

June 2021: Term 2, Week 5

From the Principal

Mālo le soifua

The Roskill spirit abounded when eighty alumni from the 1950's visited the school for lunch, great conversation, and a site tour. Our current prefects were enchanted as they heard stories about the first decade of Mount Roskill Grammar School. There were stories of mischief, teacher kindness, encouragement and challenge.

Foundation Head Boy Mr Bob Coldham spoke passionately about the high quality of teaching he experienced and the enduring friendships made during their time at school. Mr Coldham and his wife of 62 years, Margaret met while in form 6 at the school. On behalf of the alumni, Mr Coldham presented a considerable donation to the school to support students experiencing hardship.

Our current prefects and the 'originals' compared notes and found that while there were many differences, the school commitment to academic success, hard work, community and fun has endured. A visit to the school pool was a must do as the alumni has helped dig it out – often during physical education lessons.

Thank you to everyone who made the day so enjoyable. Thank you to our alumni – it is encouraging to be supported by you all. Thank you to alumni Andrea Blanchette-Ford, Bob Jones, Sally Meiklejohn and Judy Stone who planned the day with Mrs Collins and Ms Harris.

It is fantastic to see so many students enjoying the winter sports season. Many of our teams are enjoying competing in premier competitions which is both challenging and fulfilling. Congratulations to the boys 1st XI hockey team who will play in the elite Super city competition after a 3-1 win over Mt Albert Grammar. Both boys and girls teams are playing great basketball, with the boys at the top of the table.

This week we are enjoying Samoan language week and I highly recommend the Tahi Performing Arts showcase evenings held later this week in the Butler Hall for a great evening out.

'Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale' (Strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive)



Greg Watson
PULE ĀOGA (PRINCIPAL)

School Board

It was a privilege to attend the 1950s alumni lunch. To meet with the foundation taura and hear their stories created a real sense of connection with the history of our kura.

In addition to the stories of physically building the pool, it was a true community effort to fundraise for it, with detention at the time including scraping labels off bottles for higher priced recycling. A number of alumni spoke about “tadpoling” on the farm that existed just prior to the school being built and the stories also included Errol Chadwick diving over the school’s marching practice in a plane! There was a sense of nostalgia for times gone by but also a real strength in how connected the 1950s group is. This connectedness stems from their shared experiences under the relentless drive of the principal, Mr Vic Butler. Mr Butler advocated for school improvement in building the pool, and then the school hall, both of which have seen decades of students go through our school.

In addition to the organising committee and Mt Roskill Grammar team, our current prefects are to be thanked for the exceptional way in which they represented our current taura. One thing that stood out for me was the pride our alumni feel for our school and the gratitude they had for the teachers at our school. This was equalled by our pride in their achievements beyond their time at Mt Roskill Grammar School. We look forward to sharing many more stories with alumni from across the decades at our next reunion.



Marjet Pot
Presiding Member

Important dates for your diary

Fri 4 June	Lā`ei Sāmoa Day
Mon 7 June	Queen’s Birthday (School closed)
Wed 9 June	Campus Fiafia night
Thu 10 June	Open day 3.30pm – 7pm (Early finish at 2.20pm)
Mon 14 June	Nathan Wallis 7.30pm – 9pm Tickets@eventfinda.co.nz
Tue 15 June	Teacher Only Day
Wed 16 June	Course Information Evening
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

1950's Reunion

On 20th May we hosted the 1950s alumni, some of who were the first students of MRGS at its inauguration in 1953, including the foundation head boy, Bob Coldham. (pictured with our current head prefects, top right) We had over 80 past students who attended this Reunion and reminisced about their student days and brought each other up to date on what has happened since they last met. Overall, it was an amazing feeling hearing so many exciting stories and spending time with them.





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!



Mount Roskill Grammar School Open Day Thursday 10 June 3:30–7pm

Excellence, together
TUMANAKOTANGA



Nathan Wallis Presentation

Nathan Wallis is coming to Mt Roskill Grammar. Don't miss the opportunity to listen to a world class neuroscience educator. The Teen Brain event is now live and tickets can be found at:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/.../the.../auckland/mt-roskill>



nathanwallis
conscious intelligence



Teen Brain

Mon 14 June 2021 : 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Mt Roskill Grammar School - Auckland

Lā`ei Sāmoa Day

The Sāmoan Language Week will run from Saturday 30 May to Saturday 5 June. The theme for this year is *“Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale”*. *“Strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive”*. In honour of celebrating our diverse culture at Mount Roskill Grammar School, we would like to invite your child and/or children to celebrate Sāmoan Language Week this year by joining us for *Lā`ei Sāmoa Day*. This day will enable all Mount Roskill Grammar students the opportunity to dress in their Sāmoan attire for the duration of this school day. This will take place on **Friday 4 June**.

