



## Term 4, Week 8

### From the Principal



Our year 9 and 10 students are to be congratulated on their purposeful presence on return to learning on site. It's been a pleasure to see so many re-connecting with friends and enjoying face to face learning with their teachers.

More than ever this year's success has been measured not only in awards and credits but also in so many students sticking to it, making do, and keeping going through the year. Thank you so much to families who have worked so hard to support the learning of their children at home, while also meeting your own work responsibilities.

Congratulations to each student recognized in our senior prize giving. Our Dux Coco Chen and Proxime Accessit Hannah Armstrong are standouts in a strong year 13 academic cohort. Congratulations to you both. Our senior students are completing their NCEA exams and we look forward to excellent results, hard won over the year.

Wednesday is the final day onsite for year 9 and 10 students. On Thursday we will be sending out the link to our junior virtual prize giving. We hope you will be able to click into the presentation to tautoko our students.

There are a number of staff leaving at the end the year. Some are moving out of Auckland, or to a school closer to home, and some are retiring. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Head of Careers Ann Hodge, and Head of Geography Steve Winny, who are retiring after long and distinguished service to the community. Congratulations on wonderful careers, and best wishes for the next phase. It has been our pleasure to have you both as part of the Roskill team.

The year hasn't been straight forward, yet our school community has handled all the challenges presented. Well done everyone! You have done outstandingly well. We wish you all a safe and refreshing summer break with family and friends, and look forward to an exciting 2022.

Kei ōu ringaringa te ao

**Greg Watson**  
Tumuaki | Principal

## Senior Prizegiving



This year we have gone online to celebrate the accomplishments of our senior students. Please find the link in our bio to the 2021 Mount Roskill Grammar School Senior Prize Giving

<https://youtu.be/0UuwiOoLeEg>

We have also attached the virtual order of events. Congratulations to all our prize winners. We hope you enjoy the presentation.

# MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## 2021 SENIOR PRIZE GIVING

Principal's Welcome - Mr Watson  
Board of Trustees - Marjet Pot  
Year 11 Subject Awards (4.32m)  
Year 12 Subject Awards (8.07m)  
Sports, Arts and Cultural Awards (13.10m)  
Special Awards (15.45m)  
House Distinction Certificates (18.11m)  
Year 13 Subject Awards (18.52m)  
Year 13 Special Awards (22.41m)  
Year 13 Top Awards (30.09m)  
Farewell Head Prefect Speeches (33.50m)  
Phoenix Tupa'i Samuel  
Chloe Vos

## Class of 2021

MRGS bids farewell to our Class of 2021.

Our Year 13s have consistently demonstrated resilience and courage in an exceptionally challenging year. Best Wishes as they embark on their greatest adventures yet.

Full Video on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/vhsveeqidoM>

## 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 cooperation 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 Dec 3rd (end of week 7)

### Seniors on Pathways

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

### Seniors sitting externals

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

### All other seniors

Returned during week 6 (beginning November 22)

### Purchasing Devices

Our IT support provider New Era Technology in partnership with Acquire has created an online School BYOD Program portal to support families in choosing a BYOD device and accessories.

Mt Roskill Grammar - [Recommended BYOD Devices \(acquire.co.nz\)](https://www.acquire.co.nz/recommended-byod-devices)

We now have a Mount Roskill Grammar School portal to facilitate the purchase of devices for learning. While families are in no way obligated to use this portal when buying their student's device, it does offer the following advantages:

- It features devices that have been **recommended by MRGS** and New Era to ensure they work effectively in the school environment.
- Device selection is designed to support the objectives of its teachers, leaders, and the Board of Trustees.
- A **one-stop-shop** for devices, accessories, warranties that are compatible and competitively priced.
- The **reassurance** that you are dealing with one of New Zealand's largest computers suppliers in partnership with New Zealand's largest dedicated ICT support company.

If you have any specific questions about your purchase, please contact the BYOD team on 0800 444 774

## Key Dates

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term on site for students
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Junior Prizegiving video released

### 2022 Term Dates

We have an orientation programme for our Year 9 students in the first three days of term. Our Year 13 and other leaders will support this programme. The activities in this programme are vital to engaging our new students after an unsettling period of lockdowns. Year 10, 11 and 12 students will attend for one day only in this first week.

