

August 2022: Term 3, Week 3



From the Principal

Co-curricular activities are peaking for the year with our Dance and Drama showcases taking centre stage, our musicians preparing for the KBB festival and preparations being made for the campus fiafia evening. Congratulations to our swim team and the debating teams for their excellent recent results. Our sports teams are working hard to get ready for winter tournament week.

The response to the need to 'mask up' this term has been great. Illness amongst teachers has reduced. Student and teacher absence over the last few months has affected learning continuity and we are working hard to ensure everything possible is done to maximise achievement. It's great to see students persisting, finding ways to raise their learning to the needed levels. Seniors are working toward exams in week 8 of term and we are looking forward to the junior report evening on August 25. Over 800 people enjoyed the recent dance show case and we look forward to enjoying the upcoming drama showcase and campus fiafia evening and sports awards.

Ngā manaakitanga



Greg Watson
Tumuaki | Principal

School Board

It is wonderful to see our taura engaging and excelling in the wide range of co-curricular activities highlighted in this newsletter.

As a kura we are able to offer exceptional academic and co-curricular opportunities thanks to the high calibre of our kaiako and school leadership. If you are interest in being a representative on the School Board of our exceptional kura now is the time to get involved, with nominations closing Wednesday 17 August.



Marjet Pot
Presiding Member
School Board

School Board Elections



Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of 5 (five) parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided on the back of the nomination form.

Nomination forms can also be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at **noon on Wednesday 17 August 2022**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

An evening for prospective candidates to speak to voters will be on **Wednesday 31 August at 7.00pm** in the Butler Hall.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until Election Day, which you can view.

Voting forms and candidate information will be posted on or by Wednesday 24 August 2022.

Voting closes at **4pm on Wednesday 21 September 2022**.

Any queries can be sent to the returning officer, returningofficer@mrgs.school.nz

Enrolments for 2023 now open

Mt Roskill Grammar School enrolments for 2023 are open! Applications can be submitted online through the links below or hard copy forms can be handed in at Reception in the MRGS Administration Building. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or come and see us.

REMINDER: Out of Zone applications close on **Wednesday 7th September, 4pm**

IN ZONE: <https://www.mrgs.school.nz/in-zone>

OUT OF ZONE: <https://www.mrgs.school.nz/out-of-zone>

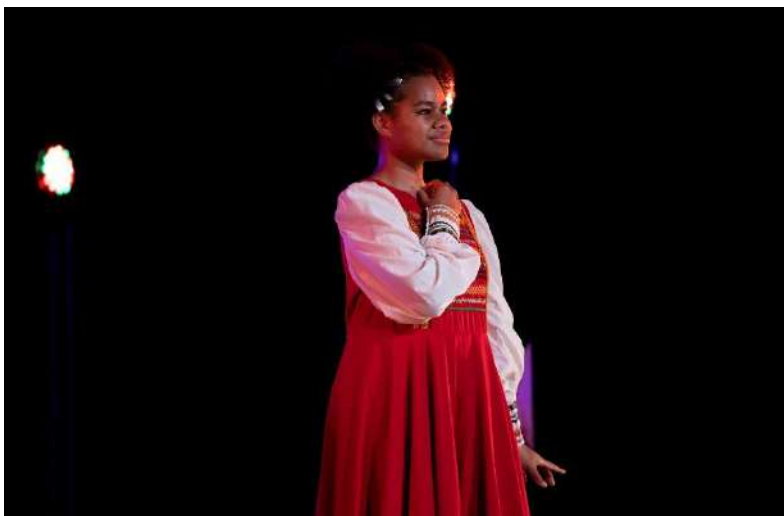
We look forward to welcoming your child to our Mt Roskill Grammar School whānau in 2023.

