

August 2022: Term 3, Week 5



## From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

With term three almost halfway through the school is alive with student led events and participation. From Peace week to Cultural week to Health and Well-being week and our Drama Showcase students have planned and carried out events for many students to be part of, enjoy, and learn. Congratulations to our student leaders!

We have seen great results from our three big music ensembles at the Auckland KBB festival, from our girls' chess team, our debating teams and the spoken word team. Well done to all the students involved, and thank you to staff and parent helpers who are instrumental in preparing teams to compete.

Congratulations to our boys 14A football team who won their 14A2 final, and to the rugby first XV who are through to the final of the 1B plate competition. The winter sports season concludes with tournament week in which netball, basketball, hockey, curling, and football teams will be competing.

The impact that sickness has had on students striving towards NCEA qualifications has been acknowledged with the announcement by NZQA of learning recognition credits for 2022. These are only useful as a supplement to hard work, and all of our students are challenged to make the most of the in class and after school support available to enable them to meet their achievement goals.

We look forward to meeting families at the junior report evening on Thursday, and the Campus Fiafia evening on Wednesday 7 September.

Ngā manaakitanga



Greg Watson  
Tumuaki | Principal

# School Board

Kia ora Koutou

I would like to thank the kaiako, tauria and whānau who have been involved in leading such a wide range of activities over recent weeks.

MRGS offers a great range of opportunities for tauria no matter what their interests.

I encourage whānau to come to the hall on Wednesday 31 August to meet prospective School Board candidates so that you can engage with those wanting to bring their expertise to the governance of our kura.



Marjet Pot  
Presiding Member  
**School Board**

## Calendar Dates

We would like to remind you that Mount Roskill Grammar School will be closed to all students on **Wednesday 24th August**. This is to enable the Teacher Only Day that has been allocated to the Auckland Region as part of the Accord between the Ministry of Education and the PPTA to take place. Normal school will resume on Thursday 25th August.

Wed 24 Aug	<b>Teacher only day (NCEA Accord Day)</b>
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 4pm enrolment deadline for 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	<b>School Holiday, school closed</b>
Fri 30 Sept	<b>End of Term 3</b>



## KBB Music Festival

In week 3 the Music Department took three groups to perform as part of the KBB Music Festival, joining 132 other ensembles from Auckland and beyond for a week of beautiful music and healthy competition. All three groups represented the school with great musicianship and it was a genuine pleasure to be able to present our programmes to enthusiastic audiences in the beautiful environs of the Holy Trinity Cathedral and St Mary's Church.

Both the Jazz and Concert Bands received Bronze awards, and the String Orchestra a Highly Commended.

Huge thanks to all the students involved, along with their directors Natalie Tantrum (String Orchestra), Liz Keall (Concert Band) and Nicola Haddock (Jazz Band).

**Concert Band:** Director- Liz Keall - Bronze Medal





**Jazz Band:** Director- Nicola Haddock – Bronze Medal



**String Orchestra:** Director - Natalie Tantrum – Highly Commended



# School Board Elections



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

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

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

Any queries can be sent to the returning officer, [returningofficer@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:returningofficer@mrgs.school.nz).

## NCEA update

Since our last newsletter the Associate Minister of Education announced changes to NCEA that recognise the impact student and teacher absences due to COVID-19 and other winter illnesses have had on teaching, learning and assessment this year.

In 2022, students will be entitled to 1 Learning Recognition Credit (LRC) for every 5 credits earned through assessment, up to a maximum of:

NCEA Level 1 Maximum 10 credits

NCEA Level 2 Maximum 8 credits

NCEA Level 3 Maximum 8 credits

To receive a Certificate Endorsement, students will need 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50. To be awarded University Entrance, students will need 14 credits in each of two UE Approved Subjects, and 12 credits in a third UE Approved Subject (they will also need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet the regular literacy and numeracy requirements).

The submission dates for some externally assessed portfolios have also been moved back one week - this provides some relief but avoids overlap with end of year examinations. This will apply to the following subjects:

- Technology (NCEA Levels 1-3 and NZ Scholarship)
- Design and Visual Communication (NCEA Levels 1-3 and NZ Scholarship)
- Education for Sustainability (NCEA Level 3)
- Dance (NZ Scholarship)
- Music (NZ Scholarship)
- Health and Physical Education (NZ Scholarship)

The dates for Visual Arts and the Digital Technologies and Hangarau Matihiko Common Assessment Task (DCAT) are not changing.



