



Term 4, Week 5

From the Principal



Kia ora koutou

There is an atmosphere of a job well done as senior students complete their timetabled learning. Over the next week MRGS Awards for 2021 will be released online. Congratulations to all of the Sports Awards Winners announced on Tuesday.

Next week senior students who are finishing off specific learning are invited to the NCEA Pathway Hubs and NCEA external exams begin. We are greatly looking forward to the return of our year 9 and 10 students.

Our current ADHB student vaccination status is that 83% of all students are fully vaccinated, and 92% have had at least one dose.

It's a pleasure to let you know that the Board have appointed Mr Chris Dunn to a Deputy Principal role from the start of 2022. Mr Dunn is familiar with the local community and has been a member of the Dominion Road Primary School Board. He has been a Dean at Rangitoto College, and is currently Head of the Social Science Faculty at Auckland Grammar School. Mr Dunn brings further expertise in E-learning to MRGS. We are also delighted to have Mrs Sarah Singh continuing in the Acting Deputy Principal role for 2022.

Well done to our departing year 13 students. The year hasn't gone completely to plan, but you have handled the challenges presented impressively. Thank you for your contribution to so many wonderful occasions during the year. We look forward to following your progress over the coming years.

Ngā manaakitanga



Greg Watson
Tumuaki | Principal

Year 9 and 10 Return to School

When our Year 9 and 10 students return from Monday 22 November students will be following their Period 1 - 4 timetable. The school day begins at 9.30am and finishes at 2.00pm.

Students will be supervised upon entry and exit from the school and hand sanitising on arrival. It is important that students wear masks at all times when on site (the exception when they are eating or drinking outside) To maintain physical distance from others where possible.

Punctuality

We ask that students are onsite and ready for learning to start at 9.30am.

Uniform Expectations

Please make sure that you are meeting school uniform expectations. If any student needs support with their uniform they should go to the deans centre or contact their house dean prior to Monday.

Monday 22 November		Tuesday 23 November - Wednesday 8 December	
9.00 - 9.30	Entry to school grounds will be via S Block Gate and Intermediate Gate.	9.00 - 9.30	Entry to school grounds will be via S Block Gate and Intermediate Gate
9.30 - 10.00	Hui Ako and Online Assembly - Timetables distributed	10.00 - 10.30	Period 1
10.00 -10.30	Period 1	10.30 - 11.30	Period 2
10.30 -11.30	Period 2	11.30 - 12.00	Break
11.30 -12.00	Break	12.00 - 1.00	Period 3
12.00 - 1.00	Period 3	1.00 - 2.00	Period 4
1.00 - 2.00	Period 4	2.00 - 2.15	End of school. Grounds cleared
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Learning and Assessment: Year 9 & 10

We look forward to welcoming Years 9 and 10 back into our classrooms on Monday November 22. Teachers will be focused on settling back into learning routines and providing engaging lessons for the last weeks of the year. We will continue to post a learning framework with tasks and resources for every subject on google classroom but we will not be offering online 'live' lessons from Monday onwards.

All students whether remaining at home or attending school, are expected to access their learning frameworks from google classroom so they can see what is happening for the week. We will continue to make use of devices for learning at school during the next two weeks so we require students to bring their devices to school. There will be no formal exams for junior students other than an optional entry exam for 2021 Year 9s applying to be accelerated in Science for Level 1.

Entry to Accelerated Maths and Science Classes for 2022

Every year we invite a group of Year 9 students to take Level 1 Science and/or Maths. As we have no formal exams this year for junior students the selection process is a little different. The Maths department will be using testing done during 2021 plus work completed during lockdown and making an overall teacher judgement about a student's ability regarding both the academic and personal organisational skills required to cope with moving straight to Level 1.

The Science department will run an optional two hour test in week 7. The Head of the Science department will email the students invited to sit the test and parents next week. Invitations will be based on teacher judgement of the work completed this year and the student's capacity to manage the pressure of moving straight to level 1 Science. Students who do not receive an invitation will not be excluded from sitting the test and they should speak with their Science teacher or the Head of Department Mr Chris McGirr if they wish to do so.

