

Mount Roskill Grammar School

Term 4: Week 4



From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

All students are preparing for end of year assessments. The NCEA external examinations start on Monday November 6. Some senior students have been attending in school tutorials in preparation. Year 9 and 10 students are preparing for their end of year assessment which start on Tuesday November 14 following the teacher only day on November 13.

It was fantastic to recognise so many students' excellent academic and leadership achievements at the senior prizegiving. Congratulations to Fateema Islam on being named Dux, and to Tessa Bolland on her Proxime Accessit Award. We are extremely proud of the achievement of all our prize-winners. Congratulations also to Ms Fox and Mr Subramoney for their Staff Travel Awards recognising their leadership in supporting students' achievement.

We thanked our head prefects Tom Watkinson, Joshlyn Iyekepolo, Ricky Sagato, and Sofia Familiara for their excellent leadership and positive daily influence on the school and acknowledged the many students who have led houses, cultural groups, teams and served as tutors, mentors and coaches for other students.

A highlight of the evening was the recognition of two long serving teachers who are retiring. Mr Dass joined the school in 1986 as an experienced teacher, becoming Head of Science in 2002. He is renowned for his positive, cheerful involvement in the life of the school, his outrageous stories, his concern for his staff and desire for students to excel in the Sciences. Miss Hartstonge joined the school as a beginning teacher, employed by Principal Bruce MacLean in 1979 and was promoted to HOD History. After 45 years she is retiring as the longest serving teacher in the history of the school. She is renowned for her superb knowledge of the history curriculum, her determination to encourage students to take up tertiary study, and for the excellent results gained by her students. She has given her utmost to the school, and we thank her for her tremendous service.

Ngā manaakitanga

Greg Watson
Tumuaki | Principal



School Board

Kia ora koutou

It has been a real privilege attending the various graduation and prizegiving celebrations this term.

The Māori graduation provides our campus with an opportunity to connect and support the transition of each taura through our schools and back to the care of their whānau.

At the Pasifika graduation our graduates showed their gratitude for the support offered by their aiga. The combined support of our families alongside our kaiako strengthen the engagement and achievement of our learners.

The Arts Awards was a real celebration of the diverse range of music, dance, drama, and spoken word offered at our kura.

Senior prizegiving highlighted our highest achieving students in all areas of the kura. Congratulations to our premium scholars Dux - Fateema Islam, and Proxime Accessit - Tessa Bolland.

On behalf of the School Board I would like to congratulate the winners of our staff travel award: Ms Fox (Pasifika Lead Team) and Mr Subramoney (Mathematics/Calculus). This is an annual award enabling recipients to travel and visit other schools, seeking further ways to improve student outcomes in their specialist areas.

Congratulations to all prize winners, performers and graduates. Thank you to the kaiako, taura and whānau who made these events happen.

I wish our taura well for their NZQA and junior examinations.

Ngā manaakitanga

Marjet Pot
Presiding Member



Calendar

Date	Event
6 November - 5 December	NZQA External Examinations
13 November	NCEA Accord Day - Teacher Only Day
16 - 22 November	Junior Exams
1 December	Teacher Only Day
4 & 5 December	Wider Education
7 December	Junior Prizegiving Rehearsal - Finish Midday
8 December	Junior Prizegiving - Finish Midday
8 December	End Of Term

Photographs

Photo Life photographs have now been delivered to the school. If you have ordered any photographs please come to the admin office to collect these.

Pathways

Our Pathways programme is on during weeks four and five for senior students who have not been signed out on study leave. Students need to take their Pathways Planner document to Mrs Pringle in Administration or the Dean's centre when they have met the requirements for study leave and are ready to be signed out. Pathways timetables were emailed to students on Friday the 27th of October and will be emailed on Friday the 3rd of November with any changes that have been made for week five.

Wider Education

A reminder to all students and parent/caregivers of Year 9 and Year 10 students to make your activity selections and return permission forms for Wider Education. All deposits are due by Monday 6th November 5pm for all of the paid activities and these can be paid at the accounts office or online, see schedule in sports section below. Please note Super Mario is full. If you require a new form, printed copies can be collected from the Deans' Centre and the accounts office. Any questions relating to Wider Education can be sent to cameron.bitchener@mrgs.school.nz

Chromebooks

This year we have provided over three hundred Chromebooks for students to use to assist with their studies. With our senior students going on examination leave, we will need them to return their borrowed devices. If you still have a school device please return this to the admin office as soon as possible.

Exams

External Exams and Derived Grades

While there is lots to consider with External Examinations beginning on the 6th of November I wanted to draw your attention to what happens if your student is unable to attend an exam. (For more details on the exam procedure, a separate letter will be sent). Where students are justifiably unable to attend an exam - through sickness, bereavement, or the like - please email their Academic Dean and the Deputy Principal in charge of Assessment, Mr. Rees Skiff - rees.skiff@mrgs.school.nz. These people will walk you through the process and help determine whether or not your students circumstances are considered "justified" by NZQA.

