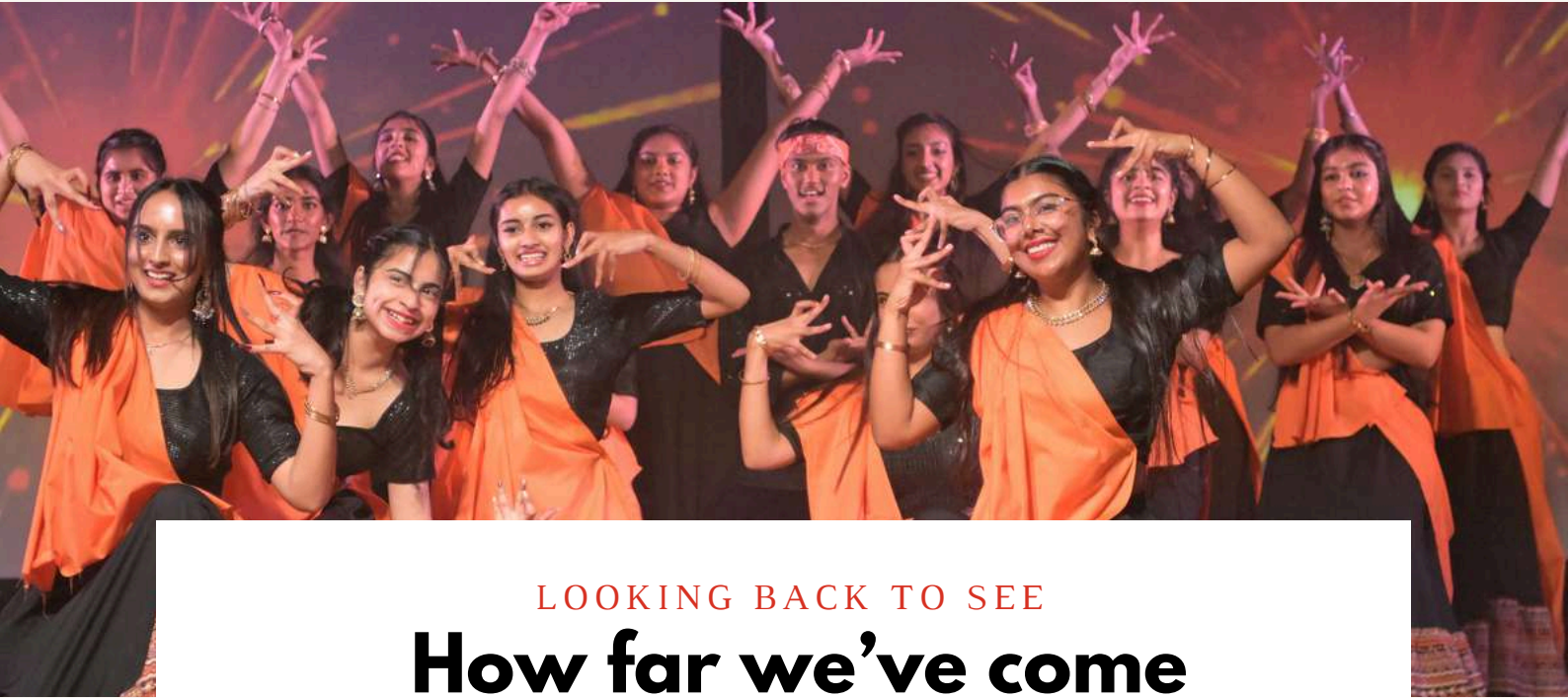




Mount Roskill Grammar School
NEWSLETTER



LOOKING BACK TO SEE
How far we've come



Achievement Checkpoint

As Term 2 draws to a close, we acknowledge the remarkable achievements our taura have accomplished.



From our Principal

Mānawatia a Matariki.

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and the celebration of Matariki last week.

At Mount Roskill, we celebrated early one morning with a visit to our local maunga - Puketāpapa. In the dark morning sky you could just about pick out the Matariki star cluster and we used the time to think about the significance of this time of year.

Matariki is a celebration of the Māori New Year and a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present moment, and plan for the year ahead.

In school, we are now coming to the end of Term 2. It is a good time to reflect on how the year is going and for our students.

It is also an opportunity to celebrate what they have achieved and plan for what is coming up in Terms 3 and 4.

The start of Term 3 is an important time to look ahead as we will be finalising subject choices for 2025. Subject choices are open now and many students have already chosen what they will study in 2025.

