

November 2022: Term 4, Week 5



Calendar

Fri 25 Nov	Teacher only day (Accord Day). NCEA exams continue.
Wed 30 Nov	Early Finish 12.00 (Regional PPTA Meeting)
Mon 5 – Wed 7 Dec	Wider Education Activities for Years 9 and 10
Fri 2 Dec	NCEA External Examinations end
Thurs 8 Dec	Years 9 and 10 Early Finish 11:45am
Fri 9 Dec	Junior Prize Giving 9:30am start. End of School Year 11:30am.

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

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 needed our students to return their Chromebooks by the following dates:

Year 11, 12 & 13: These are now overdue

Year 9/10: Thursday November 24

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

NCEA Exams

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.

School Photos

If you have paid for School Photos these are now ready to be picked up from Admin anytime from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

Year 9 Speech Competition

Congratulations to our three top placing speech winners.

1st Natalia Sanchez and People's Choice award

2nd Sarah Ribton

3rd Lei Vatuvei



Natalia Sanchez



Sarah Ribton



Lei Vatuvei

Enrolments for 2023

Anyone who has not yet enrolled who lives IN ZONE for Mt Roskill Grammar School please enrol now!

Applications can be submitted online through the link below or hard copy forms can be handed in at Reception in the MRGS Administration Building.

We have started our staffing and options allocations for 2023 so we encourage you to get these to us now. We have one more block of transition interviews with Year 8's next Wednesday, 3:30-6:30pm.

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.



YES Regionals

Congratulations to Karen Wang, Thi My Ha Ho, Joyce Wang and Amie Mao for the success of Avec Shiba Bakery, in the Young Enterprise Scheme! Avec Shiba Bakery is a cookie business that was created this year by the four girls.

The YES programme is a business five competition that encourages youth entrepreneurship in high schools amongst year 12-13. Throughout the year, the team of girls completed business challenges (Validation, The Pitch, Promotion, Sales, Annual Review) and competed against many other schools, placing in the top 8 of the Auckland West Region.

On Tuesday 1 November, the team went to the YES Regionals where two representatives (Joyce and Karen Wang representing Avec Shiba Bakery) from each business pitched their business idea to a panel of unknown judges consisting of people who have succeeded in the business industry. The pitch included a five minute presentation as well as a two minute question and answer session. Coincidentally, one of the judges was former Head Boy of Mount Roskill Grammar School, Ojas Shukla. After a successful and professional performance, the team was placed second overall in the West region as well as receiving an Auckland West Regional Finalist Award and an Excellence in Resilience Award.



International

If anyone would like to be a host family for our international students, please contact Amanda Wong: amanda.wong@mrgs.school.nz.

We have lots of short-term and long-term students arriving late January 2023.

Please note that there is a 21-day police vetting process for anyone who has not been vetted. This will be organized by the school.



Early Childhood Education

Congratulations to our students studying Early Childhood who received credits and certificates from First Aid NZ Ltd

First Aid for Young Children	Basic Life Support (CPR)
Dinah Arona	Dinah Arona
Aliyah Khan	Aliyah Khan
Janet Liu	Janet Liu
Honey Potaka-Hogg	Honey Potaka-Hogg
Elizabeth Pradham	Elizabeth Pradham
Kezline Taufua	Kezline Taufua
Siyi Zhong	Siyi Zhong

Alumni News

Erica Beazley and Talei Martin both attended MRGS from 1993 – 1997 and visited last week. Erica went to Chef training school then became a Reiki and Massage Therapist. Talei went on to become a Social Worker. They both met at MRGS in English class and have been friends for life ever since.



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

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.

College Sport Waka Ama Regatta:

The Mt Roskill Waka Ama team attended the College Sport Auckland Waka Ama Championship at Ōrākei Basin on November 5th. The team has been training hard and completed in 6 different events. Our boys won their U16 Boys 250m Sprint Plate Final, and both our mixed teams were in the finals for the U19 novice mixed 250m sprint. The team also won the Spirit Trophy for best new school. We also had Ayden Mita (Yr 11) representing our school as the event MC and commentator (He managed to shout “go team Roskill” over the mic a few times too.) Overall, it was a fantastic day and the whole team is still buzzing! Huge thanks to Ocean Blue Sports for supporting our school with Waka Ama and Miss Peate-Garratt for getting it all up and running. We look forward to growing this sport in 2023.



Students involved: Kaylyn Clarke (Yr 9), Boston Marshall (Yr 9), Akain Wittachchi Koralage (Yr9), Reggae Akeimo (Yr 10), Shanaia Kumar (Yr 10), Rangiātea Waipara (Yr 10), Zinza Lovell (Yr 11), Leon Tetai (Yr 11), Brooklyn Wall (Yr 11) and Journey Cassidy (Yr 12)



Sports Results

Cricket:

1st XI Boys 4/164 Beat Howick College 10/162 - Rahman Hekmat 4 wickets, Abhi Patel 79 Runs

1st XI Boys 10/202 beat Botany Downs 10/183 - Alex Thomson 74* Runs and 3 wickets

Junior Boys Colts 7/183 beat Rosmini 6/182 - Hamish Thomson 61 runs

Junior Boys Colts 10/92 lost to Kings College 9/218

Junior Boys A T20 8/73 lost to Avondale 5/159

Junior Boys A T20 5/84 beat St Paul's 10/83 - Dharv Savani 3 wickets, Aali Awan 24* Runs

Junior Boys B T20 3/110 lost to Rutherford 9/118

Junior Boys B T20 123 Draw with Botany Downs 123

Girls 9 Aside T20 4/102 beat Long Bay 8/101 - Alice Mackey 24* runs

Volleyball:

Junior Girls and Junior Boys lost vs Auckland Grammar, MAGS, Waitakere and Onehunga

Softball:

Junior Girls lost 5-10 to Mt Albert Grammar

Water Polo:

Junior Mixed Results:

Lost 2-7 to Saints Kentigern

Won 9-3 vs. King's

Lost 3-5 St Peter's

Lost 1-7 to Macleans

Tag Football One Day Tournament:

Junior Boys Results:

Win 9-3 vs. Birkenhead

Loss 5-9 to Westlake Boys

Loss 5-6 to Whangaparaoa

Semi-Final: Win 8-2 vs. Whangaparaoa

Final: Loss 4-9 to Liston

Congratulations for making the final!



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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Project Engineer
Samuel.Poole@jfcltd.co.nz
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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