



Mount Roskill Grammar School
NEWSLETTER



PAUSE, REFLECT, RECHARGE;

The best is yet to come



As Term 3 draws to a close, we are reminded to reflect on the growth we've experienced and embrace the opportunities that await us.



From our Principal

Kia ora koutou

Senior students completed their exams over Weeks 8 & 9 and received feedback from their teachers last week.

No matter how well you feel you have done, it is now important to work on the feedback and continue for the preparation of the external exams in Term 4.

With only three weeks of class time in Term 4 for seniors, it is important to use every opportunity to ensure you are prepared.

The start of Term 4 is always a busy time and we are looking forward to the many celebrations of student success in the first three weeks of term.

In Week 2, we have our Pasifika and Māori Graduation ceremonies. Then in Week 3, we have our Arts Awards.

The final celebration is our Senior Prizegiving on Thursday 31 October before NCEA exams start on Tuesday 5 November.

We celebrated the sporting successes with our annual Sports Awards on 25 September.

It was great to see so many of our athletes at the event supported by their families. Congratulations to all our award winners for your sporting successes this year.

Our final Mentoring session of 2024 will take place on Thursday 17 October. Information to book in a time with mentors has been emailed to all families. We hope to see you there.

Ngā manaakitanga

Tom Webb
Tumuaki | Principal



A Message from the School Board

Kia ora koutou

It is my pleasure to announce **Nathan Kestle** as the student School Board representative for 2025. We look forward to Nathan joining our team.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ansh Trivedi for his 100% commitment to the role in 2024. Ansh always provided clear student voice to the korero and decision making around the table.

During the week, it was a pleasure to attend the Sports Awards and to see both taurira and kaiako recognised for commitment to their chosen sports and to our MRGS values.

Ngā mihi mahana

Marjet Pot
Presiding Member
School Board



Mentoring Session 3 - 17th October



Our final round of senior mentoring will occur on Thursday 17th October from 8.30am - 7pm. **Juniors will not come to school on this day.**

The final mentoring conference for the year focuses on preparing senior students for NCEA external examinations. Mentors will report on students results in the Term 3 exams, NCEA results and planning for external examinations.

This is crucial information to ensure students can achieve and exceed their academic goals.



To make a booking with your child's mentor, simply book online:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

1. Enter the code: **p2k7w**
2. Enter your details
3. Select your student's mentor from the list

If you require assistance to make a booking or change an existing booking, you can phone the school on 09 621 0050 with the student's name, ID number and mentor's name ready.



Afternoon Tea for Wayne McDougall



Phones & Earphones

As we have moved through this term, we have noticed an increase in the visibility of phones and ear phones during break times.

It is a requirement that phones and earphones are “away for the day”, once students are onsite and are not to be visible.

If students are seen with their phones or earphones out during break times, they are being reminded to put away. Some students who are continuously having these items visible will be having them confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

Please support us at home by having a conversation with your child about keeping their phones away for the duration of the school day.



Goodbye Auckland, Konnichiwa Japan!
MRGS Japan trip students departed Auckland on Thursday 26 September for their 2 week trip.

Attendance

It's really important that students are aware of their own attendance, which they can view each week in the email sent to their student emails.

Parents/Caregivers also receive this email, and can view their child's attendance live each day via the Kamar Portal.

Our expectation is that students are at school 90% or more of the time, as this supports their learning and achievement.

Key Dates	
Mon 14th October	Start of Term 4
Tues 15th October	Health Science Academy Fono
Thurs 17th October	Mentoring 3 (Juniors stay at home)
Tues 22nd October	Pasifika Graduation
Thurs 24th October	Māori Graduation
Mon 28th October	Labour Day - School Closed
Tues 29th October	Arts Awards
Wed 30th October	Last day for Year 13
Thurs 31st October	Senior Prizegiving Last day for Year 11 & 12
Tues 5th November	Start of NZQA Exams



Schoolbridge



In 2024, we have introduced 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](#).

Wider Ed

At the end of the school year, our Junior students will be taking part in our annual Wider-Education programme.

On December 9 and 10, Year 9 and 10 students will have the opportunity to experience activities away from school at various locations around Auckland.

Traditionally, this has included fun-parks, nature experiences, water-parks and various other activities.

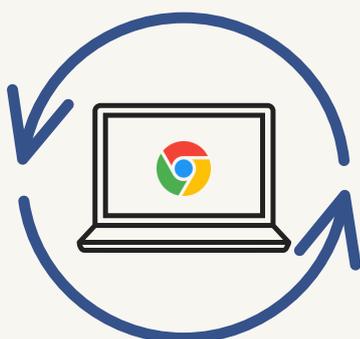
This will provide our students with a fun and engaging experience to end their school year.

Activity details, including cost, will be given to students at the end of Week 1, Term 4. Students will receive a letter with the details of each event and a permission slip at that time.

