

November 2022: Term 4, Week 3



From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

It has been a pleasure celebrating with students and families at our Awards Evenings. The Pasifika Graduation and the Arts Awards were both sparkling events, rich in performance and recognition of success. The learning and achievement of our rangatahi is the outcome of the work together of students, whānau, and school and we appreciate the support from families and alumni.

Senior students are finishing the academic year strongly. NCEA externals begin on Monday November 7th. Students who need further teacher support to complete their qualification are required to attend classes during next week until they are signed out. Our year 9 and 10 students are well underway with a full term of learning culminating in final assessments during week 6 and great opportunities to try something new during wider education in week 8.

We are greatly looking forward to our Māori graduation evening and senior prize giving this week.

Ngā manaakitanga



Greg Watson
Tumuaki | Principal

School Board

Kia ora koutou

As we move towards examinations and our Year 13 taura leave MRGS I would like to thank each of them for their contribution to our kura. You have had the opportunity to “seek the heights” at one of the best schools in the country. I have every confidence that the school’s values of tumanakotanga, manaakitanga and whanaungatanga will help guide you as you turn the page to begin the next chapter of your lives.

You are and always will be Roskill and we look forward to hearing about your continued successes in the future.

Ngā mihi mahana



Marjet Pot
Presiding Member
School Board

Calendar

Tues 1 Nov	Māori Graduation
Wed 2 Nov	Period 5 Year 13 NZQA assembly
Thurs 3 Nov	Senior Prize giving Period 2 Year 12 NZQA assembly Period 3 Year 11 NZQA assembly
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

Deputy Principal Appointment

I feel privileged and excited to be joining the Mt Roskill Grammar senior leadership team in 2023. Coming from a design background, I studied at AUT and Auckland University and worked in the Textile industry before starting my teaching career at Mt Roskill Grammar School almost 14 years ago. Over the years I have gained a range of teaching and leadership experience through various lead teams, mentoring, and coaching staff, working as an associate Dean, and overseeing the Technology curriculum area as Head of Department. This year I was appointed to the position of Facilities Development Co-ordinator and have been involved in the design and finishing of different spaces we are reinvigorating around the campus. Mt Roskill is a special part of Tāmaki Makaurau, and I love working with our rangatahi and being part of this community. I'm looking forward to supporting the educational achievement and wellbeing of our taura through the different portfolios I pick up in my new role.



Mrs Danielle Pringle

Careers Advisor

We would like to introduce our HOD Careers. Her name is Ms. Bronwen Wilson and comes to us from our neighbouring school, Lynfield College. Ms Wilson is a qualified Careers advisor, with a passion for ensuring students have the skills and understanding of career pathways and development to support their learning and achievement at secondary school. Her aim is to provide an educative careers programme and service to equip students to make the best decisions for their future. Ms. Wilson is currently located in Student Services. You can arrange an appointment with her by emailing bronwen.wilson@mrgs.school.nz



Ms Bronwen Wilson

NCEA exams for Years 11, 12 and 13 are fast approaching. Over the last couple of years we have had slightly different rules due to Covid-19 lockdowns. Last year attendance at exams was down nationwide because many students opted to let their school generated grades stand in place of them sitting the official NCEA exams. **In 2022 students must sit their NCEA exams in order to get a grade.** The only exception to that rule is a verified illness or a family bereavement. The full NZQA instructions are below:

Missing an examination because of illness and misadventure (death in the family)

If you are not able to sit the examination because you were sick, had an accident or there was some special situation beyond your control you can apply for a derived grade. This derived grade will be based on evidence held by the school. For example, we could use your results in the Term 3 practice examinations. We cannot make an application if there is no pre-existing standard related evidence held by the school.

Contact Mr Parratt gavin.parratt@mrgs.school.nz **immediately** if this happens to you to collect the necessary forms. In the case of illness or accident a doctor's verification is needed. The application form needs to be collected **before** consulting a medical practitioner as he or she will have to complete part of the form. Completed forms must be given to me before noon **Friday 2 December** so that they can be submitted to NZQA before their deadline.

Please make sure your student has checked [the NZQA exam timetable](#) so they turn up on the right day at the right time for their exams.

Junior Assessment Week

Junior end of year assessments will take place over five days **Thursday November 17 - Wednesday November 23** and will be completed within normal timetabled class periods.

This applies to the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Other subjects will continue as normal. An important part of this process is students understanding the rules of formal examinations. Students will work in silence. They will need to bring a clear plastic bag to store their pens and pencils. Mobile phones (turned off) and watches are to be kept in school bags at the front of the room.

