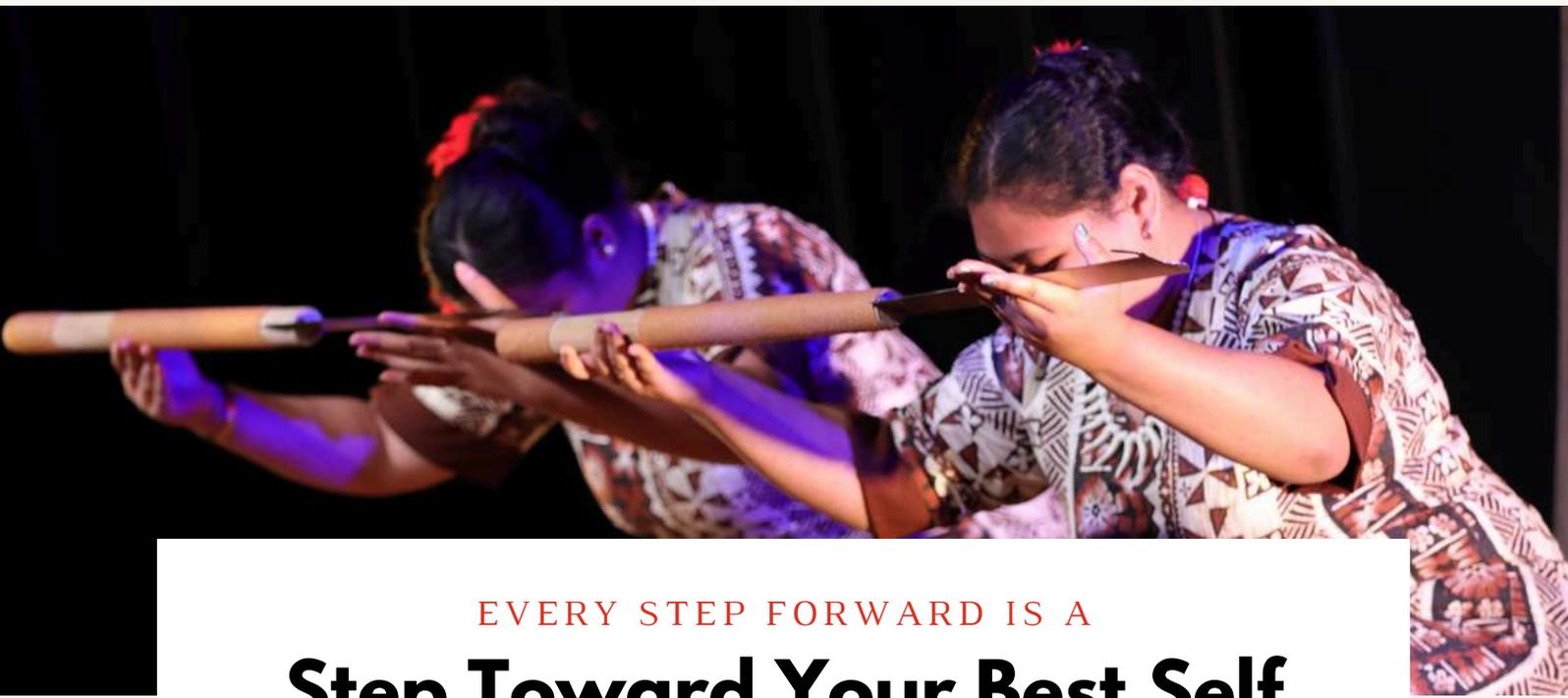




Mount Roskill Grammar School
NEWSLETTER



EVERY STEP FORWARD IS A
Step Toward Your Best Self



Academic Successes

Congratulations to Joyce Wang and Amie Mao who are this year's Dux and Proxime Accessit award recipients.



From our Principal

Kia ora koutou

On Tuesday, October 29, we held our annual Arts Awards to acknowledge student achievement in visual arts, dance, drama and music. This was another opportunity to see the talent of our students on display.

The Arts are such an important part of our school curriculum and an area that students excel in. I have been very impressed this year by the quality of our music, dance, and drama performances and the skills of our students in painting, photography and design.

Our final celebration with our senior students was on Thursday, October 31 with our Senior Prizegiving. This was my first experience of a MRGS prizegiving and it lived up to my expectations.

It was a pleasure to celebrate our students' achievement this year and see so many students cross the stage. Our students are talented in so many aspects of their school lives and much of this was recognised on the night. More details of prizegiving are on pages 6 to 9 in this issue.