Rūpeke Performing Arts Showcase

Our performing arts students have waited a long time to feel the excitement of a large showcase like Rūpeke which was performed on the Thurs 4th and Fri 5th of August. With over 130 students involved it's been a labour of love for our young creatives – some performing for the first time and others in their last ever MRGS performance. This year we decided to name our showcase Rūpeke which means to come together, gather, or assemble.

In what now seems like a world where Covid will interrupt us less, it feels like we are able to finally gather together and share our creativity publicly once again. The showcase packed a punch – with a HUGE assortment of work that covered Terms 1 and 2.

The Performing Arts staff want to thank our Performing Arts students for their incredible mahi and aroha on this showcase.



Debating

Debating Octo-Finals

We had four teams qualify for the Octo-finals (final 16 teams in Auckland) in Auckland Schools Debating Competition Advanced Open Grade (experienced senior debaters):

2nd in Auckland: Fatema Al-Ali, Ansh Angurala and Sylvia McDougall.

15th in Auckland: Fatima Asifa, Nicole Sue, Jessica Huang, Helen Melese and Amie Mao.

Our team pictured has now made it to the quarter finals: Nicole Sue, Fatima Asifa, Amie Mao, and Jessica Huang.

Junior Open Grade (Y9 and Y10)

6th in Auckland: Austin Dodd, Praise Paala, Pratyush Khatiwada, Paris Bremner, Martia Adato (coached by Ms Clapham)

14th: Stella Boyd, Ella Smith, Aaran Kumar, Anna Sibi, Maia Collins (coached by Farah Ikram).

Thanks to Mrs Yang for supervising the debates on Mondays.

Junior Championships

We had four teams compete in the Junior Championships on Saturday 30th July at Lynfield College. Two of our teams just missed out on making the quarter finals.

We had some top 10 speaker awards with Ella Smith and Pratyush Khatiwada as 10th equal and **Stella Boyd** finishing as **2nd best speaker** at the tournament. Pictured is the Junior Championship squad.

Thanks to Mrs Kumar for helping with supervising and big thank you to Ms Scott for all her help with coaching, administration and supervising this year. We couldn't have been successful without you!



MRGS Legal Mooting team

This year MRGS competed in their second year of The Auckland Schools Legal Mooting Competition. We had four teams, one senior and three junior teams.

One of our junior teams consisting of Aanya Shukla, Una Gasic, Angelique Li-Rossolatos, Ilma Ismail and Jennifer Li qualified for the semi-finals.

MRGS had heaps of fun at this competition held at Diocesan School for Girls, and arguing legal cases which involved manslaughter, negligence and contractual conflicts. Pictured are the semi-final team, the junior teams and moot in progress.



Calendar Dates

Mon 8 – Fri 12 Aug	Peace Week
Fri 12 Aug	Class Photos
Wed 17 Aug	Nominations for School Board close (noon)
Tues 16 – Wed 17 Aug	Drama Showcase
Wed 18 – Thurs 19 Aug	Sports team photos
Wed 24 Aug	Teacher only day (NCEA Accord Day)
Mon 29 Aug – Fri 2 Sept	Winter Tournament Week
Wed 31 Aug	Prospective School Board candidates evening
Mon 5 – Fri 9 Sept	Tongan Language Week
Wed 7 Sept	Campus Fiafia Night
Wed 7 Sept	Out-of-zone enrolment deadline 2023
Mon 12 – Fri 16 Sept	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
Wed 21 Sept	School Board Voting closes 4pm
Mon 12 – Tues 27 Sept	Senior External Practice Assessments (in class)
Thurs 29 Sept	Sports Awards
Fri 16 Sept	School Holiday, school closed
Fri 30 Sept	End of Term 3

Student Vehicles

Students are allowed to drive a vehicle to school where they have parent/caregiver permission and hold the required NZ Drivers Licence. It is important that student drivers follow our guidelines to keep themselves and our campus community safe.

