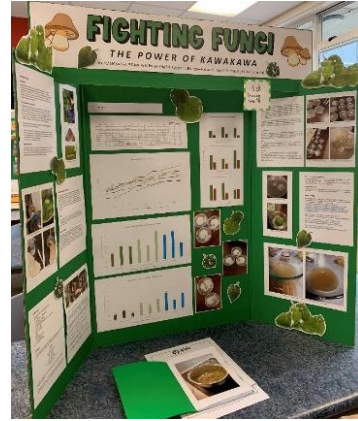




29 October 2021

From the Principal



Kia ora koutou

Thank you to families who have supported senior students to return to onsite learning this week. About 80% of students have taken up the opportunity demonstrating care and respect in wearing masks and maintaining acceptable physical distance. Our two hour lessons have contributed to a settled environment with minimal transitions, and an opportunity for extended in depth learning.

Well done to Year 9 and 10 students who are continuing with their online learning and making the most of 'live lessons'.

The vaccination event at the school was a great success with 281 people, including many students vaccinated. Over one third of these were first doses. Thank you to community leaders, and school staff for the excellent work in encouraging people to get vaccinated and organising the event. Every vaccination contributes to the great vaccine wall of Mount Roskill keeping everyone safe.

Ngā mihi maioha

Greg Watson
Tumuaki | Principal



Learning and Assessment

Juniors	Learning tasks will be posted at the beginning of each week in our blended learning framework template for each subject. Teachers will provide one online class.
Seniors	<p>Learning tasks will be posted at the beginning of each week in our blended learning framework template for each subject. Teaching will be face to face at school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior classes will be taught onsite in 2 two hour blocks.• Seniors will see their teacher 1-2 times per week. <p>Senior practice exams have started and will run until November 5. Schedule of dates and times of practice exams This schedule has been emailed to all affected families and students.</p> <p>We are aware that some students will have finished some subjects for the year by achieving the required amount of credits. Those students may make the decision to focus their energy on the outstanding work in their other subjects. However, if a student is on site and wishes to leave after the first lesson because they have finished with a subject, parents/caregivers must notify the school that they have permission to leave. We have a duty of care to not release students during the school day unless prior arrangement has been made with parents. Students without permission to leave will need to attend both daily lessons.</p> <p>Accelerated year 10 students are allowed to attend for only their Maths and Science lessons and will be released after those lessons are complete for the day.</p>

Engagement Scores

With Year 11 - 13 students now able to be back onsite, engagement scores will only be completed for Year 9 and 10 students. Please remember that these are an indication of the level of engagement of your child in their online learning, to support you to have positive conversations with your student about their learning and progress. Please email your child's subject teacher if you have any questions.

Student Vaccination Register

We are required by the Ministry of Education to collect the Covid-19 vaccination status of our students. Earlier this week you will have been sent an email requesting you to complete the Student Registration form: <https://forms.gle/TCu2pqbBh5SGcSiC8>

If you have not completed this yet please complete it as soon as possible. We are aware that some people are awaiting their proof of vaccination from the Ministry of Health. As soon as you receive this, please email a copy to meagan.gaitau@mrgs.school.nz

Mentoring

We will be holding a Group Mentoring Meeting in Week 4 of this term, Thursday 11th November. This will happen onsite with your mentor (in your Hui Ako classroom), from 12.00pm – 12.30pm, with the afternoon lesson being from 12.30pm – 2.00pm. In this session, students will receive information about their current progress towards achieving and will identify what they need to complete before the end of the academic year.

Key Dates

It is important that we acknowledge the achievements of our students who have excelled in the Arts, Cultural, Sports and Academic areas of school this year. However, this needs to be done in a way that ensures we are adhering to the Health and Safety advice and guidelines from the Ministry of Education.

We would like to inform the school community that our usual senior events this year will be presented virtually. Over the coming weeks we will be putting together virtual presentations which will be released to the school community

Key Dates Term 4

Thursday 11th November	Mentoring (during school day)
Tuesday 16th November	Sports Awards (online)
Thursday 18th November	Arts Awards (online)
Monday 22nd November	NCEA External Exams begin
Tuesday 23rd November	Māori Graduation (online)
Friday 26th November	Senior Prize Giving (online)
Monday 29th November	Teacher Only Day Accord Day

As we receive further updates we will communicate other key dates for the remainder of Term 4.