NCEA and Scholarship exams started this week and there is a feeling of nervous energy around the school. So far the exams have gone well. Our revision workshops are still running and have been very popular. Please make the most of these opportunities to get the best preparations for the rest of your exams and good luck to you all.

Ngā manaakitanga

Tom Webb
Tumuaki | Principal



A Message from the School Board

Kia ora koutou

One of the pleasures of being on the School Board is that I get to attend our kura's awards ceremonies.

Success is seen in all those small steps which each of you have achieved to make a difference to yourself, your whānau and the community. Whether you excelled academically, demonstrated leadership, showed kindness, or displayed creativity, each of you has contributed to our kura.

Congratulations to all taura who have received awards. Special mention to our Year 13 top academics for 2024, **Amie Mao** (Proxime Accessit) and **Joyce Wang** (Dux).

Congratulations also to our staff travel award recipients, David Syme and Whitney Johanson.

To our leavers - If you are leaving school this year take the school's values with you and make a positive difference.

To you all - Look forward to the new year with excitement and optimism. There are endless possibilities ahead, and we can't wait to see what you will achieve next. The Board wishes you all the best for your remaining exams and your next endeavours.

Ngā mihi mahana

Marjet Pot
Presiding Member
School Board



Special Olympics - October 30

On Wednesday, October 30, MacLean Centre students and student volunteers attended the Special Olympics Athletics Event at Trust Arena, Henderson. Congratulations!



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.



Studylink

It's important to apply before **16 December** to leave enough time to get all information sorted before you start studying.

Remember, if you're in your last year of school and thinking about applying, you don't need to wait for your NCEA results or for your study to be confirmed.

Click [this link](#) to apply now.

Attendance

Our Year 9 and 10 attendance is at **81.8%**; so close to our 90% goal!

Even though our seniors are on study leave, it's important that our juniors continue to attend regularly right up until our final day of school.

It is particularly important to provide them with clarity and revision before their Junior Exams on Monday, November 18.

Key Dates

Tues 5th - Fri 29th November	NZQA Exams
Mon 11th November	Accord Day - School closed for instruction
Tues 12th November	Senior Summary Reports sent to caregivers
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd November	Junior Exams
Thurs 5th December	Amazing Race
Fri 6th December	Half-day for students
Mon 9th - 10th December	Wider Ed Activities
Wed 11th December	Junior Prizegiving 9.30am Final Junior Reports sent to caregivers End of School Year
Thurs 30th January 2025	Pōwhiri for Year 9s & all new students



Exam Revision Workshops

Students attending these workshops must arrive on time and leave site when their session finishes. All students attending workshops must be in correct uniform.

WEEK 5					
	Mon 11 Nov	Tues 12 Nov	Wed 13 Nov	Thurs 14 Nov	Fri 15 Nov
Periods 1 and 2		Drama Scholarship ESOL EAP UE - L3	Drama Scholarship Media - L3 Science - L1 Science - PESS 1.4	Classics - L2 Samoan - L2 ESOL EAP UE - L3 Japanese - L1	Science - L1 Science - PESS 1.4 French - L3 Japanese - L1 Samoan - L2
Periods 3 and 4	Media L3 (period 4 only) Science - all levels Samoan - L2	Dance - L2 Drama Scholarship Drama - L3 French - L2 Science - all levels Chinese - L1	Drama Scholarship Science - all levels Samoan - L2 Chinese - L2 & 3	History - L2 Science - all levels	Science - all levels 13MSS ESOL EAP UE - L3
WEEK 6					
	Mon 18 Nov	Tues 19 Nov	Wed 20 Nov	Thurs 21 Nov	Fri 22 Nov
Periods 1 and 2	Media - L2	English Scholarship		ESOL EAP UE - L3 Japanese - L2	ESOL EAP UE - L3
Periods 3 and 4		Samoan L2 Tutorial Chinese - L1	Classics - L3 Japanese - L2 ESOL EAP UE - L3	Geography - L3 Media - L2	
WEEK 7					
	Mon 25 Nov	Tues 26 Nov	Wed 27 Nov	Thurs 28 Nov	Fri 29 Nov
Periods 1 and 2	ESOL EAP UE - L3	ESOL EAP UE - L3			
Periods 3 and 4		Dance - L2 Samoan L2 Tutorial	ESOL EAP UE - L3		

