

November 2020: Week 6, Term 4

From the Principal

The teacher only day on Thursday is to begin the process of implementing changes to NCEA. In 2018 and 2019 there was nationwide consultation about NCEA. As a result, systems shifts in wellbeing, equity, coherence, pathways, and credibility are planned. One of the major changes will be a shift to fewer, larger assessment standards. It is expected that this will reduce assessment workload for students and teachers. Three further teacher only days are scheduled for 2021.

The NCEA externals are underway. We encourage students and families to keep a close check on the timetable and sit all subjects. For those students who already have enough credits to obtain the qualification, it's not only about the number of credits, it's also about the quality of learning - gaining Merit or Excellence grades, and building a strong platform in each subject for the next stage of learning.



Year 9 and 10 students have now completed their assessment week. We are looking forward to a school wide focus on 'fake news' in a range of contexts next week, House competitions at lunch time, and Wider Education the following week. We are lucky that we are able to meet to celebrate achievement and look forward to seeing families and friends at prize giving on December 8th.

Ngā manaakitanga
Greg Watson
Principal

Board of Trustees

As we head into finishing courses and undertaking exams I'd like to congratulate our taura on their efforts, ensuring they are reaching their own heights. Examinations are one way to assess what you have learned but don't underestimate your learning journey this year as a whole, providing you with foundation for 2021. Thank you to our teachers for their commitment to engaging learning and their support of the senior pathways course.



Marjet Pot
BOT Chairperson

Dates for your diary

Wed 18th Nov	NCEA Pathways end - all seniors on study leave
Thu 19th Nov	Accord Teacher Only Day (seniors attend NZQA exams)
Wed 2nd - 4th Dec	Wider Education
Tue 8th Dec	Junior Prizegiving - last day of term

NCEA Pathways

NCEA Pathways in week 6 is subject specific Hubs. Students should continue to work towards completing their NCEA Pathways Planner in the subject areas they need extra time in. This may be one subject, or a number of subjects. Wednesday 18th November is the final day of Pathways for week 6. If students need to continue working in Week 7 (Monday 23rd November), this will happen in the Learning Extension Hub (L4/Hodge Common) beginning at 9am until 3.05pm. The final day in Learning Extension will be on Friday 4th December. Students who attend Pathways should continue to participate in their NCEA Exams, leaving their hub for the exam and returning once the exam is completed.

Photolife Class and Individual portraits have arrived

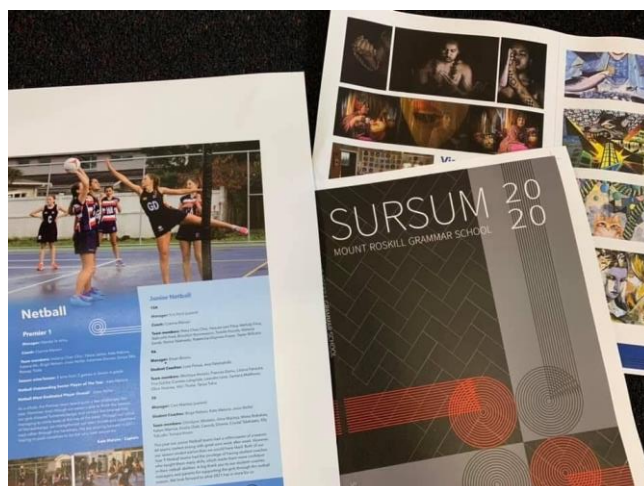
Online orders have arrived into school. Please see admin to collect them.

School Lockers need to be cleared

A reminder to all senior students to clear contents from their lockers. All the very best with your examinations.

Sursum 2020

School magazine. Pre-order NOW through accounts \$26. Limited stock, first in first served. We have done more than you think this year. Don't miss out on the opportunity to reflect on 2020.



BYOD

We are a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school. All of our courses at every level have an online component and devices are used by students on a daily basis to access learning activities and resources. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer from Harvey Norman detailing some recommended devices at a variety of price points. The school aims to support all students to have access to a device but we will only be able to loan devices where there is family hardship. If you are able please consider equipping your student with a device for learning in 2021. That way we can use our limited resources to supply those students in genuine need.

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.

