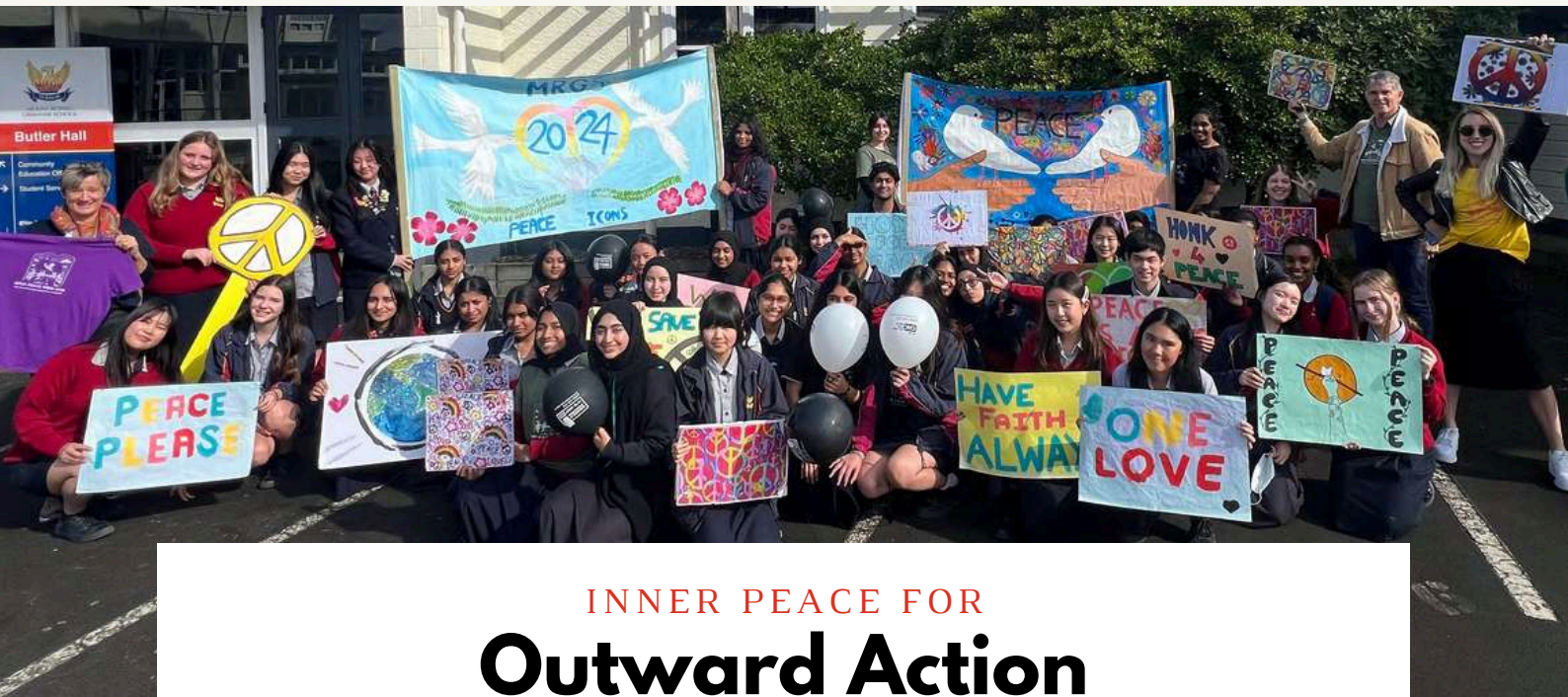




# Mount Roskill Grammar School NEWSLETTER



## INNER PEACE FOR Outward Action



## Peace Week Celebrations

We raised our voices to promote kindness, understanding, and a brighter future for all.



## From our Principal

Kia ora koutou

Congratulations to our musicians who performed this week in the KBB Music Festival at the Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Our String Orchestra, Concert Band and the Jazz Band all performed in this annual schools festival and I would like to thank Mrs Nicola Haddock and the whole of the Music department for supporting our musicians.