Magazines

Sursum magazines can be purchased from accounts office for \$5, the years available are 2020, 2021 & 2022.

Uniform

As we are now getting warmer weather, please see below the uniforms reminders:

Reminders about uniform

- MRGS branded caps/bucket hats only
- Sandals, Ballet slippers, slip ons and canvas shoes are not part of our uniform
- Plain black socks only
- Only regulation MRGS jackets may be worn
- Hoodies are are not allowed

Uniform shop hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8am - 9am. Term time only.

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

Phone Use

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, whānau 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.

In order to support us with phone use in lessons, and maximise teaching and learning time, 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.

Chess



Chess Power National Finals Newsletter

On Saturday the 21st of October, our school chess team went to Alfriston College to compete in the Chess Power National Finals. We had eight players participate, with each playing nine games over an eight hour time span. It was an extremely tight contest, and after a long fight, MRGS ended up finishing in 3rd place just behind rivals One Tree Hill College (1st) and Hamilton Boys High School (2nd). While missing out on the victory is bittersweet, we are nonetheless extremely proud of yet another podium finish in national chess competitions.

Congratulations to Allie O'Callaghan for qualifying for the Championships trophy and to Mantra Bhatt, Pranav Shenoy and Dean Saunders who all finished 9th equal in the competition. Also playing onsite was Nathan Carpendale, Abraham Chanwong, Pratyush Khatiwada, and our club captain Ansh Trivedi.

Our B team also competed for points in the Chess Power National Finals by playing online: Maya Ali, Shaurya Gupta, Shahana Kulathungar, Spike Murray, Alex and Hamish Thomson and Jia Ming Tian.

Our young team will grow from this experience and return for next year's competition. New players are always welcome.



Māori Graduation



Congratulations to

Journey Cassidy - Marilyn Toi Trophy for Karanga

Caitlin Doolan - Marilyn Toi Trophy for Karanga

Ruby Ahlquist - Mana Wairua Trophy for Spiritual Strength

Nathan Carpendale - Te Iwi Ngaro Trophy for Best All Round Senior Māori Student

Daniel Greenaway - Taiohi Matataki Trophy for Overcoming Challenges

Shya Rewha-Ferrall - Mana Taiohi Leadership in Kapa Haka

Ryan Aramoana - Manawa Titi for Perseverance

Mitchell Greenaway - Whaikorero (Roimata Kaaka Trophy)



Pasifika Graduation



Congratulations to

Noma Talakia'atu - Samuel-Tupa'i Family
Scholarship

Opera Aleki - Gagana Samoa Award

Senior Prizegiving



Dux - Fateema Islam
Proxime Accessit - Tessa Bolland
Level 1 and 2
1st in Year 12 Ansh Trivedi
2nd in Year 12 Raina Singh
1st in Year 11 Alice Tran
2nd in Year 11 Gargee Joshi
Tertiary Scholarships
Ayesha Ibrahim - University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship - School Leavers
Arwa Laxmidhar - University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship
Naffes Rahman - University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship
Alfie Mackenzie - University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarship
Joyeal Jude-Nixon - University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship
Zahila Prasad - University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship
Kaveesha Piramanage - University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship
Anna Duesing - University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship
Fateema Islam - University of Otago Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship
Tessa Bolland - University of Auckland Faculty of Arts Scholarship
Noma Talakia'atu - Samuel-Tupa'i Family Scholarship (Making a Difference Y13 Pasefika Leadership Award)
Joshlyn Iyekekpolo - Sursum Foundation – Keith Hall Scholarship
Sinduja Pidugu - Techtorium Scholarship

Top Awards

Alyna Mithani - Hay Trophy for Academic Excellence in the Arts
Joshlyn Iyekekpolo - Head Prefects Award
Lily Mao - Enterprise Award
Latu Tavake - Enterprise Award
Tom Watkinson - Head Prefects Award

Special Awards
Maaiasepi Samuelu - The Thomas Cup for Top Year 12 Student Studying Level 2 Subjects
Ansh Trvedi - Chris Hassan Memorial Trophy for Leadership in Year 12
Amie Mao - Leslie Gunson Award for the Student who gains the Highest Overall Marks in NCEA Level 1 in the Previous Year
Sofia Familara - Margaret Hoogendoorn Trophy for Exceptional Leadership in Student Services
George Russell - Good Citizen Award
Aiysha Nagamiya - Fisher-Maher Peer Mentor of the Year Award
Aya El Gana - Whanaungatanga Cup for demonstrating participation, leadership and service in our community
Kate Yizhou Wang - International Student Award
Caitlin Doolan - MRGS Trophy for Qualities of Character
Joshlyn Iyekekpolo - Cruze Cup for Inspiration & Commitment
Dinahlee Faleafa - Mt Roskill Rotoract Cup for Integrity, Honesty & Service
Rhea Bhonsle - Gipps Trophy for Previously Unheralded Endeavour
Tom Watkinson - Saththiananthan Cup for Inspirational Leadership
Melanie Sands - Soma Family Award for Character & Excellence
Travis Noa - Lewis Cup for Dedication, Leadership & Humility
Fateema Islam - Ross Hamilton Trophy for Pursuit of Excellence