Examination topics:

Subject	Year 9	Year 10
English	Response to text essay Understanding unfamiliar texts test	Response to text essay Understanding unfamiliar texts test
Mathematics	Algebra test	Shape test
Science	Living world test Material world test Physical world test	Living world test Material world test Physical world test
Social Studies	Skills and Concepts test	Skills and Concepts test

Subject teachers will be working on revision and preparation for the assessments over the next few weeks. They will inform students of the assessment timings for this Junior assessment week. Any questions regarding junior end of year assessments should in the first instance, be directed to subject teachers or Heads of Department. Any other concerns please contact your House Dean.

Links to Junior Exam Timetables

[Year 9](#) | [Year 10](#)

Chromebook Returns

In 2022 we have been fortunate to be able to distribute more than 500 Chromebooks to our students to assist them with their learning. In order to maintain this support in future we need our students to return their Chromebooks by the following dates:

Year 13: Wednesday November 2

Year 11/12: Thursday November 3

Year 9/10: Thursday November 24

If your child needs to keep their Chromebook for the duration of the exams, please get them to fill in this Google Form <https://tinyurl.com/3tmunn3e>

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 now as we have already sent out options selection information and have started our transition interviews with Year 8s.

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.



Curling

Five boys and five girls were selected from across Auckland for the Auckland Youth Development Squad and MRGS had four students selected!

Congratulations to Oscar Cao, Abraham Chanwong, Maia Collins and Micky Ng.



Year 9 Speech

Congratulations to our 3 top placing speech winners.

1st Natalia Sanchez and People's Choice award

2nd Sarah Ribton

3rd Lei Vatuvei



Sarah Ribton



Natalia Sanchez

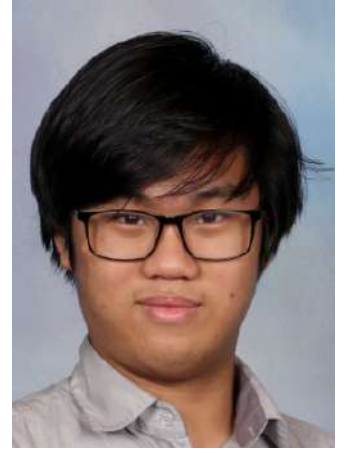


Lei Vatuvei

Chess

The New Zealand National Secondary Interschools Finals chess competition ran at the start of the holidays in Christchurch.

Congratulations to our MRGS team of Mantra Bhatt, Celia Chanwong, Sylvia McDougall and Le Minh Bao Ngueyn who came 6th out of the 17 top teams in New Zealand.



Northland ISSF Shooting Competition

Congratulations to Joyce Wang who competed in the Northland ISSF shooting competition in Whangarei at the start of last month.

She achieved 2nd overall in the 10m air pistol women (Junior) and 1st in C grade.



Celebrating Diwali



MacLean Centre staff and students celebrated Diwali last week.

Performing Arts

No. 3 Roskill Theatre Company brings their latest work *WELCOME HOME* back to the neighbourhood.

The Real Housewives of Roskill dream about being the ultimate hosts for their new neighbours. Amidst redevelopment, rehousing, and roadworks, they endeavour to maintain the Spirit of the Community.

A fun theatre experience for all ages, featuring some favourite characters from *LOVE TO SAY GOODBYE*, along with fresh new faces, all from right here in of Puketāpapa.

Come along, bring along your friends and family for this original outdoor theatre experience. Free to all, gather from 7.00pm



Alumni News

Congratulations to Ala Vailala [2019] for receiving a Sunpix Pacific Emerging Leadership Award (sponsored by Le Va). This category recognises Pacific Youth Leadership and the valuable foundation Pacific Youth Leadership creates for the future. Ala was an outstanding leader at MRGS, running the Twinkle Foundation for our school as a Year 9! She was a Pasifika Young Leader, advanced mediator, sound and lighting team member, swim coach, and played a range of sports including in our 1st XI cricket team and was House Sports Captain. Ala excelled in music, not just as a musician but in her leadership of other students in the countless music groups she performed in for MRGS. After leaving school Ala went to Tonga to teach violin to students as a volunteer. Ala has been an active youth leader in her community and continues to work for the Minister for Pacific Peoples Hon Aupito William Sio's, having started as his Youth MP for Mangere. In recognising the award Ala showed her trademark humility - "It takes a village to raise a child and I have been blessed with the best village."