Term 3 is always a busy term and this year is no different. Over the past few weeks we have celebrated the diversity in our school with our Cultural Week and campaigned for peace in our annual Peace Week. Coming up later in the term are the Winter Tournament week and our Term 3 Senior Exams.

We have an excellent Student Services team who support our students in many ways. One of these supports is encouraging them to stand up for causes they believe in and this includes our annual Peace Week.

I want to thank the students who led this work together with Tara English, one of our counsellors, for raising our school value of manaakitanga.

Good luck to all of our teams competing in Winter Tournament week during Week 7. We have 12 teams competing in Basketball, Curling, Football, Hockey and Netball during the week.

Senior exams take place in Weeks 8 and 9 this term. These are an important opportunity for students to practise for their external NCEA exams and I want to encourage all of our senior students to start preparing for these exams as early as possible. Successful Term 3 exams always leads to success in external exams.

Ngā manaakitanga

*Tom Webb*  
Tumuaki | Principal



## A Message from the School Board

Kia ora koutou

There is something special about us being part of a campus. I would like to acknowledge our strong relationship with Mt Roskill Primary and Mt Roskill Intermediate Schools.

This connection was apparent at the enrolment fono, held at MRIS this week. It was a wonderful event connecting our communities.

For whānau wanting to enrol their taura at MRGS for 2025 it is essential that enrolment forms are handed in to the office **prior to the 4 September 4pm deadline.**

Our zone is slightly different to the other schools and even if you have siblings attending, meeting this deadline is paramount.

Even though we are still in Term 3, it is exciting to know that preparations are underway to welcome our new taura to our MRGS whānau.

We look forward to them being part of our kura.

Ngā mihi mahana

*Marjet Pot*  
Presiding Member  
School Board



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## Dental Planet visit to MRGS



Dental Planet's Mobile Dental Clinic has arrived at MRGS! **They are on site from now until the September 20.**

Dental care is free for NZ residents under 18 years old and we provide public-funded dental care on-site at many high schools in Auckland, Northland and Waikato.

Working in partnership with Health NZ Te Whatu Ora, our aim is to improve the number of high school students accessing quality dental care.

This is your chance to enrol your adolescent for their FREE dental care. We will see students from Year 9 to 13 for their free dental check-up and treatment.

To accept and enrol your child or to decline our services, simply click on **this link** for the Dental Planet On-Line Enrolment form.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at 0800 262 2022 or [mobiles@dentalplanet.co.nz](mailto:mobiles@dentalplanet.co.nz)



# Peace Week

Last Week, 5th to 9th August, we celebrated International Peace Week at MRGS.

This year's Peace Week theme is:

*Whakanuia Rongonui mā, Teitei mā, te Hunga i Hohou i te Rongo*

*Celebrating Peace Icons – Past, Present and Future*

At MRGS, we participate in this unifying initiative to celebrate diversity and inclusion for a more peaceful and thriving world.

Throughout the week, we had various activities that students could participate in such as wearing a white ribbon for peace and rock painting.

We held a Peace Stall Day where community and student led stalls attended to share value information to our taura. Our mediators also visited Ranfurly Retirement Village to talk about what Peace meant to them.

The Peace March was a strong way to end the week. We raised our voices to promote kindness, understanding, and a brighter future for all. This is the Roskill Way.

A big thank you to the MRGS counselling team and all the mediators for contributing their time and efforts to celebrate this important week!



Phone use



“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](mailto:attendance@mrgs.school.nz) or phoning 09 621 0069 before 9.30am.

Attendance

Our current attendance percentage is 81.3%.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our students and whānau for your support with being at school. From the end of term 2, our attendance is improving, with it currently as a school being 81.3%.

Attendance is important for everyone and particularly for our Seniors as we work towards our Practice Exams at the end of this term.