NCEA

Senior (NZQA/UEGs)

For all students sitting external achievement standards Teachers have calculated an unexpected event grade (UEG) for every external standard. These are recorded in Kamar as either practice exams, subject entry exams or provisional portfolio. These grades have already been sent through to NZQA.

Process for calculating UEGs

- Teachers calculated these grades using the practice exams as the main source of evidence.
- If the practice exam was inconsistent with past performance AND there was additional evidence from other sources showing understanding of that external achievement standard then the grade would reflect that additional evidence as well.
- If a student missed the practice exam and there was additional evidence from other sources showing understanding of that external achievement standard, then a grade was given and will appear on kamar as either practice exams or subject entry exams.
- If a student missed the practice exams and no other evidence is available their practice exam grade is recorded as absent and no UEG data is available to send to NZQA.

What should my student do for externals examinations?

- If your student can see they received a grade in their practice exams that meets their satisfaction they can choose not to sit their external exam and the UEG grade will apply.
- If your student can see they received a grade in their practice exams that they would like to improve on then they can sit their exam and the highest grade will apply.
- If they are recorded as absent in their practice exams and there was no other evidence to generate the UEG, they do need to sit their external exam to get any credits for that standard.
- The school does not need any notification from students nor will we need to record any reasons for their decisions.

If you have any further queries about this process please email our Senior Assessment Manager Mr Gavin Parratt. gavin.parratt@mrqs.school.nz

NCEA Pathways

Through Mentoring Conferences last week, students identified if they were signed out from Monday 22 November, or if they needed more time to complete their NCEA achievement. If they need more time they should be returning next week for NCEA Pathways up until the end of week 8 as required. The times of the day – 9.30am – 2.00pm. Students should be working in subjects where they need extra support and time to complete work, which has been identified on their NCEA Pathways Planner and with their subject teachers.

Felicity Dorbu



We were sad to hear of the death this week of Felicity Dorbu.

Felicity was a loved member of our Maclean Centre and Cooper House.

Our condolences to Felicity's family and friends.

Congratulations to our Prefects for 2022

Ghiekma Abrahams
Georgia Ahlquist
Fatema Al-Ali
Caroline Aleki
Hebah Ali
Tugi Aloese
Ansh Angurala
Matthew Brooks
Celia Chanwong
Layla Chaudhry
Cynaika D'Costa
Theo Dodd
Shekinah Herewini
Annie Kalekale
Adil Khan
Honey Kohunui
Pranav Kumar
Daniel Ligaliga
Chris Lobo
Sophie Madgwick

Ceiron Malifa
Riley Mara
Michael McCann
Sylvia McDougall
Aaron Mendonca
Armaan Mohammed
Aydin Mustahib
Rhea Palmer
Aarya Patel
Selema Puafolau
Rishi Shanthosh
Hristian Stoev
Ravena Tamate
Harrison Tipa
Fatima Tualau
Thomas Tuliaupupu
Joe Wang
Karen Wang
Grace Xu
Lydias Yong
Layba Zubair

Prizegiving and Awards Ceremonies

Due to COVID-19, our Senior Prizegiving, Arts and Sports Awards as well as Māori Graduation Ceremony have gone online to celebrate our student's achievements. All our prize winners will be sent a video link via their student email on the days listed below and we will also post on our social media pages a reminder when this is happening so students can tune in and watch with the whole family.

Thursday 18th November	Arts Awards (online)
Tuesday 23rd November	Māori Graduation (online)
Friday 26th November	Senior Prizegiving (online)

We will notify all prize winners via email of a time and day they can collect their certificate and prize if applicable.

Sports Awards

On behalf of the Mt Roskill Grammar School Sports Department please use this link if you would like to view this year's Virtual Sports Awards video.

<https://youtu.be/XrUWCRBD7O8>

Congratulations to all our colours and awards winners for 2021



Peer Mentoring

Every year we run a successful peer mentoring programme where our Year 11 and 12 students support our Year 9 students transition into life at high school. If your student would like to be a part of this programme they need to get an application from their House Deans over the next week and if they are selected will need to commit to training on December 6.

