



Mount Roskill Grammar School

NEWSLETTER



AN INVESTMENT IN

Knowledge pays the best interest



Big Ideas, Bright Minds

Our rangatahi have the opportunity to take their learning outside the classroom and gain many practical experiences.



From our Principal

Kia ora koutou,

We have our second round of mentoring on Tuesday, 10 June, where all senior students and whānau will meet with their mentors.

Mentoring is an important component of our support for our senior students at MRGS and reflects the value we place on building relationships with our families.

The mentoring programme aligns with our school goals of “Clear pathways to success” and “Partnerships for learning”.

The discussion during these sessions will include an update of progress towards NCEA and how students are tracking towards their goals for the year. It is also an important time of the year to start to think about options for 2026, which will be made in Term 3.

A reminder that in-zone and out-of-zone enrolments are now open for 2026.

If you have younger children 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. You can find our enrolment forms and information on our website [here](#).

Ngā manaakitanga

Tom Webb

Tumuaki | Principal



A Message from the School Board

Kia ora, talofa lava and greetings,

**Theme: Ia malu lou sã. Folau i lagimã –
A well-grounded self is a successful self.**

In the Samoan way, values are not spoken—they are lived. They shape how we walk, how we speak, and how we serve. When the winds rise, it is our values that keep us steady. Character is not given. It is built, choice by choice, day by day.

To be grounded is to know who you are. To walk with purpose. To serve with humility. To lift others as you rise.

These values align powerfully with our Roskill Values:

- Manaakitanga – Fa'aaloalo (Respect)/Tausiga (Care)
In Samoan, fa'aaloalo means to show deep respect, and tausiga is about caring for others. These values remind us to treat everyone with kindness and dignity. When we live this way, we build trust, strong friendships, and a sense of belonging. Respect and care help us feel grounded, and when we feel grounded, we thrive.

- Tūmanakotanga – Fa'amoemoe (Hope)
Fa'amoemoe is the hope we carry in our hearts—the belief that tomorrow can be better. It's about having dreams and working toward them. When we know who we are and where we come from, we can move forward with confidence and purpose. That's what it means to folau i lagimã—to sail with intention.

- Whanaungatanga – Soālaupule (Working Together) / Va Fealoa'i (Relationships)
Soālaupule is about working together in harmony, and va fealoa'i is about building respectful, meaningful relationships. These values remind us that we are stronger together. When we support each other and stay connected, we create a solid foundation for success. A grounded person knows the value of unity and belonging.

This week, pause. Reflect.

- What grounds you?
- What values guide your steps?
- Who can you uplift today?

When we live our values, we become people of purpose—anchored in identity, guided by respect, and committed to service.

Folau ma le fa'amoemoe. Sail with intention.
Tumau i lau upu moni. Stand in your truth.
Ta'ita'i ma le loto. And lead with heart.

Manuia le Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa 2025.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Ia manuia, blessings.

Leatuao Larry Tupa'i-Lavea
School Board Presiding Member



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/>

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/>

Punctuality

Being on time is an important and highly valued life skill, demonstrating strong self-management skills and respect towards others you are meeting with, or in our school's case, teaching and learning with. Please ensure your child is supported and encouraged to be on time for school each day.

Top tip - prepare your uniform, school bag, PE gear, and any other relevant learning tools the night before, to ensure you're prepared.

Nurses at MRGS



We are very lucky to have an enhanced based health service, with a fantastic team of nurses to support our students.

Learning remains the priority, and **students are encouraged to utilise the nurses during break times, seeking support only during class time if they are extremely unwell.** Please keep your child home if they are unwell.

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.



Reporting attendance via SchoolBridge

Attendance % for school - **80.9%**

If you have the SchoolBridge app, it's an easy three clicks to inform us of your child's absence.

If you have yet to sign up for SchoolBridge, you can use the following instructions below to download the app.

[Schoolbridge App Download Instructions](#)

Key dates

Mon 9 th - Fri 13 th June	MRGS Pride Week
Tues 10 th Jun	Mentoring 2 School closes at 1.30pm
Thurs 12 th - Fri 13 th Jun	Year 12 & 13 - Drama Production
Sat 15 th Jun	Bollywood Showdown
Wed 18 th Jun	Refugee Community Hui 6-8pm, Y13 Common Room
Fri 20 th Jun	Matariki (School Closed)
Thurs 26 th Jun	Careers Expo
Fri 27 th Jun	End of Term 2
Mon 14 th July	Teacher Only Day
Tues 15 th July	Start of Term 3

Careers Expo 2025

We are hosting the MRGS Careers Expo on Thursday, 26th June, in the Butler Hall. This is a great opportunity for all students to talk face to face with a range of employers, industry, government departments and training providers.

We would love for our community to be involved and are still looking for representation in a range of areas, so if you would like to be involved, please email us at careersdepartment@mrgs.school.nz

Blood Day

MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR



56 students & staff donated at your blood drive on Friday 23rd May

This will help save up to

168 LIVES!



Young, Free & Pacific

Young Free & Pacific is a movement rooted in Christian values. YFP aims to motivate youth to live confidently, build a solid foundation in their faith and create a positive influence in their community. It promotes people to embrace their true selves, express creativity and take pride in their cultural backgrounds.

During the program, multiple workshops provided an opportunity for young men and women to explore music, singing and dancing and then were showcased at the end. Every activity was created to hold significant value, promoting personal development and cultural pride.

Written by Year 13 student - Pauline Stewart

12 Sports Science - AUT Millenium Trip

On 28 May, our Year 12 Sport Science class crossed the bridge to AUT Millennium, where high-performance athletes in New Zealand train.