Top Awards

Alex Thomsom - Enterprise Award
Fateema Islam - Hay Trophy for Academic Excellence in Science
Noma Talakia'atu - Enterprise Award
Ayra Katira - Hay Trophy for Academic Excellence in Commerce

House Distinction Awards

Cooper House

Praise Paala
Naailah Riaz
Lucian Reedy
Earl Soriano
Eldana Habtom
Poiva Ainuu

Hillary

Noah Horgan
Priya Sandpa
Ayden Mita
Zoe Chen
Ayesha Ibrahim
Sioeli Tutone

Ngata

Melody Liang
Pradima Pitta
Fatima Asfia
Kartik Nath
Melanie Sands
Alex Thomson

Rutherford

Rekshan Fernando
Vicky Zhang
Ezra Ogbuze
Enkhuul Maibayar
Coco Chen
Jireh Stitt

Sheppard

Martia Adato
Nathan Kestle
Shadrach Palenapa
Nilam Patel
Alilia Sapoi
Vidit Vora

Arts Awards



Congratulations to

Ella Smith - Roskill Cup for Excellence in Debating

Stella Boyd - Best Senior Speaker

Prithi Sharma - Roskill Cup for Excellence in Debating

Christie Ale - Visual Arts Award for Growth and Development

Ruth Cen - Visual Arts Award for Excellence in Creativity

Louise Gray - Visual Arts Award for Contribution to the Art Department

Nathan Kestle - Most Progress in Senior Performance

Nell Dempsey - BRYYS Trophy for Musicianship Leadership

Sioeli Tutone - Oliver Huang-Hsu Composition Cup

Louise Gray - Raewyn Winny Memorial Cup for Contribution to Music at MRGS

Travis Noa - Graham Simonds Award for Musicianship

April Hartmann - BRYYS Trophy for Musicianship Leadership

Kate Yizhou Wang - Raewyn Winny Memorial Cup for Contribution to Music at MRGS

Rylee Ashman - The Comms Award for Excellence in Theatre Technology

Antacia D'Costa - Performing Arts Award for Growth and Development

Ravneet Kaur - Performing Arts Trophy for Excellence and Commitment to Co-Curricular Activities

Shania D'Mello - Performing Arts Award for Excellence in Choreography

Latu Tavake - Performing Arts Award for Excellence in Creativity

Finn Lavery - Performing Arts Award for Excellence in Performance

Noma Talakia'atu - Performing Arts Award for Excellence in Choreography and Performing Arts Trophy for Leadership



Sports

Junior Ki O Rahi Championships

On Thursday 18th October, 15 keen and eager Year 9 and 10 headed to Bert Henham Reserve to represent Mount Roskill Grammar School at the junior Ki o Rahi Championships. This was a proud moment for the school to have a team entered for the first time after having this game in our Physical Education classes over the past couple of years. The team were excited to get stuck in and in their novice grade, they won all three of their group games which pitted them against Waiuku College.

The final was won 25-10 by Waiuku but the students were proud to have won the silver medal.

Term 4 Summer Sports Results Highlights!

Cricket:

1st XI Boys 7/149 vs. Macleans 10/148

Girls 9 aside 0/94 vs. One Tree Hill 2/93

Junior Boys Colts 10/202 vs. Rosmini Colts 10/185

Volleyball:

Junior Girls 2-0 vs. Waitakere

Junior Girls 2-0 vs. Avondale

Junior Girls 2-0 vs. Auckland Girls

Junior Boys 2-0 vs. Lynfield



Water Polo:

Junior Mixed Team 5-5 vs. Kristin Mixed

Winter Sport Uniform Return:

With all winter sports now completed, can we please ask that all school sports uniforms and track suits are returned to the Sports department immediately. It is important that we get all uniforms back to ensure we have complete team sets for future years.

