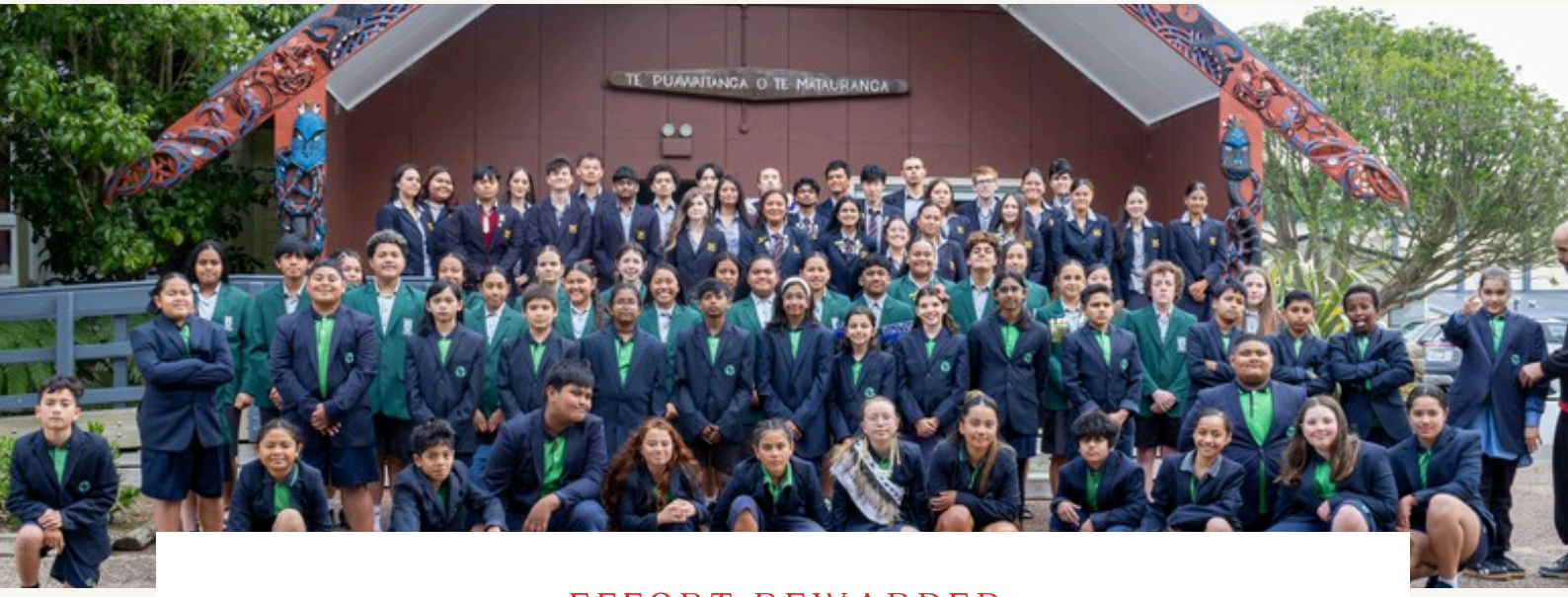
Mount Roskill Grammar School
NEWSLETTER



EFFORT REWARDED

Passion, Persistence, and Pride



Academic Successes

Congratulations to Jennifer Li and Joshua Epream who are this year's Dux and Proxime Accessit.

From our Principal

Kia ora koutou,

Our Senior Prizegiving is the culmination of our celebrations of senior student success for the year and took place on Wednesday 4 November. Our students' achievements never cease to amaze me, and I was very proud of all of the students who crossed the stage.

I would particularly like to acknowledge and congratulate the recipients of our two top academic awards - Proxime Accessit Josh Epream, and Dux Jennifer Li.

Another recent celebration of student success was our Māori Graduation that took place on Thursday 29 October. Māori Graduation is a special occasion as it combines all three campus schools in one event.

We celebrated students as they graduate from Year 6 into intermediate school, Year 8 into secondary school and Year 13 as they move on to their path beyond school.

I want to wish all our senior students the best of luck for their NCEA external exams, which start on Tuesday. Preparation is the key to making sure you go into the exams with the confidence you need to be successful.

