

Mount Roskill Grammar School

Term 4: Week 7



Kia ora koutou

It is wonderful to see our campus connections continuing to strengthen. Our relationship with Mt Roskill Intermediate and Mt Roskill Primary is a precious part of our identity.

Thank you to those involved in the Te Kete Rukuruku a Whakaotirangi project and the repainting of the Mt Roskill Primary School mural. The leadership shown by our students provides the younger members of our campus with great role models.

Year 9 and 10 Wider Education is an important part of our curriculum. All ākonga engaging in this opportunity, and our Amazing Race House challenge, next week will reap the benefit of working with others in a different context beyond the classroom.

We look forward to welcoming parents and caregivers to the Junior Prize Giving in the Butler Hall at 9.30am on Friday 8 December as we celebrate the hard work of our ākonga.

Kia ora koutou

I would like to acknowledge both our senior and junior taura for their commitment to their examinations. Thank you to our kaiako for the preparation, marking, moderation and feedback given. Whānau can help our taura by asking not just about results but about what they learnt, what they did well and what they could do better in future examinations.

Congratulations to our summer sports teams for their commitment and successes. Special mention and thanks to the coaches, managers and whānau who support these teams.

Congratulations to Tom Watkinson, who has received the College Sport Student Coach of the Year award. I look forward to more ākonga giving back and supporting our teams as coaches in 2024.



Karen Collins
Acting Principal



Majet Pot
Presiding Member

Calendar

Date	Event
6 November - 5 December	NZQA External Examinations
1 December	Teacher Only Day
4 & 5 December	Wider Education
6 December	The Amazing Race
7 December	Junior Prizegiving Rehearsal - Finish Midday
8 December	Junior Prizegiving - Finish Midday
8 December	End Of Term

Wider Education and the Amazing Race

In week nine of term four our junior students will be taking part in a range of engaging activities. On Monday December 4 and Tuesday December 5 we have a Wider Education programme for Year 9 and 10 students where they have selected activities either at school or in the community. They will need to be at school by 9am on both days, meet at pre-arranged meeting points, and proceed from there either to buses, or to their activity site within the school. All students will have had two briefings on what is required of them on these days. They will be released from school at 2.30pm, or when their buses arrive back to school.

On Wednesday December 6 all juniors will be involved in a school-wide Amazing Race. They will be competing in their Hui Ako classes throughout the day. School will start at 9am and will finish at 3.05. Students are to wear PE gear to school on that day.

Donations

Each year at Junior Prize Giving we collect non-perishable food items. These will be gifted to the Sursum Foundation, who provide food parcels to families in need within the Roskill Community. If you are able to contribute, please bring your item to the Deans Centre.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be closed for 2023 from Thursday November 23rd until the 22nd January 2024.

Homestays Needed



At the beginning of the year we have many new international students from 11 different countries starting their short or long-term study with us.

An important part of their time in New Zealand is the family they stay with and these relationships often last way beyond when the student leaves.

If you have a spare room and a warm heart to welcome a student from overseas, we'd love to hear from you.

Payment to you as the host is \$325 per week and a police vet is necessary before hosting commences.

For more information or to express interest please contact Amanda.wong@mrgs.school.nz

Te Kete Rukuruku a Whakaotirangi Project



“Ka tangi te Pīpīwharaua, ko ngā karere a Mahuru”

The arrival of the pīpīwharaua signals the beginning of planting of kumara.

On Monday 13 November, our kura launched a Mātauranga and Science project focussing on kumara. The project “Te Kete Rukuruku a Whakaotirangi” is looking at the science and mātauranga around growing of kumara and soil types used. Our rangatahi worked with tamariki from Mount Roskill Primary, Mount Roskill Intermediate and Professor Nick Roskrige from Tāhuri Whenua and Massey University. From this, mātauranga opportunities will occur working with Marae and connecting potentially to māra in Waikato, Parihaka and Te Tai Tokerau in 2024. There are also opportunities for Level 1 and 2 students to gain credits from their learning and work from Science or Education for Sustainability. If whānau want to be involved please contact the school.

