



Mount Roskill Grammar School NEWSLETTER



KINDNESS BEGINS PEACE

Peace Begins Within Us



Peace Fest: Let's Celebrate!

This Peace Week, we come together to grow compassion, build harmony, and spread kindness one small action at a time.



From our Principal

Kia orana koutou katoa toa

It has been a sad time in school this week as we let students and staff know about the death of one of our students. Eve Gataua (11 RSGM), who died on Monday this week. Eve last attended school in 2024 when she was in Year 10.

Eve was diagnosed with cancer late last year. We opened our Learning Hub on Wednesday for students to remember Eve and write cards for the family.

A group of staff and students visited Eve's family to pay our respects and to pass on cards that students had made. Our thoughts and aroha are with Eve's family at this time.

We focused on what peace means to us all in our annual Peace Week this week. Events included lunchtime activities, a can drive, a visit to Ranfurly retirement village and our annual Peace March around the local area.

Thank you to our counsellors and mediators for their leadership of these events.

You will have seen the news this week about the proposed changes to NCEA. The timeline means that this proposal will not affect any of our current students if they do get approved.

However, it is still important for the Ministry to hear your thoughts on the changes.

Please see page 5 for details of the proposal and how to give feedback through the survey.

Ngā manaakitanga

Tom Webb

Tumuaki | Principal



A Message from the School Board

Kia ora, talofa lava and greetings,

Peace Week is a time where we stop, reflect, and refocus on the kind of school culture we're building together. A school that's driven by kindness, courage, and connection. It is more than just posters on the walls or assemblies with inspiring quotes.

It's about taking real action: standing up for one another, taking care of ourselves and our friends, and choosing empathy when things get tough.

With students from over 60 ethnic backgrounds, our school is a rich tapestry of traditions, languages, and stories. This is what makes Peace Week powerful at MRGS: it's student-led and full of heart.

Our students are leading the kōrero/Talanoa about respect, manaakitanga, and how we can be better humans to one another. Every shared story, act of kindness, and peaceful protest against injustice is what makes this school strong.

Alongside Peace Week, we're also celebrating Cook Islands Language Week, and it's a perfect match.

This week shines a spotlight on one of the many cultures that make our kura/aoga so vibrant. It's a chance for our Cook Islands community to take the mic, share their language, dance, history, and values and for all of us to learn, listen, and show love/aroha/inangaro.

The theme this year is about passing on reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani and embracing identity with pride. Language connects us to who we are and where we come from. When we celebrate language, we're celebrating people.

So, this week, let's live the message. Be peaceful. Be proud. Be loud with your culture. MRGS is stronger because of what each of you brings.

Meitaki ma'ata,

Leatuao Larry Tupa'i-Lavea
School Board Presiding Member

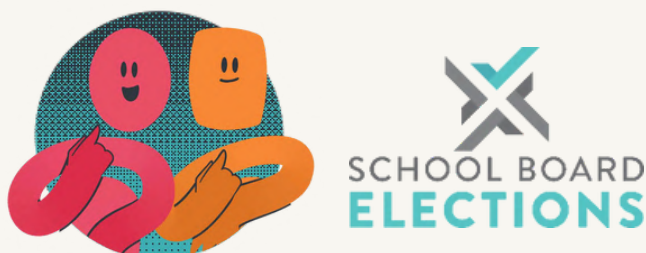


School Board Parent Election Voting Papers Issued Next Week

We have a total of 12 candidates standing in the School Board Parent Election.

Voting papers and candidate statements will be posted to all eligible voters early next week. Voting closes at 4 pm on Wednesday, 10 September.

Completed voting papers can be returned by post using the enclosed envelope or hand-delivered to the ballot box at the main office.



2026 Out of Zone Enrolment for New Students

The closing date for new out-of-zone enrolments for next year is in three weeks, on **Wednesday, 27 August at 4.00 pm**

If you live out of zone and want to enrol a new Year 9 student for 2026, you must do this by the closing date.

Please note that the closing date applies to **ALL** out-of-zone families, even if you have a child at MRGS now, or had a child who used to come here, or you are a parent who went to MRGS.

Out of zone applications received after 4.00 pm Wednesday, 27 August, will be considered late and will **NOT** be included in the ballot.

Appointments



We request that, whenever possible, appointments be scheduled outside of school hours.

If your child has an appointment during school time, please let us know in advance by letting our attendance officer know before 9 am so we can arrange for the student to be ready at the time you require.

Please be mindful that sometimes it can take time to get your child from class, so letting us know in advance ensures you can make the appointment on time.

Punctuality

From the start of Week 3, **we are removing the 9.04 am bell.** The 8.55 am bell will still ring, signalling to students that they should make their way to Period 1. Students should be ready for their classes for learning to begin at 9 am.

Punctuality is an important life skill. To support students to be on time to school, we will be sending home a text and email to let you know if your child has been late, or absent from Period 1. Please support your child to be on time for learning.