Our revision workshops are running for the next few weeks and provide a great opportunity for students to do the last pieces of revision before their exams.

Ngā manaakitanga

Tom Webb
Tumuaki | Principal



A Message from the School Board

Talofa lava, kia ora koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

As we near the end of another year at MRGS, I have had the privilege of witnessing two events that reflect the heart of our school community: excellence, identity, culture, and belonging.

The Māori Graduation brought together students, whānau, staff, and leaders from across the Mt Roskill campus schools. Far more than an awards ceremony, it powerfully celebrated whakapapa, connection, and the strength of Māori culture across our campus pathway.

Seeing our tamariki and rangatahi proudly embrace their culture alongside their whānau was deeply moving, and thanks to everyone whose hard work, warm manaakitanga, and wonderful kai brought our community together to celebrate the next generation of Māori leaders.

Our Senior Prizegiving was a celebration filled with pride and emotion. We recognized the outstanding achievements of our Year 11–13 students and farewelled 400 Year 13 leavers, confident they will make a positive impact ahead wherever life takes them.

To our seniors preparing for exams: study diligently and trust your preparation. As we say in te reo Māori, *kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui* - be strong, be brave, be steadfast. And in Samoan, *Ia manuia au taumafaiga ma ia fa'atasi pea le Atua ma outou i ala uma o lo outou lumana'i.* "Success is not measured by how far you go alone, but by how many lives you inspire and uplift along the way."



Kia manuika, ia manuia

Leatuao Larry Tupa'i-Lavea
School Board Presiding Member

Uniform Information

To assist with the cost of uniforms, the School Board has decided to **remove the need for both a junior and senior school shirt.**

The MRGS shirt with the gold phoenix will become the only shirt available for purchase after the existing senior shirts run out. Either style can be worn as official uniform by any year level.

Reminder: uniform details are on the school website or on Prestidges' website, our school uniform supplier.

Prestidges Uniform Shop Hours:
65 New North Road, Eden Terrace
Closed for Christmas at 1pm, 19 December
Reopens on Wednesday 6 January 2027 at 9am.
Mon-Wed: 9am-5pm
Thurs: 9am-7pm (7,14,21,28 Jan - 4 Feb 2027)
Fri: 9am-4pm
Sat: 9am-3pm (9,16.23,30 Jan - 6 Feb 2027)

Y9 & 10 SMART Assessments

In Weeks 4 and 5, Year 9 and 10 students will complete SMART assessments during Period 2 and Hui Ako. SMART (Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool) is a low-stakes (not an exam) online learning check-in to track your child's progress in reading, writing, and maths.

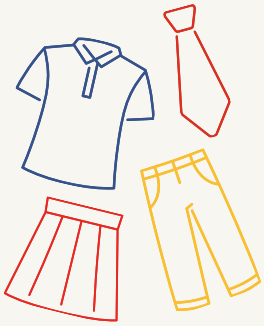
Students must bring a fully charged device to school each day; a limited number of spare devices will be available on the day if necessary.

Year 10 SMART Assessments
Reading: Tuesday 10th November
Writing: Wednesday 11th November
Maths: Thursday 12th November

Catch-up for Year 9 and 10 students:
Friday 13th November
Period 1 & 2 in the Hall

School uniform donations

We have several students and families in need every year, and your generosity enables us to help them.



Please donate junior and senior shirts, skirts, shorts, trousers, ties, scarves, PE uniforms and school blazers.

Please bring them to the front office (once you've finished using them for your exams).

Appointments



We request that, whenever possible, appointments be scheduled outside of school hours.

If your child has an appointment during school time, please let us know in advance by letting our attendance officer know before 9 am so we can arrange for the student to be ready at the time you require.

Please be mindful that sometimes it can take time to get your child from class, so letting us know in advance ensures you can make the appointment on time.

Nurses at MRGS

We are very lucky to have an enhanced based health service, with a fantastic team of nurses to support our students.

Learning remains the priority, and **students are encouraged to utilise the nurses during break times, seeking support only during class time if they are extremely unwell.**
Please keep your child home if they are unwell.

Reporting Absences

If your child is unable to attend school, please get in touch with us as soon as possible. The fastest way to do this is via the **Schoolbridge app**.

