

September 2022: Term 3, Week 10



## From the Principal

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou

Students have completed their practice exams and are receiving feedback from teachers about what they have done well and what needs further work. The mentoring conferences in the first week of term 4 will bring all of this together as our students look to successfully complete their academic year.

Congratulations to HOD Technology Danielle Pringle who has been appointed to permanent Deputy Principal, starting 2023. Haizley Reweti and Rees Skiff will also join the senior team as Acting Deputy Principals while Callum McGibbon is on study leave.

The blessing of Te Puawaitanga o te Mātauranga was a special event in the life of the school. We are grateful to Ngāti Whātua Orākei for their leadership and guidance during the day and look forward to growing our connections with them in the coming years.

It was fantastic to have so many past and present students join our Whānau advisory, school board and school staff to take part in the occasion. Special thanks to Whaea Lee Tawhai and David Syme for your awesome leadership.

We wish everyone a restful and refreshing term break.

Ngā manaakitanga



Greg Watson  
Tumuaki | Principal

# School Board

Kia ora MRGS whānau

There are changes happening within the MRGS School board and in the next newsletter I will be able to update you with who your new School Board members are.

Rob Mason has left the Board after nine years of service. What a huge loss he is to the Board. He has worked tirelessly on the property committee to bring about improvements in our school buildings. The kura is starting to see the benefits of some of the property committee's mahi. Rob had an ability to see the big picture and was able to assist the school with its negotiations with the Ministry. Rob was very focussed on ensuring our buildings met the needs of the taura. . I'm sure we will see him at the opening of the Hub. Thank you Rob for sharing your time and skills with this kura

Congratulations to Lorraine Vickery who was elected as the staff representative on the Board. Lorraine has many years of experience on the Board and has many years of knowledge of the kura. Thank you Lorraine for putting your hand up to be on the Board and we look forward to working with you over the next three years.

Congratulations to Tom Watkinson who will continue as the student representative. Tom is an outstanding taura who has a real ability to provide a student voice at the hui and speaks with calmness and maturity at all of the Board hui. Tom is 100% committed to being on the Board and we look forward to working with him over the next year.

It is school holiday time and these holidays are an opportunity for the senior students to get some extra study time in. Use the time wisely.

To all of you, have a good time away from school and we look forward to seeing you back in term 4.

Ngā mihi mahana



Marjet Pot  
Presiding Member  
**School Board**

## Mt Roskill Grammar School Board of Trustees Election 2022



### Declaration of Parent Election Results

#### Parent representative votes:

Himani Bhatia-Mitha	<b>122</b>
Rita O'Callaghan	<b>106</b>
Nirav Patel	<b>69</b>
Marjet Pot	<b>129</b>
Anthony Russell	<b>119</b>
Andrew Steele	<b>124</b>
Larry Tupa'i Lavea	<b>105</b>

Invalid Votes                    **3**

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

**Himani Bhatia-Mitha**  
**Rita O'Callaghan**  
**Marjet Pot**  
**Anthony Russell**  
**Andrew Steele**

Signed  
Nisha Bhana  
**RETURNING OFFICER**

## Calendar

Tuesday 27 – 30 Sept	Tuvalu Language Week
Fri 30 Sept	End of Term 3
Mon 17 Oct	Term 4 Starts
Wed 19 Oct	Senior Mentoring Junior students study at home
Thurs 20 Oct	Pasifika Graduation
Mon 24 Oct	Labour day School closed
Thurs 27 Oct	Arts and Cultural Awards
Tues 1 Nov	Māori Graduation
Thurs 3 Nov	Senior Prize giving
Mon 7 Nov	NCEA External Examinations begin
Fri 2 Dec	NCEA External Examinations end
Fri 9 Dec	Junior Prize giving
Fri 9 Dec	End of School year

## Mentoring

In Week 1 of Term 4 we will be hosting our final mentoring conferences for 2022, on Wednesday October 19th. Senior students and their whānau will be able to meet with mentors here at school that day, and juniors will be working from home. Most year 11 and 12 students will be focused on their upcoming external examinations, and their mentors will be supporting them to best understand what they will need to ensure their success. Year 13 students will be doing the same, and have the added excitement of planning for their futures beyond school, which makes these conferences all the more important. If you wish to make a booking, please go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> and enter the parent code **c65wy**.

