Tongan word that means 'to rest', the first four letters of Malolo, M A L O is Malo which means 'thank you'. These two words are extremely important as tonight, I formally rest my journey here at Mt Roskill Grammar School. But before that I have to honour those who have shaped me to become the person I am, for I would be nothing without them.

To my parents, Fisioko and Uilameti Akauola, Malo. You two are the epitome of love, of courage and of sacrifice. Courage is leaving your home in Tonga in search of a better life in an unfamiliar country where you had to learn to speak the language. Sacrifice is the tiresome

night shifts, the times where you wouldn't eat and the times you continued to smile when things were tough. All the sacrifices that you have made for your children have not gone unnoticed and we will forever be in debt. Oku ikai ha lea feunga ke fakamalo ki moua he mou ofa mai ki au. My life is a product of their tears, their strength and of their prayers and there isn't enough words to express my gratitude for the amount of love they pour into me. You two have always taught me to move through life with a humble heart, to always give thanks, to honour those around you and today I shall continue to do that.

To my Performing Arts teachers, Miss Caitlin Thompson, Ms Emma Gillies and Miss Kerrily Aitchison, Malo. They say it takes a village to raise a child and you three are my village away from home. You three have created a space in school where all students can feel as safe as they feel at home. I thank you three for gifting us with a platform to articulate our thoughts and to let our voices be heard. You three are empowering women. I thank you for continuing to believe in me and I thank you for spending your holidays and weekends with me just to make sure I complete my work. I don't deserve the time and the effort and the love and support you three pour into me. I appreciate you three so much.

And last but not least to my school, Mount Roskill Grammar, Malo. Journeying through Roskill has been a beautiful and fulfilling experience and I stand before you with a full but sunken heart. I walked through those doors on my very first day not expecting to be at the position I am at this moment. Mr Watson, Senior Leadership Team and Mr Cornes, thank you so much for appointing me with such a prestigious role, I am extremely humbled.

Mount Roskill Grammar School, you have gifted me with the best family and the best memories. To all the students in front of me, I can't stress this enough but cherish your time here. Cherish the times where you can walk to school with your best mates, cherish the time where you all chip in for a feed from the lunch bar, cherish the times you buzz out when you learn something new in class and cherish the relationships you form with the world's most hardworking teachers. Ms Krieg, Miss Manase, Miss Mackinlay, Mrs Collins, Mrs Kumar, Ms Haddock, Mr Overton and Mr Cornes, Malo.

Mount Roskill Grammar, I thank you as you have gifted me with the Roskill Heart. The heart to serve, the heart to stand up for others and the heart to persevere when things get tough. I will take the Roskill Heart everywhere I go.

They say home is where the heart is and my heart is Roskill. Signing out 'Isope 'Akau'ola, your headboy for 2019 - Malo.

## MRGS Senior Prizegiving – Awardees List (continued)

Congratulations to all the students who were recognised at Mt Roskill Grammar's Senior Prizegiving Awards. We published the names of several winners in our last newsletter. The following is a continuation of the awardees list.











Margaret Stanners Mediation Award for Mediators of the Year: Destene Campbell Davis, Michelle Chand, Ayesha Hafeez, Huthaifa Ibrahim, Brian Khomkomphut, Pranayam Lal, Helen Lee, Niharika Mandadi, Mackenzie Mariano, Vayeshali Nandini, Upeksha Sabaragamu Koralalage, Rishi Shukla, Christy Varughese

Cooper House Distinction: Madeline McCormick , Nicole Raju, Zach Alaimoana, Li'l Cowley-Lupo, Maggie Lee, Niharika Mandadi

**Hillary House Distinction:** Millie Deabill, Samantha Macmillan, Uday Bhatia, Lilyann Sila, Fawziyyah Ali, Kirushni Suthakaran

**Ngata House Distinction:** Renee Christian, Deylone Tohilima, Matthew Mitra, Jaynee Woodward, Emily Huang, Pasha Royden