## Spoken Word

Our Spoken Word team are through to the Auckland semi-finals! They came through the heats and had the opportunity to attend the Spoken Word camp.

Congratulations to Mayz Ah Yek Strickson-Pua, Joshlyn Iyekepolo, Cieron Malifa, and Nofoa Sagato.

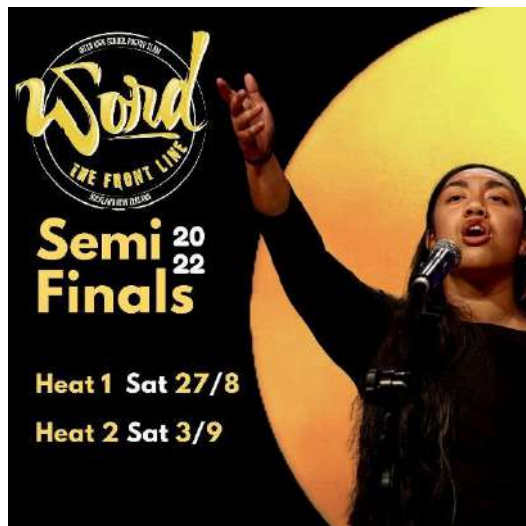
The semi-finals are open to the public. Please invite your friends and Whānau to come and support. There is a prize for best audience reaction. Tickets are free but they need to be booked in advance - all the info will be on the Word the Frontline [Facebook Page](#). There will be a limited number of tickets available on the day.

**Date:** Saturday 27 August

**Venue:** Auckland Town Hall Concert Chamber

**Event Time:** 1:00pm-4:00pm

**Parking:** Parking is available in the Civic Car Park or on the street.



## Football Champions

Congratulations to our very own Mt Roskill 4A2 Eastern Grade on winning the Championships!



## Chess

Students have recently competed in three major events. At the Auckland Girls' Chess Championship Maya Ali was awarded the Under 16 Championship and Celia Chanwong took the Under 18 Championship title. Our team of 10 dominated at the Auckland Regional ChessPower Championship, winning over old rivals Mt Albert Grammar, and qualifying for the national championships in October. First overall to Tousif Kabir, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Joe Wang, and 4<sup>th</sup> equal shared by Sylvia McDougall, Sourav Dhungel, Mantra Bhatt, Le Minh Bao Nguyen, and Pratyush Khatiwada. Sylvia was also the top girl.

We fielded three teams at the NZCF Central Auckland championship. All three performed strongly, and we were the second placed school behind Auckland Grammar School.



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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



## Junior Report Night

This coming **Thursday August 25** is Junior Report Night. This is an opportunity for whānau to come and meet the teachers of students in Years 9 and 10 to discuss the progress that they have made so far this year, and what is coming up for them in their learning over the next two terms. If you would like to make a booking to see the teachers of your child, please follow the instructions below:

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

1. Enter the code **9a7ms**
2. Enter your details
3. Select your student's teacher you would like to book in with

If you require assistance to make a booking or change an existing booking, you can phone the school on 09 621 0050 with your student's name, ID and your students teachers name ready.

## 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](mailto:attendance@mrgs.school.nz)
- Via phone (09) 621 0069 You can check your child's attendance via the Kamar portal:
- [Kamarportal.mrgs.school.nz](http://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 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.

## 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.

MRGS had heaps of fun competing at Diocesan School for Girls and arguing legal cases which involved manslaughter, negligence and contractual conflicts.



## Peace Week – “The Power of Unity”

We had a very exciting week last week bringing peace, kindness, unity and inclusiveness to our Roskill community.

White ribbons, Random Acts of Kindness, Peace Quotes, Peace T-shirts & Banners, and Face & Rock painting.

On Wednesday, our “Celebrating Diversity & Anti-violence Stall Day” had wonderful student- led stalls: Skittles/PSSP/ SYNC/NETSAFE/Amnesty/It’s Not Ok Campaign/Japanese Origami as well as stalls from YOUTHLINE/YOUTHLAW/ RPE/Odyssey House & Puketapapa Youth Board. The Hall was full of with students having fun engaging with the stall activities.

