

May 2021: Term 2, Week 1

From the Principal



Term two is the heart of the learning year. Students have already scoped out the learning map in each subject and received feedback about their progress. Learning persistence is needed throughout the term to realise the goals we set earlier in the year. We continue to support our students to be savvy learners, being clear about the learning intention for each lesson, and having on-going knowledge of their progress on the steps to success for each learning intention.

Thank you to the many families of year 9 and year 10 students who met with teachers during report evening at the end of last term. Later this term senior students and families will meet with their mentors to review progress.

This term we have a wonderful mix of sports, performing arts, annual events (such as the school ball and Matariki) and learning to look forward to. As part of the mix teachers will also have a government facilitated teacher only day to prepare for the implementation of the remodelled NCEA qualification, and a school based teacher only day facilitated by neuroscience well-being expert Nathan Mikaere Wallis. To accommodate these days in the school year we have already removed a teacher only day in term one, and a school holiday in term two.

Congratulations to our Kapa Haka Mana Taiohi who performed admirably at the Polyfest, filling us all with pride. Thank you to everyone who supported during evening practices and early morning breakfasts as our students practiced hard over many weeks. Special thanks to Whaea Lee Tawhai for her leadership and care for our students.

Congratulations to swimmers Andre Chan, Daniel Kregting and Ethan Stocks who competed in the New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships which is the top event for swimmers aged 13 to

16 years. They had some outstanding results including four first places, three second places and three third places. Thank you to Ms Good for your support of our swimming programme.

Congratulation to our boys and girls football teams who competed strongly in the Grammar Cup, the boys remaining unbeaten to win the trophy. Both teams are playing in the top eight Auckland premier competition this season.

Thank you to our prefects who represented our school in paying tribute to our armed services on Anzac Day.

Our heart goes out to families with relatives and friends in India and in neighbouring countries. Sadly, again we are reminded how swiftly Covid-19 can spread. We continue to maintain safe health practices, staying home if sick, providing hand sanitiser for use in each lesson, and being ready to change modes as needed. Thank you for your support in working to ensure each student is able to bring a device to school. Using a device has become standard everyday practice and is great 'learning insurance' in the event of future lock downs.



Ngā manaakitanga
Greg Watson
Principal

Board of Trustees

Over the next few school newsletters, I will share some of the key changes from the updated Education and Training Act. The Act is the biggest rewrite of education legislation in decades. The changes are intended to strengthen school governance and refocus schools on what matters most for learners and their whānau, as well as to encourage the more active involvement of students, parents, families and whānau in education decisions affecting them.

Some of the changes came into effect immediately in August 2020, while others will be progressively implemented up until January 2023.

When re-writing the Act, the Government took the opportunity to change and simplify some of the language used. For school boards, this means the following terms have changed.

- Board of Trustees is now simply School Board e.g., Mt Roskill Grammar School Board
- The role of Board Chair (BC) is now the role of Presiding Member (PM)
- Trustees are now Board Members and then further defined by who they are representing e.g., Parent Representative, Staff Representative, Student Representative etc.

There is provision in the Act for a new complaint and dispute resolution panels. The date for establishing the panels has not yet been set but the Ministry will consult publicly as these regulations are established. They will have mediation, recommendation, and decision-making functions, and will hear disputes relating to:

- Rights to education (including enrolment and attendance)
- Stand-downs, suspensions, exclusions, and expulsions
- Learning support, racism, and other types of discrimination

- Physical and emotional safety
- Physical restraint on a student by a teacher or other authorised employee

As the School Board receives further information it will be provided to our School community.
If you would like to find out more information please go to the School Trustees Association website www.nzsta.org.nz.



Marjet Pot
Presiding Member

Important dates for your diary

Mon 3 May	Start of Term 2
Thu 13 May	NCEA Accord Day: Teacher Only Day
Mon 7 June	Queen's Birthday (School closed)
Wed 9 June	Campus Fiafia night
Thu 10 June	Open day (Early finish at 2.20pm)
Mon 14 June	Nathan Wallis Presentation Evening
Tue 15 June	Teacher Only Day
Thu 24 June	Campus Matariki
Wed 30 June	Senior Mentoring Day (no school for Junior students)
Sat 3 July	School Ball
Fri 9 July	End of Term 2

Open Day

We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to our Open Day on Thursday 10th June, 3.30-7pm. Come and see our school in action!