Our Kaiako are diligently making phone calls home to support whānau and students where possible to improve their attendance and punctuality at school. Thank you all for your hard work.

Key Dates	
Mon 12th August - Fri 20th Sept	Mobile Dental Unit on site
Mon 19th - Thurs 22th Aug	Tongan Language Week
Thurs 22nd August	Cross-Campus Concert
Thurs 22nd - Sat 24th August	Apex Camp
Fri 23rd August	Mid-term Break - School Closed
Thurs 29th Aug	Roskill’s Got Talent
Mon 2nd - Fri 6th September	Winter Tournament Week
Mon 9th - 20th September	Senior Exams
Mon 16th - Fri 20th September	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori



## Schoolbridge App



**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](#).



## Infinity Plus One Workshop



Thank you to Subash Chandar from Infinity Plus One for stopping by our kura. He led a workshop for our Year 12 and Year 13 math students.

Subash's influence and useful educational content have had an impact on how our tauira approaches and studies the subject. The students' presence and energy at the workshop demonstrate that his content is a valuable resource and guiding light for teachers and students.

Thank you to Mrs Wright for organising the visit.

## Shave for a Cure

MRGS Science kaiako - Zach Hamilton is shaving his locks for the Shave for a Cure Challenge.

He's decided to take it on because cancer has recently hit close to his home. He's seen so many people he knows get diagnosed, and he has watched friends and family lose loved ones to this terrible disease.

Zach says: *"This is something I can do to help. I want to contribute to finding more effective treatments and ensure that those battling cancer get the support they need."*

To donate to his fundraiser, please click this [link](#).



## Puketāpapa Community Volunteer Recognition Award



**Ajit Franklin** was a recipient of an education award at the Puketāpapa Community Volunteer Recognition Awards.

He is a teacher aide at MRGS where he goes above and beyond the role, often visiting homes if students are absent. He talks to the students and their whānau to encourage the students to return to school. This helps struggling students maintain a positive attitude towards schooling.

Ajit says: *"I was truly blessed and grateful. We don't do this for recognition. Some of the other teacher aides that do just as much came to the ceremony, and it felt like a win for us all."*

## Alumni News

**Wallace Mua** is an ex-student of MRGS. He is set to open Trivet, a new 125-seat all-day bistro at the JW Marriott in Auckland.

Mua has a rich culinary background including experience cooking for the All Blacks and working in Paris for 6 years. He aims to create a dining experience that reflects his Samoan heritage and celebrates New Zealand's diverse ingredients.

Trivet's design incorporates natural elements to foster a warm atmosphere, making it a promising addition to the culinary scene.

Wallace shares when he knew he wanted to be a chef in Dish: "I was about 15, working as a kitchen-hand. I loved the military way the kitchen ran. The chefs had an aura [...] the passionate hunger of chasing the unreachable perfection but still coming in every day and trying."



## Dance Performance for the President of India



**Niharika Nidheesh** (pictured 4th from the right in the middle row) performed in the dance group at the community reception that welcomed the Hon'ble President of India - Smt. Droupadi Murmu.

This event was hosted by High Commission of India in Auckland on Friday August 9.

What an amazing honor for Niharika!



# CAREERS NOTICES

## University Accommodation Due Dates

A reminder for students intending to apply for university accommodation. These applications are now open and will close on September 30th for all New Zealand universities.

**It is a good idea to get your application in by the end of August** to give yourself the best chance of getting into your first choice of residential college.

Don't forget to request a CCRF as well.



## Upcoming School Visits



These visits are a fantastic way for students to gather information about programs, ask questions, and learn about what each institution has to offer.

AUT and UOA will be offering course planning opportunities for students.

Auckland University of Technology: Monday 26 August

Techtorium: Thursday 29 August

Defence Force: Monday 2 September

University of Auckland: Tuesday 24 September

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## Toi Wearable Arts Finals

The garment - *Pa'itele* created by **Nicole Sue** and **Tanishka Desai**, modelled by **Frances Damu** placed in the top 20 of 540 entries under "Highly Commended" awards category.

