

February 2021: Term 1, Week 4

From the Principal



Our provisional NCEA results for 2020 are very pleasing. At all levels of NCEA our students have achieved well in advance of the national average. Congratulations to Hong Kit Li whose scholarships in Chemistry, Physics, Calculus and Statistics have resulted in him being named a New Zealand Outstanding Scholar.

The short lock down last week has helped us see what this year might look like. The virus is present in the community in many countries worldwide and New Zealand is working constantly at keeping it out. The virus is naturally developing new versions of itself and some of these are more transmissible than the original. From time to time it is possible our border will be breached.

As a country we have got better at responding when there is an outbreak. Our government goes fast and early, and uses ever improving tracing methods to gain knowledge of where the outbreak started and who is likely to have been infected. The aim is to reduce Alert levels as soon as possible so that usual life can continue. We are less likely to lose 45 school days as we did last year, but we may come in and out of lock down more than once. We have to get good at doing this in a way that doesn't stress us out, keeps us safe, and minimises the impact on learning.

I was very impressed with the number of students who returned to school last Thursday, on the day after lock down ready to learn, working with the new normal. Students can help by having a device on hand at school, and available to use at home. Ms Donald is letting everyone know the options for getting equipped with a device.



It's fantastic that we have been able to resume sport events after missing out last week. Congratulations to Abhi Patel who scored 190 for the Colts cricket team against Kings College.

We are looking forward to our Excellence Awards evening later this week.

Ngā manaakitanga
Greg Watson
Principal

Board of Trustees

It was pleasing to see our taura adapting to learning online and then returning to school eager to reconnect face to face. As Mr Watson has said, the new normal may mean a changing landscape this year.

I have every confidence that our teachers will support you in both your learning and feeling confident about learning in different spaces.

It is exciting to see that many sports have been able to go ahead this term and I encourage those of you who have not yet joined an activity outside of the classroom to do so. It is a great way to connect and appreciate the opportunities offered at MRGS.

My congratulations to Hong Kit Li for his award as an Outstanding Scholar. Congratulations also to the numerous other Scholarship winners across a broad range of subjects. As those of you attending the Excellence Awards will see, our students strive “to the heights”, not just for themselves but they also reach those heights nationally.



Marjet Pot
BOT Chairperson

Important dates for your diary

Thu 25 Feb	NCEA Excellence Awards
Tue 2 Mar	NCEA Information Evening
Thu 4 Mar	Inter-house Sports Carnival
Wed 10 Mar	Mentoring Conferences (Y11-13)
Thu 25 Mar	Class Photos
Wed 31 Mar	Pukekohe Sports Exchange @MRGS
Fri 2 – 6 Apr	Easter Break
Thu 8 Apr	Mahurangi Sports Exchange @ Mahurangi (TBC)
Tue 13 Apr	Term 1 Report Evening
Wed 14 – 17 Apr	Polyfest
Fri 16 Apr	End of Term 1

Excellence Awards

This ceremony is to acknowledge the success of students who gained Excellence Endorsement or Scholarship in 2020 and invitations have been sent to students and whānau.

We anticipate a return to Alert Level 1 next week so still plan to hold this special event on Thursday 25th February at 6.30pm in the school hall and will be followed by a light supper. If we remain at Alert level 2 we will postpone until later in the term and advise you on Monday.

If you are intending on attending can you please RSVP to admin@mrgs.school.nz by the end day Monday 22nd February.

Swimming Carnival

Senior Boys

1st Saniru Hewa
2nd Oscar Mackenzie
3rd Alex Thomson

Senior Girls

1st Astrid Kyle
2nd Melanie Sands

House results:

1st Hillary
2nd Sheppard
3rd Rutherford
4th Ngata
4.5th (Prefect Team)
5th Cooper

Intermediate Boys

1st Andre Chan
2nd Jinitha Hewa
3rd Juan Micutuan

Intermediate Girls

1st Alex Winn
2nd = Sheryl Cheng and Jessica Huang

Junior Boys

1st Ethan Stocks
2nd Daniel Kregting
3rd Finn Orsbourn

Junior Girls

1st Sophie van Laarhoven-Hargreaves
2nd Maia Collins
3rd = Farah Ikram and Kelly Liu