Mentors will be working with their mentees to determine their next steps in Term 4. If students are on track to achieve their NCEA level, they will be able to finish school at the end of Week 3, Friday 4th November. If students need further support, they will begin the NCEA Pathways programme on Monday 6th November (Week 4) and remain until the end of Week 6 (as required)

## Te Puawaitanga o te Mātauranga Blessing



On Monday 19th September we gathered to bless reopening the school where Te Puawaitanga o te Mātauranga and the establishment of a Pā Harakeke site, Tuia i te Ata.

We had the privilege of being supported by a rōpū from Ngāti Whātua o Orākei who lead us through the dawn blessing and acknowledged the significant work from master carver Matua Harry Wikaira. Te Puawaitanga o te Mātauranga has an important place within our kura so it was endearing to have student representatives from each of the campus kura be a part of this special occasion.

Our Pā Harakeke has been gifted varieties that are taonga (treasures) from Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu and Ngāti Maniapoto. A part of this establishing the Pā Harakeke is to offer raranga or weaving to taura and whānau as our harakeke grows and develops.

Following the blessing and formalities we were able to share kai together in the school hall to finish a morning filled with reflection, tikanga and aspiration together.







## Enrolments for 2023 now open

In Zone Mt Roskill Grammar School enrolments for 2023 are open!

Applications can be submitted online through the link 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. For options creation and staffing we encourage you to get these to us by October 7.

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



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

## Mathex 2022

Congratulations to Mantra Bhatt, Haaris Bhutta, Hayden Carpendale and Fatema Kabir for their fantastic achievement in the recent Mathex 2022 competition.

## 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**.

## Cyber Education

Over the past two weeks Community Constable Holly Stiles provided a Cyber Education lesson to our Year 9 students. This session focused on

- Appropriate use of technology online
- Your rights online
- The laws around online use
- Where to get support for digital harm

Please communicate with your child about appropriate use of social media. A great resource for parents can be found on Netsafe's website: <https://netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit/>

Constable Holly ended her presentations with this simple message, which is very relevant in general, but also to our presence in the online space

IN A WORLD WHERE YOU  
CAN BE ANYTHING

*be kind*



## Kī o rahi Tournament

On Friday 23rd September our Year 9 students took part in a Kī o Rahi Festival as part of their PE unit where they have been learning the legend behind this Māori game. The day was run by Senior PE students as part of their referee and tournament organisation assessment. It was a great day with lots of physical activity and we must also give our thanks to Kī o Rahi Tāmaki Makaurau for their support.



## Spoken Word



On Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August, our spoken word poets performed at Word the Frontline's Interschool Slam final.

Ferah Siofele-Toilolo, Mayz Ah Yek Strickson-Pua, Joshlyn Iykepolo, Nofoa Sagato and Ceiron Malifa performed three poems and they were amazing!

# Performing Arts

Congratulations to our Theatre Tech course for their makeup, costume and prop designs. The Night Breaker exhibition was heart racing.



## Debating



Debating at MRGS finished on a high note for 2022. One of our Junior Open teams made it to the Auckland final for the first time ever. More than sixty teams (the largest grade in the Auckland Schools Debating Competition) from across Auckland had competed. Unfortunately, MRGS were defeated in a close debate.

MRGS was then recognized at the Auckland Schools Debating prizegiving for their outstanding achievements for the year. The team of Joyce Wang, Rayyan Mohamed Faizal and Jessica Huang were awarded certificates for winning the Novice division of the Seasonals Championship. MRGS then had a record number of speakers placed in the top ten best speakers in Auckland.

Pratyush Khatiwada finished =10<sup>th</sup>, Aaran Kumar 4<sup>th</sup>, Praise Paala, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ella Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> and Stella Boyd 1<sup>st</sup>.

Congratulations to all the prize winners for such amazing accolades!



