

August 2021: Term 3, Week 3

## From the Principal



Ngā mihi nui kia koutou,

The most recent teacher only day on August 10 focused on the developments we will make in the year 9 to 11 curriculum to accommodate changes in NCEA and to best position all students for success. The refreshed NCEA will be implemented from 2023, starting at Level 1. A raft of changes are being made to support student achievement, particularly in literacy and numeracy, increasing student and teacher well-being, and the accessibility of the qualification and enabling equity of outcomes for learners. Teachers are working hard on the planning which will include a review of our junior learning programmes to ensure our students have the best possible lead up to courses assessed using NCEA. You can find out more about the NCEA change programme at <https://ncea.education.govt.nz/>

Our sports teams are completing the local winter season competitions and many are preparing for Tournament Week at the end of the month. Best wishes to the girls and boys basketball teams as they play in the Auckland Senior A finals, and to our Jazz Band, String Orchestra and Concert Band who perform at the KBB festival this week.



Ngā manaakitanga

Greg Watson  
Principal

## School Board

As we settle into Term 3 it is rewarding to see our tauira engaging in so many leadership opportunities. Our head prefects attended a leadership symposium at Massey High School. Our captains and student leaders in co-curricular activities continue to lead the way through their positive attitude, organisation and motivation of fellow tauira.

Our annual Peace Week was a time when tauira from year 9 to year 13 exhibit leadership by enacting our values of Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga. Leading the way in these values was shown not only by those front and centre but also by those behind the scenes. There are many pieces that need to come together for an event to run successfully, and in its 18th year Peace Week has once again provided a range of tauira an authentic voice for peace. This year's message of "inner peace for outward action" provided an important reminder that we all need to look after our own well-being to be able to advocate for others.

It is exciting to know that we are at a time of the year when the student representative on the Board of Trustees is nominated and that you, as a student body, are able to have a say in who you would like to represent you on the Board. When election time comes make sure that you vote – each of you have the right to vote and choose who you want to be your voice helping to govern our school. I encourage you to think about the strengths your student representative has and how they can contribute at meetings. Your chosen representative will be given some training to help them in their role on the Board.

It is a unique opportunity to take on a leadership role within the school and to participate at a high level at the school. To the candidates, thank you for putting your name forward and the Board looks forward to working with the successful candidate.



**Marjet Pot**  
**Presiding Member**

### Important dates for your diary

Wed 25 & Thu 26 Aug	Sports team Photos
Thu 26 Aug	Term 3 Junior Report Evening
Fri 27 Aug	School holiday, school closed
Mon 30 Aug – Fri 3 Sep	Winter Tournament Week
Mon 13 – Wed 29 Sep	NCEA Subject Entry Exams
Thu 30 Sep	Sports Awards Evening
Fri 1 Oct	End of Term 3

## Term 3 Junior Report Evening

The Term 3 Junior Report Evening for caregivers of students in year 9 and 10 will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of August from 4.00pm - 7.00pm. This is an opportunity to meet with subject teachers and discuss progress and next steps. Each booking is 5 minutes and will be focussed on next steps for student to progress in their learning. Bookings open this Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> August.

## RUA Showcase

Come and see some of the best dance and performance work from years 9 – 13 in Terms 2 and 3 with a focus on creativity and storytelling. The show is performed twice, on Wednesday 18 August and Thursday 19 August starting at 7pm each night in the Butler Hall. The show is likely to be 1 – 1.5 hours long.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door by cash or eftpos – there are no pre-sales for this show. There will be a small selection of chips and drinks available for purchase.



## Attendance

A reminder that regularly attending school increases every student's chances of academic achievement. If your child is absent for an unavoidable reason such as illness or bereavement please notify our school attendance officer either by phone on **6210069** or by email [attendance@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:attendance@mrgs.school.nz)

We encourage you to make non-urgent appointments outside of learning time but if your child must leave school early for an appointment please contact the attendance officer **before 9.30am** to ensure your child receives their leaving pass.

## Uniform

Our current uniform expectations are outlined on our website and can be accessed by using the link below:

<https://www.mrgs.school.nz/school-uniform/>

A particular focus will be on

- Correct footwear - sandals are not currently part of the MRGS uniform
- Regulation jumpers and jackets
- MRGS bucket hat or cap only
- Facial hair - clean shaven

Senior members of staff and house deans will be checking uniform as students arrive at school. If there are uniform concerns you will be emailed to ensure you are informed as soon as possible. If whānau need further support please contact your House Deans.

