



MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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5 March 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It has been great to see several days with no community cases and we are looking forward to returning on-site under Alert Level 2 on Monday. Thank you to families who have supported students with their learning over the most recent lock down.

As Dr Bloomfield has clearly stated new cases are still possible and we will continue to act with caution as we return to learning at school. We have made adjustments to the calendar rescheduling our mentoring, NCEA evening and sports afternoon. After consultation we have decided not to prepare for Polyfest this year. The on-going uncertainty is too great. Disappointment would be even more acute with cancellation closer to the event and we are also mindful of the large gatherings and mixing between communities and generations that Polyfest encourages.

Starting at a new school is challenging and with the two lock downs so close to the beginning of the year our year 9 students may feel like they have made several new starts. We will be working hard to smooth their transition over the next few weeks. Families are very welcome to contact Deans as needed.

We look forward to meeting families at the NCEA evening and in the senior mentoring conferences over the next couple of weeks.

Ngā manaakitanga

Greg Watson
PRINCIPAL

Teaching and Learning

Teaching and Learning will continue from Monday 8 March. We are now practiced at facing the challenge of moving between remote and onsite learning in an agile way and we are maintaining momentum to ensure students keep up with their studies. Assessments will resume and students should check with their subject teachers about any rescheduled dates and make sure they take a note of any changes that affect them.

Mentoring Conferences:

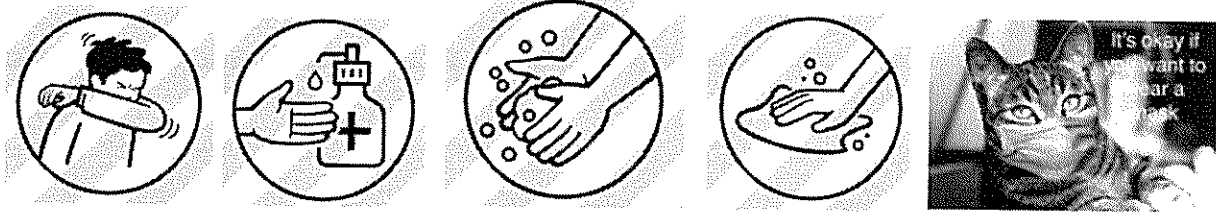
Mentoring Conferences have been postponed until Wednesday 17th March. Any bookings you have made with Mentors will remain valid for the new date. We will provide more detailed information early next week.

Devices

Devices are needed every day for learning. We have a programme to assist students in need to access loaner devices. Please check the school website for more information on that. <https://www.mrgs.school.nz/byod/>

All students should be bringing their device every day. We strongly recommend lockers to safely store devices at school. These cost \$15 per year and students who need a locker should speak with Deputy Principal Desmond Pemerika.

Key health requirements under Alert Level 2



Do not come to school if you are sick - very important - if you are symptomatic - ie: a cold, a head cold, sore throat, blocked ears, cough, sneezing, runny nose, chills, fever, seek medical advice from your GP or call Healthline 0800 611 116 and you will be advised about testing

- ALL students to enter school through the Deans' Gate or driveway gate opposite MRIS. The gates will be open from 8.30am
- Sanitisers on the gates - compulsory
- Good hygiene - washing hands, coughing or sneezing into your elbow
- Hand sanitisers at every classroom door - encouraged
- Daily cleaning high-touch surfaces will occur
- ALL visitors, including parents/caregivers must register through administration
- Social distancing is expected for any visitors to the school
- Students and staff will be respectful of others' personal space - consent to share space needs to be mutual e.g. you can play basketball with friends who agree to
- Year 13 are not able to leave site during lunch time
- Bring a water bottle

The wearing of masks is encouraged. Thanks to a generous donation from our school community we have cloth masks (with MRGS logo or plain) for only \$4 available from the Accounts office

Sport

- Each sport will give you full instructions
- Training will be possible only with those already in our school bubble
- We continue to be updated by College Sport about changes to competitions and fixtures

Please see the below information that will affect MRGS teams. If you have any questions please send to sports.department@mrgs.school.nz. Any return to sport will need to follow the school guidelines at the appropriate Alert Level.

| Cricket Boys' Grade | Details |
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| Premier/1A T20 – Tuesdays Top 8/Bottom 5 | Extended by a week (9 Mar QF, 16 Mar SF, 30 Mar Finals) |
| Premier LO | Games on 6 Mar to be replayed. Schools to reschedule, to be played before end of Term 1 |
| 1A LO | Games on 6 Mar to be replayed. Schools to reschedule, to be played before end of Term 1 |
| 1B LO | Extended by a week so games finish on 27 Mar like all grades. Start Top 4/Bottom 6 on 13 Mar (originally starting on 6 Mar) |
| Senior A LO | Games on 6 March cancelled. Shared points |
| Senior Open Afternoon | Games on 6 March cancelled. Shared points |
| Senior A T20 | Games on 6 March cancelled. Shared points |
| Senior B T20 | Games on 6 March cancelled. Shared points |
| Colts 1 & Colts 2 | Games on 6 March cancelled. Shared points |
| Junior Open Afternoon Cent/North Pool | Games on 6 March cancelled. Shared points |
| Cent/West and South/East Pools | Moved games on 6 March to 20 March. Removed semis on 20 March and having straight finals on 27 March. |
| Junior A T20 Cent/North and South/East Pools | Games on 6 March cancelled. Shared points |
| Cent/West Pool | Moved games on 6 March to 20 March. Removed semis on 20 March and having straight finals on 27 March. |
| Junior B T20 Cent/North 1 and West Pools | Moved games on 6 March to 20 March. Removed semis on 20 March and having straight finals on 27 March. |
| Cent/North 2 and South/East Pools | Games on 6 March cancelled. Shared points |

| Cricket Girls' Competitions | Details |
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| Premier | Games on 3 March cancelled. Shared points |
| 1A | Games on 3 March cancelled. Shared points |
| 1B Cent/North and South/East Pools | Moved games on 3 March to 17 March. Removed semis on 17 March and having straight finals on 31 March. |
| Cent/West Pool | Moved games on 3 March to 31 March. Removed finals on 31 March. |

| Sport | Competition | Original Date | New Date | Entries New Date | Venue |
|--------------|---|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cricket | Premier & 1A T20 (Quarter Final) | Tuesday 2 March | Tuesday 9th March | NA | Various schools |
| Orienteering | Zone events | Monday 8-11 March | Will be held in Level 1 only | NA | TBA |
| Swimming | Central Western Zone | Tuesday 9 March | Thursday 1 April | Thursday 25 March | West Wave Aquatic Centre |
| Tag Football | Senior South Eastern Zone Tournament | Wednesday 10 March | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| Touch | Senior Southern & Western Zone Tournament | Wednesday 3 March | Tuesday 16 March | Tuesday 9 March | Moire Park, Massey |
| Volleyball | Senior Championships Day 1 | Thursday 11 March | Wednesday 17 March | Thursday 4 March | 4pm Pulman Arena |
| Volleyball | Senior Championships Day 2 | Friday 12 March | Thursday 18 March | N/A | Pulman Arena |
| Volleyball | Senior Championships Day 3 | Saturday 13 March | Friday 19 March | N/A | Pulman Arena |
| Water Polo | Junior ODT 1 | Saturday 6 March | CANCELLED | N/A | N/A |