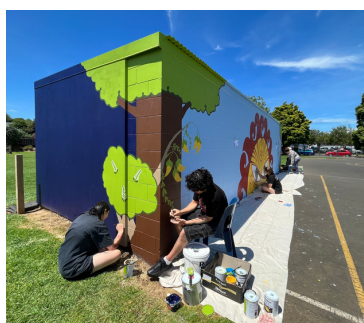


Sunwall Mural



Level 2 Theatre Technology got an amazing opportunity to collaborate with Mt Roskill Primary in redesigning and repainting the sunwall – a dominant feature of their playground, visible from Frost Road.

After weeks of designing, consulting, colour choosing and investigating plants native to Puketāpapa, we were let loose on the wall, covering all four sides of the structure. The students worked four days in the blaring hot sun and were very appreciative to MRPS for the pizza and ice blocks. It was awesome to hear the comments and feel the excitement from the staff and students.



Thanks to Resene Mt Roskill and Bunnings Mt Roskill for their generous donations and to the students who made this all come together.

Students involved: Rylee Ashman, Rikuya Chiga, Frances Damu, Tanishka Desai, Sahara Enayat, Kal-El Fuemana, Isabella Marsters-McLennan, Jonathan McCann, Lai Peauvale, Disha Thakur, Mackenzie Walley and Shreya Walthati

Certificates

We have a range of certificates that students haven't collected from Prizegiving, Values Awards and Mathematics Championship. Please come the admin office to collect these before the end of term four.

Photographs

School photos from PhotoLife have now arrived at Mt Roskill Grammar School. If you have ordered any photographs please come to the admin office to collect these.

Chromebooks

All school-supplied Chromebooks now need to be returned with their chargers. These can be delivered to our main reception. We urgently need them back in order to do maintenance over the summer break so that we can continue to provide this service for our students, and to support NZQA online assessments from 2024 onwards. They will be disabled on Wednesday November 29.

College Sport Auckland



Aktive Student Coach of the Year Winner – Tom Watkinson

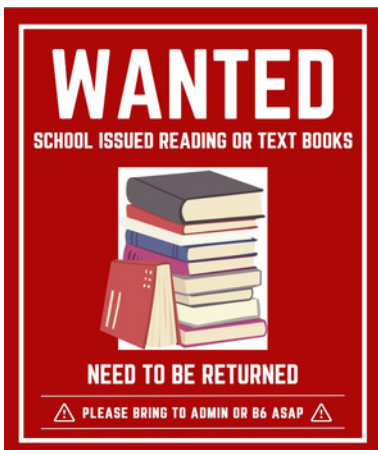
A huge congratulations to Tom Watkinson who won the Aktive Student Coach of the Year award at Thursday nights College Sport Auckland Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards for 2023.

Tom was nominated for his contributions to coaching football at Mount Roskill Grammar School this year, working with our 14A Boys Football team.

The award is thoroughly deserved and a recognition of Tom's commitment to his players, his coaching expertise and willingness to develop, and service he has provided as a student coach to our school.

Congratulations Tom.

Text Book Returns



Text books and English texts can be returned to the school by dropping them at the Admin block or returning them directly to the B6 resource room.

Please have a hunt around for any texts you might still have. There are currently almost 700 books that have been lent to students.

Phone Use

Our expectations of phones in lessons are:

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.

Alumni News



One of the recipients of the Pacific Education Award by the Ministry of Education was the South Auckland Maths Challenge run by Josephina Tamatoa and alumna **Katalina Ma**.

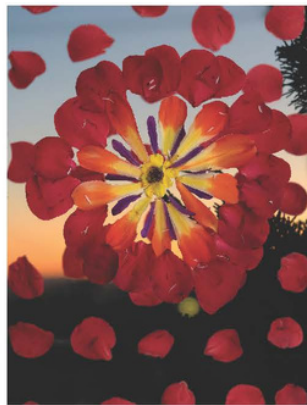
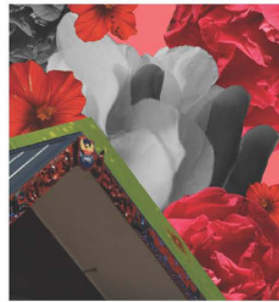
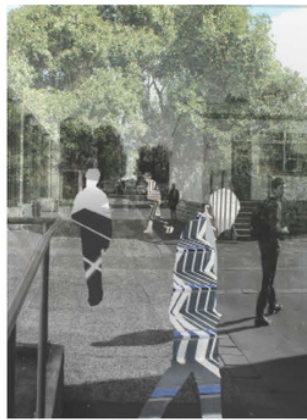
Katalina Ma is an alumna student and staff member, and was most recently our guest speaker at Pasifika Graduation.