Incorrect uniform items worn in school will be confiscated and returned to students on Friday after 3.05pm as per the school guidelines.

We ask that whānau support our school's expectations.

## Smokefree

Mt Roskill Grammar School is a smoke free and vape free environment.

Students are not permitted to bring vapes to school or use them on site or when offsite in our school uniform.



## Peace Week

Our 18<sup>th</sup> annual Peace Week was a great success. This year's focus was on inner peace for outward action. It included assembly presentations, face and rock painting, stalls in the library for anti-violence and celebrating diversity, a sausage sizzle to raise funds for families in need and the Peace March through our Mt Roskill community. Thanks to Donna, Mrs Pace and our students leaders for their leadership of this successful week.









## Speech Competition



The 2021 year 9 speech competition showed the high calibre of speakers at MRGS.

### Year 9 Speech Competition Results

Winner – Farah Ikram

2nd Equal – Simon Paulo

2nd Equal – Sophie Van Laarhoven-Hargreaves

Other Finalists – Michelle Darman, Austin Dodd, Pratyush Khatiwada and Anna Sibi

Thanks also to Martia Adato and Wisdom Iyekekpolo who MCed the event, to the judges Mrs Hughes (MRIS), Jaime Lees, Mrs Collins and to Ms Kelly and the English department for their organisations and guidance of almost 400 speakers prior to the final!

## Senior A Basketball – Semi Finals this week

Congratulations to the boys and girls Senior A Basketball teams who booked their spots in this weeks semi-finals.

The boys dominated their season finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the regular season with 13 wins and only one loss. They will play-off against Northcote College on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August at Eventfinda Stadium at 4.30pm.

The Senior A Girls have also had an outstanding season finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the regular season with 8 wins and 6 losses. They play-off in their semi-final against Saint Kentigern on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August at Eventfinda Stadium at 4.30pm as well.

Good luck to both teams!

## National Netball NZ Open Womens

Congratulations Kalarnee Stunzner who has been selected to represent Mangere Otahuhu Netball at the 2021 National Netball NZ Open Womens Championship at Palmerston North in September.

We wish you well.

## Girls' Lacrosse

Congratulations to the Girls' Lacrosse team who finished their regular season with a convincing 10-1 win over Westlake Girls which meant they finished 3<sup>rd</sup> for the season. The team have developed really well over the season thanks to the coach Jasmine Bannan. This week the girls will compete in the Auckland Championships one day tournament before heading to Cambridge in Winter Tournament Week for the National Championships. We would also like to thanks the boys who are there every Thursday to umpire.



## Immunisation catch ups

We had a successful three days running MMR, Dtap and HPV vaccinations last week. If any students were not able to be seen for their first dose in this round due to the vaccinators' time constraints, we have booked the vaccinators to return later in the term to ensure that all students who have permission can be vaccinated.



# Central Auckland Secondary Chess Championships

22 teams from 8 schools competed in the Central Auckland Secondary Chess Championship on Friday, 30 July 2021 at Mt Roskill Grammar School.

Congratulations to Mt Roskill Grammar A, Joe Wang, Baraa Zara, Saahir Saheb and Sourav Dhungel who gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Mt Roskill Grammar qualify for the National Finals in October!





## Debating Octo-Finals

At the end of the preliminary rounds of the Auckland Schools Debating season MRGS has had its most successful year to date. We have broken a record with five teams across three grades to the Octo-finals (final 16 teams).

In the Junior Open grade (Y9 and 10), MRGS 2- qualified 16th in Auckland with 4/5 to become the first ever Junior team from Roskill to break to the finals.

In the Senior Open grade (Y11 and Y12), MRGS 1- qualified 1st with 5/5 wins and MRGS 3- qualified 6th with 4/5 wins.

In the Advanced Open grade (Y13 and experienced Y12 debaters) MRGS 1- qualified 1st in Auckland with 5/5 wins and MRGS 2- qualified 12th with 4/5 wins.





Job Vacancy at MRGS apply to [admin@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:admin@mrgs.school.nz)



### Property Assistant

Mount Roskill Grammar School (MRGS) is looking for a pro-active, capable and keen Property Assistant to provide support to our busy property team.

This is a diverse, hands-on role that requires someone who is practical and good at problem solving.