Please have conversations about these important choices at home and ensure that students are thinking about their future directions as they make their choices.

Ngā manaakitanga

Tom Webb
Tumuaki | Principal



A Message from the School Board

Kia ora koutou

As we conclude the term, I want to extend my gratitude to everyone for your dedication and hard work each day.

Your commitment to the core mission of our kura – teaching and learning – continues to be the foundation of our success. We are fortunate to have such a supportive community, and together we encourage all of our taura to reach for the heights.

On Thursday, the school proudly hosted its inaugural Careers Day. It was an exciting event, providing our taura with the opportunity to explore potential career paths and gain valuable insights from tertiary education providers and industry professionals.

This new tradition promises to be a source of inspiration and guidance for our students in the years to come.

As we reflect on the achievements of this term and prepare for the term ahead, it's a great time for students to consider their course choices and future career paths.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of the resources and support available to make informed decisions.

I wish you all a safe and restful break.

Kia pai ngā hararei

Marjet Pot
Presiding Member
School Board



Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite

In Week 8 and 9 of Term 3, Year 10 students will be sitting the Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite common assessment activities (CAA's) which are a mandatory part of the NCEA qualifications.

The Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite is a qualification that students must gain alongside the credits needed for NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3.

Most students start working towards the Level 1 NCEA credits in Year 11 but the Co-requisite is first offered in Year 10. Students only need to pass each of the Co-requisite common assessment activities once.

Students and whānau will be advised of the dates for the Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite common assessment activities in the first half of Term 3.

This short presentation ([video](#)) provides an outline of the Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite.

This document ([here](#)) that is mentioned in the video and provides more detailed information about the Co-requisite.



Changes to our Administration Building and Carparking for Terms 3 and 4

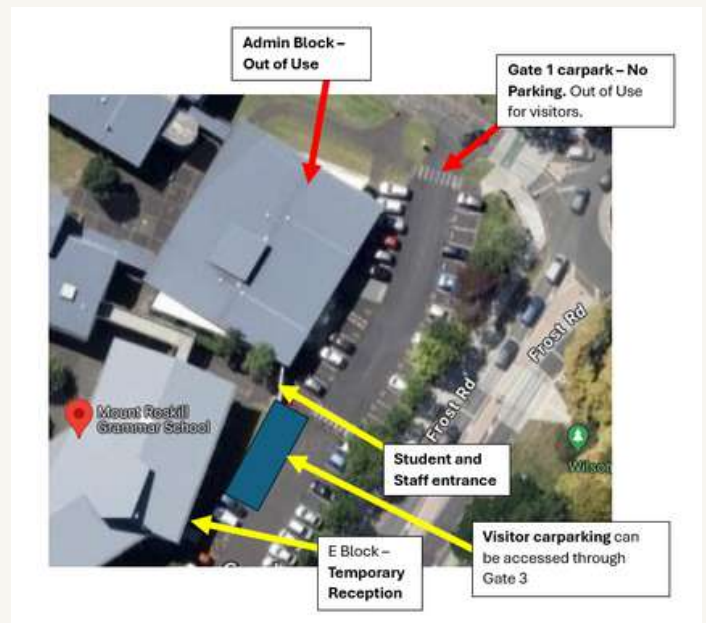
In Terms 3 and 4, our Admin block will be out of use due to weather tightness remediation.

Our temporary Reception and visitor carparking can be seen in the map below at the bottom of our E block building.

Please note that there will be no visitor parking available in Gate 1.

Any members of our community that are visiting the school will be able to find visitor parking at the far end of the Gate 3 carpark.

It is very important that students and members of the public stay clear of the Gate 1 carpark area.



Schoolbridge App



From Term 3, we are introducing a new app for our community to use.

Schoolbridge allows parents, caregivers and students to access important information about MRGS.

Schoolbridge features will include:

- Updating attendance
- Viewing upcoming events and trips
- Accessing newsletters
- Visiting the school website

For more information regarding Schoolbridge and how to use it, please click this [link](#).

If you are interested in downloading the app onto your device, please click this [link](#).

Phone use

Away for the day



While on school grounds, **phones must be in our bags, on silent**, unless directed to be used for learning by the teacher.

“Away for the Day” also includes headphones and earphones as well, therefore on school grounds, these must be in students’ bags.

A friendly reminder that if any parent or caregiver urgently needs to get a hold of their child during school time, please contact the administration team at 09 621 0050 (ext 0).