We ask that students abide by the following

- Not parking on campus grounds which includes the Primary and Intermediate schools
- Only using your vehicle **outside school hours** (unless permission from a member of SLT)
- Students are not permitted to transport other students unless on a full NZ Drivers Licence

To support the safety of students we would like parents/caregivers of student drivers to fill in the following form which acknowledges an understanding of the school guidelines and expectations.

<https://forms.gle/psVjH9G5YqGr46vBA>

Attendance

If your child is absent for any reason including testing positive for Covid-19 or needing to isolate, please contact us:

- via email - attendance@mrgs.school.nz
- Via phone (09) 621 0069 You can check your child's attendance via the Kamar portal:
- Kamarportal.mrgs.school.nz

Please contact us if you need your username and password for the Kamar portal.

A reminder to keep your children at home if they show any signs of being unwell for the safety of the whole school community. It is really important that your child does not return to school before their isolation period has finished. Positive cases should isolate for **7 days**. Household contacts should isolate for 7 days from the date of the first person testing positive or showing symptoms. Once a student has recovered from COVID-19 they do not need to isolate for 3 months if someone they live with tests positive. BUT they do need to isolate if they test positive again.

In our assemblies last week, we shared this infographic with our students in regards to attendance. We asked them to think about where they sit on the table in terms of their overall attendance percentage, and what that therefore means for the amount of time they are missing lessons and the impact on learning.

Your support is greatly appreciated in encouraging your child to be at school as much as possible to provide them with the best possible opportunity to make progress in their learning, ask questions of their peers and teachers, receive feedback and feed forward, and continuing to seek tūmanakotanga in reaching their academic goals.

%	Per 2 weeks	Per term	Year	Total lessons missed (hours)	Total lessons missed (per subject)
100%					
95%	½ day 	2 ½ days 	2 weeks 	50 hours 	10 (2 days)
90%	1 day 	1 week 	1 month 	100 hours 	20 hours (4 days)
80%	2 days 	2 weeks 	2 months 	200 hours 	40 hours (almost 2 weeks)
70%	3 days 	3 weeks 	3 months 	300 hours 	60 hours
50%	5 days 	5 weeks 	5 months 	500 hours 	100 (3 ½ weeks)

School Uniform

Our school expectations are that students will wear the school uniform correctly to and from school. We ask that whānau support this. Uniform checks will continue at the gate and parents will be contacted if there are concerns.

A particular focus will be on:

- Correct footwear - sandals are not permitted
- Regulation jumpers and jackets - no hoodies
- MRGS hats only
- Facial hair - clean shaven
- Hair styles - must be reasonably conventional. Unnatural colours, streaks, highlights or patches of unnatural colour are not permitted.

[MRGS Uniform Regulations](#) can be found here.

The uniform shop is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8am-9am.

Incorrect uniform items worn in school will be **confiscated** and returned to students on Friday after 3.05pm as per the school guidelines.

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Languages

Year 9 Petit Déjeuner français & Year 10 French Café experience

In Term 2 the Year 9 French classes experienced a French breakfast in class – “le petit déjeuner”. They were able to order “un croissant” and “un chocolat chaud”. Some students even had two or three hot chocolates. It was a fun and different way way to start the day. Our teachers served us the food and hot drink and we listened to French music which provided a very good ambiance. We also had a quiz on French general knowledge and trivia. There were prizes for the top teams.

For the French Café experience, Year 10 French classes were lucky to have a variety of pastries which also included “un pain au chocolat”. They were “très bon”! Afterwards, the students worked together in groups to try to score the highest marks in a French general-knowledge quiz created by Miss Robertson. The students all enjoyed themselves, and enjoyed the French café. Merci beaucoup.

Senior French Dinner

On July 4th, Senior French students went to the restaurant “Garde Manger.” Many people tried new French foods. Year 11s and 12s ordered from a menu that had snails, onion soup, goat’s cheese salad, “coq au vin”, “boeuf bourguignon”, “crème brûlée” and “mousse au chocolat”. Some students tried some snails! They were VERY good (trust me). Year 13s ordered pancakes (Galette and Crêpes) from the menu. One of the “crêpes” was literally set on fire before it was served!