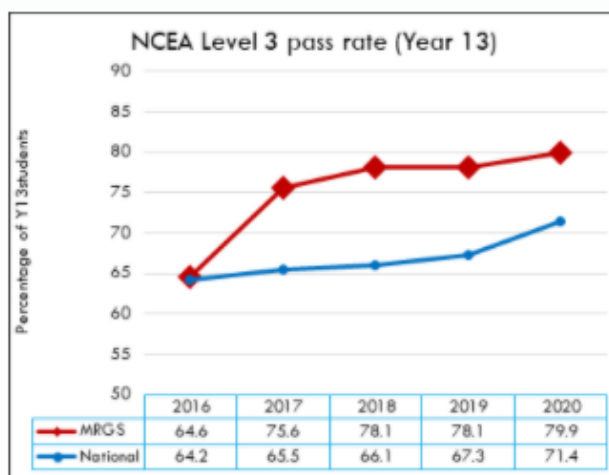
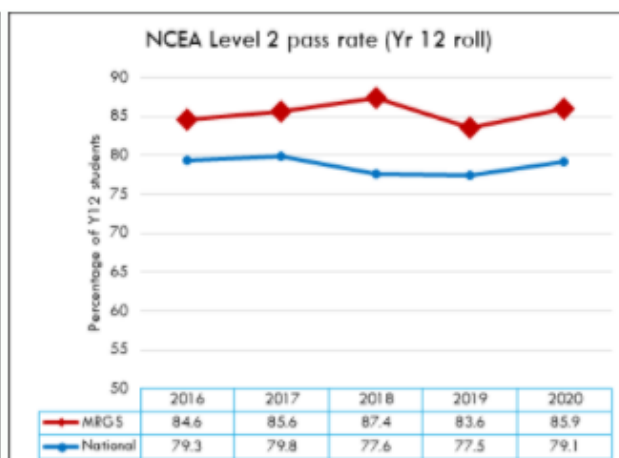
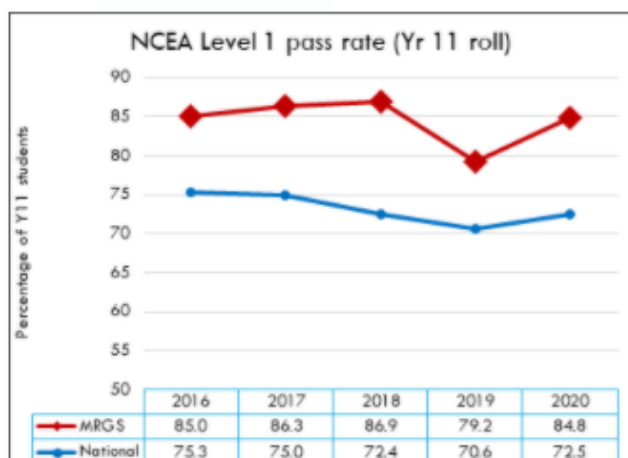


NCEA Results 2020

With Tūmanakotanga as one of our school values, we continue to demonstrate a high level of academic achievement. Given the nature of 2020, we are incredibly proud of the achievement of our students, particularly the Level 3 results which are our best ever and well in advance of the national level. The perseverance of all our students has been impressive, we are very proud of our taura.

Our whole school results are:

- **Pass rate for Level 1** at 84.8% is similar to the best results from recent years and in advance of the national rate.
- **Pass rate for Level 2** at 84.6% is similar to the best results from recent years and in advance of the national rate.
- **Pass rate for Level 3** at 79.9% is the best ever and well in advance of the national rate.
- **Percentage of Year 13 gaining UE** at 55.5% is similar to the best results from recent years and in advance of the national rate



Scholarships

We gained 30 Scholarships, across 12 different subject areas. Outstanding scholarships are awarded to the top 0.3% in a subject. Three of our students gained three or more scholarships, these students are:

Hong Kit Li; Calculus (Outstanding), Physics (Outstanding), Chemistry and Statistics.

Ellie Zou: Geography (Outstanding), Health and Physical Education and Biology.

Mohamed Ibrahim: English, Statistics and Biology.

