

November 2020: Week 4, Term 4

From the Principal



Our Māori graduation evening was the first event held in the school Hall since March. It was fantastic to have Jonnie Black from the class of 2008, now Principal at Matipo Primary school, with us to welcome graduating students as they return to the whānau. The awards of school colours and trophies, were interspersed with karakia, waiata, and haka and followed up with hangi kai. The learning and achievement, and the graduation of our rangatahi is the outcome of the work together of students, whānau and school and it was wonderful to gather together to enjoy their success. We are greatly looking forward to senior prize giving on Thursday this week.



Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi
Engari, he toa takitini

Greg Watson
Principal

Board of Trustees

It was a privilege to celebrate the successes of our Māori taura with whānau at Māori Graduation last week. The diversity of Mt Roskill Grammar is reflected in the diverse ways in which we celebrate our student successes.

Our Board of Trustee membership should also reflect the rich cultural diversity of the Mt Roskill Grammar community. With Sieni Voorwinden, a voice of the Pasifika community, having moved on to a new role and exciting role in Samoa, the BoT would like to ensure that another Pasifika voice can join us in our governance of the school.



If you are interested in being on the BOT please contact Marjet Pot 021 977 201 and she can talk you through what is required of BoT members.

Marjet Pot
BOT Chairperson

Dates for your diary

Wed 4th Nov	Year 13 last day for students not attending NCEA Pathways
Thu 5th Nov	Year 11/12 last day for students not attending NCEA Pathways MRGS Senior Prizegiving
Mon 9th Nov	NCEA Pathways begin
Wed 11th - 17th Nov	Junior Summative Assessments
Mon 16th Nov	NCEA Exams begin
Wed 18th Nov	NCEA Pathways end - all seniors on study leave
Thur 19th Nov	Accord Teacher Only Day
Wed 2nd - 4th Dec	Wider Education
Tue 8th Dec	Junior Prizegiving - last day of term

NCEA Pathways 2020

At this point, your student should be aware if they will be signed out at the end of Week 4 or if they will remain for extra support on NCEA Pathways. If your student has been signed out already, you will receive an email today to confirm this.

If your child is on the NCEA Pathways Programme, they are continuing to work towards their Pathways Plan, which outlines all the standards they need to complete in order to sign out and be able to study for external examinations from home. Once a student has completed their plan, they must go back to their mentor to have this signed off and then hand this to the Deans' Centre.

NCEA Pathways will continue until the end of Week 8, Friday 4th December.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gaitau, meagan.gaitau@mrgrs.school.nz

Signing out process for senior students

Students have been given their clearance forms for 2020.

All students need to complete the first question identifying their intentions for 2021, this also includes Year 13 students.

All chrome books and text books required for revision will need to be reissued at B1. Students will need to hold on to their clearance forms until they have returned their items back to B1.

Completed forms are to be handed in at the front office desk.

Lockers

Senior students will need to ensure that their lockers are cleared out before they go on exam leave.

School Magazine

SURSUM 2020 is a celebration of us getting through some very challenging times and of so many great successes in our school and community this year!

Secure your copy for just \$26 on pre-order now from Accounts. Magazines will be available for collection from late November.

Junior Assessment Week

Junior end of year assessments will take place over five days from **Wednesday November 11 - Tuesday November 17** and will be completed within normal timetabled class periods.

This applies to the following subjects: **English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies**. Other subjects will continue as normal. An important part of this process is students understanding the rule of formal examinations. Students will work in silence. They will need to bring a clear plastic bag to store their pens and pencils. Mobile phones (turned off) and watches are to be kept in school bags at the front of the room.

Examination topics:

Subject	Year 9	Year 10
English	Response to text essay Understanding unfamiliar texts test	Response to text essay Understanding unfamiliar texts test
Mathematics	Algebra test Number test	Algebra (no calculator) test Tables/equations/graphs test
Science	Physical world test Material world test Living world test	Physical world test Material world test Living world test
Social Studies	Skills test	Skills test

Subject teachers will be working on revision and preparation for the assessments over the next few weeks. They will inform students of the assessment timings for this Junior assessment week. Any questions regarding junior end of year assessments should, in the first instance, be directed to subject teachers or Heads of Department. Any other concerns please contact your House Dean.

