



Mount Roskill Grammar School

NEWSLETTER



THE GREATEST GOOD IS

What We Do For Others



Lending a helping hand

The Roskill Way and our values were demonstrated in the various fundraisers hosted at our kura.



From our Principal

Kia ora koutou,

We welcomed prospective students and families at our Open Evening on Wednesday, 14 May. I want to thank all of our student volunteers who did a great job in showing families around the school and demonstrating the range of curriculum options we have available.

This also means that enrolments are now open for 2026. If you have younger children whom you would like to enrol for 2026, please ensure that you get the enrolment completed in time.

This is particularly important if you live outside our school zone, as we hold a ballot each year for out-of-zone enrolments. These applications close on Wednesday, 27 August, and you can find our enrolment forms and information on [our website](#).

We celebrated Pink Shirt Day on Friday, 16 May. It is important that all students feel a sense of belonging here at MRGS and that we stand up against bullying wherever it happens. We encourage all students to be upstanders and to speak up, stand together and stop bullying. If you do have any concerns as a student or parent, please get in touch with our House Deans so we can work together to ensure that all students feel safe and respected.

I look forward to seeing you around school, at school events or on the sidelines of winter sporting fixtures.

Ngā manaakitanga

Tom Webb

Tumuaki | Principal



A Message from the School Board

Kia ora, talofa lava and greetings,

It was an honour to be able to attend my first Open Day as presiding member of our School Board. I had a wonderful opportunity to meet prospective students and their whānau/aiga/families. I also visited all the curriculum areas and saw what they offer. I saw highly engaged students and kaiako/faiaoga/teachers who are incredibly knowledgeable and passionate about their subject and teaching. Ka pai tō mahi/Malo le galue malosil/thanks to everyone involved in our Open Day.

I am looking forward to welcoming our Year 8s and new students in 2026! Remember that our zone is slightly different from the Mt Roskill Intermediate one ([check this here](#)). Even if your child has brothers or sisters already here you still have to fill in the forms - hard copy or online.

If you are out of zone, you must have your application in before 27 August 2025, or your child can't go in the ballot and will miss out!

If you need assistance, contact the school office - 09 621 0050 or email admin@mrgs.school.nz.

One of the things we celebrate at MRGS is a range of ways to support our students. It is great to see our students taking the lead on consent awareness week. Consent is important in so many parts of our lives. I love the idea of "FRIES" as a way for our young people to remember how to keep themselves safe in a range of situations - consent must be **F**reely given, **R**eversible, **I**nformed, **E**nthusiastic and **S**pecific. Thank you to the kaiako/faiaoga/teachers who educate and support our students to make good decisions.

Winter sports are well under way and the buzz on the sidelines is great to see. I've been to a few basketball games and can see the benefits of a home crowd. Please get out there and support our teams. I look forward to seeing you all.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Ia manuia, blessings.

Leatua Larry Tupa'i-Lavea
School Board Presiding Member



MRGS 2026 Enrolments Open Now



We are now welcoming in-zone and out-of-zone applications for all year levels.

In-zone and out-of-zone application forms are available from the MRGS school's office.

You can also submit an online application here - <https://mrgs.school.kiwi/>

Application forms have also been delivered to local intermediate schools.

Out-of-zone enrolments must be submitted by 4pm, Wednesday 27 August, 2025.

Please note: the ballot deadline is the same even if you have a sibling already attending.

For more information regarding enrolment, please visit our website here -

<https://www.mrgs.school.nz/how-to-enrol/>

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.



Out of School for Lunch

Year 13s are afforded the privilege of leaving school at lunchtime 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 at the school gate before 2.10 pm to attend Period 5 on time.

Driving and Pickups



Before school and after school are busy times for our campus.

Please be mindful of where you are parking, following all road safety requirements, including not parking on yellow lines.

If your child drives themselves to school, please remind them that there is no student parking on the school site.

Parking for School Events

During school events, please be aware that parking on the intermediate and primary school site may not be available, and most days close between 4.30 pm and 5 pm.

For your convenience, for after-school events, please park in any available spaces on the Grammar School Site via Gates 3 and 4.