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.

Reporting attendance

Attendance % for school - 82.2%

If your child is unable to attend school, please get in touch with us as soon as possible. The fastest way to do this is via the Schoolbridge app. You can also email us - attendance@mrgrs.school.nz. Please ensure you include your child's ID number in email.



[Schoolbridge App Download Instructions](#)

Key dates	
Fri 15 th Aug	Mid-Term Break (School Closed)
Mon 18 th - Fri 22 nd Aug	Tongan Language Week
Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th Aug	Winter Tournament Week
Mon 25 th Aug	Option selection OPENS for 2026 Y10 & 11s
Thurs 28 th Aug	Senior Reports Distributed
Fri 29 th Aug	Option selection CLOSES for 2026 Y12 & 13s
Mon 1 st - Mon 15 th Sept	Term 3 Subject Exams
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th Sept	Te Wiki ō Te Reo Māori
Wed 17 th Sept	Sports Awards Junior Reports Distributed
Fri 19 th Sept	Option selection CLOSES for 2026 Y10 & 11s
Fri 19 th Sept	End of Term 3

Proposed changes to NCEA: what you need to know as parents and caregivers

Proposed key changes by the Ministry of Education

1. Working with industry skills boards to make sure students in vocational pathways get the real-world knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the industry.
2. Removing Level 1 to focus on 2 years of assessment instead of 3, and introducing a new award that focuses specifically on foundational literacy, numeracy, te reo matatini, and pāngarau skills.
3. Moving to a structured subject approach to assessment, and introducing required subjects to make sure students don't miss out on important learning.
4. Making grades easier to understand, and changing how students get their qualifications so that they accurately represent students' knowledge and skills.

When will these changes happen?

The changes to the qualification will happen slowly.

The first students to get the new curriculum will be Year 9 students in 2026.

Students who start using the new curriculum will receive the new qualification.

Students in Years 10 to 13 in 2026 will continue using the old curriculum.

Students using the old curriculum will receive the NCEA qualification.

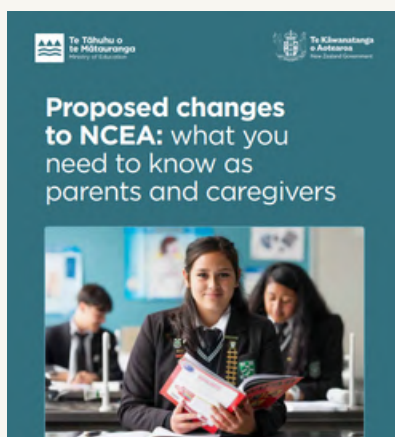
Have your say - survey

As parents and caregivers, it's important for the Ministry to hear what you think about the changes. Please use the link or QR code to have your say before the consultation closes on 15 September -

https://allenandclarke.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5i6eyRTZoZeEPGe



Document summary of NCEA proposal



These documents are built specifically to help parents and families understand what the proposal means for them.

Please see the full document [here](#).

Peace Week



CAREERS

Upcoming Career Visits

Defence Force Presentation:

Tuesday 12th August at 12:30pm

AFS Student Exchange presentation:

Thursday 14th of August at 10:45am

University of Otago course planning:

Thursday 14th of August at Period 5

Deloitte's Visit (for any students interested in becoming accountants):

Thursday 18th Of September

AUT Course Planning:

Wednesday 20th of August at Period 5

All visits are held at the Learning Hub

Scholarship due dates

University scholarship application deadlines are approaching! Ensure that you submit your applications on time to secure your future.

Due Date	Tertiary Institution
13 th August	University of Auckland
15 th August	Lincoln Uni, University of Otago
31st August	University of Waikato
1 st September	AUT, Massey Uni & Victoria Uni of Wellington

Hui 1 Te Puawaitanga o te Mātauranga

Students at the opening wānanga workshop for The Te Auaunga (Oakley Creek) Maramataka Project held in Te Puāwaitanga o te Mātauranga.

The project is a collaborative, cross-school initiative designed to reconnect ākonga (students) with their local environment through culturally grounded, hands-on learning about Te Auaunga (Oakley Creek). Based on a Tuakana Teina approach, the project brings together four schools: Dominion Road School, Mt Roskill Primary, Intermediate and Grammar Schools.



The project, kindly supported by Glasgow Engineering, Boffa Miskell and Comet centres on environmental monitoring and restoration, using the maramataka (Māori lunar calendar) as a framework for observing and understanding patterns in nature.

Students will engage in real-world investigations, data collection, and place-based learning that strengthens both scientific and cultural knowledge systems about Te Auaunga (Oakley Creek) and how to monitor and restore mauri and diversity in Te Auaunga.

Noah Meggitt, Kaitūhono Māori, Ngai Takoto and Te Rarawa from Comet leading discussion with our rangatahi.





