

Student Assembly



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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 4: Monday 4 May

From the Principal



Dear students

As far as your learning goes, Alert Level 3 is the same as Alert Level 4. Everyone is Distance Learning. When we move to Alert Level 2 more students will be at school each day. However Distance Learning will continue to be very important. If you are waiting to get back to school, and not making the most of Distance Learning, think again. Using devices is a big part of learning and is here to stay.

Assessment for NCEA is continuing. To make it as straightforward as possible:

- Make sure you check the assessment criteria often during the task – this keeps you on track.
- Sift the key assessments from all the tasks you are given by your teachers, prioritise and schedule them.

When we know when learning will resume at school we will update the assessment programme for the year. For now, do your best on each task.

At Roskill we are really good at helping each other out. Well done to everyone who is looking out for their friends and classmates – maybe talking through a piece of learning, or helping with how to get set up on line, or just spending time talking with others outside your bubble. Everyone can help keep each other connected and motivated to do well. This bulletin has some good ideas for the week ahead.

Greg Watson
Principal

Distance Learning

Welcome back to another week of distance learning. This new model of learning has been a steep learning curve for teachers and students and so far some particularly important findings are emerging:

Plan your day

Keep it manageable and chunk up the tasks you have to do. Use a timetable and schedule in breaks and rewards to keep you going. Remember that developing the skill to manage your own learning will probably be the most valuable thing that comes out of this experience. There will always be times in your life where you have to prioritise to get through your workload and being able to do so will be a skill that holds its value for the rest of your life.

Check in and engage

Teachers want to help you but they can't help you if you are avoiding contact. We all want you to do well and we know there will be times when you can't quite cope with the load. Tell your teacher or your mentor or form teacher.

Information overload

Some of us are finding that constant email messages can be overwhelming. It may be better to turn off your google classroom notifications and make checking the google classroom for each of your subjects part of your daily routine.

Connect with classmates and your teachers

Use the daily contact times your teachers have posted to ask for help and reach out to other students. If you try and attend your class meets you may hear the answers to questions you have or questions you haven't thought of yet.

Keep putting one foot in front of the other and stay engaged. Lastly don't forget to do your daily check in on the learning hub <https://sites.google.com/mrgs.school.nz/mrgs-learning-hub/home>

Mentoring

You should be having contact with your Mentor once per week, either by phone call or email. Whilst this contact is initiated by your mentor, you are encouraged to reach out to your mentor for support at any other time that you find you need help.

This is the same for your subject teachers. Utilise Google Classrooms in the first instance to ask questions, but email is also available. Your friends are also a great resource and we have heard of many instances of friends having Google Hangout study sessions to help each other with their learning.

Your Deans may not be in the Deans Centre, but they are still available by email, and are ready and keen to help you. Please touch base with them.

NCEA Assessments

Understandably some students are expressing concerns about internals, practicals and preparing for externals. As a school we are waiting for more detail about when we will get back to school and what getting back to school will look like under Level 2.

Part of the information we are expecting will be advice from NZQA about which assessments we assess as usual, those we may assess gathering evidence in a different way and those we may choose not to assess. For practical subjects this is especially important and we will need to work to adjust timelines to accommodate the different alert levels.

Currently we are collating information from every department about what they think is realistic in terms of the assessments we planned to offer and any planned changes to assessment loads for NCEA courses.

We know that both teachers and students are finding this new regime challenging. Please be reassured that we are trying to assist students to manage their workload and to find ways to generate evidence for assessment that may be different to how things have been done before.

Trust that we are looking out for you. This disruption to the school year means that all students in New Zealand are in the same boat right now. We will communicate as soon as we know more details.

Alumni News



Congratulations to Sedona, who has had her short film Mirimiri officially selected for the national competition - Doc Edge Schools Student Short Documentary Competition.

Sedona Milich [2019]

House Messages

We need your contributions!

Term 2 2020 has not looked like we expected it to. Many of the events you thought would occur have changed. One thing we want to do as a school is to keep a record of Term 2 2020 through your eyes.

Can you please share photos with your deans **by Friday** of what your lockdown has looked like for you - the view from your window, your learning, your family, google hangouts, zoom, walks, the neighbourhood etc.



Zara Dy, Year 13

As you read this you will think, I could share that photo I took of... I'll do it later...Please share it now!

COOPER HOUSE

Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama

Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and become enlightened.



Kia ora koutou Cooper House, so we're into Week 4 and it's pleasing to see so many of you reaching out when you are unsure of what to do in your online learning classes. We all know that this is a very challenging time and if you can keep in contact with your teachers they can provide you with necessary support. Continue to work on doing the small things well and seeing tasks all the way through.

If you are struggling with anything at all please remember that you can contact us via email. The counsellors are also available on Facebook, Instagram, and email.

Take care and keep safe

Kia kaha, Kia māia, Kia manawanui

HILLARY HOUSE

Hope you're all well.

It's been great to see you all ENDEAVOUR to meet the challenges of our online learning programme.... very different to what we are all used to. We are all learning together but are not together.

Please do remember to do your daily attendance and keep in touch with your teachers/mentors to get support. We are here if you need any help. All the best for week 4 and hoping to see you all soon.

Be kind to your whānau and yourselves. Take care and stay safe.



NGATA HOUSE

Hi Ngata team,

As we have been doing distance learning together for a few weeks now we have been so impressed by how well you are doing in these unusual times. We have enjoyed our calls and emails with you and want to encourage you to get in touch with us.



Continue to do the best you can with your learning, and we hope to see you all soon.

Look after yourselves!

RUTHERFORD HOUSE

Kia ora Rutherford whanau,

We hope you have managed to have a great week and are all looking after yourself and your bubble. Remember not to put too much pressure on yourselves during these unusual times. Set yourself realistic goals and if you are struggling reach out and let your teachers and classmates know. Mental health is really important

When looking at your work, just focus on what is achievable and reasonable for you. Even if it's just one or two small tasks a day, it is still going to help. Remember being kind also means being kind to yourself!

To keep part of our assembly structure, it is important to share an important message from our 2019 house captain and senior leader Chloe Vos:

Hey guys! Its Chloe :) Hope you are all doing well! I know how hard lockdown can be so I really want you all to know it's so ok to not be doing well in this time. Luckily you are surrounded by people that care for you and are here to help so please reach out! I'm always here to have a chat and we have amazing counselling services at Roskill. You can connect to them via Facebook (@Mrgs Counselling) & Instagram (@counsellingmrgs). Excited to see you guys at school! Also maccas is open so go grab a feed :)



SHEPPARD HOUSE

KIA ORA SHEPPARD WHĀNAU,

Kia Māia

As always, the message for our whanau is the same. Be Courageous. In the middle of online learning we know it can be difficult to push yourself and put yourself out there. But we want to say we are proud of you all and the courage it takes to simply try. Courage to show up on your classroom google meet. Courage to email your teachers when you get stuck. Courage to take responsibility for your actions as we get used to a new normal at each level. Courage to ask for help. Courage to be kind. Maybe the hardest part of life is just having the courage to try.

@MRGSSHEPPARDHOUSE



Live 4 Tomorrow

Our Live 4 Tomorrow leaders have made a relaxation video for you this week to help you with your well-being. So find a comfortable place to set yourself up, grab your pillow, and take some time out for yourself.

If you want to know more about the group please follow their Instagram page [lft.mrgs](https://www.instagram.com/lft.mrgs). The video will also be posted there in case you want to use it again. Hope you enjoy it.

[Live For Tomorrow Relaxation for Lockdown.avi](#)