You will have the ability to;

- Support the property team in the preparation of school facilities
- Work in a team and follow instruction but also be able to work independently as required
- Converse and provide instruction for Trade suppliers
- Work on building/electrical or mechanical projects
- Perform administration tasks and work with computers

A knowledge of plumbing, electrical, carpentry, or mechanical systems (including relevant equipment and tools) is an advantage but not a requirement. You will need a clean driver's license.

As this role is active you will be required to walk and be on your feet for extended periods of time, lift, and move heavy equipment.

This is a permanent full time position Monday – Friday 8.30 to 5pm.

If this sounds like you and you are ready to take up a new challenge. Apply now!

**Applications close Friday 13 August at midnight.**

## Alumni News



Michelle Walen (1986) and Gene Wihongi (1985)

These two past pupils met in A Block corridor in 1984. Their paths crossed over the years and they are now a couple.

To commemorate Michelle's upcoming birthday they returned to MRGS and tracked down their class photos.

# 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

## DAILY DEALS

SEE SELECTION AVAILABLE



Fresh Wraps	640g Vg	from	\$4.50
Sandwiches	640g Vg	from	\$3.00
Filled Rolls	640g Vg	from	\$5.00
Pasta Dishes	640g Vg	from	\$4.50
Noodle Dishes		from	\$4.50
Rice Dishes	640g Vg	from	\$5.00

## BLACKBOARD SPECIALS

Ask our friendly staff at the tuckshop what the Blackboard Special of the day is!



## THE CLASSICS

Hash Brown	Vg	\$1.00
Chicken Tender		\$2.50
Garlic Bread	Vg	from \$2.50
Wedges	Vg	\$3.50
Cheese Burger		\$4.50
Chicken Burger		\$6.00

## LOOSE CHANGE

Baked Items	Vg	from \$2.50
Cookies	Vg	\$3.00
Ice Creams	Vg	from \$2.00
Juicies & Moosies	Vg	\$2.50
Drinks	Vg	from \$2.30

ORDER ONLINE @ **lunch Orders**  
WWW.LUNCHORDERS.CO.NZ



640g Certified every day foods Vg Vegetarian option available

See the fridges and cabinets at the tuckshop for the full selection available and ask about our gluten free options!



## How to find out more from MRGS



[www.mrgs.school.nz](http://www.mrgs.school.nz)



[www.facebook.com/MountRoskillGS](https://www.facebook.com/MountRoskillGS)



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## 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](mailto:admin@mrgs.school.nz) to let us know.

# Homework Centres

Subject Area	Times	Venue	Description	Teacher in Charge
<b>Catch Up</b> 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
<b>Māori</b>  <b>All subjects</b>	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
<b>ESOL</b>	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.	RYJ/YAN
<b>Mathematics</b>	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
<b>Tongan Homework Centre</b>	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
<b>Languages</b>	Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15	R3	Japanese (included in R-Block Homework Centre)	KOJ
<b>Computer Science/Digital Technologies</b>	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
<b>History</b>	Tuesday Lunchtime	C3	Any help with assessments or questions about the course work can be answered.	HTG
<b>English</b>	Tuesday 3.15-4.30	H6	Any help with assessments or questions about the course work can be answered.	GYC
<b>Media</b>	Wednesday 3:00-4:30	T7	Supervised assistance with homework and computers available for editing	HPK
<b>Chemistry</b>	Thursday lunchtime	S6	Chemistry teachers are available to help with any Level 2, 3 or scholarship chemistry.	MCS
<b>Visual Arts</b>	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
<b>Performing Arts</b>	—	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
<b>Technology</b>	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
<b>Music</b>	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





## 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*



### CONTACT US

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Auckland 1041



## Mt Roskill After School Care Share, laugh, learn & grow with us

### Why choose us

- 3pm pickup from Mt Roskill Primary, Three Kings Primary and Hillsborough Primary
- Nutritious afternoon tea provided
- Stimulating purpose built facilities
- Our fun and engaging programme includes outdoor play, crafts and an optional homework group

We provide a fun, safe and nurturing environment for your child to play and build friendships while you finish up work or other commitments.

Our caring facilitators will provide a nutritious afternoon tea, organise engaging activities and provide free play and homework supervision.

We are situated on the campus of the adjoining schools which gives us access to quality halls, gyms and the hockey turf.

**Spaces are available for New Entrants to Year 8 Students. Enquire now**



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### LOCATION

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