MRGS Values Recognition Awards

Each term, Mt Roskill Grammar recognises students with Value Awards. Please see below for the complete list of awardees for Term 3.

Manaakitanga 	Whanaungatanga 	Tūmanakotanga 
Uhila, Nia Fulu, Harriet Tongia, Sam Ainuu, Nj Mohammed, Ausaaf Tupa'i Samuel, Phoenix Ogbuze, Rachel Ansari, Sulaiman Wadhwa, Tisha Sivanantharuban, Lojanan Ferrall-Fotuhetule, Gemini Thirkell, Gabriel	Mao, Amie Sharma, Prithi Singh, Raina Winn, Alex Goldie, Tiva Alley, Harper Reuben, Madi Angurala, Ansh Williams, Amy Sassman, Nicholas Birku, Kalkidan Ogbuze, Sarah Trivedi, Mudra Pelesikoti, Mele Sauaga, Bethany	Mitiana, Loreta Mafi, Meleane Sagato, Sonny Levi, Joseph Nhazeem, Ikraam Porter, Suzannah Lee, Pei Rajan, Amisha Guo, Jessica Bains, Simar Huang, Karen Kavaliku, Serah

Education Perfect Maths and Science World Series Competitions

Education Perfect

Congratulations to the following students who received Elite Awards in the recent Education Perfect Maths and Science World Series Competitions. Elite Awards are for students in the top 1% worldwide, gaining more than 10,000 points in the competition week.

Science Elite Awards (18-25 August)	Mathematics Elite Awards (1-8 September)
Christopher Mara CDSR Baraa Zara CEBM	Hebah Ali CVBN Jordan Fuller HSNC Christopher Mara CDSR Vraj Shah NBLK Baraa Zara CEBM

Maori Graduation Prize Winners

Trophy winners

Marilyn Toi for Karanga: Jelena Faleafaga

Roimata Kaaka for Whaikōrero: Levi Ahlquist

Mana Taiohi for Leadership in Kapa Haka: Jelena Faleafaga and Levi Ahlquist

Mana Wairua for Spiritual strength in Kapa Haka: Gemini Fotuhetule

Taiohi Matataki Trophy for Overcoming Challenges: Bronson Aramoana

He Manawa TiTi for Perseverance: Levi Ahlquist

Te Iwi Ngaro trophy for Best All Round Senior Maori Student: Levi Ahlquist

Colours Arts and sports awards

Leadership	5 Year Commitment to Kapa Haka	Kapa Haka	Beresford Trophy for football
Jelena Faleafaga Levi Ahlquist	Levi Ahlquist Jelena Faleafaga Gemini Ferrall- Fotuhetule Rapaki Unuwai-Kaipo Justine Taku-Bedwell Alix Taku-Bedwell Bronson Aramoana Eve laea	Saja Tautua	Jeremiah Ruawhare



Swimming

Andre Chan, Ben Hew and Alex Winn competed in the NZ Secondary Schools swimming competition. Congratulations to Andre Chan for his bronze medal in the 200m butterfly.



Lacrosse

Congratulations to our Boys' Lacrosse team. 2nd in Auckland!

Outward Bound



Thank you so much for the opportunity to go to Outward Bound this year. It was an amazing experience filled with tramping and exploring and even successfully running a half marathon! During my time there I learnt to push myself as well as to connect with others. I attended with Deylone and Mel and have attached a photo of the three of us on the top of Mt Stokes. Thank you.

Josie Noller

Maclean Centre Cultural Programme

MacLean Centre students attend a weekly Cultural Programme where they have been learning more about many cultures including Samoan and Fijian. The current study is about Great Britain so we were very honoured when HRH the Queen came to visit. She gave us lots of interesting facts about England and London. She also told us a bit more about herself such as her hobbies and pets.



E-Sports

Mt Roskill Grammar School attended the prize giving for the High School League (HSL) League of Legends national competition held at Armageddon in the weekend. Our team placed second in NZ and got to perform in front of a crowd in an e-sports arena to a crowd 100+.