Workshop	Room	Workshop	Room	Workshop	Room	Workshop	Room
Classics	C5	13EAP UE LIT	R6	Japanese	R3	Samoan	A6
Dance	PAS	French	A3	Maths	R1 & R2	Science	S8
Drama	H1	Geography	C5	Media L2	T6	Visual Art	A4
Drama Schol.	H3	Health	C1	Media L3	T7	Chinese	A2
English	E10 & E11	History	C5	Music/13MSS	M1 & M2	Hui Ako (for students attending two workshops a day)	Hodge Commons



Senior Prizegiving



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Dux - **Joyce Wang**

Proxime Accessit - **Amie Mao**

Level 1 & 2

1st in Year 12 - **Stella Boyd**

2nd in Year 12 - **Aaran Kumar**

1st in Year 11 - **Jennifer Li**

2nd in Year 11 - **Joshua Epream**

Tertiary Scholarships

Asma Ibrahim - University of Auckland
Academic Potential Scholarship

Ansh Trivedi - University of Auckland
Top Achiever Scholarship

Christopher Mara - University of
Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship

Zoe Chen - University of Auckland
Top Achiever Scholarship

Amie Mao - University of Auckland
Top Achiever Scholarship

Prithi Sharma - University of Auckland
Top Achiever Scholarship

Raina Singh - University of Auckland
Top Achiever Scholarship

Joyce Wang - University of Auckland
Top Achiever Scholarship

Afrah Farook - University of Otago
Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship

Alena Thankachan - University of Otago
Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship

Fatima Asfia - University of Otago
Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship

Yussra Abduljabbar - University of Otago
150th Entrance Scholarship

Tertiary Scholarships

Kalani Mamea & Josefa Mataika -
Samuel-Tupa'i Family Scholarship
(Making a Difference Y13 Pasefika
Leadership Award)

Kalani Mamea - Sursum Foundation –
Keith Hall Scholarship

Top Awards

Jessica Huang - Enterprise Award

Kalani Mamea - Enterprise Award

Maaisipi Samelu - Enterprise Award

Asil Kutty - Enterprise Award

Raina Singh - Hay Trophy for Academic
Excellence in Commerce

Amie Mao - Hay Trophy for Academic
Excellence in Science

Jessica Huang - Hay Trophy for Academic
Excellence in Arts

Ansh Trivedi - Head Prefects Award

Joyce Wang - Head Prefects Award

Special Awards

Dzidzor Nanedo - MRGS Trophy for
Qualities of Character

Frances Damu - Cruze Cup for Inspiration
& Commitment

Shadrach Palenapa - Mt Roskill Rotoract
Cup for Integrity, Honesty & Service

Amie Mao - Gipps Trophy for Previously
Unheralded Endeavour

Joyce Wang - Saththiananthan Cup for
Inspirational Leadership

Ansh Trivedi - Soma Family Award for
Character & Excellence

Fatima Asfia - Lewis Cup for Dedication,
Leadership & Humility

Raina Singh - Ross Hamilton Trophy for
Pursuit of Excellence



Senior Prizegiving

Special Awards

Tiali Mafoe - Bowden Trophy for Strength with Dignity

Fatima Asfia & Aanisha Shiraz - Donna Hourigan-Johnston Peace Activist Award

Earl Soriano - Good Citizen Award & Margaret Stanners Mediation Award for Mediators of the Year

Ivan Ching Kiu Tse - International Student Award

Nathan Kestle - Chris Hassan Memorial Trophy for Leadership in Year 12

Ella Smith - Leslie Gunson Award for the Student who gains the Highest Overall Marks in NCEA Level 1 in the Previous Year, The Thomas Cup for Top Year 12 Student Studying Level 2 Subjects & Margaret Stanners Mediation Award for Mediators of the Year

Vavega Tuiutuloa - Mintram Cup for Academic Excellence

Lucretia Day - Margaret Hoogendoorn Trophy for Exceptional Leadership in Student Services

Aanya Shukla - PSSP Cup for Leadership in the Peer Sexuality Support Programme

Nathan Kestle - Whanaugatanga Cup for demonstrating participation, leadership and service in our community

Elise Bolland - Parmar Cup for Academic Excellence in Level 2 Sciences

Josh Steele - David Garraway Award for Divergent and Innovative Design Thinking

House Distinction Awards

Cooper House

Varsha Sreeram Babu
Rosaline Hansen
Catherine Zhao
Praise Paala
Sumayyah Parker
Lucian Reedy

Hillary House

Allie O'Callaghan
Sione Finau
Yohanna Bekele
Simon Paulo
Raina Singh
Asma Ibrahim

Ngata House

Yusuf Ali
Joshua Epream
Melody Liang
Pradima Pitta
Daemon Downey
Kartik Nath

Rutherford House

Nate Glover
Emily Talosaga
Finn Orsbourn
Rekshan Fernando
Likitha Gajelli
Josefa Mataika

Sheppard House

Kylie Ung
Bernadette Tamiano
Martia Adato
Aaran Kumar
Dzidzor Nanedo
Shadrach Palenapa



Arts and Cultural Awards

On Tuesday, October 29, we celebrated our students' achievement and successes at the Arts and Cultural Awards with friends and whānau.

