

September 2020: Week 9, Term 3

From the Principal

Thank you to families who have supported students with their learning over the second part of this term. The commitment of whānau to support daily routines has been so helpful in enabling a purposeful approach.

Senior students are completing most of their practice externals this week. The results are important as a backstop in case the NCEA examinations are disrupted, and to provide up to date feedback from teachers. In the mentoring conversations to be held the first week of term 4 we will be taking stock and refining plans to maximize achievement.

The big message is that NCEA success remains within reach of all students. Along with the solid efforts being made, this year we have extra days before NCEA starts, we will continue teaching those who need further support during the NCEA examination period, and the 'Covid' learning recognition credits bring the qualifications even more within reach.

After the loss of sports and cultural events that connect our community, we are looking forward to celebrating and recognising success during Term 4.



Rest and refreshment is essential over the term break.

Ngā manaakitanga
Greg Watson
PRINCIPAL

Board of Trustees

Kia ora koutou



I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mizanur Miah for his service as the student trustee for the past year. It has been a challenging year, with a number of our meetings needing to take place online. Mizanur was still able to bring a student perspective to the meetings, giving the Board of Trustees insight into what the taura are doing and what is important to them.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Sonam Bagwe who is our new student trustee. Sonam has commented on the ability of a student trustee to "constructively share student experiences with the BOT" and the want to fulfil the role "genuinely and effectively". We look forward to working alongside Sonam in the coming year.



As we head into the end of term break I would like to thank the taura and staff for their resilience this term. I wish them well as they prepare for the next steps in NCEA alongside an opportunity to recharge over the break.



Ngā mihi nui
Marjet Pot
BoT Chairperson

Dates for your diary

Monday 14 – Thursday 24 September	Senior External Practice Assessments continue (completed in class) – see schedule on page 5 of this newsletter
Friday 25 September	End of Term 3
Monday 12 October	Start of Term 4
Thursday 15 October	Mentoring Conferences – Seniors only
Thursday 15 October	Juniors study at home

Mentoring – 15 October 2020

Our Mentoring Conferences are occurring in Week 1 of Term 4. It is critical, that if your students is Year 11, 12 or 13 that they attend their Mentoring Conference. If we are in Alert Level 1, we will include whānau in the meetings. If we are in Alert Level 2 we will still hold Mentoring Conferences but with students only. Please ensure you have made a conference booking by the end of this week. In order to make a booking, please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz:

1. Enter the code fme69	2. Enter your details
3. Select your students Mentor's code from the list (3 letter initials).	

If you have any questions, please contact Meagan Gaitau, Associate Principal:

meagan.gaitau@mrgs.school.nz

Student Achievement

For all of us 2020 continues to be a year where we are all required to adapt to the many changes and challenges we have faced. As families you and your students may be asking questions about your students' achievements for the year. NZQA has provided a range of changes to NCEA 2020 to support senior students' achievement and to acknowledge the loss of learning time due to lockdowns. These include providing learning recognition credits and reducing the target for University Entrance.

As a school we know that the changes have been difficult for students but we are confident that, with the compensations offered by NZQA, our students remain well placed to achieve their learning goals in 2020.

Every year we closely track student achievement and our mentors meet with all senior students to discuss their pathway for the end of year NCEA assessments. We are encouraging your students to take full advantage of the tracking, mentoring and revision processes here at school to ensure they achieve their academic goals for the 2020 year. In practice that means supporting students to:

- Attend school when well - be present and on time for every lesson.
- Continue with their learning - for all students every bit of progress they make is supporting their growth.
- Attend Mentoring Conferences. These are for senior students in week 1 of term 4 and they are a critical step in planning their pathway through the assessment period at the end of the year.
- Engage in revision activities at school and at home. Practice and revision improves performance in assessments at every level.
- Engage with learning in every lesson.

We are confident that we have the time, resources and ability to ensure our students' success this year. Students can support their own learning by taking on the information above and applying this for the rest of the year.

Mathematics Success

Congratulations to Australian Mathematics Competition Winners:

- **Christopher Mara**, 100th percentile, prize winner
- **Baraa Zara** and **Grace Xu**, 98th percentile, High Distinction
- **Saahir Saheb**, **Jessica Huang**, **Ishraq Mahir** and **Tousif Kabir**, Distinction.

Well done to **Miss Yang** and to everyone who entered this challenging competition.