Schoolbridge App Download Instructions

Key dates

Mon 9 Nov	**Staff Only Day (Juniors study at home)**
Tues 10 Nov	**Start of NZQA Exams** **Y10 SMART Reading Assessment**
Wed 11 Nov	**Y10 SMART Writing Assessment**
Thurs 12 Nov	**Y10 SMART Maths Assessment**
Fri 13 Nov	**Catch up SMART Assessment for Y9 & 10s**
Sat 14 Nov	**Y8 Enrolment Interviews**
Mon 23 - Fri 27 Nov	**Junior Exams**
Fri 4 Dec	**End of NZQA Exams** **Amazing Race**
Mon 7 - 8 Dec	**Wider Ed**
Thurs 10 Dec	**Junior Prizegiving** **End of Term 4**

Senior Prizegiving

















Senior Prizegiving










Senior Prize giving

Dux - **Jennifer Li**
Proxime Accessit - **Joshua Epream**

Level 1 & 2
1st in Year 12 - **Lily Maplesden**
2nd in Year 12 - **Damian Dao**

1st in Year 11 - **Alicia Ting**
2nd in Year 11 - **Isaac Wu**

Tertiary Scholarships
Hayden Carpendale - University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship

Adrian Chong - University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship

Rijul Angurala - University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship

Ohm Patel - University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship

Joshua Epream - University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship

Jennifer Li - University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship

Lutfiyah Zaima - University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship

Varsha Sreeram Babu - University of Auckland 140th Anniversary Academic Scholarship

Una Gasic - University of Auckland 140th Anniversary Academic Scholarship

Rosaline Hansen - University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship

Adra Kaufusi - University of Auckland Vaka Moana Scholarship

Erica Lao - University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – School Leavers Tier 2

Tertiary Scholarships
Taka Xu - University of Auckland Academic Potential Scholarship – School Leavers Tier 2

Agnus Shibu - University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship

Natalia Sanchez - University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship

Isabelle Ngai - University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship

Malissa Fifita - University of Otago Pacific Peoples' Scholarship

Bernadette Tamiano - Samuel-Tupa`i Family Scholarship (Making a Difference Y13 Pasefika Leadership Award)

Bernadette Tamiano - The Wilkinson Excellence Award

Top Awards
Tiali Mafoe - Enterprise Award
Una Gasic - Enterprise Award
Nate Glover - Enterprise Award
Fatima Kaji - Enterprise Award

Thevin Jayakody Arachchilage - Hay Trophy for Academic Excellence in Commerce
Joshua Epream - Hay Trophy for Academic Excellence in Science
Bernadette Tamiano - Hay Trophy for Academic Excellence in Arts

Joshua Epream - Head Prefects Award
Aanya Shukla - Head Prefects Award

Special Awards
Hayden Carpendale - MRGS Trophy for Qualities of Character

Joshua Epream - Soma Family Award for Character & Excellence

Kiara Hauraki - Mt Roskill Rotoract Cup for Integrity, Honesty & Service

Senior Prize giving

Special Awards

Jennifer Li - Ross Hamilton Trophy for Pursuit of Excellence

Natalia Sanchez - Gipps Trophy for Previously Unheralded Endeavour

Aanya Shukla - Saththiananthan Cup for Inspirational Leadership

Varsha Sreeram Babu - Lewis Cup for Dedication, Leadership & Humility

Bernadette Tamiano - Cruze Cup for Inspiration & Commitment

Mannat Sethi - Bowden Trophy for Strength with Dignity

Sydney Makakea - Donna Hourigan-Johnston Peace Activist Award

Alice Wright - Fisher-Maher Peer Mentor of the Year Award

Ethan Roscoe - Good Citizen Award

Jenny Nguyen - International Student Award

Harry Mellor - Chris Hassan Memorial Trophy for Leadership in Year 12

Lily Maplesden - Leslie Gunson Award for the Student who gains the Highest Overall Marks in NCEA Level 1 in the Previous Year

George Maplesden - The Thomas Cup for Top Year 12 Student Studying Level 2 Subjects

Vavega Tuiutuloa - Mintram Cup for Tūmanakotanga

Laasya Kandipalli - Margaret Hoogendoorn Trophy for Exceptional Leadership in Student Services