Key dates

Wed 28 th - Fri 30 th May	Jazz Band Camp
Sun 1 st - Sat 7 th Jun	Samoan Language Week
Sat 7 th Jun	School Ball
Mon 2 nd Jun	King's Birthday (School Closed)
Mon 9 th - Fri 13 th June	MRGS Pride Week
Thurs 12 th - Fri 13 th Jun	Year 12 & 13 - Drama Production
Tues 10 th Jun	Mentoring 2 School closes at 1.30pm
Fri 20 th Jun	Matariki (School Closed)
Thurs 26 th Jun	Careers Expo
Fri 27 th Jun	End of Term 2

MIT: Hospitality Competition



On 20 May, the Manukau Institute of Technology held the Secondary and Tertiary Training Hospitality Competition for 2025. Many schools participated, and we had three students enter.

Kade Everson was awarded Gold in the Kiwi Classic Biscuit category. **Sam Fuller** and **Arthur Roberts** were awarded Silver in the Barista Competition. Well done to all three students!

Project Jonah

The MacLean Centre had a life-size whale visit from **Project Jonah** on 16 May. It was a fabulous experience for all of our students, who learnt a lot about humpback whales. The talk included information on how we can help to conserve our environment, and what to do if we spot a whale or dolphin in the water or on land.

As part of the talk, the students got to go inside the whale and see all the internal organs. We learnt that a humpback whale can't eat a human, because even though they are enormous, their oesophagus is only the size of an adult male's forearm.



CPA Accounting & Business Presentation



Year 12 and 13 students interested in careers in the business sector had an opportunity to hear Shailesh Prasad from CPA Australia and New Zealand. Shailesh is the financial controller for Westcon Group New Zealand and the Deputy President for CPA Australia and New Zealand. He spoke to the students about his career journey and the different careers they could have within the accounting and finance areas. He also went over all the skills that would help them with work in this sector. A key message was the fact that having a degree would get you a job, but having skills such as the ability to work as part of a team and communicate effectively would get you a promotion.

A big thank you to Shailesh Prasad!

A week at MRGS



Support Staff Day is dedicated to appreciating the contributions of various support staff in schools and educational institutions.



Consent Awareness Week - Consent Cafe was a space for students to talk about all things consent.



On 22 May, MRGS staff came together to host a Pink Ribbon Breakfast in the staffroom to raise vital funds for Breast Cancer.



On 14 May, we welcomed prospective students and their whānau to our school grounds on our Open Day.



Pink Shirt Day was held on 16 May. Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora - Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



Mara Project

This year, the primary, intermediate and grammar schools got together to harvest the kumara that we planted last year as part of our tikanga and kaitiakitanga science project.

We also continued our research into the growth and nourishment of kumara and how, as a school community, we contribute towards the health and development of our land and what we plant.

The final results weren't as exciting as last year, as the harvest was much smaller, but most of the kumara harvested this year were larger in size.

We gave these out to the community as part of building whanaungatanga and connecting with whānau, and also following tikanga of manaakitanga and kumara storage.

Written by Kahu Pai, Year 13 student



我的中国行 - My Trip to China

你好! Nihao! I'm Martia Adato, Head Prefect at MRGS. Thanks to the CNSST Jay Acton Kiwi-Dragon Cultural Exchange Scholarship, I had the incredible opportunity to travel to China during the Term 1 holidays. 14 Auckland students were selected to visit Guangzhou, Shantou, and Beijing.

In Guangzhou, we joined a local group doing tai chi. Shantou was my favourite because I got to practise conversing in Chinese, meet students, try traditional dance, and explore beautiful places. We then took a 10-hour high-speed train to Beijing, visited famous sites like the Great Wall (I earned a gold medal!), and learned how to make dumplings. I'm so grateful for this experience.

Written by Martia Adato, Year 13 student



2025 Education Perfect Languages Championships



In Term 2, MRGS competed in the 2025 Education Perfect Global Languages Championships. This is part of the Education Perfect World Series.

There were over 2,800 schools worldwide that competed, and MRGS came 5th in NZ and 13th in the World. This represented many hours of learning languages and revising material in a fun way.

There were a large number of impressive results:

- 63 MRGS pupils gained awards
- More than 437,000 questions answered by MRGS Languages students

The very top students in this competition gained an ELITE Award & Badge because they gained over 10,000 points. They were in the top 1% of all competitors. This year we gained the MOST number of Elite Awards ever. **Annie Ma** (1st in MRGS, and 15th in the World!), **Candy Qiu, Jiya Patel, Reggie Stevenson, Alviya Shibu, Jinzhe Gao, Niyati Pancholi, Michelle Naidu, Yunda He and Shreeya Prabhu** deserve a special mention for their dedication to gaining outstanding results worldwide.