Anzac Day Service 2021

Our prefects paying tribute to the war heroes of Anzac Day and assisting with running of the ceremony.



Polyfest

Our Kapa Haka group Mana Taiohi represented MRGS at the 45th ASB Polyfest in Manukau on the last day of term. After weeks of practice they represented our school with pride for the first time in Division 2. A big step up for our group and the poi routine was given 5th place by the judges and we have retained our spot in this grade for 2021. Congratulations to all our students who worked so hard towards this festival performance and a special mention to our Year 13 student leaders Rongomai Whaanga and Deylone Tohilima.



Football Grammar Cup Winners

What an amazing effort by 1st XI boys football team, winning the Grammar Cup!

A top class effort from the girls 1st XI football team as well, playing really well together as a team and fighting hard in a tough competition.



National Age Group Swimming Success

Andre Chan (Year 10), Daniel Kregting (Year 9) and Ethan Stocks (Year 9) swam in the New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships which is the top event for swimmers aged 13 to 16 years. They had some outstanding results.



Photo of Daniel (left) silver medal 1 500m Freestyle and Ethan (centre) gold medal 1 500m Freestyle. Photo courtesy of Swimming NZ.

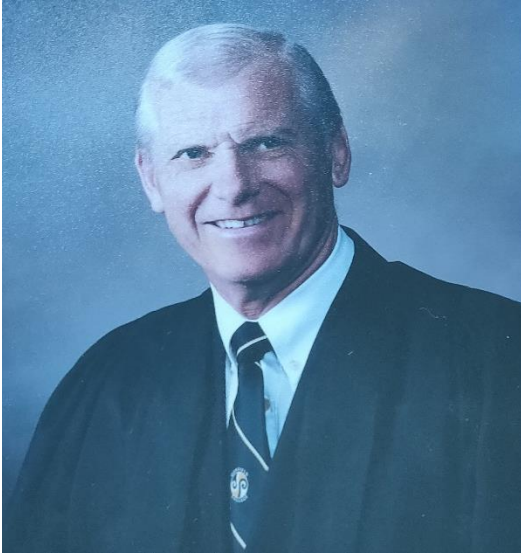
Ethan Stocks 13 Year Old Boys category:	Daniel Kregting 13 Year Old Boys category:	Andre Chan 14 Year Old Boys category:
1st 400m Freestyle	2nd 1 500m Freestyle	5th 1 500m Freestyle
1st 800m Freestyle	3rd 200m Butterfly	8th 200m Butterfly
1st 1 500m Freestyle	3rd 400m Individual Medley	17th 200m Backstroke
1st 200m Backstroke	7th 100m Butterfly	He also made the final of the 400m Individual Medley
2nd 200m Freestyle	9th 200m Individual Medley	
2nd 200m Individual Medley	14th 50m Butterfly	
3rd 100m Backstroke		
4th 50m Backstroke		
12th 100m Freestyle		
18th 50m Fly		

Mt Roskill Girls Rugby

Roskill girls rugby team took part in the guard of honour for the first ever women's Super Rugby match at Eden Park. What a proud moment to be a part of this momentous rugby occasion in New Zealand history.



Obituary



Warren Seastrand was Deputy Principal at MRGS from 1982 to 1987. He went on to be principal at Glenfield College and is remembered fondly by many at MRGS. He had a reputation for high standards, fairness and a good heart. Mr Seastrand was a respected teacher, HOD English, 1st XV rugby coach, colleague and “good bloke”. A great sense of humour, pulled up socks and a retired police motorbike also feature in quite a few stories. Our condolences to Mr Seastrand’s family and friends. Rest in peace one of our Roskill alumni leaders.

Alumni



Khylee Quince (1990)

Khylee Quince has been announced as the first Māori Dean of Law at a New Zealand University. Not only is Khylee an advocate for many, she has taught past pupils of MRGS who all speak very highly of her. Congratulations Khylee, well deserved. Roskill proud!

<https://www.teaomaori.news/khylee-quince-first-maori-dean...>

How to find out more from MRGS



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Mt Roskill Grammar School

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.

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@mrgs.school.nz to let us know.

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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