

February 2020: Week 3, Term 1

From the Principal

At the start of each year it is a pleasure to not only welcome new students but also reflect on the results of the previous year. As we educate new students about Tūmanakotanga being one of our values, and students aspire to reach for their own heights, we are able to demonstrate our academic successes with evidence of our senior students' achievements.

We are delighted that, in addition to a record number of students gaining NCEA endorsements, MRGS students gained 53 Scholarships. Six students gained three or more scholarships and their names will appear on the school honours board. Congratulations to: Youxiang Lei, Sheng-Ya Wang, Hong Kit Li, Aruni Ramalingam, Fangzhi Jian, Wendy Zhao.



Furthermore two of our students – 'Isope 'Akau'ola (Dance) and Daniel Torrey (Accounting) – gained 1st place in New Zealand!

Congratulations to our students and staff on these significant achievements.

Ngā mihi

Greg Watson, Principal

Board of Trustees

It was a pleasure to attend the New Parents'/Caregivers' evening and welcome a significant number of our new families to MRGS. The opportunity for families to meet the House team overseeing each student has created a valuable connection for students and families. I would also like to acknowledge the leadership shown by our head prefects, who spoke eloquently about what MRGS has offered them. Their messages to the new students and families show that our student leaders do not just talk about our values, they live them.



I would like to extend my congratulations to our Scholarship recipients for 2019, confident that MRGS continues to strive for individual excellence within a supportive environment.

Ngā mihi nui

Marjet Pot, BoT Chairperson

MRGS Excellence Awards Evening

Thursday 27 February, 6:30pm. Students who gained NCEA Excellence Endorsement and/or Scholarship in 2019 are cordially invited, with their families, to our Excellence Awards evening. The students who gained this achievement have received an invitation to this event and families have been emailed the details. The event will start at 6:30pm and conclude with a light supper.

Please RSVP to admin@mrgs.school.nz by Tuesday 25th February. We look forward to celebrating your child's success alongside you.

MRGS Scholarship Winners 2019

Student	Subject
Youxiang Lei	Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, Statistics
Sheng-Ya Wang	Calculus, Chemistry, Statistics, Biology (2018)
Hong Kit Li	Calculus (O), Chemistry, Physics
Aruni Ramalingam	Accounting, Health and PE, Japanese
Fangzhi Jian	Chinese, Physics, Statistics
Wendy Zhao	Accounting, Biology, Statistics
'Isope 'Akau'ola	Dance (O), Drama (O)
Abdullah Mirza	Biology, Statistics
Akash Boppana	Biology, Physics
Asif Cheena	Accounting, Statistics
Euan McDougall	Calculus, Chemistry
Krishna Chandnani	Accounting, Statistics
Mohammad Islam	Accounting, Statistics
Sarah McKenzie	Biology, Health and PE
Pranav Rao	Statistics (Physics 2018)
Daniel Torrey	Accounting (O)
Cheng Xu	Accounting
Heng Lee	Accounting
Ima Li	Accounting
Jacob Madgwick	Accounting
Justin Ng	Accounting
Kenny Yu	Calculus
Kerwyn Bennett	Statistics
Manav Rathod	Accounting
Max Noller	Accounting
Neha Prakash	Accounting
Niharika Mandadi	Health and PE
Padma Nandagiri	Accounting
Rebecca Zhao	Accounting
Saakshi Hegde	Accounting
Vinodhini Murali	English

Dates for your diary

Term 1	
27 February	NCEA Excellence Awards – 6:30pm in the hall
3 March	NCEA Information Evening – 6:30pm in the hall
4 March	Mentoring Conferences
12 March	Tongan Fiafia Night
18 March	Samoa Po Siva Night
18-20 March	Polyfest

NCEA Information Evening

Tuesday March 3, 6.30 pm. Parents and Caregivers of Year 11 students and students new to MRGS are warmly invited to the NCEA Information Evening **held in the school hall**. There will be a brief overview of NCEA, careers and mentoring followed by an opportunity to meet key staff and ask questions. Tea and coffee will be served. Please be seated by 6.30 pm.

Novel Coronavirus Alert

International efforts to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus are evolving day by day. The virus can be spread by infected people before they are showing symptoms.

As advised last week, MRGS students returning to New Zealand from China, or who have been in contact with someone confirmed as having the virus, need to remain away from school for 14 days on arrival back in New Zealand. The government has now placed temporary entry restrictions into New Zealand on all foreign nationals travelling from, or transiting through, mainland China.

This will delay the start of their school year and may cause some students to feel anxious about the work they are missing. Everyone's health and wellbeing is important to us and students affected by the need to stay home are encouraged to contact the school admin@mrgs.school.nz so that your House Deans can work with your classroom teachers to provide you with school work.

The Ministry of Health continues to encourage a precautionary approach and a focus on good hygiene; wash hands thoroughly with soap and sneeze/cough into an elbow or tissue. For further information you can access the Ministry of Health link [Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health](#). We are receiving ongoing advice and monitoring the situation.

MRGS Uniform

Students are expected to wear correct school uniform throughout the day. School shoes are black leather, closed-in. They can be lace-up or plain. NO sandals. This shoe policy is for safety reasons.