Wider Ed Activities

2023 Wider Education Programme		
Wider Ed Activity		Cost
Fun in the Sun Maximum 160 students	Rainbows End Parakai Hot Pools	\$115.00
Splash Maximum 30 students	Kayaking/Stand Up Paddle Boarding Mission Bay Parakai Hot Pools	\$130.00
FULL Super Mario Maximum 40 students	Tree adventures Game Over! Kart Racing/Laser Tag/Mini Golf	\$150.00
Island Hoppers Maximum 30 students	Explore Rangitoto Island Explore Waiheke Island	\$110.00
Fire and Ice Maximum 40 students	Paintball Paradise Ice Skating/Laser Tag	\$140.00
Finding Dory Maximum 40 students	Goat Island Snorkeling Jump Trampoline park/Mini Golf	\$120.00
Scale the Heights Maximum 40 students	Rainbows End Vertical Adventures Rock Climbing	\$115.00
Wet & Wild Maximum 60 students	Paintball Parakai Hot Pools	\$140.00
Slip and Slide Maximum 40 students	Snow Planet Ski/Snowboard + \$21 (if hiring ski jacket and pants) Parakai Springs	\$140.00
Escapades Maximum 40 students	Thrill Zone Escape Room/Laser Tag/Virtual Reality Vertical Adventures Rock Climbing	\$130.00
IN SCHOOL WIDER EDUCATION ACTIVITIES		
Let's get Arty Maximum 70 students	• Screen printing, card making, art activities, jewellery making	\$5.00
Paper & Dice Maximum 30 students	• See what you can accomplish armed only with your wits - and some dice!	Free
School Sport Maximum 110 students	• No experience necessary – OPEN to EVERYONE • You will take part in a range of sport including but not limited to Futsal, Cricket, Tag, Volleyball and Swimming	Free
WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER - IN-SCHOOL AMAZING RACE ALL JUNIOR STUDENTS		

For Beginners or Experienced players

LAWN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

For all Year 9 and 10 students - all abilities welcome!
Register at the Sports Department

Wednesday 8th November

Maclean Centre



Congratulations to our students who have their art on display at the 2023 InterAct Disability Arts Festival at Corbans Estate Arts Centre 10am-2pm, 1-3 November

International



Congratulations to all our International Student Ambassadors who were presented with their certificates and badges this week. Without these students our International short-term group programme wouldn't be possible so we thank you for your time and effort and being fantastic ambassadors for our school.

If you know of any year 8 students (year 9 in 2024) who would like to join the programme or get more information please contact Jade Harris at jade.harris@mrgrs.school.nz Thank you.

Family Host



If anyone would like to be a host family for our international students, please contact Amanda Wong: amanda.wong@mrgrs.school.nz

We have short-term and long-term students coming all year round from different countries. Please note that there is a 21-day police vetting process for anyone who has not been vetted. This will be organised by the school.



MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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

Online enrolment forms can be found at
<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.



Sponsorship



Helping fuel school sports

We reckon every kid deserves to play their part in school sports. So, we're proud to play our part in helping them get there.



Thanks to Caltex Dominion Road for their ongoing support of our sports teams.

2023 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Exams available digitally are shown in blue.					
¹ RAS exam for the subject is available digitally.					
Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 6 Nov	9.30 am	Japanese	Latin	Te Reo Māori	Calculus
	2.00 pm		French	Japanese Making Music Spanish	Latin
Tue 7 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	Drama
	2.00 pm	Geography ¹	Spanish	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	
Wed 8 Nov	9.30 am	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics	Dance	Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Thu 9 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics		Chemistry	Geography
	2.00 pm	Korean	Drama	Samoa	Statistics
Fri 10 Nov	9.30 am	English	Lea Faka-Tonga	Media Studies	Physics
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music		Accounting
WEEKEND					
Mon 13 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Samoa
	2.00 pm	Commerce Economics	Korean	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Biology
Tue 14 Nov	9.30 am	Science ¹	Chemistry		English
	2.00 pm	Gagana Samoa Gagana Tokelau Samoa Spanish Vagahau Niue	Geography	Biology	Art History
Wed 15 Nov	9.30 am		English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	Cook Islands Māori History Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani	Chinese	Accounting	German
Thu 16 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	History	Physics	Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Drama	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	Health	
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 17 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 20 Nov	9.30 am	Art History Te Reo Māori	Japanese	Latin Psychology Te Reo Rangatira	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
Tue 21 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Te Reo Rangatira	Drama Lea Faka-Tonga	History
	2.00 pm	Chemistry Chemistry & Biology	Classical Studies	Art History	Economics
Wed 22 Nov	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics	Korean	Media Studies
Thu 23 Nov	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance ¹	Earth & Space Science		
Fri 24 Nov	9.30 am	Physics Physics Earth & Space Science	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm		German	Home Economics	
WEEKEND					
Mon 27 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
	2.00 pm	Chinese Chinese (Mandarin)	Media Studies		
Tue 28 Nov	9.30 am	Religious Studies	Business Studies	French	Japanese
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		
Wed 29 Nov	9.30 am	Health	Education for Sustainability Samoa	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
	2.00 pm			Music Studies	Spanish
Thu 30 Nov	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance		Earth & Space Science



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