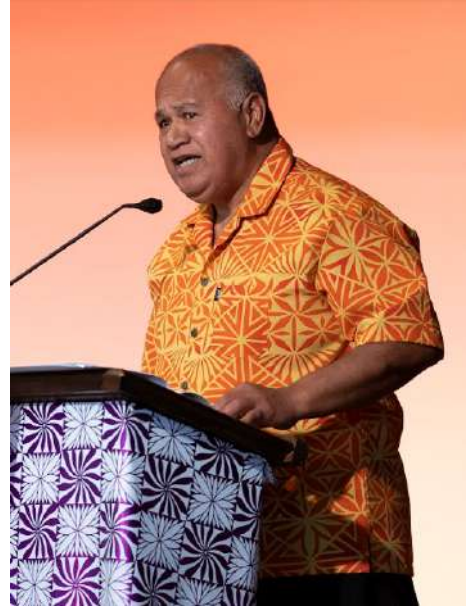
Watch Ala receive her award here: <https://www.facebook.com/ala.vailala/videos/2017707591770416>

Arts and Cultural Awards

Congratulations to our award winners. An evening of celebration and exceptional performances. Shout out to Randy Sjafrie for his words of wisdom (keeping his hat on because now he can). Thank you to everyone (front and back stage) who made tonight a success.



Pasifika Graduation



Stationery for 2023

Back to school stationery – order now!

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make getting school ready faster! Your child's class list is available now on the OfficeMax MySchool website – myschool.co.nz.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1. Don't wait until mid-January, order now and avoid the back to school rush.

Laybuy* is also available, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments - and still get your order right away. Or you can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card.

When you shop on myschool.co.nz you'll receive free delivery on orders over \$46*. You will also help our school earn school rewards* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

* Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.

Your school's page on myschool.co.nz

If your newsletter is in a digital format then to make it easy for parents, we highly recommend that you direct them straight to your school's page on the OfficeMax MySchool website so they can find their child's class list quickly.

To locate the URL for your school's page please follow these steps:

1. Go to myschool.co.nz and search for your school
2. Navigate to your school's landing page and copy the URL from the browser address bar - it will look similar to this <https://www.myschool.co.nz/yourschoolname>
3. In the wording below you just need to change the hyperlink on the text 'myschool.co.nz' with your school's URL by pasting the address you have copied in the previous step.



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Got five minutes?

Your child's back to school class list is ready to shop now at myschool.co.nz or call us Mon to Fri, 8.30am – 5pm.

myschool.co.nz 0800 724 440

Sports

Term 4 Summer Sports Underway!

Term 4 Summer Sports got underway last week with our Junior Volleyball teams and some cricket teams starting. All remaining Cricket teams start again on Saturday 29th October with Junior Softball, Junior Tag, Summer Hockey and Waka Ama all coming up.

Winter Sports Fees and Sports Uniform Returns:

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.

All Winter Sports Uniforms must now be returned to your team coach/manager or directly to the Sports Department Office. This includes all school playing uniforms, warm-up tops and Tracksuits. Please return these by the end of this week. If these are not returned by the end of this week students will be charged for the replacement cost of the missing item.

Lunchtime and After School Social 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.

Summer Sports Results Week 1:

Cricket:

1st XI Boys 10/214 beat Rangitoto College 10/166 - Abhi Patel 47 & 4-33-9, Vrishank Patlolla 42
Junior Colts 10/55 lost to Selwyn College 1/56

Volleyball:

Junior Girls 0 sets lost to Kelston Girls 2 sets
Junior Girls 1 set lost to Avondale College 2 sets
Junior Boys 0 sets lost to Kelston Boys 2 sets
Junior Boys 0 sets lost to Avondale College 2 sets



Noel Leeming Offer

Noel Leeming would love to offer all our School Whānau a week of great deals. 2.5% of your purchases will go to KidsCan. You will need to bring the flyer to the checkout. Printable Flyer here: [Noel Leeming Sale](#)

Starting on Monday October 31st and running through until Sunday November 13th, 2022.



We value freedom of choice

All children develop in their own way, and we make sure that our care reflects this. We encourage free play, exploration, and creation. Celebrating culture and each child's individuality is important at our centre, as we aim to create learners who are both proud of their own identity and supportive of their peers.

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- Celebrating diversity
- Qualified staff

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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:

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021 920 791



Alternatively you can contact AT's call centre on 09 355 3553 or email projects@at.govt.nz.

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

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