Congratulations to this year's **World-Series Education Perfect Mathematics** award winners:

- **Elite Award** 10,000 + points: Baraa Zara, Jordan Fuller, Vraj Shah, Hebah Ali, Christopher Mara.
- **Emerald Award** 5000+ points Chanakya Yamalapalli.
- **Gold Award** 3000+ points: Andre Chan, Stella Huch, Aamina Mohamed Azhar.



Wider Education Week – 2-4 December 2020

MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL WIDER EDUCATION 2020: Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th December

Wider Education is a tradition at Mt Roskill Grammar School. Year 9 and 10 students attend activities or day trips as part of the school's Wider Education Programme. The activities cover a wide range of learning intentions and develop students' social interaction, key competencies and team skills.

In order to secure a place in an activity, a \$50 deposit for activities over \$100 is required. If there is an activity that your child would like to attend and is not able to make the initial deposit, please contact Desmond Pemerika directly via email to request a place being secured for your child.

Payment can be made through internet banking to the following account: **12 3033 0358045 02**. Please include your child's ID number and the name of the activity chosen as the reference. Alternatively payments can be made in person at the accounts office. Deposits need to be paid by Friday 23rd October or sooner. The remaining balance will need to be paid Friday 20th November. Automatic payments are also possible with the same information in the reference, so long as the balance is paid by 20th November.

Please note: if Wider Education is cancelled due to a change in Alert Levels – a full refund of payments provided to the school will be carried out. We endeavour to give students their first choice option, but places fill fast.

More information about activities and full permission and health slips will be issued closer to the time. If you need more information please do not hesitate contact Desmond Pemereika:

desmond.pemerika@mrgs.school.nz

MRGS Sports & Extra Curricular Photo Schedule – 14 October 2020

1. The order in which the photographs will be taken is shown below.
2. All students are to wear the **full school uniform** (no jerseys or jackets) or **full sports uniform**.
3. **Coaches are asked to notify each student in their team and ensure they have and wear the correct uniform. Sports uniforms will be collected after the photo.**
4. Students are to change in the bathrooms opposite the Performing Arts Studio.
5. Students are to leave their classroom at the scheduled time for their photograph and report, changed, to the hall foyer 8 minutes before the scheduled time of their photograph.
6. Coaches and Managers are asked to please arrive at least 5 minutes earlier than the time scheduled for your team's photo in case we are running ahead of schedule.

Team/Group	Time leave class	Approx Time
MUSIC		
Concert Band	9:10	9.30
String Orchestra	9:10	9.35
Jazz Band	9:20	9.40
Girls' Choir	9:25	9.45
Barbershop Quartet	9:30	9.50
PHILOSOPHY CLUB	9:35	9.55
HOCKEY Girls 1 st XI	9:30	10.00
HOCKEY Boys 1 st XI	9:35	10.05
FOOTBALL Girls 1 st XI	9:40	10.10
FOOTBALL Boys 1 st XI	9:45	10.15
LEAGUE of LEGENDS	10:00	10.20
LACROSSE Sr A Boys	10:00	10.25
LACROSSE Sr A Girls	10:00	10.30
CURLING	10:15	10.35
NETBALL Y10 A	10:10	10.40
NETBALL Premier 1	10.10	10.45
BADMINTON		
A Reserve Grade Group 1	10:30	10.50
A Reserve Grade Group 2	10:35	10.55
SWIMMING School team	10:40	11.00
WATERPOLO Sr Mixed	10:40	11.05
<i>Interval</i>		
CRICKET Boys Colts Y9 & Y10	11:20	11.40
CRICKET Boys 1 st XI	11:25	11.45
CRICKET Girls 1 st XI	11:30	11.50
TABLE TENNIS		
B Grade 1	11:35	11.55
CHESS Sr & Jr	11:40	12.00
RUGBY Girls 10s	11:45	12.05
RUGBY Boys 1 st XV	11:45	12.10
RUGBY Boys 2 nd XV	11:45	12.15