Natalia Sanchez - PSSP Cup for Leadership in the SafeTalk Programme

Varsha Sreeram Babu - Whanaugatanga Cup for demonstrating participation, leadership and service in our community

Prateep Thiruvarulchelvam - Parmar Cup for Academic Excellence in Level 2 Sciences

Lauren Chen - David Garraway Award for Divergent and Innovative Design Thinking

House Distinction Awards

Cooper House
Arabella Fernandez
Aidyn Mafaz
Sara Zia
Zohra Azizi
Richard Mohi
Jasdeep Singh

Hillary House
Lanisha Fernandes
Bernice Moore
Sujaay Subramanian
Asma Mohamed
Harper-Lee Vavetuki - Makata
Sujan Pidugu

Ngata House
Ben Epream
Arene Kong
Tanu Kolio
Navya Machi Peddi
Melinda Singh Orellana
Ethan Roscoe

Rutherford House
Kris Kolia
Soliana Hailu
Tayyiba Mankda
Damian Dao
Annelliesse Folaumoetao
Thevin Jayakody Arachchilage

Sheppard House
Taybah Kasim
Meera Pednekar
Ava Everson
Uwaim Patel
Victoria Petelo
Ilma Ismail

Māori Graduation















CAREERS

Year 13 Nailed it Graduation - NZMA

On 23 October, our Year 13 Nailed It students celebrated their graduation at NZMA's Mount Wellington campus, recognising their hard work and achievements throughout 2026.

We are incredibly proud of our 14 students who completed their trades courses. Four students received a Level 3 Electrical certificate, while 10 earned a Level 3 BCATS certificate.

All 14 students received a lei from Kris Gower, National Community Engagement Manager at NZMA, to celebrate their achievements.

We also celebrated some outstanding individual achievements. Yese Mukorumbone received the Most Improved Student award for BCATS Trades Academy, while Pahemata Tukia was named Best BCATS Trades Academy Student for 2026. This is a fantastic achievement for Pahemata and a proud moment for our school, celebrating a young wahine succeeding in a trade industry traditionally dominated by men.

Our Nailed It students have shown great commitment and determination, attending NZMA every Thursday and Friday throughout Terms 1 - 4.





Well done to our 2026 Year 13 Nailed It students!

Level 3 Electrical Students:
Kainos Chan Chui
Harlem Davis-Wilson
Kyzark Renolds-Goodenough
Khabir Noori
Amone Netane

Level 3 BCATS Students:
Gordon Campbell
Spencer Cowley-Lupo
Andrew Fatu Reti
Tyson Isaako
Malifa Meni
Yese Mukorumbone
Andre Pau
Cassie Pau
Tu'ihakavalu Patolo
Fanini Patolo
Pahemata Tukia

Your Education Presentation

On 2 November, 23 students from Years 9-11 gathered in the Learning Hub to hear from Olivia from Your Education about the exciting opportunities available through high school exchange programmes.

Students learned that exchange programmes allow them to spend anywhere from one month to a year overseas, living with a host family, attending a local school, and experiencing a new culture firsthand. They also heard how local representatives support students and organise activities to make the most of their time abroad.

A highlight of the presentation was Kaia's story about her three-month exchange in Italy. She described it as "the trip of a lifetime," sharing how she grew in confidence and independence, made lifelong friends, and found a second family in her host family.

The presentation showed that a high school exchange is more than just travel; it is an opportunity to build confidence, create lifelong connections, and gain experiences that can shape your future.

For further information, click here.

Apex Term 4 Community Projects

Focused on generosity, Apex (Aspire - a Salvation Army youth programme) has launched four student projects to create positive, lasting community impact.

Year 9 Girls: Students will collect and assemble sanitary kits for women experiencing hardship. The kits, made from donated sanitary products, will be distributed through a local women's support organisation.

Year 9 Boys: The group will host a Free Sausage Sizzle at Molly Green Reserve on 18 November, providing an opportunity to give back to the local community and create a welcoming space for connection and fellowship.

Year 10 Girls: Students will create a garden flower bed near R Block, enhancing the school environment while creating a lasting legacy that future Apex groups can continue to maintain and develop.