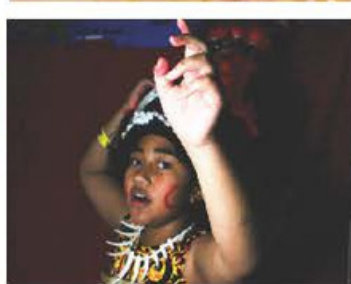
The South Auckland Maths Challenge is a University initiative aiming to help prepare Māori and Pacific students excelling in mathematics to tackle regional competitions.

Katalina said "We do it because we see a need and we want students to succeed in subjects that are not necessarily easy."

Congratulations to Katalina on this prestigious award.

Senior Visual Art





Sports

Wider Education - Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th December

A reminder to all students and parent/caregivers of Year 9 and Year 10 students to ensure all Wider Education activity permission forms have been returned to the Sports Department or Accounts Office. Payments for the paid activities are now overdue, and full payment needs to be made immediately. Any questions regarding Wider Education including payments, please email cameron.bitchener@mrgs.school.nz.

College Sport Auckland YSPOTY Awards Finalists:

Congratulations to Tessa Bolland and Tom Watkinson for being selected as finalists for the 2023 College Sport Auckland Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards. Tessa was a finalist for Archery and had a great year, she finished in 2nd place in the Individual Recurve College Sport Archery League. Tom was a finalist in the Student Coach of the Year section for his contributions to coaching Football again this year with the 14A Boys Football team.

Junior Volleyball Auckland Championships:

Both Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams had an awesome three days out at Pulman Park during Week six competing against Auckland's best junior volleyballers. The girl's team had a great tournament finishing 19th out of 48 entered teams, led by Year 13 Coach Kalarnee Stunzner. The boys also had a great tournament, getting better every game and winning their final game of the tournament against local rivals Lynfield College in the third set to place 31st from 49 teams. Thanks to our Coaches Kalarnee and Ester, and all the helpers and family support that was received over the three days. The students had an awesome time.

Junior Tag Football Tournament Day:

During week five our Junior Boy's Tag Team competed at the Central North Western Zone Tag Tournament at Moire Park in Massey. The boys competed well with a good win against Lynfield College, however they came up against two very strong teams in Rangitoto and Kelston Boys in pool play. The team closed out the day well finishing fourth place in the plate section with wins against Massey High School and Liston College.

Alumni News:

It's awesome to see two former Mount Roskill Grammar football girls featuring in the Women's National League Grand Final. We wish both of the girls good luck for their respective teams; Bree Johnson Auckland United FC, and Maddie McCormick Southern United FC.

Term 4 Summer Sports Results Highlights

Cricket:

Girls 9 Aside Win Term 4 B Grade Pool B T20 Competition

Congratulations to the girls Cricket team who beat Lynfield College in their final this week to take out the Term four competition 2/111 vs. 8/77. Some outstanding performances throughout the season by all of the girls, and great to see some of the new players enjoying cricket.

1st XI Boys 10/262 vs. Avondale 1st XI 10/144

2nd XI Boys 2/121 vs. Auckland Grammar Senior Pink 10/120

Junior B Boys 2/93 vs. Liston 2nd XI 10/90

Touch:

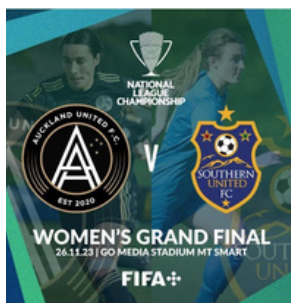
Junior Girls drew 3-3 vs. Auckland Girls

Water Polo:

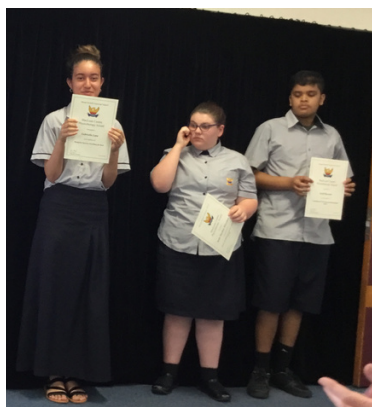
Junior Mixed won 7-3 vs. Carmel B

School Sport Uniform Return:

With the majority of sport now completed for 2023, 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.