## Alumni

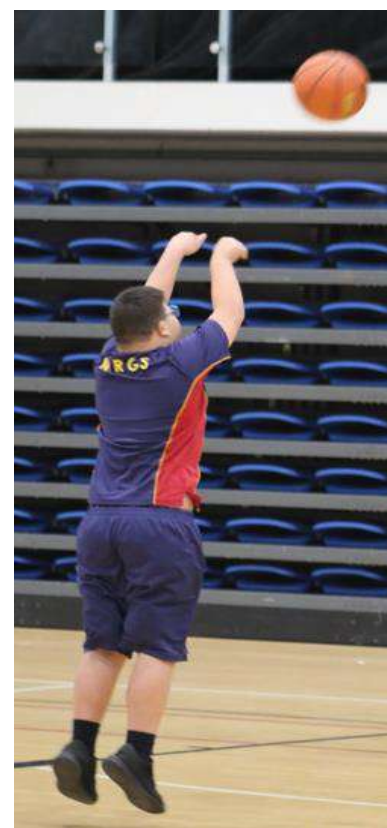


Congratulations to our Alumna Bree Johnson (2017) for winning the Kate Sheppard Cup (Aotearoa's Premier Knock Out Football Cup) for Auckland United. Bree started in the match and won 1-0 over Northern Rovers.

# SONZ Basketball 2022

Congratulations to our MacLean Centre students who placed in the top three out of four in their divisions

MacLean Magic	Aaron Fernandes Krystal Hinks-Allen Christian Oldenampsen Toby – Player of the day Tiali Kuforiji Alex Desalegn	Division 1 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
MacLean United	Siva Tadikonda Ravena Tamate Llusion Hoterene Ben Kalolo Anuparan Sivanantharuban Alex Holmes Wally Cresswell – Player of the day	Division 3 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
MacLean Warriors	Daniel Zhu George Russell– Player of the day Seb Clark Paris Parker Logan Dalton	Division 4 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
MacLean Tigers	Usman Ali Katie MacKay-Wiesehan Simran Dutt Boshra Mahmoud – Player of the day Raheel Mohammed Daniel Abbott	Division 2 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Place



PUKETĀPAPA KĀHUI AKO

# COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION

October 20th

4pm - 7.30pm

Wine & Cheese from 4.30pm



Divija Pandaraju



Temaya Amarasekera

Celebrating the creativity and  
Art of students in our community

Mt Roskill  
Intermediate  
School Hall -  
Denbigh Ave, Mt  
Roskill



22 September 2022

## We need to do some work in your neighbourhood

Kia ora,

### Speed Table Installation and Footpath upgrade

Our role is to ensure that people can move around the city easily and safely. Auckland Transport and its contractor John Fillmore Contracting Limited are set to start work on speed table installation and footpath upgrade in Winstone Road and Denbigh Avenue.

Where	Intersection of Winstone Road and Denbigh Avenue
When (start date)	03 October 2022 to 01 December 2022
Hours of work	07:00 to 16:00
For (duration)	8 weeks

We're constructing a speed table to reduce speed and upgrading the footpath to keep our communities safe. The drawing over the page shows where we'll be working.

We'll do our best to start the work on time. Factors such as wet weather could mean a delayed start. If the delay is significant, we'll notify you.

While the **new footpaths** are being constructed, traffic will be reduced to one lane on Winstone Road and Denbigh Avenue near the intersection. Temporary traffic signals will control two-way traffic flow.

While the **speed table** is being constructed on Winstone Road, there will be no entry from Denbigh Avenue and detours will be in place. Please refer to page 2 with details of the detour routes.

We'll set up signs that give traffic directions for surrounding roads. If you live somewhere along a closed road, traffic controllers at either end of the road will help you. Please follow all signs, light signals and traffic directions.

On-street parking will be limited while we carry out the work. You may need to either park on your property or on a side road and walk to your property.

### Contact Us

If you have any queries or concerns about the works taking place please contact:

**Samuel Poole**

**Project Engineer**

**Samuel.Poole@jfc ltd.co.nz**

**021 920 791**



Alternatively you can contact AT's call centre on 09 355 3553 or email [projects@at.govt.nz](mailto:projects@at.govt.nz).

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation whilst we carry out these essential works

Ngā mihi,

Infrastructure Project Delivery  
Integrated Networks