Congratulations to:

Daniel Li - Graham Simonds Trophy for Musicianship

Josefa Mataika - BRYSS Trophy for Leadership in Music

Sabrina Kung - Oliver Huang-Hsu Composition Cup

Bernadette Tamiano - Philip Darragh Cup for Songwriting

Rachel Bao & Prithi Sharma - Raewyn Winny Memorial Cup for Contribution to Music

Jayden Amarasekera - Photolife Award for the Top Overall Art Student

Bileeana Koonwaiyou - Principal's Art Award

Frances Damu - Performing Arts Award for Excellence in Performance & Academic Excellence in Level 3 Dance

Antacia D'Costa - Academic Excellence in Level 3 Drama



Arts and Cultural Awards



Driving License Programme

On Wednesday 23rd and 24th of November, our students took part in a Driving License programme run by Rule Education.

As a result of such great training, all 17 students gained their Learner Drivers License.

The photos shows students sitting proudly at Henderson VTNZ, just after receiving their temporary paper copies of their licenses.

The students were focused and worked hard during the course. The instructor, Enea Rule was impressed with their efforts and how the students gained their licenses in just two days out of the three days of allocated training.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the course and thanked Enea for training them so well.



Duke of Edinburgh

Throughout the year a number of students have been working towards completing the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards.

One section of the award involves students undertaking an Adventurous Journey and in the October school holidays a group of 12 students tramped to The Pinnacles in the Coromandel Forest Park and experienced some spectacular views.

This was followed up at the beginning of term three with 16 students undertaking a three day tramp to the Waitawheta Gorge.



They explored some old tramlines as they made their way to the Waitawheta and Daly's Clearing Huts.

Students carried all the necessary equipment to be self sufficient and to cook themselves their dinner at the end of each day and even roast some marshmallows! A fantastic effort by all those who participated.

Thanks to Mrs. Winterton, Mr Cornes and Ms. Good for supervising.

Alumni News

Congratulations to Yash Krishna who is a MRGS Alumni.

He has been announced as the Assistant Coach for the NZ Women's Lacrosse Team.

The team is heading to Australia for the Asia-Pacific Women's Lacrosse Championship - World Qualifier in January 2025.

We wish him all the best of luck!





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SPORT NEWSLETTER



Junior Summer Football Festival

We hosted our first football festival on Wednesday, November 6, with our junior students playing small sided football games on our field.

It was exciting to see non-football players giving it a go and having fun. We look forward to hosting more of these events in the future as summer comes along.

A massive thank you to Scott Lewis, our 1st XI Football Boys Coach and some MRGS Alumni members, who helped organise and run this event!

Sports Representation

Year 9 and 10 MRGS students - we need to know of your sporting successes!

Please let us know [here](#) if you have been involved in regional or national representation for any sports in this current year.



[@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 4. 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 T4 - Weekly Sports Draw & Results](#)

Chess Power Online Teams National Championship

On Saturday, October 26, seven players from MRGS Chess Team participated in the Chess Power Online Teams National Championship.

Mr McDougall's legacy lives on as the team fought valiantly. We ended up in 5th place by 0.5 points out of the 12 schools participating after rounds of tough games. Stand out performances were produced by **Dean Saunders** and **Alec Cruz** with 6 out of 9 points each.

Congratulations to **Allie O'Callaghan** for receiving a bronze medal for this tournament.

As this was our last tournament of 2024, I'd like to thank Mrs. Burns for her management and support of the club.

Her support for the players themselves helped keep the spirit of chess at Roskill alive even in the face of tragedy and adversity.

Written by Ansh Trivedi, Year 13



Clearing out lockers

Senior student lockers must be empty now.

Junior student lockers must be emptied by Tuesday, December 3.

All locker contents will be donated or discarded if not picked up before the December 9.

Stationery List

Mount Roskill Grammar School Stationery Lists are available now.

If you wish to purchase from OfficeMax and take advantage of their free shipping with orders over \$70 including GST, please click this [link](#).

All stationery list for all year levels can also be found on our MRGS website [here](#).



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