Rutherford House Distinction: Joel Ioelu-Siemu, Chloe Vos, Levi Ahlquist, Angela Singh, Kaitlyn Booth, Fahad Shehzad Sheppard House Distinction: Atita Arona, Hudson Pfeifer, Stephanie Guo, Darlene Hotwani-Myar, Krisha Chandnani, Mandela Takaa

Cultural Group Leader – Niuean: Akuila Fakatoumafi , Bianca Bryan, Jon Maluavia, Lovely Ofa Uaisele

Cultural Group Leader - Tongan: Theresa Apikotoa, To'amalanga Havea, Saimone Helu, Mele Kaufusi

Cultural Group Leader – Indian: Priyanka Dharmadhikari, Saakshi Hegde, Abhishek Ravichandran, Nidhi Vijayanarasimhan

Cultural Group Leader - Samoan: Joechebed Faleni, Angel Potoi, Fritz Tuiavii Solomona, Ryan Vao

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1st in Level 1 Design and Visual Communication	Atmar Ahmadzai
2nd in Level 1 French	Hannah Armstrong
1st in Level 1 Computer Science	Azzarina Azizi
2nd in Level 1 Drama	Emily Bayldon
2nd in Level 1 Food and Hospitality	Hassaana Bhikoo
1st in Level 1 Design with Soft Materials	Kalkidan Birku
1st in Level 1 Accounting, 1st in Level 1 Geography, 1st in Level 1 Science A	Coco Chen
1st in Level 1 Mathematics Academic	Violet Hongjin Chen
1st in Level 1 English as a Second Language	Sofia Warisara Chomkhunthot
2nd in Level 1 Japanese	Jessica Chung
2nd in Level 1 Design and Visual Communication	Adrian Cruz
2nd in Level 1 Electronics and Programming	Kaiyan Dastur
2nd in Level 1 Digital Technologies	Millie Deabill
1st in Level 1 Drama	Jayden Drube
2nd in Level 1 Physical Education, 2nd in Level 1 Technology Multi Materials	Daniel Ferguson
2nd in Level 1 Samoan	Kereti lese
1st in Level 1 Health	Laila Jeeru
1st in Level 1 Dance, 1st in Level 1 English 6 Subjects	Leo Jia
1st in Level 1 English, 2nd in Level 1 Music Studies	Lauren Johnson
2nd in Level 1 Geography	Angel Kumar
2nd in Level 1 Chinese	Tina Lau

1st in Level 1 Samoan, 2nd in Level 1 English Literacy	To'o Lavea
1st in Level 1 Media Studies	Jaime Lees
1st in Level 1 Japanese	Fabian Li
2nd in Level 1 Mathematics	Mike Zhuo Qun Li
1st in Level 1 French, 1st in Level 1 History	Nancya Lin
2nd in Level 1 English as a Second Language	Gordon Cheng Xin Lo
1st in Level 1 Technology Multi Materials	Katherine Long
2nd in Level 1 Mathematics Internal	Joshua Lyon
1st in Level 1 Making Music	Sione Mausia
1st in Level 1 Physical Education	Madeline McCormick
2nd in Level 1 History	Raffa Mohamed Faizal
1st in Level 1 Mathematics Internal	Shadi Mohammadi
1st in Level 1 Electronics and Programming	Methu Mohanathas
1st in Level 1 English Literacy	Nivan Narayan
1st in Level 1 Mathematics	Adhil Nishat
2nd in Level 1 Making Music	Loni Pelesikoti
1st in Level 1 Chinese	Joy Peng
2nd in Level 1 Computer Science	Susan Philip
2nd in Level 1 Health	Deepasha Prasad
1st in Level 1 Food and Hospitality, 2nd in Level 1 Mathematics Academic, 2nd in Level 1 English	Rabiya Rafi
1st in Level 1 Economics	Abhishek Ravichandran
2nd in Level 1 Practical Art	Karmella Reedy
1st in Level 1 Science B	Andrew Robert
2nd in Level 1 Design with Soft Materials	Marya Santos Da Silva
2nd in Level 1 Economics	Kanak Saxena
2nd in Level 1 Science B	Vasiti Sika
2nd in Level 1 Science A	Siva Sivaraman
2nd in Level 1 Media Studies	Athulya Shaji
1st in Level 1 Practical Art	Scarlett Tetley-Jones
2nd in Level 1 Maori	Deylone Tohilima
2nd in Level 1 Accounting	Pankti Trivedi
2nd in Level 1 English 6 Subjects	Chloe Vos
1st in Level 1 Digital Technologies	Krich Wangjai
1st in Level 1 Maori	Rongomai Whaanga
2nd in Level 1 Dance	Krista Woodward
1st in Level 1 Music Studies & Graham Simonds Trophy for Musicianship	Jasper Yang
2nd in Level 2 Maori	Levi Ahlquist