This will also be made available online for parents and caregivers.



Chromebook Returns



This year we have loaned over 300 Chromebooks to students to support their learning.

Senior students will be returning their Chromebooks to the school before they commence their study-leave.

The Senior Chromebook return day will take place on Tuesday October 29.



NIWA Auckland Science Fair



Alicia Ting also shone brightly, taking home third place in the Year 9/10 Living World category as well as a special prize. **Alexis Moore** also received a special prize for her exceptional project.

Furthermore, highly commended awards were given to **Ben Epream, Esa Azhar, Alexis Moore, Bernice Moore, and Theo Briggs.**

MRGS had an outstanding presence at the NIWA Auckland Science Fair with 8 out of 12 students receiving prizes.

A special congratulations to **Vidhi Langi** and **Naila Mohammed**, who secured first place in the highly competitive research category.



ChineseX Language Challenge

On 25 September, Ms Lei and a group of students participated in the ChineseX Language Challenge. This is a school-wide Chinese enrichment event for students, consisting of a series of challenging and interesting Chinese quizzes provided to each school team.

This event aims to attract learners of Chinese gathering together with their peers, and learning the Chinese language and culture in a fun way.



The team included **Jeff Li, Annie Ma, Rebecca Zhang** and **Jenny Uyen Nguyen**. This team placed first in the challenge.

An amazing achievement from these students and thank you for Ms Lei for her continued guidance and support!



Homestay Families Wanted!



In Term One 2025, we will have many new international students coming to start their short or long-term study with us.

An important part of their time in New Zealand is the family they stay with. It can be a great cultural exchange experience for the whole family and relationships often last beyond the student's departure.

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 host families is \$350 per week. A police vet is necessary before hosting commences.

For more information contact Amanda Wong at amanda.wong@mrgs.school.nz

Shave for a Cure



MRGS Science kaiako - Zach Hamilton shaved his locks for the Shave for a Cure Challenge on Friday, 27 September.

He raised over \$2,600 for this fundraiser! These funds will go towards finding more effective treatments and ensure that those battling cancer get the support they need to get through it.



Sports Awards 2024

On Wednesday evening, we enjoyed taking time to celebrate the efforts and achievements of our sportsmen and women at our Sports Awards.

It was a lovely evening and a chance to recognise the talent of our students. Well done to all.



Sportswoman of the Year
Anna Watkinson



Sportsman of the Year
Daniel Kregting



All Round Sportswoman
Cherrish Kaufusi



All Round Sportsman
Sourav Dhungel



Student Coach of the Year
Liliena Fakauka



The Kumar Family Trophy
Finn Orsbourn



The Robert Laing Trophy
Joanne Thomson



Staff Coach of the Year
Jimmy Grant



The Nattrass Family Trophy
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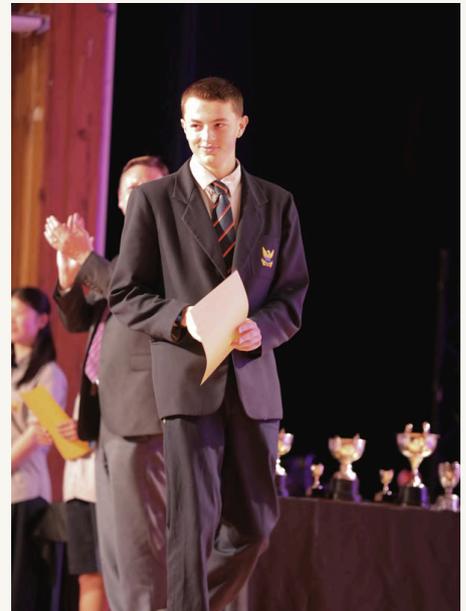


Sports Awards 2024

Full list of our Sports Awards winners can be found [here](#).

Gold Awards - Awarded to students who represent the school in three or more codes in College Sport competition in the same year, and who have gained selection into a provincial age group team in at least one of those codes.

- Sourav Dhungel
- Hamish Thomson
- Anna Watkinson
- Finn Orsbourn
- Allie O'Callaghan



Provincial & National representative honours - Awarded to students who have represented their province or nation.