Some students tried playing the piano there, even though it was out of tune.

At the end, there was a prize draw where students could win bags, pens, fountain pens, folders, fridge magnets, pencil cases, even a CD! It was an extremely fun evening. A big thank you to the teachers who took us there (Whaea Lee, Madame Robertson & Monsieur McAlpine) and organised the event – MERCI!

Raphael Mara 11CBTD



Winter Sports Continue:

Our Winter Sports continue this term with most teams finishing up their competition in the next 2-3 weeks. If you have any questions about games and practices for the remainder of the winter season, please get in contact with the sports department.

Winter Sport Draws:

If you are looking to find out when your child is playing you can check the Mount Roskill Grammar School Sports Draws page on our Website which has the fixtures for all of our Winter Sports Teams. Please double check this on the day of competition as there are sometimes some last minute changes to games.

<https://www.mrgs.school.nz/draws-results/>

Lunchtime and After School Sports Activities:

The sports department is running a number of social sporting activities during lunch times and after school for all of our students. This ranges from opening up the fitness centre, playing games such as handball, ultimate frisbee, volleyball and more. Please follow the MRGS Sport instagram page (@mrgs.sport) where posts are made daily on what activities are happening each day for students. If you have any questions, please see Renee in the Sports Department.

Sports Results: Some highlights from the latest rounds in Winter Sport:

Football

14A Football team continue their great form from Term 2 with a 4-1 win over Glendowie

Rugby

1st XV Boys' notched up a big win against Avondale College at home on Saturday winning 22-14

Basketball

Senior Boys' Basketball knocked over Northcote on Friday night who are 2nd on the table winning a close one, 80-78.

Curling

Big congratulations to the Senior Curling team who beat Epsom girls 10-2 on the ice last week.

Lacrosse

The girls' Lacrosse team had a convincing win over Botany Downs, twice in the space of 5 days, beating them 11-0 at home and 9-2 away.

Hockey

Two great wins for the 1st XI Boys' and Girls' teams to kick off Term 3. The boys beat Ormiston 2-1 at home while the Girls 1st XI beat St Cuthberts 4-0 away.



Congratulations to Alex Thomson (12NCHA) for being selected to play for Auckland hockey in the U18 National Tournament, where his team placed 6th.

NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Championships

Nine members of our swim team competed at the NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Championships in Hamilton over four days from 28th – 31st July. Many thanks to Roskill Swim Club Coach Joshua Munro who accompanied the team and Cindy for her exceptional commitment to the team.

We had some outstanding individual results and very commendable relay results.

The highlights were:

12 Medals: Ethan Stocks 3 Golds, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze
 Nemanja Markovic 2 Silver and 2 Bronze
 Daniel Kregting 1 Silver

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Relays:

5 th Mixed 13-15 Year Old 4x50m Medley Relay	Ethan Stocks, Nemanja Markovic, Emma Winn and Leah Crowie
6 th Mixed 8x50m Freestyle Relay	Saniru Hewa, Nemanja Markovic, Leah Crowie, Astrid Kyle, Ethan Stocks, Emma Winn, Daniel Kregting and Alex Winn
7 th Male 13-15 Year Old 4x50 Freestyle Relay	Nemanja Markovic, Ethan Stocks, Daniel Kregting and Jinitha Hewa
8 th Male 13-15 Year Old 4x100 Freestyle Relay	Nemanja Markovic, Ethan Stocks, Daniel Kregting and Jinitha Hewa
10 th Male 13-15 Year Old 4x50 Medley Relay	Ethan Stocks, Nemanja Markovic, Daniel Kregting and Jinitha Hewa
10 th Mixed 13-15 Year Old 4x50m Freestyle Relay	Ethan Stocks, Leah Crowie, Emma Winn and Jinitha Hewa
10 th Mixed 16 & Over 4x50m Medley Relay	Alex Winn, Astrid Kyle, Daniel Kregting and Saniru Hewa
12 th Mixed Open 2x50m Freestyle Relay	Saniru Hewa and Alex Winn
12 th Male Open 2x50m Freestyle Relay	Saniru Hewa and Nemanja Markovic
13 th Mixed 16 & Over 4x50m Freestyle Relay	
19 th Female 16 & Over 4x50 Freestyle Relay	Astrid Kyle, Leah Crowie, Emma Winn and Alex Winn
22 nd Female 16 & Over 4x50 Medley Relay	Alex Winn, Astrid Kyle, Emma Winn and Leah Crowie
36 th Male Open 2x50m Freestyle Relay	Daniel Kregting and Ethan Stocks



