

April 2021: Term 1, Week 11

From the Principal

Congratulations to the eleven teams who represented the school so proudly on the annual exchange visit to Mahurangi College. It was fantastic to see everyone enjoying the occasion, the camaraderie with teammates, meeting players from Mahurangi and also the competition. Thank you to our kapa haka who led the school in the powhiri. We wish you well for your Polyfest performance later this week.

At assembly we recognised student leaders and achievers, including our Pasifika Young leaders, our successful girls and boys 1st XI cricket teams and our values award winners. Congratulations to all these students.

Thanks to all whānau who are coming along to the junior report evening. As well as getting to share your child's progress, we also appreciate hearing from you about how you feel your child is doing at school and how we can work together to support their learning.

Best wishes to everyone for a refreshing break after a stimulating and testing first term.



Ngā manaakitanga
Greg Watson
Principal

Board of Trustees

The commitment to learning by both taura and staff has been great to see in a term that has started three times.

Staff undertake ongoing professional learning to support the educational opportunities of our taura. This modelling supports our taura's willingness to learn, train, rehearse and support each other in their chosen sport, art, cultural group or social justice group.

I'd like to thank our school community for their commitment to learning and hope that you can each enjoy a change of pace over the upcoming term break.



Marjet Pot
Presiding Member

Important dates for your diary

Tue 13 Apr	Term 1 Junior Report Evening, Pukekohe Exchange @ MRGS
Fri 16 Apr	End of Term 1
Mon 3 May	Start of Term 2
Thu 13 May	NCEA Accord Day: Teacher Only Day
Mon 7 June	Queen's Birthday (School closed)
Tue 15 June	Teacher Only Day
Wed 30 June	Senior Mentoring Day (no school for Junior students)
Fri 9 July	End of Term 2

Our school Uniform – A sense of identity



All students are expected to wear the Mount Roskill Grammar School Uniform correctly. This encourages a sense of identity with the school, improves concentration, fosters a sense of pride, especially when worn in public and provides a common standard of grooming on which to build positive attitudes of neatness and cleanliness.

Our school uniform is inclusive and compulsory. If a student has a religious reason for a variation, a parent or guardian needs to discuss this with Mr Pemerika, the Deputy Principal overseeing uniform.

A reminder for the start of next term:

- Plain black socks (no logo) or school socks from the uniform shop are the only socks allowed to be worn.
- Natural hair colour
- Black leather, full foot shoes with black soles are the required footwear.
- No hoodies are allowed to be worn at school.
- No jackets other than the school jacket and school wind breaker to be worn at school.

For further information please refer to our uniform rules and regulations on our school website.

Junior Report Evening

A reminder that the Junior Report Evening will be held tonight Tuesday the 13th April from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

KAMAR Upgrade

During the holidays we are upgrading our Kamar student management system. Please be aware that this will mean we have a three day outage from April 19-21 inclusive. This means that the Kamar parent portal will not be available over this time to make payments, review students attendance, achievement data or access reports. We apologise for any inconvenience and aim to be up and running by Thursday April 22.

1st XI Boys Cricket

The 1st XI Boys' Cricket team were runners-up in the 1A Cricket Competition. They have an opportunity to move to the premier grade next year if they win the promotion/relegation game at the start of the 2021/2022 season. A great achievement from our 1st XI cricket boys, we are really proud of you. Thank you to all the coaching staff, parents and supporters who worked hard with the team all season.



Annual Mahurangi Exchange

Our first sports exchange for 2021 was held this week against Mahurangi College.

In beautiful weather we regained the inter-school annual exchange trophy with 9 wins out of 11 games across a range of sports. A big thank you to all the staff, supporters and students for all the hard work you have put into making this exchange possible. We thank Mahurangi College for your exceptional hospitality in making sure both our students and staff were well looked after.

FINAL RESULTS:

Rugby 1ST XV Boys- WIN	Basketball Senior A Boys- WIN
Hockey 1ST XI Boys- WIN	Basketball Senior A Girls- WIN
Hockey 1ST XI Girls- WIN	Cricket Colts- WIN
Football 1ST XI Boys- WIN	Netball Premier Team- LOSS
Football 1ST XI Girls- WIN	Volleyball Senior A Boys- LOSS
Volleyball Senior A Girls- WIN	



Term 1, Values Award Winners



Tūmanakotanga

Ayesha Amjad
Nanditha Anil Sneha
Rhea Bhonsle
Shinichi Shun Yat Choy
Jennifer Christian
Anne Fonua
Dewa Ibrahimkhil
Rabia Khan
Sohee Kim
Liahona Lauano
Diya Mistry
Aamina Mohamed Azhar
Dzidzor Nanedo
Niva Obhan
Eli Mycaleb Subramoney
Vidit Vora
Jihong Xiong
Lydias Yong
Layba Zubair



Manaakitanga

Ansh Angurala
Antacia D'Costa
Leah Fa'onevai
Rahel Gebrehiwot
Joshlyn Iyekepolo
Aniq Jiwani
Annie Kalekale
Millan Kelderman
Nethu Perera
Hudson Pfeifer
Shay Rewha-Ferrall
Priya Sandpa
Diya Sharma
Karen Wang



Whanaungatanga

Luca Byrne
Layla Chaudhry
Erica Ellice
Eleanor Fakauka
Christina Fuatogi
Angel Isaac
Kate Malone
Ayden Mita
Rhea Palmer
Averee Peauvale
Ivorn Poe Poe Nunufolau
Latu Tavake
Ade Tesfaw
Nateesha Ulupoao-Fraser
Rosa Zabetan

2021 Education Perfect Language Championships

MRGS impresses in the 2021 Education Perfect Languages Championships

In Term 1, Mount Roskill Grammar School competed in the 2021 Education Perfect Languages Championships. This is part of the Education Perfect World Series.

