

November 2019: Week 7, Term 4

From the Principal



It was a pleasure to see students continuing to enjoy their learning last week following the final assessments. Built around a curriculum wide theme of 'fake news' students thought, debated and created, getting involved and making links between subjects.

Wider education this week provided opportunities to take on further challenges, relate successfully to a wider range of peers and to participate and contribute in groups.



I'd like to take this opportunity to invite parents and caregivers to the junior school prize-giving in the hall at 9.30 am on December 6. School will finish for the year at the end of the morning. We look forward to acknowledging the commitment to excellence and successes of students with you.



We wish everyone a safe, refreshing and restful Christmas with your whānau and friends.

Ngā mihi
Greg Watson, Principal

Board of Trustees

At this time of year I reflect on the range of ways our staff and students care for each other. There is care shown through the time and encouragement given at Wider Education. There is care shown through the generous donations of gifts and food for our community lining the stage at Junior Prize Giving. There is care shown as our students celebrate the success of their peers at prize giving.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have gone the extra mile for their students in a range of ways this year – you model what it means to be learners even when faced with challenges, and you do so with aroha.



Wishing all of our students, staff and families a safe and restful summer break.

Marjet Pot, BoT Chairperson

Dates for your diary

Term 4	
2-4 December	Wider Education Week
5 December	Normal School for periods 1-3 SCHOOL CLOSSES EARLY for all students at 12:00 midday
6 December	Junior Prize Giving 9:30-11:30 End of Term 4 at 12:00 midday


Peer Sexuality Support Programme



We are proud to announce that Leo Jia and Sonam Bagwe were selected by the Auckland District Health Board as 2020 student leaders. These capable and enthusiastic PSSP leaders will join the staff of the Education Unit to train new recruits from other schools.

It is a real honour to be selected as Year 11 students. This reflects the outstanding leadership capability of our Roskill students.

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

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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.

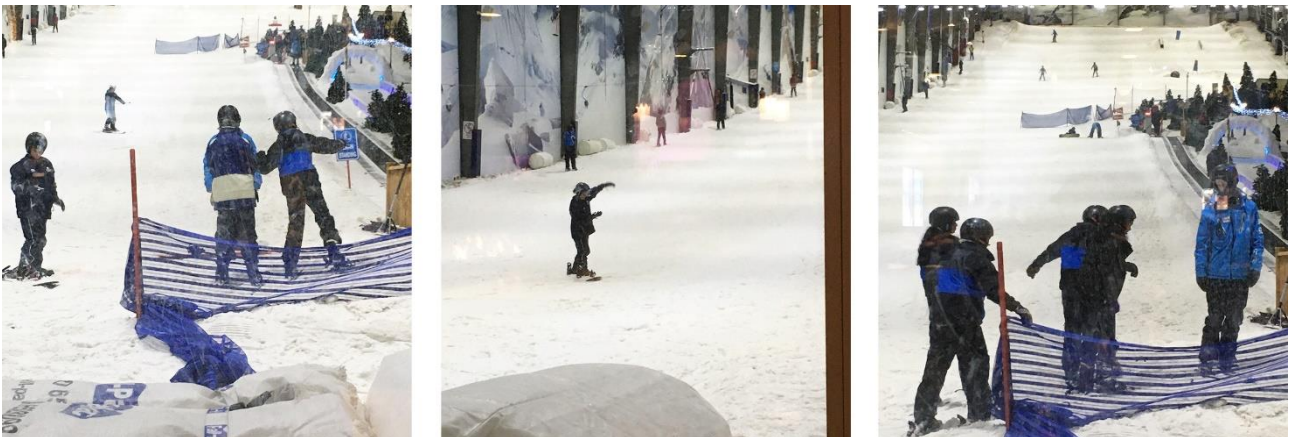
Wider Ed Week – 2-4 December

This year's Wider Ed Week was a time of adventure and fun for our Junior students over the course of three days

Paddle & Scramble - *Kayaking at Wenderholm; Saddle Ski & Swim – Muriwai Beach Horse Trek*



Snorkel & Snow - *Snow Planet*



Stay and Play at School – *ending the day in the School Pool*



Let's Get Arty – Stay at School Activity



Wider Ed Camp – Marsden Bay



Walkabout – Kite Kite Falls



Island Hoppers; Stay & Play at School; Wet n' Wild, Fun in the Sun, Snorkel & Snow - Delta Force Paintball



Measles Alert Continues

While the number of measles cases is declining, the virus is still circulating in Auckland school communities. MMR vaccines have been prioritised for anyone under the age of 30 and teachers under the age of 50 years.

Be aware of measles symptoms:

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

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

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

Free Meningococcal Disease Vaccine

Critical need to know and action: from 1 December 2019, the vaccine to protect against four groups of meningococcal disease (groups A, C, W and Y) will be free of charge for anyone who will be living in a boarding school hostel or tertiary education hall of residence in 2020.

The Ministry of Health is asking boarding schools to recommend that parents of boarders get their children vaccinated before the new school year. For more information, please refer to the Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC) website.

