



Mount Roskill Grammar School

# NEWSLETTER



SMALL STEPS TOWARDS

## Big Dreams Start Today



## Welcome back to Term 2

We're looking forward to a productive and  
successful term ahead!



## From our Principal

Kia ora koutou,

During the term break our prefects represented us at the Mount Roskill ANZAC Parade and Service. They honoured the occasion by laying a wreath on behalf of the school community.

Term 2 is always a busy term for NCEA assessments. One of the advantages of our NCEA system is the spread of internal assessment throughout the year.

This does, however, mean that students need to stay on top of their workload each term. You can help at home by checking in on your children and asking them what they are studying in each subject, being aware of assessments and deadlines so you can support your children to meet these, and encouraging them to track their achievement as they build up their credits through the year.

14 credits in each subject is a good starting goal as this will gain the 60 credits to pass NCEA overall, gain endorsement in the subject and be counted towards University Entrance for approved subjects at NCEA Level 3.

We have also had a busy start to term in sport with our winter codes starting up and an exchange with Pukekohe High School. Although the final result did not go our way, the exchange was competitive and played in good spirits. Well done to all who participated.

Good luck to all our teams as they start the season, and I look forward to seeing you on the sidelines.

Ngā manaakitanga

*Tom Webb*

Tumuaki | Principal





# A Message from the School Board

Kia ora, talofa lava and greetings,

Welcome back to school and the start of Term 2. As I think about this term, a key event I'd like to highlight is the School's Open Day – MRGS welcomes the public, prospective students and their families, to visit the school premises and learn about its facilities, programs, and culture – a very important day in the life of the school to showcase what makes our school the school to be a part of!

Our school is one of the most, if not, the most multi-cultural and multi-ethnic school in the country – it's what makes us unique, special and attractive for families to enrol their children and immerse themselves in learning and understanding diversity, multiculturalism through Te Tiriti o Waitangi and our place and relationship to Tangata Whenua!

On that note, I'd like to welcome you to some of the languages outside of Pasefika of our kura / kolisi.

Also, a reminder to be hospitable, welcoming, caring, kind and generous to assist new students to MRGS through the Roskill Way and our values.

Greetings Everyone - Tēnā koutou katoa (Māori), Goeie dag almal (Afrikaans), Tahiaati Liljamie (Arabic), Dai Ga Hou (Cantonese), Da Jia Hao (Mandarin), Saunē śubhēcchā'ō (Gujarati), Berkot Lechulam (Hebrew), Sabko Namaste (Hindi), Minasan, konnichiwa (Japanese), annyeonghaseyo yeoleobun (Korean), Olá a todos (Portuguese), Hola a todos (Spanish), Sāri'āṁ nū śubhakāmanāvāṁ (Punjabi).

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Ia manuia, blessings.

*Leatuao Larry Tupa'i-Lavea*  
School Board Presiding Member



## MRGS Open Day 2025 - Wednesday 14 May

School will finish for all students at 1.25pm on Wednesday 14 May, in preparation for our Open Day.



We invite future students and their whānau to our Open Day.

You will have the opportunity to hear the principal speak to students and families at either 3.30pm, 4.30pm and 6pm in the Butler Hall.

Following each presentation, our MRGS students will lead you on a school tour where you will meet our expert teachers from various departments and speak with our fantastic students and student leaders.

We are excited to meet many new faces and hope to see you all there!

## Uniform

As we move into the winter months, and days become colder and wetter, please support your child with having the appropriate uniform.

Students must be in the correct uniform every day, no matter the weather. Whilst sandals are a part of our uniform, **students cannot wear socks and sandals together.**

Please visit our uniform shop to purchase jumpers, jackets and scarves to protect your child against all weather conditions.

Thank you for your support.



## Driving and Parking

Driving is a big responsibility. We ask all students who drive to school to abide by the road rules, including the rule that if you are on a restricted license, you should not be driving with passengers. Please be mindful of the lower speed limits that apply close to school so we can show manaakitanga to our Primary and Intermediate School whānau.

Students should not park on school grounds, which includes down the driveway between MRGS and MRI/MRP. This parking lot is for the staff of all schools. Please be respectful when parking on other roads.

**Year 13's cannot drive their cars at lunch time.**

## Out of School for Lunch

Year 13's are afforded the privilege of leaving school at lunch time to use the local eating places - Fiesta Lunch Bar, Delux and Yogijis supermarket.

Students should leave via the Deans' gate, show their ID, buy food and return to school straight away. All students must be back on school gate prior to 2.10pm in order to attend period 5 on time.

## Attendance

Our current attendance percentage is **82.4%**.

This is a positive start to the year and a statistic we hope to maintain and improve over the year.

As we move into our winter terms, please remember to contact us at **attendance@mrqs.school.nz** if your child is absent from school - please include the reason for the absence.