PEACE WEEK CELEBRATIONS! AUGUST 8TH - 12TH

Activities Every Day:

- Wear a white ribbon for Peace! Available from Student Services!
- Guess the Peace Quote in Daily Notices for chocolate!
- Random Acts of Kindness: nominate someone who has been kind to you and enter their name at Student Services! You could both win a prize!
- Fabulous Peace Tshirts for sale at Student Services \$5 each

Tuesday:

Face painting & Rock painting: LUNCHTIME in the quad!

Wednesday:

Come to the Hall at lunchtime and celebrate "Embracing Diversity and Anti-Violence Day" with all different community and student-led stalls of great information! Giveaways! Get your lollipop on arrival!

Thursday:

*Sausage sizzle (including halal and vegan sausages) outside H Block.

Raising funds for our local families in need.

Friday:

* Peace march through the Mt Roskill community for Mediators! With banners and Wearing Peace tshirts.

Alumni News



Sam Low (2009)

Congratulations to Sam Low, NZ MasterChef 2022!

Sam began his culinary journey as a barista winning international competitions. He then became a coffee trainer, consultant and content creator.

Sam has previously returned to MRGS to inspire our Food and Hospitality students in their barista training. He has lived and worked in Melbourne and Vancouver and continues to work as a hospitality professional, content creator and brand ambassador “specializing in food and flavor”.

Job Vacancy

Teacher Aide Refugee Support

Mt Roskill Grammar School is a highly successful and supportive multi-cultural secondary school in central Auckland.

We are looking for a teacher aide to work with in our Refugee students.

Your role will be to work with the Head of ESOL (English as a Second language) department to support our refugee learners.

The primary responsibilities include:

- Work with individuals and small groups to support a lesson’s learning intentions and/or student individual goals
- Make minor adaptations to lesson plans and develop activities in response to individual student need
- Use a language other than English along with multicultural knowledge, to provide support where needed
- Support student wellbeing

We are looking for an Arabic speaking person who loves working with students.

What you will bring to the role:

- Experience in working with students, preferably teenagers
- Love of teaching
- Self-motivated with an ability to embrace and drive change
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Your experience in an education environment will be highly regarded but is not essential

This role will be part time fixed term 22.5 hours per week Monday - Friday

Applications close Monday August 15, 2022 at 9am.