On Thursday, we had our fund raiser BBQ halal/vegetarian/meat sausage sizzle raising funds for our local families in need. The finale was our PEACE MARCH, which was a joyous event in the sun, bumping into Government Minister Michael Wood, and our lovely Intermediate students on their country run!

The theme this year: **“The Power of Unity”** is very apt given the world we live in today with wars, covid and the inequities within our System.

As the Dalai Lama says:

*“Our world and our lives have become increasingly interdependent, so when our neighbour is harmed, it affects us too. Therefore we have to abandon outdated notions of ‘them’ and ‘us’ and think of our world much more in terms of a great ‘US’, a greater human family”.*

A BIG Thank you to the MEDIATORS & FRIENDS who worked hard, together as a FAMILY to make Peace Week the enjoyable week it was! A special thank you to Zane Carter, Iti Peraua & the Property Team, The Food & Hospitality Dept and Learning Extension for all your support.





## Property

Over the last few months, we have seen some exciting progress on our remediation and renovation projects around the school. In term 2, it was great to see the Learning Extension Department shift into fantastic new rooms in H block, and our Performing Arts department move dance classes into a new studio space. In terms of our weather tightness remediation projects, we have had work on H block and P block in progress for some time now, and we look forward to seeing work on the H block and the lower level of the P block completed in the next few days.

Our year 13 Commons and Student Hub renovations are well underway. In the next couple of months, we will start to see some of the exciting features in our Student Hub renovation come to life, including bleacher seating and timber feature ceilings. Just outside the Student Hub, a large concrete deck will step down into the quad, and over the past week, we have seen sections of this craned into place. This deck will create a welcomed connection between the quad and the Student Hub and increase the sense of flow through to the backfields, Butler Hall, and Student Services.





## **Term 4 Summer Sports:**

With the winter sports seasons coming to close over the next couple of weeks, we now look to Term 4 Summer Sports, which is fast, approaching. In the next couple of weeks, students will be able to start registering for summer sports like Cricket, Volleyball, Touch, Softball, and Waterpolo. Please keep an eye on the notices and Sports Instagram page for Summer Sport Registration details.

## **Winter Sports Fees:**

A reminder to students and families that Sports fees from Term 1 Summer Sports and all Winter Sports are now overdue. Please make these payments as soon as possible to the accounts office. It is important that these fees are paid so that we can continue to offer a great variety of sporting opportunities at Mt Roskill Grammar for our students.

## **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:**

1st XI Girls Beat Rutherford 4-2 in extra time for their final match of the season

13A Boys Football beat Howick 4-2

14A Boys Football beat Auckland Grammar 4-3 in their Semi Final and beating Botany Downs College in the Final!

### **Hockey:**

1st XI Girls Hockey beat Botany Downs 2-0

### **Basketball:**

Both Senior A Basketball teams had great wins on Friday night. The Girls beat One Tree Hill 47-43 with the boys beating Macleans 106-69 to finish off their seasons.

### **Netball:**

Senior A Netball team pulled off a great win against Baradene with only 5 players on Saturday winning 19-17.

### **Rugby:**

1st XV Boys Rugby team beat top of the pool Mangere College 32-17

*Save the date*

MOUNT ROSKILL CAMPUS



FIAFIA NIGHT

We welcome you all to celebrate our Pasifika cultures  
through dance and music.

**Where:** Mt Roskill Grammar Butler Hall

**When:** Wednesday 7th September

**Doors open:** 5:00pm

**Start time:** 5:30pm

**DUE TO CONSTRUCTION: PLEASE ENTER VIA ENTRANCE 4 BY THE  
KEITH HAY PARK OVERPASS ON SOMERSET ROAD**



## Auckland Transport is working hard in your neighbourhood.

The contractor is currently working on the south eastern corner of Mt Albert Rd/Frost Rd to complete the footpath and drainage works. These works are expected to continue until late August.

The contractor will then move on to the south western corner of Frost Rd/Mt Albert Rd to complete the remaining footpath and traffic signal works for the intersection, which will take approximately 2 weeks.

During the works, there will be no exit from Frost Rd on to Mt Albert Rd until early September. Please plan your travel during this time.

The intersection improvements at Frost Rd/Mt Albert Rd are expected to be completed by early October, subject to weather and unforeseen circumstances.

Please take care when moving through the area.



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](mailto:projects@at.govt.nz)