## Key dates

Tues 13th May	<b>Senior Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite Information Event</b>
Wed 14th May	<b>Open Day 3.30-7pm</b> <b>School finishes at 1.25pm</b>
Fri 23rd May	<b>Blood Day</b>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Jazz Band Camp</b>
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> - Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Samoan Language Week</b>
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>School Ball</b>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	<b>Kings' Birthday (School Closed)</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>MRGS Pride Week</b>
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Mentoring 2</b>



# Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite Evening



**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> May

**Venue:** Learning Hub

**Time:** 6pm – 6.45pm

Our Literacy and Numeracy Co-requisite event is for parents and caregivers of senior students who are working towards the 10 literacy and 10 numeracy credits needed to gain the Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite, which is part of the NCEA qualification.

Please talk to your senior student/s about whether they have their 10 literacy and 10 numeracy credits. If they are still working towards these credits, it would be great to have you come along to find out about how the co-requisite works, and the different ways that students can gain the credits needed. You are welcome to bring your student/s with you.

## Year 9 Japanese Yukata Experience

On 25 March, we had special visitors from the Auckland Japanese Embassy. They showed us a video showcasing different cities across Japan.

They brought a furry seal robot named 'Paro', which helps to release stress. The most exciting part was when they introduced a special traditional clothing called the Yukata, a summer version of the Kimono. We learnt about it and had the chance to try it on.

We felt truly like we were Japanese people. Some boys also tried on a Happi coat. It was a great experience! A big thank you to Kojima-sensei for organising this visit.

*Written by Year 9 Japanese student, Anvi Sharma*



## Garden to Table Harvest



MacLean Centre students have harvested their first crop of spinach and radish from their Garden to Table programme.

They made delicious vegetable quiche in their Cooking class with fresh ingredients.

## Careers



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### Awards Recognition

On Monday, 5 May, **Samiyah Rehman** and **Yaneth Indiketiye Hewage** were recognised at an awards evening for migrant students who achieved highly in Year 12. This award was part of an initiative between the Ministry of Education's Community Partnership Team and ARCC (Aotearoa Resettled Community Coalition). It was an opportunity to celebrate Auckland's growing ethnic diversity and acknowledge the academic successes of our ethnic students and their families.

These two students were deserving recipients of these awards, with both gaining Level 2 NCEA endorsed with excellence. This is testament to the work they put in to gain the best results they could in Year 12. Congratulations Samiyah and Yaneth.



### Te Kuhunga Law Presentation

50 of our senior students on Tuesday 6 May, had the opportunity to hear about what it is like to work as a lawyer at the legal firm Meredith Connell. Meredith Connell is one of the largest law firms in New Zealand and the Crown Prosecutors for the Auckland region. This presentation is part of the Te Kuhunga law program, which aims to inspire and support our akonga to explore careers in the legal field.

Our students were excited to hear that the Te Kuhunga Program also offered opportunities including an annual scholarship to Year 13 students who plan to study law at University of Auckland or AUT and the chance for students to visit Meredith Connell's office later in the year, to see the workplace firsthand and also gain a better understanding of what a career in law involves.

Thank you to the team at Meredith Connell for coming and speaking to our students.







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# SPORT NEWSLETTER



## Swimming Success

Congratulations to **Daniel Kregting**, who competed at the Australian National Age Group Championships during the school holidays!

Daniel competed in the 100m & 200m Butterfly and Freestyle at the championships, and delivered a strong swim in the 200m Butterfly. He finished first in his heat and went into the final ranked first.

Most importantly, Daniel's time was under the qualification mark for the Junior World Championships in Romania later this year.

Only three other New Zealand swimmers have qualified so far - an incredible achievement!

## Sports Socks & Mouthguards

Sports Socks are now available to be purchased from the accounts office for \$15. These are required for football and hockey teams.



Mouthguards are an essential piece of safety equipment. All students who participate in Rugby, Basketball and Hockey must have a mouthguard. They can be purchased at external retailers or at accounts for \$8.00.



## 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 Director of Sport - [emma.calcutt@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:emma.calcutt@mrgs.school.nz)



## Sports Draw & Results

[MRGS Sports T2 & 3 - Weekly Sports Draw & Results](#)

# Sporting Success

## Mountain Biking

Congratulations to Taylor Bower and Tristan Duncan-Sutherland, who competed at the 2025 North Island School MTB Championships in Tauranga last weekend!

Taylor competed in the Under 16 category and came 17th with a time of 1:02.45 and Tristan competed in the Under 17 category and came 19th with a time of 1:15.22.

Well done Taylor and Tristan!



## Orienteering



Congratulations to **Madeline Drummond**, who qualified and competed in the Auckland Orienteering Sprint Finals.

The runners compete in two events on the day, one at Macleans College in the morning and the second at St Kentigern College in the afternoon. Madeline was the only student from MRGS, and she came 13th in the Year 9 Junior Girls Category. Congratulations Madeline!

## Basketball

Congratulations to **Lincoln Tupa'i Samuel** who scored 44 points (including 10 three pointers) last Friday night against Waitakere College.

His shots helped lead the Senior A Boys Basketball team to a win 105-99.

Well done to Lincoln and the entire team for their performance.