We were shown the facilities and were able to be involved in some practical labs where we learnt about Exercise Physiology and Biomechanics. My favourite moment was the exercise physiology, where we got to test our VO2 max on a stationary bike as well as our max output.

The trip was a good experience overall, and helped us deepen our understanding of different career opportunities after high school and also helped us gain a better understanding of our assessment coming up on biomechanics.

Written by Year 12 student - Levi Fonua



Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week



MacLean Centre Shines at Special Olympics Football

On 3 June, a group of enthusiastic MacLean Centre students took part in the Special Olympics Football Tournament at Ken Maunder Park in New Lynn – and what a fantastic day it was!

With perfect weather and high spirits, our students proudly represented the school on and off the field. Their energy, teamwork, and positive attitude were on full display throughout the day.

Every player gave their all and made us proud.

Highlights included **Wally Cresswell** - our Top Goal Scorer, and Omid Far, who wowed the crowd with an incredible performance in goal.

Equally impressive was the sportsmanship shown by our teams. They led the way in shaking hands with opponents and thanking referees – true ambassadors for Mount Roskill Grammar.

A big congratulations to all involved for an outstanding day!



Alumni News

Jordon Milroy (2010 Alumni) participated in the Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge to help raise funds for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ.

He climbed the Sky Tower across 51 flights of stairs and completed the challenge in 47 minutes!

Congratulations Jordon! Read his full story [here](#).



‘Alakihifo Vailala (MRGS Alumna) is a young Tongan journalist who is part of the Pacific Media Network and covers what is happening in Politics.

She was a finalist for the NZ Radio Awards of 2025 in the category of Best New Talent - Journalist.

Congratulations Ala!



MRGS students in NYT's SEUSSICAL



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Starring Your Mount Roskill Grammar School Students

Braeden Profner
Milla Orsbourn
Meera Pednekar

Srinithya Bobbili
Anna Watkinson

Tristan Duncan-Sutherland
Sanay Pal
Darshna Shanthoush

as YERTLE THE TURTLE
as HUNTER
as WICKERSHAM BROTHER

Music by STEPHEN FLAHERTY
Lyrics by LYNN AHERNS
Book by LYNN AHERNS & STEPHEN FLAHERTY

27-29 JUNE
KIRI TE KANAWA THEATRE
AOTEA CENTRE

Tickets from \$35.00*
***Booking & Credit Card fees additional**

ticketmaster

We are pleased to announce that some of our MRGS students will be in our upcoming season of SEUSSICAL - A Dr Seuss musical!

Bright, bold, and bursting with heart SEUSSICAL is a musical adventure like no other.

Performances: at the Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre
Friday 27 June, 7 pm
Saturday 28 June, 1:30 pm & 7pm
Sunday 29 June, 1:30 pm
Tickets from Ticketmaster [here](#).

E-Sports Success

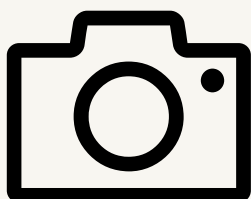
MRGS Valorant E-Sport Team has now won four matches in a row! Each game has been won effortlessly by showing manaakitanga to our opponents and ensuring the games are fun while competitive. We played in an online tournament, with the team facing off against other schools in an intense best-of-three national series.

Our communication has been on point, and the team members play their roles perfectly. The team's strategy is proving to be a well-balanced mix of fight and composure. One highlight in particular was our recent win against Rangitoto MSG, ending with a 13-6 win. With these wins, MRGS now advances close to the top bracket, potentially eyeing a high school champion title.



We're proud of what we have accomplished, and this is just the beginning. The next match is scheduled for June 11th, where the team will face off against our next opponent.

Photolife Class Photos



Photolife class photos have arrived.

If you have purchased a class photo online from Photolife in April, please come to the admin office to collect them before and after school, or during breaktimes.



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SPORT NEWSLETTER



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 - katie.tahana@mrgrs.school.nz



Curling Success

Four of our students competed in the New Zealand Mixed Curling Championships last week against NZ Representatives from the North and South Islands.

Maia Collins's team (with alumni Oscar Cao) finished 7th. Micky Ng, Christina Xu and Cyrus Wei's team finished 9th.

A huge congratulations to all of our curlers for representing the school so well at a national level!



Sports Draw & Results

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

SPORTING SUCCESS

1st XI Hockey Boys in the Premier League



After earning promotion into the Premier League at the start of the year, our 1st XI Hockey Boys have wasted no time making their presence known. Their most dominant performance so far came in the opening round, dismantling Rosmini College with a stunning 9–0 victory. Since then, they’ve continued their strong form, securing wins against both Pakuranga College and Takapuna Grammar.

Next week, they face their toughest challenge yet — a clash against the reigning 2024 Premier League champions, King’s College. The match takes place on Wednesday at 5:15 pm on the MRGS Hockey Turf, and the boys need your energy and support from the sidelines!

Let’s get behind them as they look to pull off another statement performance. Go MRGS!

Swimming Success

We had five swimmers compete at the Central Western Zone swimming competition at the AUT Millennium Pool on the North Shore. All swimmers represented MRGS with pride, putting on strong performances across a range of events.

Daniel Kregting and **Ethan Stocks** progressed to the Champion of Champions event on 8 June, where both Daniel and Ethan came away with three medals each:

- Daniel 1st in 100 and 200m Butterfly & 3rd in 50m Freestyle
- Ethan 2nd in 200m Backstroke, 3rd in 200m Individual Medley & 400m Freestyle



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