

Mount Roskill Grammar School

Term 3: Week 4



From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

Peace Week has been a time for our school community to come together and celebrate our values of manaakitanga and whanaungatanga. Throughout the week we have enjoyed a wide range activities and workshops organised by our student mediators to enhance understanding and connections between students. Well done to all students who participated and contributed to the week.

As the winter sports season draws to a close, I want to thank all the athletes who have participated with dedication and enthusiasm. The final games will take place over the next two weeks with several teams competing in competition playoff games. Thank you to all the staff and community managers and coaches whose dedication enables so many to enjoy participating throughout the season. Over one hundred students are looking forward to representing the school at winter tournament competitions in week 7 of term.

With the term almost halfway through it's time for our senior students to prepare for their upcoming exams which commence on September 4th. We encourage all students to approach them with a positive attitude and a strong commitment to their studies. Our teachers and support staff are here to assist students in their preparations.

Ngā manaakitanga



Greg Watson
Tumuaki | Principal

School Board

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

It is exciting to know that we are at a time of the year when the student representative on the School Board 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 School 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 kura. 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 kura and to participate at a high level at the kura. Please see information in notices, on noticeboards and in this newsletter about the timeline for the election. Nominations close on Tuesday 29 August.

There have been a number of information evenings and fono this term. Thank you to kaiako and whānau for continuing to discuss next steps for each taura's learning. Each taura should know where they are at in their learning, where they need to get to and how to get there.

With the winter sports' and co-curricular season heading into finals time, it is exciting to reflect, not only on results, but also on the learning that is gained from being involved in a team. The collaboration, strategy and team work all contribute to our taura's development as successful, powerful learners and active, responsible citizens.

Ngā manaakitanga



Marjet Pot
Presiding Member

Calendar

Date	Event
16 - 17 August	Team & extra-curricular photos
25 August	School Holiday - No students or staff onsite
28 August - 1 September	Winter Tournament Week
30 August	Out of zone enrolment applications close
4 - 20 September	Senior Exams
4 - 8 September	Tongan Language Week
11 - 15 September	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
14 - 15 September	Board Student Elections
20 September	Sports Awards Evening
22 September	End of Term

Sport photographs

On Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th of August we have team photos for our sports teams and extra-curricular groups. The schedule for these has been emailed to parents and students of all teams and groups having photos, and is accessible for students from their Kaiako.

For our photos to be consistent and of good quality we will need all our students to be dressed correctly in their sports uniform for the period of their photo, as well as boys being clean shaven (unless they have a beard-pass) and all students wearing only jewellery that is in line with our uniform policy. More information on the correct uniform and grooming requirements can be found on our School website here - <https://www.mrgs.school.nz/school-uniform/>. If students are unable to comply with these requirements, they will not be able to participate in the photos.

Phone use

Phone use in lessons is causing distraction to students ability to focus and engage in learning. Because students learning is important to us, this week we implemented additional layers to our phone expectations.

Our expectation of phones in lessons is:

Phones need to be on silent, in students' bags during lessons, unless directed by the teacher to be used for learning

Teachers will continue to communicate the schools expectations of phones. If phones are seen during lessons, students will be reminded of the expectations and asked to put phones in their bags. If a student is seen with their phone again, students will be asked to hand the phone to the teacher. At the end of the lesson, students will have a brief conversation with the teacher and their phone will be returned to them.

Teachers will record the phone use and confiscation of the phone via kamar. For students who have multiple reports from teachers of phone use, they will first have a conversation with their Dean. The second and subsequent times teachers report a student's phone use in lessons, parents will be contacted and will be asked to meet with the Deputy Principal of their child's House. In conversation with whānau, students' privilege to have their phone in school will be removed for a certain period of time.

If students lose the privilege of having their phone in school, they will be expected to hand the phone in to admin at the start of the day. They can come back at the end of the school day to get their phone back.

In order to support us with phone use in lessons, we ask for parents to only communicate with their child during break times. If there is an urgent matter, please contact admin and we will communicate with your child as soon as possible. This also enables us to support students with upsetting situations in the best possible way.

Teaching and learning time is precious. We need to maximise every minute of learning to ensure all students achieve their highest potential. Teachers need to be supported and empowered to teach and support learning. Our students have done a great job so far with improving the phone use in lessons, which we are very grateful for.

Peace Week



Sports

Winter Sports - Seasons coming to an end

With the winter Sports seasons coming to an end can we please remind students and families that all school playing uniforms need to be returned to their coach/manager or the Sports Department after their last game. It is imperative that this is done to ensure our students have playing uniforms for next season.

Winter Sports Draw:

You can find draw information for all Mount Roskill Grammar Sports teams on the link below. Please double check this the day before in case of any last minute changes to the draw.