Event Information

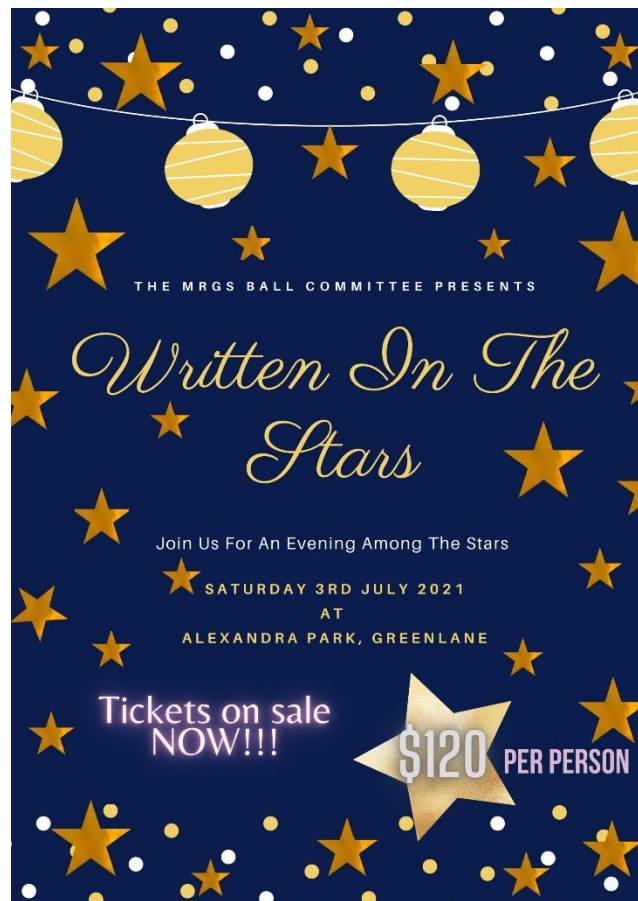
In order for Lā`ei Sāmoa Day to run smoothly:

- Students wanting to take part in *Lā`ei Sāmoa Day* will need to wear **full Sāmoan attire** which consists of either a *puletasi* or *ālo`a* & *`ie faitaga*.
- Students who do not wish to take part will abide by the standard Mount Roskill Grammar uniform dress code.
- Students **will not** be allowed to wear part Mount Roskill Grammar School uniform and part Sāmoan attire.

Students that arrive in either the incorrect Sāmoan attire or the incorrect school uniform will be sent home upon inspection at all Mount Roskill Grammar entry points.

I le ava tele ma le fa`aaloalo,
Pasifika Lead Team

MRGS School Ball



Performing Arts Showcase

MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENTS

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A PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE



**WED 2ND AND THURS 3RD JUNE
7PM - BUTLER HALL**

TICKETS \$5 ON THE DOOR

Handball Champions

Congratulations to Nayu Kondo (far right) whose team is 1st in New Zealand for handball.



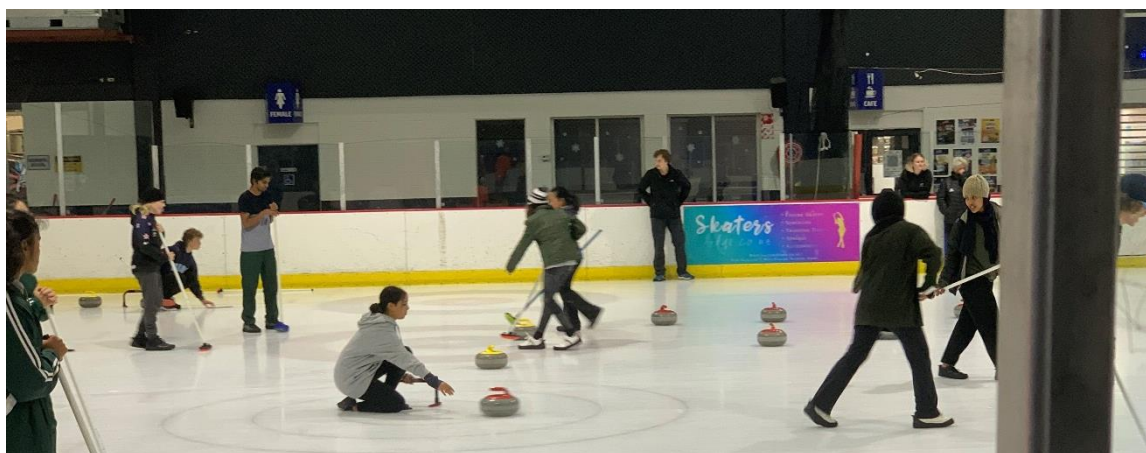
MRGS Poets

On Sunday the 15th of May, three of our poets performed at the Puketapa Board – Writers and Climate Change event, held at the Mt Roskill War Memorial Hall. Their poems were admired by everyone, including poet, Karlo Mila!



