

Student Assembly



MOUNT ROSKILL
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 2: Monday 20 April

From the Principal



Dear students

“Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems.” Gever Tulley

The way you got on with learning from home last week was fantastic. 80% of you checked in at least once in the first three days of term, and 70% checked in every day. I’m sure a good number more were working on line without checking in. Making sure you check-in, it is helpful – that way we know you’re learning, and makes it easier it is for us to find students who need support to get started.

This week we will all find out the schedule for transition to Alert Level 3. We already know that **most students will continue to stay at home** learning on-line well into May. Only year 9 and 10 students whose families need them to be at school for work reasons will be attending school when Level 3 starts.

We’ve made an excellent start. Keep learning, keep connected, and know that trying your best is good enough. Any help you need is available through your Dean, our counsellors, and your subject teachers. Just let us know. Let’s all keep going.

Greg Watson
Principal

Dates for your diary

Monday 20 April	Term 2 Week 2 Distance Learning continues
Saturday 25 April	ANZAC Day
Monday 27 April	ANZAC Day holiday
Tuesday 28 April	Term 2 Week 3 Distance Learning continues

ANZAC Day



We have historically represented our school at ANZAC services on behalf of our school community to honour those who served and continue to serve our nation.

We would like to ask that if you are going to stand at the end of your driveway with the rest of the nation at **6am on Saturday 25th April** in place of attending an ANZAC service, could you please consider doing so in correct MRGS uniform. We would like to see our school represented in our community honouring the individuals and communities who gave so much for us.

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them. We will remember them."

Distance Learning

Thank you all so much for your engagement, patience and hard work in the first week of Term 2. There has been a significant amount of learning that we have all done in the Distance Learning space over the last few weeks. This hard work and rapid change of circumstance with our learning, whilst different and challenging is going to be beneficial in the long term as well as the current situation.

Your teachers are aiming to provide you with online learning which is equivalent to about 60% of your normal timetable at school. For example, if you have 5 periods of a subject each week, you will have about 3 periods worth of work each week. The reason for this is that we know every student's situation is different and we are wanting to be flexible and mindful of wellbeing as well. Please remain in communication with your subject teachers if you have any questions. Remember, you've also got the support tools of Education Perfect as well as reading books - which you can also do online via the library's online book collection.

Your lessons will be provided differently for different subjects. They may include video conference, however it is not an expectation that every lesson, for the whole hour, this will take place. Teachers have been asked to record video conferences where possible, or provide a video or written summary. This will support you to manage your day, and balance the contact time you have with your teachers.

Online expectations

As working online is more common practice it is essential that we hold manaakitanga at the centre of online interactions.

Please show respect for your classmates and teachers. No-one knows the individual challenges each person is facing during this time - we need to support each other in a positive way and be conscious of how we word our messages.

Mentoring

All students should have received a phone call from their Mentor in Week 1 of Distance Learning. Please ensure you have your Mentors email address, so you can easily contact them for any support you need, which will be additional to the weekly contact your Mentor and Form Teacher will be making with you throughout our Distance Learning phase.

Support

If you have any concerns about your learning please contact the Deans through the following email addresses. All of the deans are available but having one point of contact per House means that they can redirect any questions or make referrals as needed.

Cooper: haizley.reweti@mrgs.school.nz

Hillary: ciaran.overton@mrgs.school.nz

Ngata: stephanie.fraser@mrgs.school.nz

Rutherford: david.syme@mrgs.school.nz

Sheppard: connor.chelley@mrgs.school.nz

Student Services

Nurses can be contacted by email nurses@mrgs.school.nz, text or called on 021 320 021 Monday to Friday 8.30-4.30 for text or phone consults or referrals to the GP. The GP is available Tuesday 8.30am-4.00pm and Thursday 8.00am-12.00pm. Students can be referred from the Health Centre to other external Health Providers as necessary.

The ADHB are currently monitoring for rheumatic fever. If you have a sore throat please call the nurse.

Emergency dentist: If you need a dentist 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583) is a free/funded dental service during Lockdown for urgent care for under 18s.

Any Covid-19 related queries please call Healthline on 0800 611 116.

Counsellors can be contacted by email counsellors@mrgs.school.nz during school hours, by Facebook Messenger (mrgscounselling) or through Instagram private chat (counsellingmrgs).

It has been great to hear that students are looking out for other students and their wellbeing. Please let the counsellors know if you have any concerns – either for you or about a friend.

All communications are confidential, unless there is an imminent risk to safety.