[2023 MRGS SPORT TERM 2 - WEEKLY SPORT DRAWS & RESULTS](#)

Winter Sports Results Week 3 Term 3:

Football

1st XI Girls won 2-1 against Kings 1st XI
1st XI Boys won 4-2 vs. Avondale
2nd XI Boys won 6-2 vs. St Peter's
14B Boys won 5-0 vs. Auckland Grammar
13B Boys won 4-2 vs. Green Bay

Basketball

Junior Boys won 45-42 vs. Waitakere
Senior Boys won 100-75 vs Northcote
Senior Girls lost 68-82 vs Rangitoto

Girls Lacrosse lost 8-9 in the final vs. Avondale College

Netball

Premier Girls won 43-26 against Green Bay Premier
Year 10 A won 18-20 vs Baradene

Hockey

1st XI Boys won 3-2 vs. Macleans
1st XI Girls drew 1-1 vs. Howick College
Under 15 Boys won 2-1 vs. St Peter's

Rugby

Under 15 Boys won 7-5 vs. Onehunga
Girls 10's won 41-0 vs. Rutherford

Lunchtime Sport and Recreation Activities:

We will have a variety of activities taking place across all 3 gyms and the Fitness Centre during lunchtimes each day throughout Term 3. Please check our Sports Instagram page (mr.gs.sport) for what is happening each day or come along to the Sports/PE departments and the gyms to find out and get involved!

Netball Combined Points Tournament - Wednesday 9th August

Our Senior Girls Netball team competed in the annual Auckland Netball Combined Points Tournament last week. The competed well winning two out of their five matches against Massey High School and Aorere College. The tournament adds to the teams preparation for the Upper North Island Secondary School Netball Championships where the team will travel to Hamilton to compete during Week 7.



Alumni News



Meleana Puloka (2017) was guest speaker at the Mount Roskill Primary and Mount Roskill Intermediate FiaFia enrolment night.

Meleana is currently studying for her masters in Social Work. She spoke about the influence of her teachers throughout the campus.

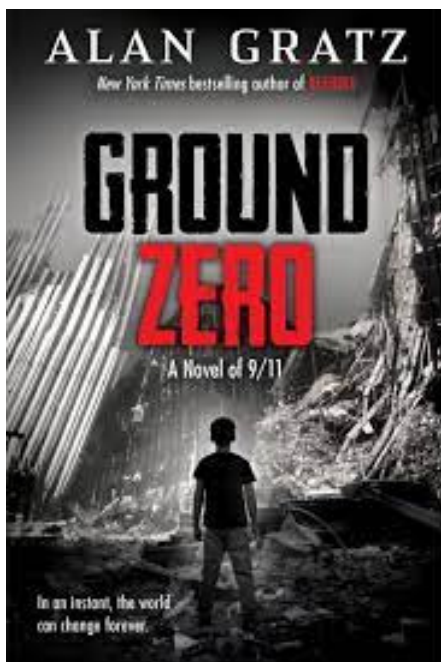
Her message to the students was to "bring who you are to Roskill"



Congratulations to Kenny Chan (2015) He has told us that his hard work, determination, and perseverance paid off.

Kenny graduated with Bachelor Of Business In Accounting.

Learning Hub Review



Ground Zero by Alan Gratz

This book follows two timelines. In 2001, 9 year old Brandon gets suspended from school and has to go to work with his Dad, who works at 'Windows on the World' - the famous restaurant on the 107th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Centre in Manhattan. Unfortunately for Brandon, the date is 11th of September.

18 years later, on the 11th of September 2019, 11 year old Rashmina is living in her village in the mountains of Afghanistan and has known nothing but war, a war built on revenge and retribution for an event she knows nothing about.

Gratz hasn't pulled any punches and the research he has done is breath-taking. It will connect our children to the events of that day that they will have only ever seen as photos or news footage. And an incredibly important book for adults too, especially those of us that remember sitting in front of our television screens all around the world, dumb founded and horror-stuck as we watched in real time as the planes hit, the people jumped and the towers fell.

It goes without saying there are some very triggering scenes in this book. Gratz has clearly done his homework on everything that was going on inside those towers that morning and scenes described are graphic and confronting. Elevators dropping, people catching on fire, bodies falling from the top floors in front of them and being in the mall under the Towers when they collapsed. It is confronting but, as with all good books, this may start uncomfortable but important conversations with trusted adults.

Exams

All students who will be taking part in NCEA this year will have received their National Students Number (NSN) card. It is vital that they use this card to log in online and that they take a photo of it. They will also need to show it at their end of year exams. Some students find that they forget their card but if they have a picture of it on their phones they will be ok.

Attendance

Attendance is incredibly important, our expectation is that students are here at school every day, unless they are sick or for another valid reason.

If your child is away, please contact attendance@mrgs.school.nz

Board Election



MOUNT ROSKILL
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

STUDENT ELECTION NOTICE

Student representative election for the School Board.

Nominations are invited for the election of one student representative to the School Board.

Nomination Forms and more information are available from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on

Tuesday 29th August

Keep an eye out on the student notices for
up-to-date information

**Voting is during interval and lunch breaks on
Thursday 14th September, and
Friday 15th September**



We welcome enrolment applications for students intending to start at Mt Roskill Grammar School in 2024. Enrolments are now open.

Out of Zone Applications Close: **Wednesday 30th August 2023 at 4pm.**

Ballot day is Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Results of the ballot will be emailed by Friday 8th September.

Online enrolment forms can be found at
<https://www.mrgs.school.nz/out-of-zone/> - <https://www.mrgs.school.nz/in-zone/>

Paper copy forms can be collected from the Mt Roskill Grammar School Reception in the Administration office or from your school office.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Haines on 09 621 0050
or email enrolment@mrgs.school.nz

We look forward to receiving your child's application and welcoming you
to our Mt Roskill Grammar School family.