The 10 students who gained an Elite Award & Badge (10,000+ points) are: **Annie Ma, Candy Qiu, Jiya Patel, Reggie Stevenson, Alviya Shibu, Jinzhe Gao, Niyati Pancholi, Michelle Naidu, Yunda He and Shreeya Prabhu.**

The student who gained an Emerald Award (5,000+ points) is: **Lofa Palu**

The 9 students who gained a GOLD Award (3,000+ points) are: **Samry Mekonnen, Divya Prasad, Christina Ah Ken, Mele Fusikata, Lerian Aleni, Catherine Zhao, Anitta Joseph, Yashila Chauhan, Ahasna Owindie.**

MRGS also gained:

- SILVER Award (2,000+) = 4 students
- BRONZE Award (1,000+) = 14 students
- CREDIT Award (500+) = 25 students

Well done on all the AMAZING results –
LEARN, COMPETE, WIN

Thank you to the Languages department for all their guidance and support!



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SPORT NEWSLETTER



Lacrosse Success

Our girls' lacrosse squad is off to a fantastic start this season, winning their first two games this term.

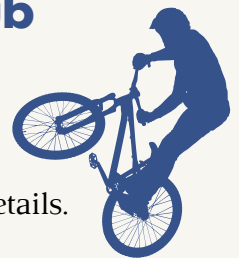
They started with a strong performance against Botany Downs Secondary College, securing their first win of the season.

Building on that momentum, they continued their winning streak on Thursday with an impressive 15-8 victory over Avondale.

It's great to see lacrosse back up and running at MRGS this year, and even better to see our team performing so well on the field. Well done to all the players!

Mountain Biking Club

New members enthusiastic about Mountain Biking are welcome. Events are ongoing during the year. Please contact the Sports Dept for details.



Mouthguards



Mouthguards are an essential piece of safety equipment. All students who participate Rugby, Basketball and Hockey must have a mouthguards. 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



Sports Draw & Results

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

BALL NIGHT OLD HOLLYWOOD

A MIDNIGHT SOIRÉE

JUNE 7TH, 2025 ~ 7:00 – 11:00 PM
LOCATION: ALEXANDRA PARK
COST: \$135

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF GLITZ,
GLAMOUR AND GOLDEN MEMORIES

Enrol with us for 2026



Heard there's been changes at Wesley Intermediate?

Please join us for a
chat and a tour on:

Wednesday 28 May
Open Morning: 10:30am
Open Evening: 5pm

We are now accepting
enrolments for 2026.

Enrolment forms are
available online or at
the school office.

Tours are available
at other times by
appointment through
the school office.

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Balmoral School Speaker Event:

What you need to know about parenting in
the digital age with Dr. Samantha Marsh



Thursday 19 June, 7pm
Balmoral School Auditorium

Join public health expert Dr. Samantha Marsh for a powerful,
practical session on how social media affects the developing brain
and what parents can do to support their kids in the digital age.

Samantha is a senior research fellow at Auckland University, whose work
focuses on child and youth wellbeing, digital technology, and mental health

Book your place now at

[https://events.humanitix.com/
balmoral-school-parenting-in-the-digital-age](https://events.humanitix.com/balmoral-school-parenting-in-the-digital-age)

Spaces are limited!

\$5 koha per person would be appreciated
Light refreshments available

Please contact Esther or Kate with any questions
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MT ROSKILL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Open Days



INFORMATION TOURS 2025

Wednesday 23rd July

- Tour #1: 9.15-10.30am
- Tour #2: 4.00-5.15pm
- Tour #3: 6.00-7.15pm

Thursday 24th July

- Tour #4: 9.15-10.30am
- Tour #5: 4.00-5.15pm
- Tour #6: 6.00-7.15pm

Prospective students and their families are invited to join us on one of our school information tours to find
out more about our school.

The tour focuses on highlighting the opportunities on offer at Mt Roskill Intermediate, information about our
school, as well as looking around our classrooms and facilities.

You only need to attend one tour as the same content will be covered during each tour.
Please book your place on one of our tours by following the instructions below, then select the tour time you
wish to attend:



Book Now

To book in for a tour, please go to
schoolinterviews.co.nz
click on **Make A Booking**,
then enter in the code: **cwbzf**

More Information

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Front Road) -
Please come to the Administration Office

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