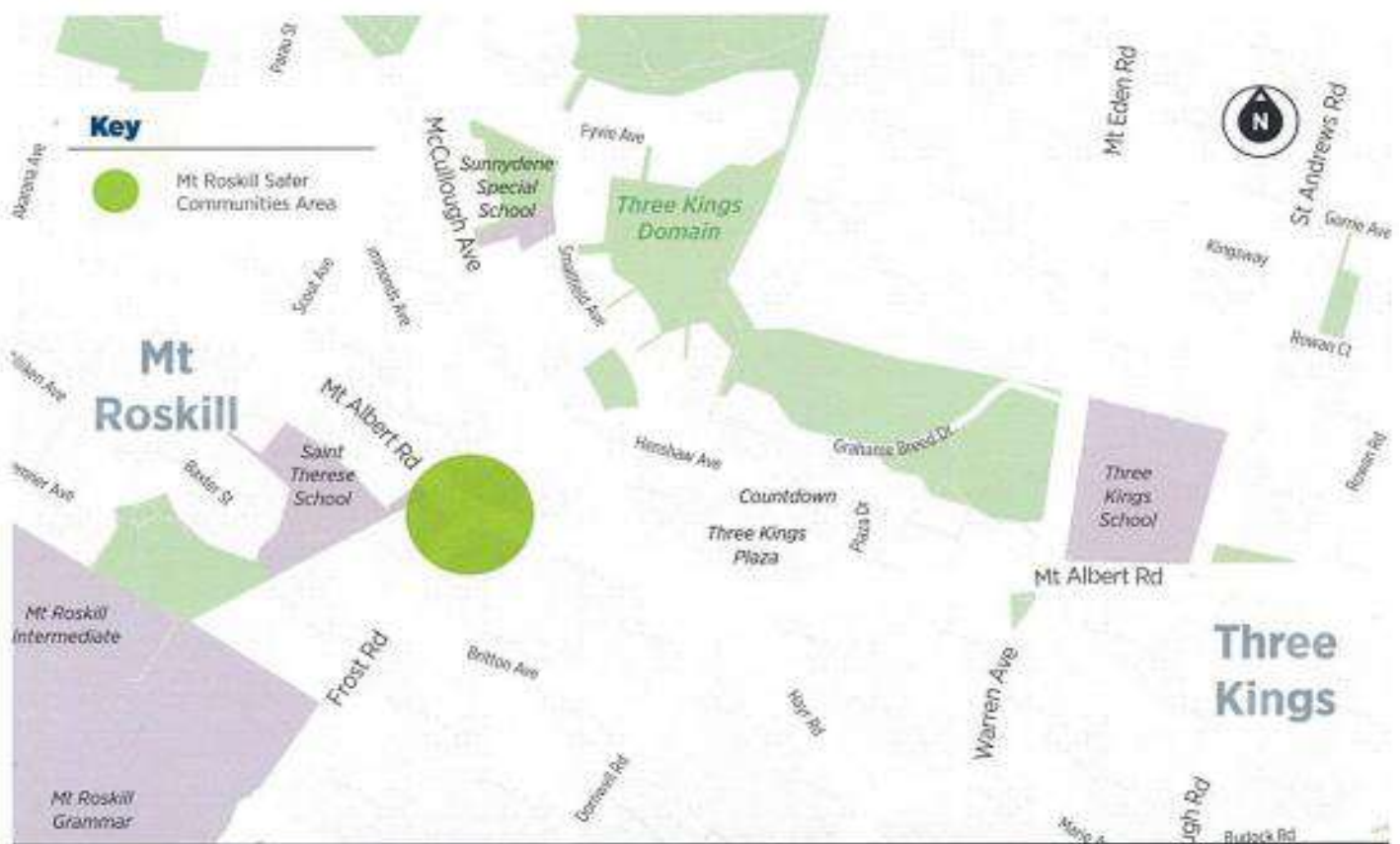
Auckland Transport is working with the Mt Roskill community to make safety changes along Mt Albert Rd.

Changes are based on the feedback we've received from both the Mt Roskill community and the Puketāpapa Local Board.

AT is starting work at the intersection of Mt Albert Rd and Frost Rd. These changes are designed to improve

accessibility and safety for all road users, including school staff, parents and students.

The work aligns with AT's Vision Zero road safety strategy which states that road deaths and injuries are unacceptable and preventable.



For more information, visit: [AT.govt.nz/safemtroskill](https://at.govt.nz/safemtroskill)
For all other queries, call **09 355 3553** or email us on projects@at.govt.nz