1st in Level 2 Mathematics, 2nd in Level 2 English as a Second Language	Risa Akai
1st in Level 2 Design with Soft Materials	Hepi Akauola
2nd in Level 2 Economics	Zach Alaimoana
1st in Level 2 Samoan	William Aleki
1st in Level 2 Media Studies	Rizqi Alvaro

& Central Leader Cup for Top in Level 2 Media Studies	
2nd in Level 2 Geography	Lawrence Blackaby
1st in Level 2 Accounting for Beginners	Margaret Fa'atea
2nd in Level 2 Electronics and Programming	Jordan Fuller
1st in Level 2 Music Studies, 2nd in Level 2 Dance	Mitchell Gosling
2nd in Level 2 Design with Soft Materials	Tanjila Hassan
1st in Level 2 Japanese	Joel Hawthorne
2nd in Level 2 Digital Technologies	Taisei Hayashi
2nd in Level 2 Design and Visual Communication	Lillian Huo
1st in Level 2 English, 1st in Level 2 French	Huthaifa Ibrahim
2nd in Level 2 Mathematics	Michelle Ibram
2nd in Level 2 English, 2nd in Level 2 Japanese, 2nd in Level 2 Physics	Bhavya Jasti
1st in Level 2 Classical Studies	Darren Jayawardhane
1st in Level 2 English Literacy	Wei Liang Jian
1st in Level 2 Health	Saarrah Khan
2nd in Level 2 Technology Multi Materials	Hrithik Khemani
2nd in Level 2 General Science	Nicolas King-McRae
1st in Level 2 Electronics and Programming	Robert Kobayashi-Cox
2nd in Level 2 English Literacy	Jessica Yuetong Li
2nd in Level 2 Health	Leon Li
1st in Level 2 Design, 2nd in Level 2 Art Visual, 2nd in Level 2 Mathematics Academic	Sharon Liang



Janet Liu

1st in Level 2 Art Visual

2nd in Level 2 Building, Construction and Trade Skills	Lui Malupo
1st in Level 2 Sport Science	Amber Meiklejohn
2nd in Level 2 Media Studies	Grady Molloy
2nd in Level 2 Food and Hospitality	Mai Linh Nguyen
1st in Level 2 Mathematics Internal, 2nd in Level 2 Early Childhood Education	Aisling O'Connell
1st in Level 2 Food and Hospitality	Alan Seong IL Park
1st in Level 2 Mathematics Academic, 2nd in Level 2 Chemistry	Varshitha Patlolla
1st in Level 2 Building, Construction and Trade Skills	Aayushal Prasad
2nd in Level 2 Accounting for Beginners	Reuben Purang
1st in Level 2 Photography, 1st in Level 2 Tourism	Sheetal Rawat
2nd in Level 2 Making Music	Rebecca Hui Ren
1st in Level 2 Early Childhood Education	Amy Roscoe
1st in Level 2 Digital Technologies, 2nd in Level 2 Photography	Simar Sahni
1st in Level 2 Biology, 1st in Level 2 Geography	Aria Shetty
2nd in Level 2 Computer Science	Rishi Shukla
2nd in Level 2 Exercise Prescription	Lilyann Sila
1st in Level 2 Accounting, 1st in Level 2 Economics	Utkarsh Sisodia
2nd in Level 2 Drama	Isaiah Stitt
1st in Level 2 Exercise Prescription	Sonya Tafa
1st in Level 2 Dance, 1st in Level 2 Drama	Sheida Tavita