The team members were Brian Chau (Captain), Haoxian Chen, Chea Long Koy, Bingyang Ou, Danh Do and Ellie Zou. The team won \$450 worth of gaming gear each, alongside bragging rights of being the second best in the country.



Uniform donations

Living the values of manaakitanga and whanaungatanga, can those of you leaving MRGS in 2020 please consider donating any uniform not needed by your family to those less fortunate in our community. Donations gratefully received by Jules in admin.

Masks

Masks are available for \$4 each. Up to 5 per student only. Both logo and plain available.

Uniform

Correct uniform is always a focus to ensure we are representing our school with pride. Some things to focus on include:

- Correct shoes and black socks
- Boys should be clean shaven
- No facial piercing i.e. nose rings
- Natural hair colour

Students will be asked to correct uniform on arrival to school and parents will be informed if there are any concerns.

You can find more details of our uniform expectations on our website:

<https://www.mrgs.school.nz/school-uniform/>

Wider Education Week – 2-4 December 2020

MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL WIDER EDUCATION 2020: Wednesday 2 - Friday 4 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.

There is an opportunity for students to participate in free activities at school. For other activities which have a fee, 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. The balance needs to be paid by **Friday 20 November**. Automatic payments are also possible with the same information in the reference, so long as the balance is paid by 20 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 Pemerika:

desmond.pemerika@mrgs.school.nz



Aisake Havea 2015



Congratulations to 'Aisake for winning the award for the University of Auckland Business School Pacific Student of the Year 2020. He has been studying a conjoint Bachelor of Property and Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in Accounting and Taxation). In 2021 he will be undertaking further study, majoring in Politics and International Relations leading to a Masters of Public Policy. He has also been a Pasifika Ambassador for the University, alongside his sister Lupe. Roskill pride is clear in 'Aisake's choice of tie for his award ceremony!

Joshua Fountain 2003

Congratulation to Josh, who won the 2020 APRA Silver Scroll recognising New Zealand's top songwriting talent, for Benee's song *Glitter*, co-written with Benee and Djeisan Suskov. This success follows on from him winning the award for NZ Producer of the Year in 2019. He has earned multiple APRA Silver Scroll and NZ Music Award nominations for Producer of the Year, Album of the Year and Best Group. Josh runs the Auckland recording studio Golden Age. Josh is known around the world, not just in NZ, for his songwriting and music production.



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

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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.

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NCEA 2020 Examination Timetable

2020 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Exams available digitally shown in blue					
Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 16 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Calculus
	2.00 pm	Chinese	German	Dance	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
Tue 17 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama	Chemistry
	2.00 pm		Classical Studies		German
Wed 18 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Earth & Space Science	Drama
Thu 19 Nov	9.30 am		Mathematics & Statistics		Biology
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Fri 20 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics			Classical Studies
	2.00 pm		Drama	Samoan	Statistics
WEEKEND					
Mon 23 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	
	2.00 pm	Economics		Accounting	
Tue 24 Nov	9.30 am		English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	History	Chinese	Biology	Economics
Wed 25 Nov	9.30 am	English			Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Drama	History	Health	Physics
Thu 26 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	Chemistry	Agricultural & Horticultural Science German Chinese	English
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
Fri 27 Nov	9.30 am	Science		Making Music	History
	2.00 pm	Samoan Spanish	Geography	Chemistry	
WEEKEND					
Mon 30 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Māori Art History	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira Social Studies Psychology	Samoan
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		Geography
Tue 1 Dec	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics		Media Studies
Wed 2 Dec	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance		Physics	
Thu 3 Dec	9.30 am	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Japanese
	2.00 pm		Media Studies	Home Economics	Art History
Fri 4 Dec	9.30 am	Chemistry	Business Studies	French	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
WEEKEND					
Mon 7 Dec	9.30 am	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira Latin	Japanese	
	2.00 pm		French	Spanish	Latin
Tue 8 Dec	9.30 am	Health	Samoan Education for Sustainability	Te Reo Māori Latin	Chinese
	2.00 pm		Social Studies	Music Studies	Spanish
Wed 9 Dec	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance	Art History	Earth & Space Science
EXAMS END (Term 4 ends 16 Dec)					