Maclean Centre Prizegiving



Congratulations to all our prize winners, including our trophy winners; George Russell, Anshu Rao, Aaron Fernandez, Qasim Al, Flora Gorton, Vavega Tuitulua, Daniel Abbott and Wally Cresswell.

Maclean Centre Talent Express



Students from the Maclean Centre had the opportunity to showcase their varied talents in the "Talent Express" event last Friday (10 Nov).

The audience were wowed by some amazing performances including a range of cultural dances, singing and even plate spinning! We are looking forward to next year's show already.



Chinese Calligraphy Competition



In June this year, 25 students from our year 10 – 13 Chinese classes participated in the The 14th New Zealand Chinese Calligraphy Competition 2023.

Excellence and Merit prizes were awarded to 17 of our students. The list of students' names is:

2nd prize: Ze Xi Wang

3rd prize: Sunny Zhang

Merit prize: Annie Ma, Lauren Chen, Cristina Xu, Karina Chen, Bill Zhang, Bianca Zhang, Siyi Zhong, Natalie Hu, Vicky Zhang, Zhiliang Xie, Xiao Xu, Zhiling Lin, Ivan Ching Kiu Tse, Fatima Asfia, Cynthia Zhang

Congratulations to above prize winners! Furthermore, our school was awarded the Best School in this year's competition.



Mathematics

Informatics Competition



Four Year 10 students, Una Gasic, Jennifer Li, Natalia Sanchez and Lutfiyah Zaima participated in the annual Informatics Competition for Girls at the University of Auckland. Out of 42 teams from Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Otago and Wellington, they came 12th and 18th in the country and 2nd and 3rd in Auckland.

They got silver and bronze medals and e-vouchers.

Congratulations to Una, Jennifer, Natalia and Lutfiyah.

Mathematics Competition

This year 17 students sat the Australian Mathematics Competition. Three students gained High Distinction, three students gained Distinction and four students gained Credit. Congratulations to all participants.

High Distinction

Christopher Mara
Hayden Carpendale
Shahana Kulathungar

Distinction

Jessica Huang
Joanne Huang
Lutfiyah Zaima

Credits

Carlo Albano
Haaris Bhutta
Hilson Cai
Joshua Epream
Amina Khan





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.

THE TECHNOLOGY THAT CONNECTS US ALSO CONTROLS US

the social dilemma

"Social Dilemma" Film Screening and Panel Discussion

The psychological effect of social media on adults and young adults

*The rise of social media companies like Facebook, TikTok, and X/ Twitter has reshaped modern life, especially for young adults.

What may not be widely known is the serious psychological underpinnings of these platforms and the subtle manipulation techniques they utilize are closely connected to a growing number of problems in society.

The highly acclaimed film, "The Social Dilemma" dives into the consequences of our growing dependence on social media and reveals how social media is reprogramming society with tech experts sounding the alarm on their own creations.*

29 NOVEMBER
2023



Wednesday 29 Nov, 6:00pm start

Cost: Free

Fisher & Paykel Appliances Auditorium,
Sir Owen G. Glenn Building
12 Grafton Road, Auckland CBD,
Auckland 1010

Parking available for a fee under building.

RSVP: Film@state.gov

Panel featuring:

Nathan Wallis

Dr Samantha Marsh

Dr Jessica Stubbing

Dr Alex Beattie

MOSQUE OPEN DAY

MASJID AL-RAHMAN

Everybody welcome!



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Sunday, November 26, 2023

10:00AM - 2:00PM

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Contact:

Dr Mazher - 0273025646

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH:



2023 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Exams available digitally are shown in blue.					
* 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 Samoan 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 'Ārani	Chinese	Accounting	German
Thu 16 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	History	Physics	Te Reo Rangitira
	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 Rangitira	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
Tue 21 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Te Reo Rangitira	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 Rangitira	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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Free Event

Event Address: YMCA Cameron Pools-53 Arundel St, Mt Roskill

Date: 25th November 2023

Time 8am start

Walk or run - 2.5km, 5km, 10km

More information contact Ella Kumar 0210477642 or

Vandana Patel 0211249639

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FUN RUN AND WALK

Free Event