1st in Level 2 General Science	Clarissa Valita
2nd in Level 2 Mathematics Internal	Braedon Wadams
1st in Level 2 Making Music	Cara Tianlan Wang
1st in Level 2 English as a Second Language , 2nd in Level 2 Tourism	Ken Jia Hua Wang
1st in Level 2 Design and Visual Communication, 2nd in Level 2 Design	Kaylee Wong
2nd in Level 2 French	Jaynee Woodward
1st in Level 2 Chemistry, 2nd in Level 2 Biology	Jasper Yang
2nd in Level 2 Music Studies	Yuri Ye
1st in Level 2 History, 2nd in Level 2 Classical Studies	Eurodias Yong
1st in Level 2 Computer Science	Kenny Yu
1st in Level 2 Physics	Nicholas Zhang
2nd in Level 2 Accounting	Jason Zhou



2nd in Level 2 History	Ellie Zou
2nd in Level 3 Mathematics	Erik Acquiapat
1st in Level 3 Dance & Academic Excellence in Level 3 Dance, 1st in Level 3 Drama & Academic Excellence in Level 3 Drama, 1st in Level 3 Media Studies	Isope Akau'ola
2nd in Level 3 Health	Mariam Al-Ali
1st in Level 3 Technology Multi Materials	Fawziyyah Ali
1st in Level 3 Health	Mariam Ali
2nd in Level 3 Design and Visual Communication	Amra Arshad
1st in Level 3 Tourism	Tom Ashworth
2nd in Level 3 French	Kate Bonnici
1st in Level 3 Maori	Bianca Bryan
1st in Level 3 Art Visual - Printmaking	Lily Cai
1st in Level 3 Geography, 2nd in Level 3 Accounting for Beginners	Krisha Chandnani
2nd in Level 3 Photography	Krysse Cruz
1st in Level 3 Economics for Beginners	Skanda Deshpande
2nd in Level 3 Food and Hospitality	Shania Gates
1st in Level 3 Building, Construction and Trade Skills, 2nd in Level 3 Making Music	Akuila Fakatoumafi
1st in Level 3 Art Visual - Painting	Jessica Fang
1st in Level 3 Photography & Doug Southgate Trophy for Excellence in Photography in Year 13	Griffin Hamilton
2nd in Level 3 Economics for Beginners	Jeremy Hand
2nd in Level 3 Exercise Prescription	Winnie Huang
2nd in Level 3 English Written Language	Abdullah Islam
2nd in Level 3 Art Visual – Painting, 2nd in Level 3 Design	Chloe Jacobs
2nd in Level 3 Business Practice	Wei Liang Jian
1st in Level 3 Food and Hospitality	Teuila Johns
1st in Level 3 Catering and Hospitality, 2nd in Level 3 Sport Science	Jordan King
2nd in Level 3 Classical Studies	Simran Komalan
2nd in Level 3 Music Studies & Oliver Huang-Hsu Cup for Composition	Shammah Lemana
1st in Level 3 Chemistry, 1st in Level 3 Mathematics with Calculus	Hong Kit Li