Mount Roskill Grammar School

SPORT NEWSLETTER



Sports Regional And National Representation

We want to hear about your regional or national sports representation.



We'd love to know! Please email sports.department@mrgs.school.nz with a photo and let us know of any achievements so that we can celebrate your success!



100 Games for Haisem

Congratulations to Haisem Osman on playing his 100th game for the Senior Boys Basketball team.

In his fourth year, he has been a vital player, participating in two national tournaments and a Premier Grade season. To celebrate, the team gifted him a signed jersey and achieved a strong win that night.

Curling Championships



Erica Lao, Christina Xu, Mickey Ng, Daniel Yang, Abraham Chanwong, Cyrus Wei competed in the NZ Junior Women's and Men's Curling Championships (U21) last weekend and both teams are to be congratulated on their bronze medals!

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@mrgs.school.nz



Sports Draw & Results

Please ensure you check the draw the day before a game/event as this document is updated regularly with any last-minute venue or time changes.

MRGS Sports T3 - Weekly Sports Draw & Results

Swimmers making waves in Hamilton

Over four days of racing against 600+ swimmers from 160+ schools, our team brought home 8 medals - 3 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze.

Daniel Kregting had an outstanding meet, medalling in all seven of his events, including three golds!

Ethan Stocks also shone with a silver medal in the 200m backstroke.

We also saw awesome improvements from our junior swimmers. MJ Mariano placed in the top 20 across five events, and Dana Lukmanova made great personal bests.

We're incredibly proud of the mahi and spirit shown by our swimmers on the national stage.



Central Auckland Senior Chess Regionals



On August 1st, MRGS competed in a chess tournament against four other high schools - Elim, Mt Albert Grammar, St Cuthbert's, and Westlake Girls.

Although missing some of our strongest players, MRGS managed to pull through and place second against some strong opponents with the help of Sanay Pai, Dean Saunders, Adrian Mayo, and Alec Cruz.

Special thanks to Sanay Pai, who scored 5 points out of 7 and had the biggest upset of the tournament - beating a player much higher rated than him.

Congratulations to all who participated. We are looking forward to preparing for the finals coming on October 25th.



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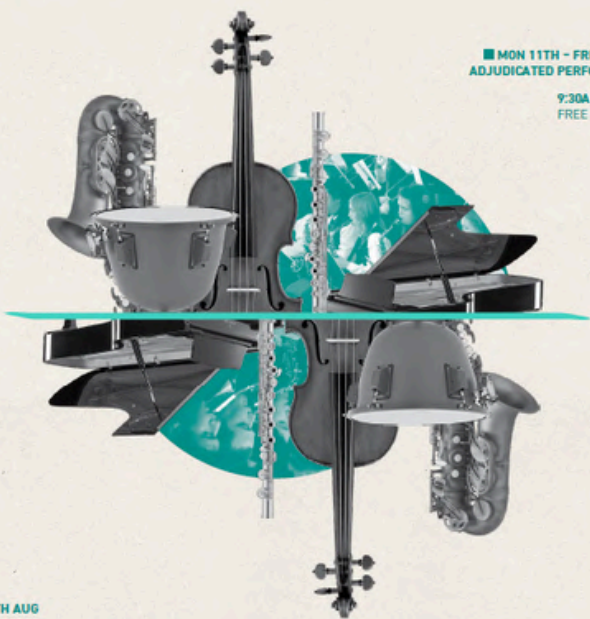


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AUCKLAND
WELLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

■ MON 11TH - FRI 15TH AUG
ADJUDICATED PERFORMANCES

9:30AM - 9:00PM
FREE TO ATTEND



■ SAT 16TH AUG
GALA CONCERTS

2:00PM CHAMBER ORCHESTRAS & CONCERT BANDS
6:30PM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS & JAZZ BANDS

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TICKETS: \$10 ADULT / \$5 SENIOR / \$10 STUDENT / + WORKSHOPS
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kbbmusicfestival.co.nz



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Join us for a Diwali
Celebration



HAPPY DIWALI

Wesley Community Centre/Roskill Youth Zone

740 Sandringham Rd Ext, Mt Roskill

Saturday 20th September 2025

Time: 11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Whats Happening?

Cultural Performances Delicious Food stalls

Shopping (Clothing, Jewellery, Diwali decor and more)

Bring your friends & family, Free entry, Free Parking



WESLEY CELEBRATES MOON FESTIVAL

CELEBRATION OF TOGETHERNESS AND HARMONY

12
sep

740 SANDRINGHAM
RD, MT ROSKILL.
5:00 TO 7:00 PM

STORY OF CHANG ER, CREATING LANTERN,
CRAFTING MOONCAKE, CALLIGRAPHY FOR
BEGINNERS USING MAO BI(CHINESE BRUSH),
SING AND DANCE ALONG, FREE KAI

RABBIT THEME DRESS UP OR BRING
YOUR FAVOURITE RABBIT SOFT TOY.
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