Team/Group	Time leave class	Approx Time
VOLLEYBALL Sr Girls	12:00	12.20
ARCHERY	12:05	12.25
TENNIS Sr Girls	12:10	12.30
BASKETBALL Jr Boys	12:10	12.35
BASKETBALL Sr Boys	12:10	12.40
BASKETBALL Sr Girls	12:10	12.45
ATHLETICS	12:30	12.50
ORIENTEERING Sr & Jr	12:35	12.55
DEBATING	12:40	1.00
LIBRARIANS	12:45	1.05
TWINKLE FOUNDATION	12:50	1.10
LIVE FOR TOMORROW	12:55	1.15
MEDIATORS	12:55	1.20
PASIFIKA YOUNG LEADERS	1:00	1.25
<i>Lunch</i>		
Y13 PREFECTS	1:20	1.45
Head Prefects & Deputies		1.50
<i>Lunch</i>		
STUDENT HEALTH COUNCIL LEADERS	1:50	2.15
BODY IMAGE LEADERS	1:55	2.20
SHAKTI YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOR CHANGE	2:00	2.25
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL	2:05	2.30
SKITTLES	2:10	2.35
PEER SEXUALITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME (PSSP) Leaders	2:20	2.40
40 HOUR FAMINE	2:20	2.45
YEAR 13 PRODUCTION	2:20	2.50
PFA DEPARTMENT WHANAU	2.20	2.55

Practice Exam Schedule – 21-25 September 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
21/9/20	22/9/20	23/9/20	24/9/20
Science A Geography Dance Drama	Geography Accounting Chinese Japanese Te Reo Maori Drama	Mathematics 1A/1/1X History - WLA Economics Dance Drama	Music Studies

Year 12 Term 3 Practice Externals Schedule Week 10

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
21/9/20	22/9/20	23/9/20	24/9/20
Biology Classics Drama	Geography Accounting for Beginners Classics French Japanese Drama	Mathematics 2A/2 Sports Science Drama	Accounting

Year 13 Term 3 Practice Externals Schedule Week 10

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
21/9/20	22/9/20	23/9/20	24/9/20
History Classics Drama	Accounting Economics for Beginners French Classics Dance	Mathematics - Calculus Mathematics 3 Biology Dance Drama	Mathematics - Statistics Chemistry Dance

Attendance

One of the core messages during Covid times is to stay home if you are sick. If your student is well please send them to school so we can support them with their learning and progress. Please have a discussion with your student about the importance of being punctual to lessons. Every minute counts!

MyTuition is an organisation who provides tuition focused on NCEA External exams. They will be providing courses over the holidays targeted at Year 13. Please see the flyer for information of the courses. Each course is running for two days in the first week of the school holidays. It costs \$50 for one, 2 day course. Please enter this link online to register: mytuition.nz/roskill. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Coetzee in Learning Extension.



To help you to prepare for your exam
2-day courses (9:30am to 5:00pm)

28 SEPT – 3 OCT

Mon 28	CALCULUS	BIOLOGY	
Tue 29			
Wed 30	CHEMISTRY	PHYSICS	STATISTICS
Thur 1			
Fri 2	BIOLOGY	CHEMISTRY	
Sat 3			

\$50 PER COURSE
VERY LIMITED SPACES

To signup please follow the link below

MYTUITION.NZ/ROSKILL



MRGS OCTOBER BREAK ACTIVITIES

Week 1

Wednesday 30 September

Volleyball 10-12

Zumba 12:30-1:30

Thursday 1 October

Volleyball 10-12

Zumba 12:30-1:30

Friday 2 October

Volleyball 10-12

Archery 12:30-2:30

Week 2

Wednesday 7 October

AFL (Aussie Rules) 10-12

Badminton 12:30-2:30

Thursday 8 October

AFL (Aussie Rules) 10-12

Quick Rip 12:30-2:30

Friday 9 October

Quick Rip 10-12

Archery 12:30-2:30

Please see the Sports Department for more information/ to register your interest.

Registrations close Friday 25 September.

AVAILABLE NOW

Lunch Orders

HOW IT WORKS

STEP 1.

GO TO WWW.LUNCHORDERS.CO.NZ

STEP 2.

SIGN UP & PLACE AN ORDER

STEP 3.

YOUR STUDENT'S LUNCH WILL THEN
BE MADE FRESH & READY TO BE
PICKED UP AT LUNCHTIME!

WWW.LUNCHORDERS.CO.NZ

Alumni



Tom Ale [2013]

Tom made his first grade debut for the Warriors against the Raiders on Sunday 20 September. He has been described as having worked towards his sporting dream from a very early age. He moved from MRGS to Wesley College and then on to Rotorua Boys' High School.

Ale is on a development contract to the Warriors this season, but has been upgraded to a full squad member next year. Interim Warriors coach Todd Payten says of Tom "...he's seeking out the

coaches for information on how to get better and the different parts of his game he needs to improve." Warriors forward, Jazz Tevaga, says as well as his skills Ale has a great work ethic!

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.

Nominating MRGS with ASB Home Loans

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.



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

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 58380 16814 0919

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.