1st in Level 3 Accounting for Beginners, 2nd in Level 3 Mathematics with Statistics	Ima Li
2nd in Level 3 Mathematics Internal	Karan Lobo
2nd in Level 3 Technology Multi Materials	Neil Mario
1st in Level 3 French, 2nd in Level 3 Biology	Sarah McKenzie
1st in Level 3 Biology	Abdullah Mirza
2nd in Level 3 Media Studies	Iffah Mohamad
1st in Level 3 Computer Science	Vinodhini Murali
1st in Level 3 Mathematics Internal	Jeremy Narayan
2nd in Level 3 Japanese	Yuuto Nishioka
2nd in Level 3 Geography	Kunj Patel
2nd in Level 3 Maori	Shaakirah Patel
1st in Level 3 Mathematics	Mary-Ann Pears
1st in Level 3 Design, 1st in Level 3 Design and Visual Communication	Tayla Pennell Tupou
1st in Level 3 Digital Technologies	Saadiya Peragar
1st in Level 3 English Visual Language, 1st in Level 3 Japanese, 2nd in Level 3 Economics	Aruni Ramalingam
1st in Level 3 Accounting, 1st in Level 3 Economics	Sangavi Shanthinathan
1st in Level 3 Business Practice	Milly Ru Xin Shen
2nd in Level 3 English Visual Language	Azba Sidat
2nd in Level 3 Computer Science	Caleb Simmons
2nd in Level 3 Digital Technologies	Kalpana Singh
1st in Level 3 Making Music	Mehak Singh
1st in Level 3 Classical Studies, 2nd in Level 3 History	Anna Sue
1st in Level 3 Sport Science	Cheyanne Takau
2nd in Level 3 Drama	Netane Taukiuvea
1st in Level 3 Exercise Prescription	Fritz Tuiavii Solomona
2nd in Level 3 Catering and Hospitality	Esther Va'atiuola
1st in Level 3 Music Studies & BRYSS Trophy for Leadership in Music	Ala Vailala
1st in Level 3 History	Lauren van Laarhoven-Hargreaves
2nd in Level 3 Tourism	Tina Vea
2nd in Level 3 Dance	Naomi Vos
1st in Level 3 English Literacy	Cara Tianlan Wang
1st in Level 3 English Written Language, 1st in Level 3 Mathematics with Statistics, 1st in Level 3 Physics, 2nd in Level 3 Chemistry	Sheng-Ya Wang
2nd in Level 3 Mathematics with Calculus	Kenny Yu
2nd in Level 3 English Literacy	Nicholas Zhang
2nd in Level 3 Accounting	Wendy Zhao
2nd in Level 3 Art Visual - Printmaking	Han Zhou
2nd in Level 3 Physics	Sophia Zhou

## Alumni News



#### Vunga Halaufia

Vunga left MRGS after receiving a rugby scholarship to attend St Augustines College in NSW. He played for the NSW Schools Team and is currently studying a Bachelor of Criminal Justice as well as playing for the Crusaders.

Many thanks to him, his brother Kelepi and Fotu Ilaua, all alumni, who came home to support the learning and leadership of our junior sports academy students.

## **Roskill Stories**

If you have Roskill stories about the success of current or past pupils, please share to <a href="mailto:alumni@mrgs.school.nz">alumni@mrgs.school.nz</a> or message the MRGS Facebook page.

#### CCS Disability Action Caregivers Needed

CCS Disability Action, the disability support organisation, are in need of appropriate caregivers to provide safe homes to their very special children across Auckland. If you're interested in making a difference in a child's life or would like more information, you can contact CCS as per the information below.



## Get in touch Whakapā mai

If you're interested in making a difference in a child's life or would like more information, please get in touch today.

#### **National**

- **1** 0800 227 200
- Info@ccsDisabilityAction.org.nz
- Level 3 Orbit Systems House 94 Dixon St, Wellington 6011
- PO Box 6349, Wellington 6141
- f www.Facebook.com/ccsDisabilityAction
- www.Twitter.com/ccsDisabilityA

## 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.

### 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.