Community Support

Every year our Mt Roskill Grammar students donate food which we donate to a local charity to give back to our community. This year has been a challenging time for many of our families and we will be supporting our locally Sursum Trust alumni food bank. If you would like to contribute this year, please bring a non-perishable food item to school before Friday 19th November and drop it into the Deans' Centre. Non-perishable items such as: cans, rice, pasta, packaged foods. This is one way that Mt Roskill Grammar School students walk the talk of one of our core values of whanaungatanga.

Student Vaccination Register

We are required by the Ministry of Education to collect the Covid-19 vaccination status of our students. The Student Registration form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/TCu2pqBh5SGcSiC8>

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

Key Dates

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Friday 19th November	Teacher only day
Monday 22nd November	Juniors back at school, NCEA External Exams begin
Tuesday 23rd November	Māori Graduation (online)
Friday 26th November	Senior Prizegiving (online)
Wednesday 8 th December	Last day of term on site for students
Thursday 9th December	Junior Prizegiving video released

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 2 February 2022.

Sursum Magazine

Our school magazine, Sursum, is now available for pre-order! Sursum 2021 is a celebration of everything that has gone on in our school and community, and a great way to remember how we got through this year together! Secure your copy for \$25 at Accounts. Numbers are limited so get in quickly!

Loaner Device Return

Many students have borrowed a device for learning from the school and now we are in the process of collecting the devices back again. As you can imagine, providing loaner devices is a big commitment for the school and we appreciate your co-operation in returning them on time. Any devices not returned will be locked by us remotely and will be unusable until unlocked. Late or non returned devices will impact the possibility of students borrowing a device in 2022.

Deposits can be refunded by visiting accounts with a signed clearance form as evidence of a returned device.

All devices should be returned to the resource room in B5 or reception

Juniors

Devices must be returned by Friday 3 December (end of week 7)

Seniors on Pathways

On or before Monday 6 December (beginning of week 8)

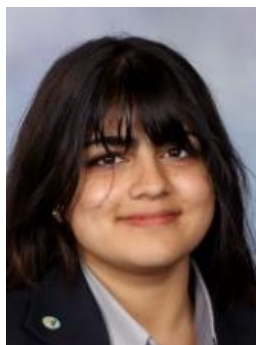
Seniors sitting externals

On or before Monday 6 December (beginning of week 8)

All other seniors

Returned during week 6 (beginning November 22)

Youth Parliament Representative



Congratulations to Layba Zubair who has been invited to parliament for an internship. Layba will be shadowing an MP to get an idea of the parliamentary system and the beehive, and will be the Youth MP in 2022 for Rt. Hon Trevor Mallard.

Only one speaker of the house of representatives is selected! Layba has been selected to be the speaker during the general debates, chairing discussions and ensuring the other Youth MPs are following the guidelines.

Sports Uniform and Tracksuit Return

A reminder to all students that have participated in sport this year to please return their Sports Uniforms and Track Suits to the Sports Department and School as soon as possible. If uniforms are not returned the students will be charged for the replacement value.

School Sports Uniforms can be returned to the front office between 9.00am-3.00pm and senior students can also return theirs to the Sports Department in the Gym 1 Foyer in the morning from 9.15-9.30am and during the school lunch break 11.30am-12.00pm.

If you have any issues or questions around sports uniform return, please contact the Director of Sport cameron.bitchener@mrgs.school.nz

Roskill Team Wins Social Enterprise Award



Bites of Love, a social enterprise started by Karen Wang, Aliza Khambatta and Pranav Kumar aims to help Aotearoa reduce Food Waste.

They competed with over 1000 students from 58 school Auckland wide in the 2021 YES Programme.

Their concept, presentation and work to date has already saved over 60kgs of Food Wastage and provided that to the most vulnerable families in need.

A great effort and initiative by the Entrepreneurs of Roskill.

2022 Enrolments

In zone applications are due now. 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. 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