The following is a message from Director of Public Health, Dr Caroline McElnay:

From December 2020, the vaccine will only be funded for students entering their first year of living in a boarding school or hall of residence.

- The government has announced that anyone aged 13 to 25 years who lives in boarding school hostels, tertiary education halls of residence or military barracks is eligible to receive the meningococcal ACWY vaccine free of charge, from 1 December 2019 and for the next 12 months
- Boarders and school leavers moving into halls of residence next year can access this vaccine at their local GP free of charge
- The vaccine will be funded for one year, after which only those entering into their first year of living in these institutions can be vaccinated for meningococcal ACWY free of charge.

For more information visit the immunisation advisory centre website.

It is important to note that the ACWY vaccine does not provide protection against meningococcal B disease. As a result, it is important to consider meningococcal disease even in people who have been vaccinated if they present with symptoms consistent with meningococcal disease. The meningococcal B vaccine – Bexsero – can be purchased privately.

Form Classes 2020

Following on from the information in our previous newsletter regarding Form Time, next year students will be in Form classes which are horizontally aligned, therefore the whole form class will be students from the same year level. Many students will therefore be with a new form class, in a new location.

Students can find out their form class, form teacher and timetable prior to the first days of school for 2020 using the student portal, Kamar app and emails to parents and students. Information will be loaded onto these places in mid-January.

For students who will be Year 9 and 13, plus any and students who are new to MRGS, they will also find out their form class, form teacher and timetable on their first day back of Term 1 2020, Thursday 30th January. School will start at 9am. Year 9s will need to assemble outside the Hall, where we will start our day with a Powhiri. From there, students will be moved into their Form Class and supported through their first day of high school. Year 13s should look at the lists which will be displayed around the school, with the first list being on A Block wall by the Deans' Centre entrance.

For Year 10, 11, 12 the first day back is Friday 31st January. The school day will start with tutor time, and then continue in the 2020 structure (shown below). They will find the student lists which will be in the main areas of the school, with the first location being on the A block wall closest to the Dean's Centre entrance. On the lists they need to find their name and the form class room they are in. They will then go to their Form Class where they will be given their timetable. Following this, the school day will proceed as normal.

<i>Bell times for: Monday</i> (School and House Assembly Day); <i>Tuesday, Thursday and Friday</i>	<i>Bell times for: Wednesdays</i> (unchanged)
First Bell – 8.55 Period 1 – 9.00 – 9.55 Period 2 – 9.55 – 10.50 Form Time - 10:50 - 11:15 Interval – 11:15 – 11.40 Period 3 – 11.40 – 12.35 Period 4 – 12.35 – 1.30 Lunch – 1.30 – 2:10 Period 5 – 2.10 – 3.05	Staff PD – 8.20 – 9.05 First Bell – 9.15 Period 1 – 9.20 – 10.15 Period 2 – 10.15 – 11.10 Interval – 11.10 – 11.35 Period 3 – 11.35 – 12.30 Period 4 – 12.30 – 1.25 Lunch – 1.25 – 2.05 Period 5 – 2.05 – 3.00

2020 Puketapapa (Mt Roskill) Lantern Festival Event

Save the date - Friday 7th February 2020 - to enjoy the Chinese New Year celebration with the Puketāpapa Community. Bring along cash for food and drinks (no eftpos available) and enjoy outstanding performances. The event will start at 6pm until approximately 8:30pm.



Date: 7th February 2020, Friday evening
Venue: Mt Roskill Grammar School Hall

Time: 6:30pm
Cost: Free

For more information call Ella Kumar on 09 6290660 or 021 047 764, or Joseph Ngui on 021 267 6368.

Celebrating the Arts



On Wednesday 20th November the Performing Arts Academy had a showing of 'Scenes of Musical Mischief' in the Performing Arts studio. They performed scenes from various Musical Theatre productions and took on some very challenging roles. The 30-minute showing was full of humour and delight. The students were noted for their courage and care they showed for each other in their interactions on stage as they supported each other's roles within the production.

Thank you to all the teachers, whānau and friends who came to support the students.



MRGS Maths Excellence

Four girls in 11MATX class recently participated in the Informatics Competition at Auckland University. Grace Xu and Nisha Mantramoorthy's MRGS 2 team came 1st, and Sylvia McDougall and Aamina Mohamed Azhar's MRGS 1 team came 6th.



MRGS 2 team were invited to the Informatics Training in which they will learn real computer programming language with an eye to be selected to the NZ Informatics Olympiad competition in the future.



MRGS Hosts Inaugural Mathex Competition

Our school hosted the inaugural Puketāpapa Kāhui Ako Mathex Competition on Wednesday 27th November for our local primary and intermediate schools. The aim was to promote collaborative problem solving within our community. Class 903 were terrific hosts, marshals and markers – showing initiative and leadership.



Alumni News



Logan Collis [2016]

One of the leading dancers in Auckland's Ball Scene and a prominent Vogue artist, Logan consistently wins first place in Auckland competitions as well as performing alongside various well-known artists.

He has run his own events in the Ball Scene as well as running dance workshops.

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.

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.

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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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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.