There were over 3,000 schools worldwide who competed and MRGS came 5th in NZ and in the top 50 schools Worldwide. This represented many hours learning languages and revising material in a fun way.

There were a large number of impressive results with:

- over 60 MRGS pupils gaining awards
- and more than 350,000 questions answered by MRGS Languages pupils



The very top students in this competition gained an **ELITE Award & Badge** because they gained over 10,000 points. They were in the top 0.2% of all competitors. **Liahona Lauano (1st in MRGS), Robbielyle Lauano, Christopher Mara** and **Riley Mara** deserve a special mention for their dedication to gaining outstanding results worldwide. There were also 3 pupils who gained an **EMERALD Certificate** for over 5,000 points, and 9 pupils gained a **GOLD Certificate** with over 3,000 points.

The 4 pupils who gained an **Elite Award & Badge** (10,000+ points) are: **Liahona Lauano, Robbielyle Lauano, Christopher Mara** and **Riley Mara**.

The 3 pupils who gained an **Emerald Award** (5,000+ points) are: **Frances Damu, Baraa Zara** and **Vashi Dhillon**.

The 9 pupils who gained a **GOLD Award** (3,000+ points) are: **Maaiasepri Samuelu, Eldana Habtom, Natalie Hu, Banujah Balagiritharan, Even Habtom, Shinichi Shun Yat Choy, Catherine Zhao, Zuha Zia, Lama Mansour**.

MRGS also gained:

- * **SILVER Award** (2,000+ points) = 3 students
- * **BRONZE Award** (1,000+ points) = 19 students
- * **CREDIT Award** (500+ points) = 22 students

Student Feedback form MRGS Languages pupils on 2021 Language Perfect:

"Very addictive"

"Thank you!! I am learning so much, as well as the fact that it is fun and easy to learn and get a hang of"

"Thank you this was very helpful"

"This Language competition was the best. I liked it. This was awesome I learn some languages and also had fun. This was the best thing in my life. We will have more time so we could compete more"

"This is so fun and helpful"

"EP is great and it helps learning so much. It is a great online platform to learn"

"Very fun. Got to know stuff that I didn't really know"

"This is good revision"

"It was amazing and intuitive"

Archery

This year a group of students had the awesome experience of participating in the Archery League held at Cornwall Park. The team ranked in Division 5 and placed first overall in their Division. A huge congratulations to our students who participated with all our students placing in the Top 100 Overall.

A special mention to Tessa Bolland for placing 7th overall. Big thank you to Mr Coker and all the Archery coaches who are consistently training with our students. This has been a great achievement and we can't wait to see our future Archers in the coming years.

Recurve team:

Celia Chanwong (95th)

Oscar Cao (76th)

Joel Smith (70th)

Finn Lavery (98th)

Recurve Individuals:

Tessa Bolland (7th)

Deepesh Badoniya (94th)



Mana Taiohi Kapa Haka

Our Kapa Haka group Mana Taiohi reset the bar at the dress rehearsal last Friday. They go with our aroha this Friday to represent Mt Roskill Grammar School at ASB Polyfest.



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 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 the end of the term **Friday 16 April** – all items will be placed in the recycling after this date.

Contact Details

It is really important for your child's Health and Safety and to ensure you are receiving all of our communications that we have up to date phone numbers and emails. If your contact details have changed can you please contact Reception - admin@mrqs.school.nz to let us know.

Maclean Centre visit to the Wharehenui

Room 3 MacLean Centre Students had their first visit to the MRGS Wharehenui today. For some of the students this was their first time in any Wharehenui. This was to support their learning of Te Reo and Tikanga. The time was spent playing games and singing songs. All students thoroughly enjoyed it and learnt a lot. Thank you to Lee Tawhai (HOD Māori) and Deylone Tohilima (Year 13 student) for leading the visit.





Jake Nana (2004)

Jake studied at Mt Roskill Grammar School before completing a Bachelor of Arts and then a Master of Arts in Latin. Following this he lived in Japan where he joined the JET programme, helping teach English in a small village in Nagasaki. Jake spent a number of years in China as a University lecturer, teaching Mythology and Film, Bible studies and English writing. He is currently working on Student recruitment at AUT.

How to find out more from MRGS



www.mrgs.school.nz



<https://www.facebook.com/MountRoskillGS>



[mountroskillgrammarschool](https://www.instagram.com/mountroskillgrammarschool)



Mt Roskill Grammar School

Huia no. 1 Watermain Project: Road closures

Bremner Avenue closures:

Watercare are now installing the watermain along Bremner Avenue. During this time, Bremner Avenue will be closed to through traffic until at least mid to late May.

Winstone Road and Memorial Avenue upcoming closure:

Winstone Road and Memorial Avenue will be closed shortly, from approximately 6 April for at least 3 months due to complex works starting to tunnel a section of pipeline and build additional chambers. Please use Denbigh Avenue to get to Frost Road during these works.

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

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'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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We value freedom of choice

All children develop in their own way, and we make sure that our care reflects this. We encourage free play, exploration, and creation. Celebrating culture and each child's individuality is important at our centre, as we aim to create learners who are both proud of their own identity and supportive of their peers.

Why choose us

- Excellent child-teacher ratios
- We take pride in our quality facilities
- 27 years experience
- Home away from home environment
- Celebrating diversity
- Qualified staff

Spaces available for all ages. Enquire now



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