Recognition of Gaining Provincial Honours		
Curling	Abraham Chanwong Maia Collins Micky Ng Christina Xu Daniel Yang Cyrus Wei	Auckland Rep team U21
Futsal	Elise Bolland	Futsal Auckland U17 - National Competition winners
Rugby League	Reign Taka	Rugby League - U18 Dean Bell Team - Championship Winners Rugby League - Hokianga Storm Maori Rep Team
Hockey Boys	Hamish Thomson Finn Orsbourn	Hockey Auckland U18
	Ben Van Laarhoven- Hargreaves Ankush Kulkarni	Hockey Auckland U16 Hockey Auckland U16



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Hockey Girls	Anna Watkinson Enkhuul Maibayer	Hockey Auckland U18
Cricket Boys	Ankur Singh Abhi Patel Muhammed Saad Khan Sourav Dhungel	Districts Tournament - Western Representative
	Ben Van Laarhoven- Hargreaves	Districts Tournament - Central Representative
Cricket Girls	Anna Watkinson Elise Bolland	Districts Tournament - Central Representative
Chess	Allie O'Callaghan	Auckland Chess Power Cluster Tournament Auckland Central Secondary Interschools Chess Auckland Chess Championship
	Pranav Shenoy Sourav Dhungel	Auckland Chess Power Regionals
Basketball	Angelo Halafihi	Counties Manukau U17
Swimming	Daniel Kregting	Auckland Secondary School Open Water Swimming Champion Auckland Short Course Championships 100m Butterfly Champion Auckland Short Course Championships 100m Butterfly Champion
Volleyball	Sopoaga Semisi	Volleyball Waitakere Regional Volleyball East Regional Volleyball Central Auckland Regional
Climbing	Stella Boyd	National Championships



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Recognition of Gaining National Honours		
Swimming	Daniel Kregting	NZ Secondary Schools Open Water Champion NZ Secondary Schools 16 Year Old 100m and 200m Butterfly Champion NZ National Age Group 16 Year Old 200m Butterfly Champion Swimming NZ Tri Series Team Member NZ Secondary Schools Harlequins Zonal Open Water Champion NZ Short Course Championships 16 Year Old 200m Butterfly Champion
	Ethan Stocks	NZ Swimming Open Water 15-19 Year Old 2.5km Champion NZ Secondary Schools 16 Year Old 200m Backstroke Champion NZ National Age Group 16 Year Old 200m Backstroke and 800m Freestyle Champion Swimming NZ Tri Series Team Member NZ Short Course Championships 16 Year Old 200m Backstroke Champion
	Nemanja Markovic	NZ National Age Group 15 Year Old 200m Breaststroke Champion Swimming NZ Tri Series Team Member NZ Short Course Championships 16 Year Old 200m Breaststroke, 200m and 400m Individual Medley Champion
Football	Jeremiah Williams	Cook Island Age Group National Selection
Waka Ama	Boston Marshall	Club Waka Ama Worlds in Hawaii - Paddled for Taurea Vaa, Akarana J16s
	Brooklyn Wall	Club Waka Ama Worlds in Hawaii - Paddled for CLM Pakuranga J19



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Basketball

Most Outstanding Senior Boy - **Tino Seuivatele**

Most Improved Senior Boy - **Lincoln Tupa'i Samuel**



Badminton

Senior Boys Champion - **Taka Xu**



Chess

Senior Girls Champion - **Allie O'Callaghan**

Senior Boys Champion - **Ansh Trivedi**



Cricket

Outstanding Senior Player 1st XI Girls - **Anna Watkinson**

The Daji Trophy for the Outstanding 1st XI Boys

Player of the Year - **Ankur Singh**



Curling

Senior Player of the Year - **Christina Xu**

Hockey

The Sheryl Francks Trophy for Contribution to 1st XI Girls

Hockey - **Anna Watkinson**

Turf Cup Trophy for 1st XI Girls - **Sophie van Laarhoven-Hargreaves**

The Shadwell Trophy for Contribution to 1st XI Boys

Hockey - **Hamish Thomson**

Turf Cup Trophy for 1st XI Boys - **Markko Kennedy**



Netball

The Outstanding Senior Netball Player- **Cherrish Kaufusi**

Most Dedicated Player To School Netball Overall - **Frances Damu**



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Rugby

The Hillsborough Rugby Cup Trophy for Best Player in the 1st XV - **Ofa Tuuefiafi & Joshua Felise Vao**

The Captains Cup for 1st XV Rugby - **Ofa Tuuefiafi & Joshua Felise Vao**



Rugby Girls 10

The Player of the Year - **Alo'i Toutai**



Football 1st XI Girls

Delta Trophy for Most Outstanding 1st XI Girls Football Player - **Martia Adato**

The Van Groenwood Trophy for Commitment to 1st XI Girls Football - **Enkhuul Maibayar**



Football 1st XI Boys

The Beresford Trophy for the Best Player in 1st XI Boys Football - **Jeremiah Williams**

The Han Van Pelt Trophy for Most Committed player in 1st XI Boys Football - **Sourav Dhungel**



Swimming

Senior Boys Championship - **Daniel Kregting**



Volleyball

Most Outstanding Senior Boy - **Sopo Semisi**

Most Outstanding Senior Girl - **Cherrish Kaufusi**



Waterpolo

Effort and Endeavour In Senior Girls Team - **Maia Collins**

Effort and Endeavour In Senior Boys Team - **Lucian Reedy**



Sport Awards Evening