Early pick up

If you are needing to pick up your child before the end of the school day (eg. for an appointment), please notify the attendance officer ahead of time by emailing attendance@mrgs.school.nz or phoning **09 621 0069** before 9.30am.

Attendance

Our current attendance percentage is **78.3%**.

We held steady for the majority of Term 2 in the early 80%, and only in the last week have moved to 78.3%.

Please take time over the holidays to relax, refresh and prepare yourselves for Term 3. Term 3 is historically a busy term with a high level of assessments including Senior Exams, and the competitive end of the winter sports season - Winter Tournament Week.

We look forward to seeing everyone back, healthy, happy and well prepared for another exciting term ahead. As always, we are aiming to have students with us 90% or more of the time, punctual to every lesson to make the most of every minute of learning.

Key Dates

Mon 22nd July	Start of Term 3
Mon 29th July - Fri 2nd August	Cultural Week
Mon 29th - Wed 31st July	Year 9 Hearing Test
Tues 30th July	Course Info Evening
Fri 2nd August	Last Day for 2025 Option Selection
Fri 9th August	Drama Showcase
Mon 5th - Fri 9th August	Peace Week
Mon 12th - Fri 16th August	KBB Music Festival
Thurs 22nd August	Cross-Campus Concert



Auckland Girls Chess Championship

The Auckland Girls Chess Championship was held on Tuesday, 18th of June at Mt Albert Memorial Hall.

Shahana Kulathungar and **Allie O'Callaghan** represented MRGS amongst the other 49 schools who participated.

Allie (pictured right) ended up placing second in the under 16s age group and ninth overall in the competition.

Congratulations to both our players who represented MRGS in the chess scene magnificently!

Thank you to Mrs. Burns and Mr. MacDougall for their continued support and encouragement.



Tagata Pasifika - Pacific Health Science Academy



“Encouraging talented Pacific Islands students into a career in health is the goal behind the Pacific Health Science Academy programme.”

Check out Tagata Pasifika's latest article focusing on MRGS' Health Science Academy Programme. Learn more about how our Health Science Academy students are experiencing the program and how it influences their learning.

Thank you to Mrs. Seth, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. McGirr for their ongoing support and management of this programme!

Read the full article [here](#).

Japanese Trivia Night

On June 21st, 9 MRGS students compete in the Japanese Trivia Championship at Epsom Girls Grammar School.

Each school fielded two teams, with Ansh, the MRGS head boy, serving as the event MC. He has been the event's MC for the past three years. The quiz consisted categories such as Japanese Food and pop culture.

MRGS Team 1 won the second-best costume prize. They also came 4th in Auckland and 6th place nationwide.

Thank you to Miss Kojima for organizing the event and Mr. McAlpine for driving.



A week at MRGS



Teachers have been challenging themselves to read their height in books in 2024, as a way of promoting and making reading visible in our school.

A bakesale was held on 27th of June to raise funds for Amnesty International.



Year 13 Health Science Academy Leadership Conference on Tuesday, 25th of June.



Students in the Plant Club potted plants and decorated them to give to teachers, friends, and family.



Mrs Fraser's Year 9 Art class created their own Matariki star artwork.



Matariki brings us all together to create something new, such as planting a garden and gathering to share kai, which was what our taura did in their workshops on 26th of June.



Bollywood Showdown

On Friday, the 28th of June, 16 Mount Roskill Grammar students went to compete in the Bollywood Showdown at the Dorothy Winstone Centre in Freeman's Bay.

The night was fun; filled with food, music and entertainment. Our school competed against 18 other schools in Auckland with over 1000 people who came to watch and support their team.

The highlight of the night was that we won the Best Sign award as Prashan's family made a massive sign supporting our school. Overall, it was really cool to see other schools perform and see how much talent we have out there in the Indian community.

Written by Nilam Patel – Year 13 Bollywood Leader



Careers Expo



The Careers Expo on Thursday 4 July was a resounding success. The expo featured a wide range of universities, tertiary providers and industries, from the defence force and police to accounting and landscape design.

Students were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and our tertiary providers shared information about the wide range of courses the students could study in the future.

The addition of a Seasprite helicopter parked on our rugby field was a thrilling and unforgettable experience for students and staff alike. Students marvelled at the impressive aircraft up close, learning about its mechanics and potential career opportunities in aviation.

Alice Sika from Te Pukenga - Earn Learn expressed that our students asked “great questions and were very engaging”. Michael Raj from Studylink stated ‘The energy of the students was fabulous’ and Jay Pritchard from the Defence Force ‘had a great time and also had great conversations with the students’. A special mention to Atamarie from University of Auckland who left her stand to assist Avega in his wheelchair outside of the hall with study options.