Curling

In their first game of the season, MRGS Tūmanakotanga (Sooji Noh, Roda Ibrahim, Susan Philip and Azzarina Azizi) had a rocky start against an experienced MAGS Stone Cold, trailing 4 points. But our team picked up the pace and made key shots to put pressure on MAGS. In the last end, Tūmanakotanga stole 2 points against MAGS to finish on a 6-6 draw. Well done!



2021 Netball House Points

	Cooper	Hilliary	Ngata	Rutherford	Sheppard	Points	Place
Cooper		1-4 LOSS	LBD	5-0 WIN	LBD	2	3rd
Hilliary	4-1 WIN		5-0 WIN	8-1 WIN	9-1 WIN	8	1st
Ngata	LBD	0-5 LOSS		LBD	0-4 LOSS	0	5th
Rutherford	0-5 LOSS	1-8 LOSS	WBD		1-9 LOSS	2	4th
Sheppard	WBD	1-9 LOSS	4-0 WIN	9-1 WIN		4	2nd

Semi Finals: 1st v 4th **Hilliary - 10 (WIN)** vs - Rutherford - 3 (court 1)

2nd v 3rd - Cooper - 1 vs **Sheppard - 3 (WIN)** (court 2)

Final: **Hilliary - 5 (WIN)** v Sheppard - 4

Teina Sā

Current student Lijah Mavaega's work in a new series 'Teine Sā'. Lijah has taken on lots of opportunities in the theatre and film industry since his start at MRGS. We love seeing his work on stage and screen and look forward to his next performance in Ahikaroa on Maori Television soon.

<https://www.thecoconet.tv/the-coconettv-series/teine-sa-the-ancient-ones/teine-sa-the-ancient-ones-ep3-ahi/?fbclid=IwAR1hjgOf6CmPmd2wu9ERBmjntJk9FNj79hBqpRYzz8fa0rRXX1ZVXjKG2ao>



French café trip

On the morning of Monday 17th May, Year 10 MRGS French students went on a “trip” to room A3. They were served some French café food and needed to order in French. The students could choose from different French foods and drinks, including un pain au chocolat, un croissant, un pain aux raisins, du flan, un chausson aux pommes, et un chocolat chaud. French music provided a good ambiance. Afterwards, the students worked together in groups to try to score the highest marks in a French general-knowledge quiz created by Miss Robertson. The students all enjoyed themselves, and enjoyed the French café.

Roman Gladiators

1006 Social Studies have been learning about ancient Roman Gladiators and today for the end of the unit they designed an authentic fight scene and then enacted it.



MacLean Centre Drama Course

Every Friday a group of students from the MacLean Centre attend a drama course run by a disability arts theatre company called InterActing Theatre. The sessions help to improve students self confidence and enable them to tell their stories. They all work hard to create a performance that will be shown at the annual InterAct Disability Arts Festival in October.



Alumni



Bob Coldham, Foundation Head Boy MRGS, 1953

The Bob's Mowers business began as a one-man business more than 50 years ago, when a young Bob Coldham commenced repairing lawn mowers in the family garage. In 1960, the growing business moved to Mt Albert Rd, Three Kings where it is still currently located. The Coldham family have attended Mt Roskill Grammar across generations, starting with Bob meeting his wife Margaret in 6th form. Bob informed us that the 2 years at MRGS were the highlight of his schooling years.

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.



Teen Brain

Mon 14 June 2021 : 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Mt Roskill Grammar School - Auckland

Mt Roskill Grammar School is proud to announce that the host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls", Nathan Wallis, Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator, is coming to our community with his talk - Teen Brain.

Covid has put all of us in an unpredictable environment and this has added layers of complexity to an already complex time of life - especially for children and teens already dealing with issues around anxiety and depression. During adolescence parts of the teenage brain are "shut for renovations". This is the part of the brain responsible for regulating the teenager's moods, for understanding consequences, maintaining focus and for thinking about the well-being of others. And the 'teen' years can start as early as 9 and end anywhere from 18 to 32 years of age!