2022 Term Dates

Term 1	Thursday 3rd Feb - Thursday 14 Apr
Term 2	Monday 2 May - Friday 8 Jul
Term 3	Monday 25 Jul - Friday 30 Sep
Term 4	Monday 17 Oct - Friday 9 Dec

*First day for Year 9, Year 13 and New Students Wednesday 2nd Feb

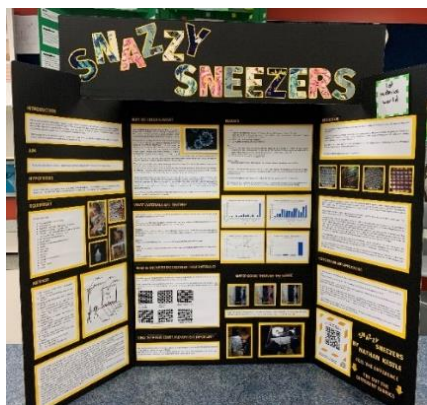
Attendance

It has been great to have our senior and accelerated Year 10 students back attending school onsite this week. A reminder that school begins at 9.30am and students should not be at school prior to 9.15am so we can maintain safe physical distancing at the dean's gate. Also, if your child is sick they should not come to school and if they have COVID-like symptoms should phone Healthline.

For our senior and Year 10 accelerated students our Attendance Officer will resume sending a text alert if your child is not attending so please continue to notify the school either by phone on **6210069** or by email attendance@mrgs.school.nz if they are absent.

For our junior students they should continue to log-in to complete the daily check-in on the school website.

Science Fair 2021



This year our entrants in the NIWA Auckland Science Fair gained some impressive results, all the more outstanding because of the limited preparation students had. On the day of the lockdown student were making last minute changes in preparation for the final showing to be held at our own Mount Roskill Grammar Butler Hall.

We gained two 1st placings in the Y9 + 10 age section, two 2nd and two Highly Commended.

1st

Rangiātea Waipara for Fighting Fungi: The Power of Kawakawa in the Living World category

Nathan Kestle for Snazzy Sneezers in Material World category

2nd

Aaran Kumar for Marine Maurauder – Toroa in Technology

Maia Collins and Farah Ikram in Living World-Human Behaviour.

Highly Commended

Kakala Pole for MIX = QUALITY A baker's equation in the Food Science category

Adrian Mayo for Water you are drinking in Material World.

In addition these special prizes were awarded:

- NZDF innovation prize to Aaran Kumar
- ESA publications award: Maia Collins and Farah Ikram
- Bob Briggs Memorial Award and University of Auckland Dean of Science Creativity Prize to Nathan Kestle
- Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research to Rangiātea Waipara

Congratulations to all these and all of our contributors to the Science Fair Investigation.

MRGS Library Books

The library is packing up in preparation for the upcoming building project. All returning students, please return all library books on loan as soon as possible. This will also assist with the leavers' clearance form process. Thank you.

Tokelau Language Week



Vaccination Event

We vaccinated 281 people over the weekend. The Mt Roskill community helping reach the 90%!
Thank you everyone.



Huge thanks to our wonderful sponsors of spot prizes. We received the following donations:

- Mr Leatua Tupa'i Lavea from Z Aiga Energy Ltd \$3000 worth of Z petrol vouchers
- Bunnings \$1000 worth of vouchers
- Rebel Sport 48 Touch Rugby balls
- Kreem Café \$50 voucher
- The Hub coffee \$150 worth of vouchers
- Prime Meats Frost Road (formerly Aussie Butcher) discounted sausage sizzle
- Unichem Stoddard Road Pharmacy sunblock and drink bottles
- Facial vouchers from Blaše
- Aaron Kashyap (pictured above), Barrister and Solicitor, donation of food and drink for our volunteers

Alumni

Congratulations to alumni Harry Dickinson (nee McNaughton) who wrote and produced The Pact. You can watch it on TVNZ On Demand from 18 October.



2022 Enrolments

In zone applications now welcome. We ask that families complete these online or deliver to Jules in the office as soon as possible so that we can arrange testing and class placements. Applications received before 1st November go in the draw for one of two \$300 uniform vouchers! We look forward to welcoming you to our MRGS family. For further questions please contact the Enrolment Officer by email at enrolment@mrgs.school.nz