Outside of school hours if you require support, Youthline is available 24/7 on free call 0800 376 633 or text #234 or webchat [Youthline.co.nz](https://youthline.co.nz) or email talk@youthline.co.nz

Assembly Item



This week's assembly item is a speech from our Deputy Head Girl **Mackenzie Mariano**.

We will be uploading this speech to the website and via our Instagram and Facebook pages.

Mackenzie is a strong advocate and student leader in a number of our social justice groups, including as a PSSP leader, an Advanced Mediator and in Live for Tomorrow.

She has achieved Excellence and Merit Endorsement respectively in Levels 1 and 2 and more than three quarters of her credits are at Excellence or Merit.

Mackenzie has achieved a number of Language Perfect and House distinction awards. She has represented the school in badminton, is an Academic Mentor and was named as one of our Mediators of the Year in 2019.

Mackenzie excels in leading others through mature reflection to best meet the needs of her peers – in both their learning and their wellbeing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYGIGzTpUbc>

Alumni News

We would like to acknowledge Jason Walls, political reporter for the New Zealand Herald.

He is currently reporting on the Covid-19 Coronavirus, regularly questioning the Prime Minister and the Director General of Health in these unprecedented times.



Jason Walls [2010]

House Messages

COOPER HOUSE

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu, me he maunga teitei

*Seek the treasure that you value most dearly, if you bow your head,
let it be to a lofty mountain.*

I hope you have all managed to engage in some valuable learning over the last week or so. It's great to see so many of you on group chats and classroom meetings in search of new ways to learn.

If anyone has any issues please email or stop by our Cooper House Virtual Office. We are open from 11-12 daily. Just go to the Cooper House Classroom page and click on the meeting link.

Continue keeping safe and we're looking forward to seeing you soon.

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NTI1NTg0MjlzMDda>

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui



HILLARY HOUSE

Hey Hillary House,

We hope your first week of distance learning has gone well and you have enjoyed reconnecting with your classes. This is a new experience for all of us and there are bound to be a few hiccups along the way, but if you keep communicating with your teachers and using the resources available, you will continue to find success in your learning.

Remember to balance your health and wellbeing with your school work:

1. Do something kind for yourself and others everyday.
2. Set up a timetable or routine and make being active a part of your day
3. Make a list of what you want to get done in a day – keep it realistic. 2 hours of solid work is way better than spending all day wasting time dipping in and out of social media.
4. Celebrate your achievements!

Be organised, ask questions when you are unsure, and continue being your awesome selves.

We look forward to catching up with all of you later in the Term.



NGATA HOUSE



Hi Ngata Whanau!

What a learning experience this first week back has been. We hope you managed to have some valuable learning in whatever form that has taken. We have really enjoyed the phone calls and online interactions with you.

As we navigate through this together remember that your best is all we hope for and if you are having trouble with anything, please reach out, we are here for you.

To keep some form of normality we would love to take a moment to congratulate Rachel and Phoenix on becoming our Ngata House Leaders for 2020. Rachel has a short message to share with you –

Rachel: I'm Rachel, thank you for all those who voted me captain for Ngata house, I knew y'all thought I was awesome. I really hope all of you are doing well during this lockdown period and hopefully things will get back to normal soon.

We are so lucky to have such great leaders! Stay safe, enjoy the start of term, and we hope to see you soon!

RUTHERFORD HOUSE

Hello Rutherford Whānau!

This week has been a crazy one for everyone involved! The Dean team are so proud of how you have embraced the change and challenge and run with it. You have absolutely surpassed expectations. You should all be so proud of yourselves.

You will be getting phone calls and emails from staff because we want to know that you are all OK and have what you need to continue your learning journey. If you have questions or need extra support please make sure you get in touch with Mr Syme or Ms Bates.

As always, we are looking forward to a return to normal. In the meantime, keep doing what you do so well – be resilient, be innovative and be kind to yourselves!



SHEPPARD HOUSE

Message from your Sheppard House Commitee

Hi guys, we hope you are all enjoying learning from home and aren't struggling too much with the work from your teachers. Remember to always check your emails & Google classroom to keep upto date with your work, also if you need help to email your teachers don't be afraid to reach out and ask for help. ☺Mr Chellew and Miss Manase are here to help aswell. Hope yous are all staying safe ☺

- Atita Arona



**STAY IN TOUCH WITH INSTA
@MRGSSHEPPARDHOUSE**



We also have a House Instagram account so we can keep you updated with things such as inter-house sports, house fundraisers, challenges and house updates including the announcement of our
HOUSE CAPTAINS THIS WEDNESDAY