Hong Kit Li has been named as an Outstanding New Zealand Scholar. One of only 60 students awarded this nationwide!

Excellence Endorsements

Gaining an Excellence endorsement is an outstanding achievement, and we continue to take pride in the high number of students who have gained Excellence endorsements in their relevant level of NCEA. This year, 156 students are acknowledged for their exceptional success.

Level 1 Excellence

Nico Abrasado	Fei Fei Li
Katherine Alajas	Leo Liang
Fatema Al-Ali	Zhi Liu
Caroline Aleki	Shravya Machipeddi
Hebah Ali	Sophie Madgwick
Israh Amin	Nisha Manthramoorthy
Ansh Angurala	Riley Mara
Labiqa Ansari	Tamara McLachlan
Harshita Bheema	Aaron Mendonca
Matthew Brooks	Zannat Miah
Oscar Cao	Toma Mirchevska-Wallis
Christina Chen	Devika Modak
Shun Yat Choy	Aamina Mohamed Azhar
Cynaika D'Costa	Aydin Mustahib
Neron Devanand	Leon Nicholson
Theodore Dodd	Rhea Palmer
Fateecka Farook	Lucy Palu
Manya Goswami	Anannyashree Parthasarthy
Zainab Hameedi	Kaushal Patel
Thi My Ha Ho	Aarya Patel
Aliyah Irwin	Suzannah Porter
Mohammad Kabir	Dalia Saldanha
Aliza Khambatta	Maasoama Samuelu
Pranav Kumar	Safe Shammout
Rhea Lalani	Rishi Shanthosh
	Diya Sharma

As well as passing Level 1 with Excellence, the following students also passed Level 2 with Excellence:

Chris Lobo; Sylvia McDougall; Karen Wang; Grace Xu; Lydias Yong

Level 2 Excellence:

Francis Alajas	Rishi Navaneethan
Hannah Armstrong	Brigit Nelson
Sonam Bagwe	Varshitha Patlolla
Simar Bains	Rabiya Rafi
Emily Bayldon	Amisha Rajan
Yinwa Maidy Chan	Abhishek Ravichandran
Yuvraj Chaudhary	Karmella Reedy
Coco Chen	Amanda Rong
Hongjin Chen	Nesil Satani
Jayden Drube	Kanak Saxena
Freya Grant	Shreya Shah
Yifan Guo	Athulya Shaji
Jack Heeps	Sivakesavan Sivaraman
Joanna Huang	Sophie Steele
Lauren Johnson	Scarlett Tetley-Jones
Tina Lau	Pratham Trivedi
Liahona Lauano	Pankti Trivedi
Jamie Lees	Chloe Vos
Fabian Li	Tisha Wadhwa
Nancya Lin	Denver Yuan
Hai Luong	Linda Zhang
Kate Malone	Pauline Zhou
Fathima Mohamed Faizal	

As well as passing Level 2 with Excellence, the following students also passed Level 3 with Excellence:

Leo Jia and Jasper Yang

Level 3 Excellence:

Levi Ahlquist	Euan McDougall
Zachariah Alaimoana	Mizanur Miah
Mruthwik Balaji	Matthew Mitra
Ayush Bhandari	Raeesah Mustahib
Anna Brown	Maahir Nafis
Destene Campbell-Davis	Puja Nory
Zexi Chen	Mohamed P A
Steven Halim	Jadon Puertollano
Robert Harmann	Aarti Rao
Joel Hawthorne	Aria Shetty
Lillian Huo	Angela Singh
Mohamed Ibrahim	Loran Surendran
Dhruv Jagmohan	Hitanshi Tailor
Bhavya Jasti	Hanna Teklehaimanot
Vinayak Joshi	Sabrina Von
Shivash Kishun	Jaynee Woodward
Chea Koy	Christian Xu
Ashleen Lau	Kenny Yu
Hong Kit Li	Nicholas Zhang
Sharon Liang	Ben Zhou
Janet Liu	Jason Zhou
Ya Ting Lu	Xiuhong Zhuang
	Ellie Zou

The trend of strong pass rates has continued. The 2020 results are provisional, outcomes with respect to targets will be confirmed by early March. Remarking and submission of summer school grades to NZQA will result in the MRGS pass rates lifting a little, whereas the data for years prior to 2020 is final.