A massive thank you to all our representatives of the different careers and tertiary providers that came along and to Ms. Wilson, Ms. Fletcher, Mr. McGibbon, Ms Milo and the awesome Yr 12 and 13 student helpers who made the Careers expo possible.



Orchestra Camp

Over the Matariki long weekend, Orchestra students and staff travelled to Karanga Camp at Bethell's Beach.

It was pretty impressive that students and staff gave up their Matariki holiday to go away together and work on getting ready for the KBB Festival in Term 3.

They all had a great time and enormous progress was made during their stay.

The smaller group photo (pictured below on the right) is the Year 13s that we will be farewelling at the end of the year.

We can't wait to see the Orchestra group show case themselves during the KBB Festival!





Mount Roskill Grammar School

SPORT NEWSLETTER



Junior Basketballers keep improving

Our junior basketballers have had some excellent results recently.

Our A boys team beat St Paul's Maroon 50-22 and the B boys team won 43-23 against Western Springs.

Our girls basketballers were also victorious with a 68-9 win over Green Bay!

Congratulations to all of our teams and participants during Term 2! We're looking forward to training hard in Term 3 for our upcoming Winter tournaments which include netball, senior girls basketball, premier boys basketball, 1st X1 Girls Football, Junior Boys Basketball, 1st X1 Girls Hockey and 1st X1 Boys Hockey. The 1st X1 Boys Football will be heading to Whangerei in the upcoming term.

MRGS Sport Facebook Page

Psst! Guess what?

Our Facebook page is back up and running!

Follow us to catch up on all the latest sports news, draws/results and successes.



[MRGS Sport](#)



[@mrgs.sport](#)

Follow the MRGS Sports page on Instagram for up-to-date information regarding sports and recreational activities happening at the school during lunch and after school.

Sports Draw & Results

Please use the link below for the MRGS Sports Draw for Term 3. Please ensure you double-check the draw the day before a game or event as this document is updated regularly with any last-minute venue or time changes.

[MRGS Sports T3 - Weekly Sports Draw & Results](#)

Curling Successes

The NZ National Curling Championships was held in Naseby at the end of June.

In a team led by ex-MRGS teacher Eleanor Heald (pictured middle), current Year 11 MRGS students - **Micky Ng** (pictured far left) and **Christina Xu** (pictured far right) placed 7th in the women's division.

Congratulations on the students and coach for competing well at this national competition!



The 2024 NZ Mixed Curling Championship was held at Paradise over King's Birthday weekend in June.

Teams of 4 competed, with the team including **Abraham Changwong** and **Daniel Wong** finishing 9th and the team featuring **Micky Ng** finishing 10th.

Rock Climbing

The MRGS Rock Climbing team have been busy participating in different rock climbing events over the course of the term.

In the Auckland College Climbing Event 1 at Extreme Edge, Panmure, **Stella Boyd** placed 7th, **Hasti Nasroollahi** placed 13th and **Asher Stitt** placed 15th.

In the Auckland College Climbing Event 2 at Northern Rocks, Wairau Valley, **Stella Boyd** placed 9th, **Skylah Kyle** placed 19th and **Fredrik Ansin** placed 43rd.

The rest were taken at Event 3 Vertical Adventures, Glen Eden. Well done **Stella Boyd**, Vicky & **Skylah Kyle** who combined to come 19th out of 30 schools.

For many this is their first time to climb. Nonetheless, no matter the level, every one had good climbs and had a lot of fun at each event.

Thank you to Mr Shiu for the support for his team members and his passion for the sport!



Sports Science Camp



Netball Premier Team Success

Congratulations to our netball premier team who beat Hoani Kahu in the Waitakere Premier two league on Tuesday, 25th of June. Well done to all the players involved!



Fundraising for Winter Tournaments

Our Netball team pictured raising money through a sausage sizzle at Mount Roskill Bunnings for their Winter Tournament in Waitakere that is happening in September.

Other fundraiser dates:

- Thurs 11th July - Hockey 1XI Girls
- Fri 12th & Sat 13th July - Netball Premier
- Thurs 18th July - Football 1XI Boys
- Fri 19th & Sat 20th July - Hockey 1XI Boys
- Sun 31st August - Netball Premier

Make sure you head down to Mount Roskill Bunnings between 8am-5pm on those dates to grab yourself a sausage and support our teams!



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