The Toi Wearable Arts Finals were nationally judged by the World of Wearable Arts team.

Congratulations to Nicole, Tanishka and Frances for their efforts and hard mahi. We are very proud of your achievements!

Thank you to Ms Gillies for her continuous support and guidance.





## A week at MRGS



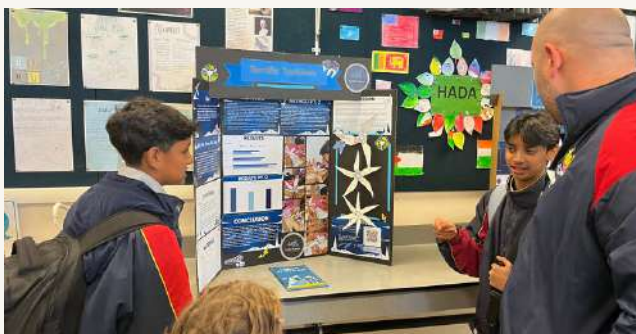
MacLean Centre students are training hard for their Special Olympics Basketball Tournament.



Mr & Mrs Kuroda, survivors of the Hiroshima bombing share their experience with Y11 Japanese and Y13 History class.



Students attended the Puketapapa Youth Summit.



The MRGS Junior Science Fair was held with 32 amazing projects. Our talented students showcased their hard work and innovations to families and teachers.



Term 3 international students visited Mount Eden, Auckland Museum and Sylvia Park for an orientation trip.





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# SPORT NEWSLETTER



## Caltex Fuelling School Sport Programme

Thank you to **Caltex Dominion Road** for providing MRGS with a \$1,000 fuel sponsorship as part of the Caltex Fuelling School Sport Programme.

The New Zealand Sports Collective (NZSC) is an organisation focused on helping make sport more accessible to all New Zealanders.

As part of that quest, they're extremely excited to have partnered with Caltex and their locally owned and operated service station network. Caltex are keen to support local schools, recognising the importance of locals helping locals and how this shapes our communities.

This sponsorship will help towards transport cost during our upcoming Winter Sports Tournament Week.

## Term 4 Summer Sports - Registrations Now Open

Please click [HERE](#) for details and to register for Term 4 summer sports. Registrations close on Monday 19th of September. For any questions, contact: [sports.department@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:sports.department@mrgs.school.nz)



[\*\*@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\*\*](#)



# Winter Tournaments 2024

Not long to go for our upcoming winter tournament teams who are practising hard and fundraising in their final few weeks of preparation.

The following teams will be participating this year:

MRGS Team	Dates	Location
Basketball Premier Boys Basketball Senior Girls	Wed 4th - Sat 7th September	Bruce Pulman Park
Football Senior Boys	Mon 2nd - Fri 6th September	Tikipunga Sports Park, Whangarei
Football Senior Girls	Mon 2nd - Fri 6th September	Waikaraka Park, Auckland
Hockey Senior Boys Hockey Senior Girls	Mon 2nd - Fri 6th September	Lloyd Elsmore Park, Auckland
Basketball Junior Boys	Sat 31st August - Tues 3rd September	Bruce Pulman Arena, Auckland
Curling	Mon 2nd - Fri 6th September	Paradice, Auckland

## Staff v Students Hockey



In the run up to our winter tournaments, our staff have been taking on our student teams in some of our sports.

On Friday, at lunchtimes, we have played games in basketball, hockey, netball and futsal.

The Staff v Students hockey match was exciting. The game swung to the staff and ultimately secured their victory. Well done all!



## Curling Success

**Abraham Chanwong** (pictured on right) recently competed in the National Mixed Doubles Curling competition in Dunedin.

He and his curling partner achieved a creditable top 8 placing in this national competition, and were the only team to beat the eventual winners!

Congratulations Abraham.



## OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS



**DUE ON 4 SEPTEMBER, 4PM!**

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