PE Uniform: PE uniforms have just arrived in the Uniform Shop and are now available to purchase. This means that some new students and their families have not been able to purchase these prior. PE staff have been made aware of the availability issues and that some students will not be in uniform for the first few lessons.

MRGS School App



Keep up to date with the MRGS App.

1. From your device go to the App Store/Play Store.
2. Search for "School Stream" and tap the install button.
3. You will be prompted to accept push notifications - select OK.
4. Type Mount Roskill Grammar School into the search bar then select it.

The App will give you access to daily notices and newsletters as well as allowing you to update personal details and notify the school about absences.

Sports Registration at MRGS

Students interested in representing Mt Roskill Grammar in CollegeSport competitions must register their interest by completing the Sports Registration form on our website (through google).

All sports are offered for both boys and girls with the exception of Netball (girls only). If a student wishes to participate in multiple sports then please select options accordingly. At the end of the registration period, information regarding trials, key dates and fees will be circulated to the email addresses listed on this form.


If you find that a sport is not listed on the drop down menu then you are welcome to contact the sports department by email: sports.department@mrgs.school.nz.

MRGS Sports Roster

Game Days	Season Sport
Wednesday	Cricket Girls
Saturday (morning & afternoon)	Cricket Boys
Thursday (after school)	Volleyball Girls
Friday/Sunday (after school / evening)	Water Polo Mixed
Thursday (after school)	Lacrosse Boys
Saturday (morning)	Tennis Girls

One Day competitions / Events in Term 1
Rowing
Swimming Zones
Athletics Zones
Orienteering
Softball
Tag
Touch
Kilikiti

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

ASB Bank Limited 54 360 10 818 0018

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.



USA Economics & Commerce Tour

July 2021

New York City, Washington DC, Los Angeles



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Wall Street Tour & Business Workshop – Capital Markets Simulation
- Statue of Liberty Cruise
- 9/11 Memorial
- Macy's Business Workshop – Merchandising Tour
- Times Square
- Broadway Show (TBC Show)
- NBC Studios Tour
- Guided tour of UN
- Rockefeller Center
- Madame Tussaud's – Marketing Seminar
- The Ride Experience Tour
- Bike through Central Park
- Evening visit to Empire State Building
- International Monetary Fund Q&A in Washington DC
- Pentagon Tour
- Smithsonian Museum
- Bike Tour of Washington Monuments & Memorials
- Santa Monica and Venice Beach
- Hollywood
- Warner Brothers Studio Tour
- Griffith Observatory
- Citadel Outlets

Information Night: Wednesday, 26th February 2020, 6:30 PM

Venue: Hodge Learning Commons

If you miss the information evening, please contact Mr. Russell Cornes for more details

Alumni News



Peter Luk [2004]

Peter is an engineer who graduated from MRGS. He has worked on large infrastructure like hydropower stations, water utilities and road tunnels. Peter is now on the coldest, driest and windiest continent on earth - Antarctica - as a maintenance engineer keeping the lights on, buildings warm and water flowing at Davis Station. [Notice the scarf!]

Roskill Stories

If you have Roskill stories about the success of current or past pupils, please share to alumni@mrqs.school.nz or message the MRGS Facebook page.

Lantern Festival at MRGS

Come Along & Celebrate Chinese New Year

PUKETAPAPA 2020

LANTERN FESTIVAL

Arts & Crafts

Fantastic Food

Free Entry

Wishing Tree

YEAR OF THE RAT

Martial Arts
WuShu & TaiChi

Dance & Musical
Performances

Date: Friday, 27th March, 6.00pm ~ 9.00pm
Venue: Mt Roskill Grammar School Hall
37 Frost Road, Mt Roskill

Please bring cash for Food & Raffles

For more information, please contact
Ella Kumar 021-047 7642 or Joseph Ngui 021-267 6368

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Puketāpapa Community Forum 2020

Meet your local board members

Join us each month and discuss local issues from 6.30pm-8pm at the following locations:

13 February	Wesley Community Centre
5 March	YMCA at Lynfield Youth & Leisure Centre
2 April	Wesley Community Centre
7 May	YMCA at Lynfield Youth & Leisure Centre
4 Jun	Wesley Community Centre
2 July	YMCA at Lynfield Youth & Leisure Centre
6 August	Wesley Community Centre
3 September	YMCA at Lynfield Youth & Leisure Centre
1 October	Wesley Community Centre
5 November	YMCA at Lynfield Youth & Leisure Centre
3 December	Wesley Community Centre

For more information email puketapapalocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Find out more:
www.facebook.com/puketapapa



Local Board Plan 2020

Help us develop our local priorities for the next three years

Join us at one of these events, speak directly to your local board members and give us feedback on what **you** would like us to prioritise for Puketāpapa over the next three years. Your voice is important to us!

Date/Time	Event	Location
Thursday, 13 February 6.30pm-8pm	Community Forum	Wesley Community Centre
Thursday, 5 March 6.30pm-8pm	Community Forum	YMCA at Lynfield Youth & Leisure Centre
Saturday, 14 March 11am-2pm	Drop in @ Library	Mt Roskill Library
Tuesday, 17 March 10am-12pm	Drop in @ Library	Mt Roskill Library
Thursday, 2 April 6.30pm-8pm	Community Forum	Wesley Community Centre

For more information email puketapapalocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or visit www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/haveyoursay.