<b>TERM 1 Start up</b>	<b>Who is on site?</b>
Wednesday 2 February	Year 9s, new students, Year 13s welcome a.m. Year 9s and Year 13 student leaders orientation programme p.m.
Thursday 3 February	Year 9s, Year 13 student leaders orientation programme Year 10s and Year 11s on timetable
Friday 4 February	Year 9s orientation programme Year 12s and Year 13s on timetable
Monday 7 February	<b>Waitangi Day holiday</b>
Tuesday 8 February	<b>All students on full timetable</b>

Term 1	Wednesday 2 February - Thursday 14 April
Term 2	Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July
Term 3	Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September
Term 4	Monday 17 October - Friday 9 December

## 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/TCu2pqgBh5SGcSiC8>

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](mailto:meagan.gaitau@mrgs.school.nz)

## Health Community Survey

We would love you to take 5 minutes to complete the Health Community Survey and “have your say” on the Junior Health Curriculum. For information on our current Health programme and overall vision, please see the draft statement.

[Community Health Survey](#)  
[2021 Draft Statement](#)

## Sursum Magazine

Our school magazine, Sursum, is now available for pre-order! The theme for 2021 is *"The World is Yours"*. 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!

## Mask Wearing

Our students have done a great job adjusting to wearing masks all day while they are in class. Under the COVID-19 Health Order it's a legal requirement that all students in Years 9-13, and staff, wear a face covering in an Alert Level 3 area when they are inside at school. Masks provide a barrier against the virus and are the best way to keep your child and others safe.

Here is a reminder below of the most effective way to wear a mask. It is also a good idea for students to bring a spare mask to school if they should need a change throughout the day or if their one breaks. Cloth masks with or without the MRGS logo are available from the Accounts office for \$2.



## Sports Uniform and Tracksuit Return

A reminder to all students that have participated in sport this year to please return their Sports Uniforms and Tracksuits 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](mailto:cameron.bitchener@mrgs.school.nz)



## Community Donations

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 run Mt Roskill Grammar School alumni food bank. If you would like to contribute this year, please bring a non-perishable food item to school **before Friday 11th December** and drop it into the Dean's centre. Non-perishable items include non-perishable food items such as: canned fish, canned vegetables (green beans, corn, tomatoes), canned fruit, spreads (marmite, peanut butter), rice and pasta. Thank you for your support.

## Uniform donations

Living the values of manaakitanga and whanaungatanga, can those of you leaving MRGS in 2021 please consider donating any uniform not needed by your family to those less fortunate in our community. Donations gratefully received by Jules in admin.

## 2022 Enrolments

In-zone applications now due. 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](mailto:enrolment@mrgs.school.nz)



## MRGS Job Vacancy



### Mount Roskill Grammar School - **Director of Cricket/1st XI Head Coach**

Mount Roskill Grammar School is seeking applications for a Director of Cricket position. The cricket programme has made huge strides in the right direction in the last 3 years with more numbers becoming interested in cricket and success in both the Boys and Girls teams.

You will be a passionate cricket coach who is keen to continue the development of the Mount Roskill Grammar Cricket Programme. You will be a key figurehead in the cricket programme where great leadership will drive a successful programme.

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Coaching 1st XI Boys Cricket Team (2X training per week and Saturday matches)
- Providing technical coaching to other MRGS Cricket teams (1X training per week)
- Creating and delivering a pre-season cricket programme
- Team Selections
- Development of cricket at MRGS

#### Applicants should have a combination of the following attributes:

- A sound technical and tactical knowledge of cricket
- Experience working with rangatahi
- Great interpersonal and communication skills
- Self-driven and a willingness to learn more
- Excellent organisational skills
- An ability to work independently and as part of a team

Any appointment will be conditional upon a satisfactory police vetting check and be fully vaccinated as per Ministry of Education regulations.

All applications can be sent to the Director of Sport [cameron.bitchener@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:cameron.bitchener@mrgs.school.nz) and include a cover letter and CV outlining all appropriate qualifications and experience.

Applications will close Wednesday 8th December at 5.00pm.

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Natasha, parent

### "Far less stressful than trawling through the shops with kids."

Dahna Hodgson, parent



### "The hardest part was getting up to grab my debit card!"

Using OfficeMax to order my daughter's stationery for her first year at high school was so easy. It took only a couple of minutes and I was able to choose when the package was delivered to my house.

Echo, parent

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