We are proud of all our students and their 2020 results. Our Senior leaders, teachers and staff are committed to growing the learning and achievement of all students and are highly focused on meeting our targets in 2021.

Uniform

A reminder that white socks are not part of the school uniform. Plain black socks (or the school socks that can be purchased from the uniform shop) are the only socks allowed to be worn. Sandals are not part of the school uniform: black leather full foot shoes are the required footwear. Please refer to our uniform guide on our website for further information.

Locker hire for 2021

Locker hire for 2021 – pay at the accounts office

\$15 for a single locker

\$30 for a sports locker

Students will need to provide their own padlock

Unclaimed locker items from last year

Contents of lockers that were not cleared at the end of last year have been put in bags and are securely stored away. Students who did not clear out their locker last year can see Mr Pemerika either at interval or afterschool to collect them. Unclaimed items will need to be collected before **Friday 5 March** – all items will be recycled after this date.

COVID Alert

Covid Alert Level 2 at MRGS

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VgBK7R6_FpMsMi-GSxGjwBZ1EWoUGJqWmIHfJkMAP2Y/edit

Safety Notice

Please do not drive into the school grounds to collect your children. The carparks and driveway are for staff only.

Alumni

Monty Collins

Monty Collins is an artist who works with a broad array of media including graphic design, aerosol art and tattooing. He studied multimedia at Natcoll Design Technology. He is a graffiti artist at FDKNS and the Creative/Art Director at SDO custom design and apparel. He is particularly known for his character work. He has supported youth through his involvement in creative careers expos and at Polyfest 2017 he exhibited a live graffiti wall painting.



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.

Homework centres				
Subject Area	Times	Venue	Description	Teacher in Charge
Catch Up All subjects	Tuesday 3:20- 5:30	Learning Extension	Students seeking help and support for any subject should attend the Homework Club or “Catch Up” time at LXTN. Some snacks are available to keep you going.	MKT/LEN
ESOL	Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15	R6	Assistance with ESL, NL homework. Support for English Language Learners in mainstream English. A quiet place to study after school. Chromebooks available.	RYJ/YAN
Mathematics	Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15 Thursday 3:15---4:15	R9, A18, A7 A10, A20, A21	Y12's Y13 Calculus Students Juniors, Year 11's & Y13 Statistics A range of maths teachers are available Chromebooks available	SBV
Tongan Homework Centre	Wednesday 6:00-8:00 pm	D11	All levels in all subjects. Runs every Wednesday without fail. Very dedicated experienced tutors. Any other students needing help are welcome. Cheese & crackers available at the end of session.	TNG
Languages	Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15	R3	Japanese (included in R-Block Homework Centre)	KOJ
Computer Science/Digital Technologies	Thursdays 3:15 - 4:15	B7	Help with work from any Year Levels and opportunities for students to catch up on work not completed in class.	NLL
History	Tuesday Lunchtime	C3	Any help with assessments or questions about the course work can be answered.	HTG
English	Tuesday 3.15-4.30	H6	Any help with assessments or questions about the course work can be answered.	GYC
Media	Wednesday 3:00-4:30	T7	Supervised assistance with homework and computers available for editing	HPK
Chemistry	Thursday lunchtime	S6	Chemistry teachers are available to help with any Level 2, 3 or scholarship chemistry.	MCS
Visual Arts	Tuesday 3.20- 4-20	A13 to A16	Supervised homework, students can get help from teachers. All other days after school and lunchtimes students can use facilities to work by themselves	GRO
Performing Arts	—	Studio	Always happy to sit with individuals and families anytime with a previous booking to go over any work. THT students can join the Technology Homework Centre.	GSE
Technology	Thursday 3.20-4.45	D4	Help with portfolios in DSM and DVC as well as non-practical work from TMM, BCT and TCE.	PGD
Music	Monday - Thursday lunchtimes	Music Block	The Music Block is open to all Music students to practise or work in the computer lab. There is always at least one teacher on duty and available to help.	HDN

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CLUB DEADLINE:

22 March 2021

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

aucklandzonta@gmail.com

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

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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.

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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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