Junior prizegiving Salvation Army donations

Every year we reach out to our community for donations we can gift to the Salvation Army. It is our way of actively demonstrating our school values of whanaungatanga and manaakitanga. At a time of the year where there are many families struggling we would like to encourage donations of toys or non-perishable food. The collection will be displayed at Junior Prize Giving before being gifted to a representative from the Salvation Army. Can we please ask that any contributions are delivered to the school office by Monday 7th December. E iti noa ana, na te aroha. (The gift) is very small indeed, still (it is given) from love.

Masks

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

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/>

Year 9 & 10 Wider Ed, 2-4 Dec

- Wider Ed is compulsory for all students
- All queries please contact desmond.pemerika@mrgs.school.nz
- There are still limited places available for the following activities
- Free activities at school are also available.

Splash Maximum 40 students	Vector Wero White Water rafting Delta Force Paintball Parakai Hot Pools	\$140
Island Hoppers Maximum 40 students	Explore Tiritiri Matangi Island Explore Rangitoto Island Explore Waiheke Island	\$160
Paddle & Scramble Maximum 40 students	Puhoi Kayak Delta Force Paintball Tree Adventures	\$160
Aqua-fans Maximum 40 students	Vector Wero White Water rafting Puhoi Kayak Snorkelling at Goat Island	\$160
Learn to Surf Maximum 15 students	3 Days of surfing lessons at Muriwai Surf School	\$150
Walkabout Maximum 40 students	Bethells Beach walk Kitekite Falls/Piha walk Parakai Hot Pools	\$40



Auckland Diwali Bollywood Dance Competition

Five of our students took part in the Auckland Council Diwali Festival last weekend.

Tisha Wadhwa, Anushka Adkar, Vithusika Sivanesan, Laila Jeeru, Simar Bains.



AUT Japanese speech festival

Congratulations to Shinichi Choy who came first in the open category. Open category is a student who has lived in Japan more than 2 years or who has a parent that is Japanese.

2020 Japanese Trivia Quiz Championship – 3rd in New Zealand

After school on the 5th of November, eight selected students from the Year 9 and Year 10 Japanese classes went to Epsom Girls Grammar School for the annual National Japanese Trivia Night Championships. They were MRGS Team 1 (Ansh Trivedi, Racey Ferris, Lily Mao, Andy Pham) and MRGS Team 2 (Raina Singh, Amie Mao, Jessica Huang, Sumayyah Parker). We were competing against teams from other Auckland schools and also against schools nationwide, in other regions of New Zealand. Along with two other Auckland schools, the Mount Roskill Grammar School Team 1 gained the highest number of points in the country, scoring 39 out of 50 which put them in a tie breaker with two other schools in Auckland. Mount Roskill Grammar School Team 1 ended up gaining 3rd place in the Auckland Region, which also placed them 3rd in New Zealand. The second team also did their best in order to try and achieve great heights. They scored 30 points which was also very commendable! It was a night to remember for the students participating in the Trivia, also knowing that they came home with an achievement they could talk about to all their peers, family and friends.

The prizes were handed out by Mr Hamada, the Consul-General of Japan.

Special thanks go to Miss Kojima for her organisation of this special event, and for helping and encouraging the students behind the scenes, including providing costumes and food.

By Racey Ferris (10 CHUL)



Year 9 sushi making

On Wednesday 28th October one of the Year 9 Japanese Classes went to A2 to make sushi. In the previous lesson we were taught the proper method of preparing and rolling the sushi. After the long wait for the alert level to reach "Level 1" we were finally able to make sushi. Students who could not eat sushi were allowed to make rice balls instead. Our Class had to follow carefully the process stated. Some students added too much rice and they failed to roll the sushi or they ruined the roll sushi and therefore their rice went everywhere. We finished making it and said "Itadakimasu" which means "thank you for the food" and ate several pieces. The sushi and rice balls were "oishii" (delicious). We all enjoyed making one type of authentic Japanese food.
(Year 9 student)



Macleans Centre Morris Dancing and Talent show



Four Members of the Auckland Morris Dancing group came along to tell us the history of Morris Dancing and also teach the students a Morris Dance-which is harder than it looks!



Alumni

Issy Lim (2013) works at Will & Able, a social enterprise that is owned and operated by people with disabilities. It provides certified eco-friendly cleaning products, packaged in 100% recycled NZ milk bottles and produced by our wonderful team of people with intellectual disabilities.

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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