However the good news is that there are clear tips and practices from the research that can help and enhance our teen's ability (and yours) to cope with this tricky time and minimise the stress for everyone. Understanding the changes that are taking place will help you to navigate successfully these important and formative years. Nathan will share strategies with participants to achieve better relationships and better outcomes for the children and teens we work and/or live with!

Tickets are available at www.eventfinda.co.nz.
Search "Nathan Wallis Mt Roskill"



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www.nathanwallis.com



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ElizabethMichael UNIFORMS

Please allow for 6 weeks for delivery of Made-to-Measure school uniforms

Special Fittings for Mt Roskill Grammar Uniforms

Elizabeth Michael Uniforms offers a Made-to-Measure service at no extra cost to those students who fall outside our school uniform size range (please see side panel).

In order to be able to offer this service we need all students to visit us at our Elizabeth Michael Uniforms, 4 Bond Street, Grey Lynn.

You must allow 6 weeks for your Made-to-Measure garment(s). During back to school this can be longer due to the Christmas and New Year holiday season so we encourage you to organise your Made-to-Measure garments before Christmas so they are booked into production.

All student's who do require this service must visit us at Elizabeth Michael Uniforms.

Please phone us on 09 358 1680 ext 8 to book in your Made-to-Measure session with our in-house experts.

Elizabeth Michael Uniforms is open 6 days a week:

Monday - Friday	9am - 5pm
Friday	9am - 4pm
Saturday	9am - 12pm

Please note our special fitting service is available on Tuesday - Thursday only.

4 Bond Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland
P: 09 358 1680 • F: 09 358 1685 • uniforms@elizabethmichael.co.nz
www.elizabethmichael.co.nz

Orders for Made-to-Measure school uniforms need to be placed before Christmas for back-to-school.

- Are you exceptionally tall or have very long arms for your age?
i.e. the length of sleeves or body length in regular clothes is usually an issue for you?
- **GIRLS** are you smaller than a size 4 or larger than a size 22?
- **BOYS** are you smaller than a 64cm waist or a 2XS shirt?
- **BOYS** are you larger than a 132cm waist or a 5XL shirt?
- Please note all Elizabeth Michael garments are 'adult' sizes.

All uniforms are to be paid in full at the Mt Roskill Grammar Uniform shop before you come to Elizabeth Michael Uniforms to be measured. An invoice or docket will need to be presented at the time of the fitting.

- This service is offered to those who require a "Made-to-Measure" service, we do not make special garments for minor differences.
- Hem and sleeve shortening is the responsibility of the individual. Elizabeth Michael Uniforms do not offer an alteration service for standard size garments.

EAT SMART

WRAPS+SAMMIES

Fresh Wraps	see selection available	from \$4.50
Sandwiches	see selection available	from \$3.00
Filled Rolls	see selection available	from \$5.00
Crispy Chicken Roll		\$4.00
Butter Chicken Wrap		\$5.50

EAT SMART SALADS

Freshly made Eat Smart salads are available daily. Also see the Pasta & Rice category for full list of pasta salads.



BLACKBOARD SPECIALS

New food, special deals and more! Ask our friendly staff at the tuckshop what the Blackboard Special of the day is!



PASTA & RICE



Pasta Selection	hot or cold	from \$4.50
Teriyaki Chicken	rice or noodles	from \$5.00
Butter Chicken	on rice	from \$6.00

THE CLASSICS



Hash Brown	from \$1.00
Chicken Tender	\$2.50
Garlic Bread	plain or cheesy from \$2.50
Wedges	\$3.50
Hot Dog	\$4.00
Cheese Burger	\$4.50
Chicken Burger	\$6.00

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Message from Watercare - Road Closures

Bremner Avenue closures:

We are now installing the water main along Bremner Avenue. We have now reached the point where the road will be closed to through traffic with no public access to John Moore Reserve or Milliken Ave. Please use an alternative area to drop off your children.

Winstone Road and Memorial Avenue upcoming closure:

Winstone Road and Memorial Avenue will be closed 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.

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

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 
Māori All subjects	Thursday 3:15- 4:30	Library	Students seeking help and support for any subject should attend our Māori Homework Centre Puna Wānanga. It will be held in the Library while our Whare is being renovated. Kai is also provided.	REW/MNC/ TWL/SYD/RJJ
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.Started two weeks ago & 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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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
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- Qualified staff

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