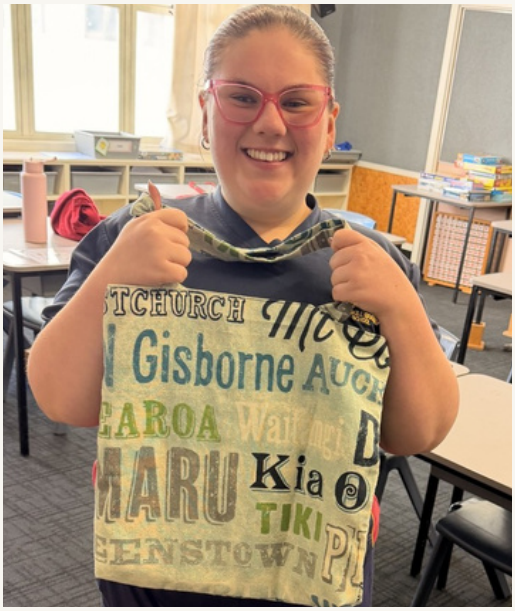
Year 10 Boys: The group will design and create a mural that reflects the values and spirit of MRGS. The mural will provide a sustainable and lasting contribution to the school while honouring Mr John Leen for the significant impact, guidance, and support he has provided throughout their journey at MRGS.

Through these projects, students demonstrate leadership, service, and generosity, making a proud and positive difference in our community.





InterAct Festival



Katie MacKay-Wiesehan from the MacLean Centre won first prize in one of the competitions at the InterAct Festival in October!

Participants were challenged to match each numbered model to the correct name on the quiz sheet. It was a last-minute activity, and Katie was busily filling in her answers as everyone began making their way to the bus!

Despite the last-minute rush, Katie came out on top! Katie won a $25 voucher to spend on craft supplies. Well done Katie

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Badminton Success

Congratulations to MRGS student Ben Rambaud, who proudly represented New Zealand at the 2026 VICTOR BWF World Junior Championships in Cairo, Egypt.

One of just eight players selected for the New Zealand team, Ben competed against some of the world's top junior badminton players and helped New Zealand secure a 20th-place finish out of 47 countries in the Suhandinata Cup Team Event.

A special thank you to Ben's coaches, supporters, and whānau for the encouragement and commitment that have helped make this achievement possible. We're proud of the way Ben represented himself, his whānau, New Zealand, and MRGS on the international stage.

Wider Education 2026



A friendly reminder to please complete any outstanding permission slips and/or payments for Wider Ed!

Paper permission slips can be collected from the Sports Department, and payments can be made online or in person at the Accounts Office. Please check your emails for online payment details.

Volunteers needed! Coaches, managers & officials!

The MRGS Sports Department is always on the lookout for volunteers to support in coaching, managing and officiating sports throughout the year in all of our Sports Codes. If you are interested and available to support a sport,

please contact the Sports Department - **sports.department@mrgs.school.nz**

Sports Draw & Results

All fixtures and results are updated weekly at the link below.

MRGS Sports T4 - Weekly Sports Draw & Results

Support MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS

Purchase any item of your choice from MRGS SPORTS UNIFORM & SPORTS EQUIPMENT supplier in store or online to get a 10% discount and 10% sponsorship to MRGS Sports. Use code MRGS26 on a wide range of products from school shows to various sports equipment and clothing.

Excludes Kookaburra balls, repairs and already discounted products.

Ice Figure Skating Success

Alyssa was away competing at the 2026 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating National Championships, held in Gore, where she represented Glenburn Figure Skating Club in the Juvenile Ladies category.

All of her dedication, training and hard work paid off, with Alyssa taking home the gold medal and the title of New Zealand National Champion in Juvenile Ladies!

Her whānau and school are incredibly proud of her achievement, especially knowing how much time, effort and commitment she has put into her skating throughout the year.

It was a wonderful way to finish such a big season for her!





MRGS Old Boys vs Current First XI Hockey Boys Game



A great evening of hockey played in the right spirit, with plenty of flair on display.

A tight contest came down to the wire, but the Current 1st XI finished strong in the final quarter to claim a 6–4 victory over the Old Boys team.

Thanks so much to everyone who took part. Huge mihi to Mr Grant for organising.

MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

We are now accepting 2027 In-Zone applications

Scan this QR code to start your MRGS application