



Mount Roskill Grammar School
NEWSLETTER



PREPARATION IS THE
Key to Success



Kia ora Term 4

As we prepare to farewell our senior students, we take the time to acknowledge their commitment to their schooling this year with their friends and whānau.



From our Principal

Kia ora koutou

It was a privilege to attend two celebrations of student success this week.

On Tuesday evening, October 22, we held our annual Pasefika Graduation celebrating the successes of our Year 13 Pasefika students. It was an evening rich in performances and acknowledgment of student achievements. The hall was packed and it was a pleasure to see the families' pride in their children.

On Thursday evening, October 24, we joined the primary and intermediate schools for our Campus Māori Graduation. There is something unique about the Mount Roskill Campus, with the three schools working together to create a pathway for our students from Year 1 to Year 13.

To be able to come together to celebrate our Māori students as they move from primary to intermediate to secondary school is special.

At our Māori Graduation, we acknowledged students finishing Years 6, 8 and 13 as they graduate from their respective schools.

As the secondary school, we welcomed our new students and farewelled those who were leaving.

I am looking forward to the continuation of celebrations next week with our Arts Awards on Tuesday evening, October 29 and our senior prize giving on Thursday evening, October 31.

As this will be the last newsletter before the start of NCEA external exams on Monday, November 4, I wish the very best to all students who are sitting exams. Do the hard work and preparation before your exams so you can walk in with confidence and do yourself justice.

I won't say good luck because it will come down to the work that you put in rather than luck but I do have full confidence that you will do well with the right preparation. Please take advantage of the revision workshops put on by departments during study leave - see pages 5 & 6 for details.

Ngā manaakitanga

Tom Webb
Tumuaki | Principal



A Message from the School Board

Kia ora koutou

It is always a privilege to attend out Māori and Pasefika graduation ceremonies and of our Year 13 students.

I would like to thank each Year 13 taurira for all you have contributed to our kura.

You are entering the next chapter with Tūmanakotanga, Whanaungatanga and Manaakitanga as your values.

These values will stand by you in excellent stead no matter what next year and beyond holds for you. I wish each of you well.

Our comprehensive mentoring programme, and committed kaiako have laid the foundation of success for our taurira sitting external exams.

It is in your hands to commit to the preparation needed.

Please ensure you balance time studying with also getting some fresh air.

Ngā mihi mahana

Marjet Pot
 Presiding Member
 School Board



Curious Minds - Comet Science Conference



Congratulations and thanks to **Harlem Davis-Wilson, Pualani Tyrell and Payton Zimmermann-Brown** (who are pictured on the right alongside representatives from our campus school) on their presentation to the Curious Minds - Comet Science conference on their project at AUT.

The students presented to an audience of Auckland schools their kumara project- *Te Kete Rukuruku a Whakaotirangi*, which investigated different soil types in kumara production.

The project will relaunch on November 19 this year with a new Science and Mātauranga focus.



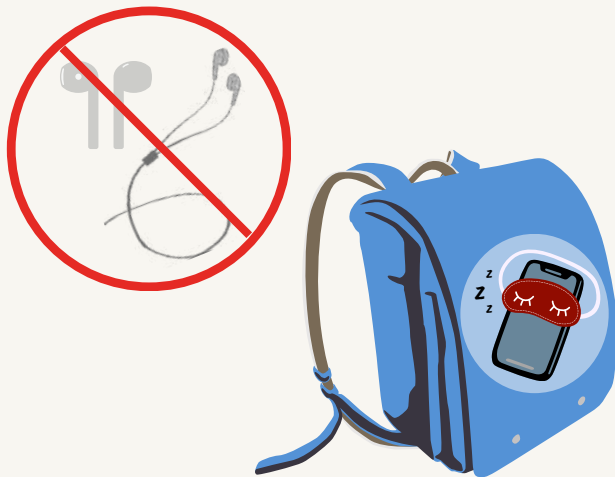
Phones & Earphones

As we have moved through this term, we have noticed an increase in the visibility of phones and ear phones during break times.

It is a requirement that phones and earphones are “away for the day”, once students are onsite and are not to be visible.

If students are seen with their phones or earphones out during break times, they are being reminded to put away. Some students who are continuously having these items visible will be having them confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

Please support us at home by having a conversation with your child about keeping their phones away for the duration of the school day.



Studylink

It’s important to apply before **16 December** to leave enough time to get all information sorted before you start studying.

Remember, if you’re in your last year of school and thinking about applying, you don’t need to wait for your NCEA results or for your study to be confirmed.

Click [**this link**](#) to apply now.

Whānau Connector

We would like to introduce our Whānau Connector – **Talei Smith**.

Talei’s role is to support students and whānau with ensuring students are attending and engaging at school.

This includes meeting with students and families to collaborate on how best we can support our students to be in their classes every day. If you would like attendance and engagement support, please contact Talei via email – talei.smith@mrgs.school.nz

Key Dates

Mon 28th October	Labour Day - School Closed
Tues 29th October	Chromebook Return Day
Tues 29th October	Arts Awards
Wed 30th October	Last day for Year 13
Thurs 31st October	Senior Prizegiving Last day for Years 11 & 12
Tues 5th November	Start of NZQA Exams
Mon 11th November	Accord Day - School closed for instruction
Tues 12th November	Senior Summary Reports sent to caregivers
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd November	Junior Exams
Mon 9th - 10th December	Wider Ed Activites



Revision Workshops

Revision workshops are optional workshops to support revision for NCEA external examinations. The revision workshop programme commences on Friday, November 1 and runs until Wednesday, November 27.

Students who want to receive support with their studies should check the timetable to see if workshops are available – they must attend the correct session for their year level. If students attend workshops they must arrive at school on time and in full, correct uniform.

Please see below for the workshop timetable. You can also access the timetable document [here](#).

WEEK 3					
Periods 1 and 2	Mon 28 Oct	Tues 29 Oct	Wed 30 Oct	Thurs 31 Oct	Fri 1 Nov
		Labour Day			Senior Prizegiving
Periods 3 and 4					Maths - L1 & 2
WEEK 4					
Periods 1 and 2	Mon 4 Nov	Tues 5 Nov	Wed 6 Nov	Thurs 7 Nov	Fri 8 Nov
	Drama Scholarship Samoan - L1 English - all levels Visual Art - L3 ESOL EAP UE - L3 Geography - L2	English - all levels Drama Scholarship Visual Art - L3 Health - L3 History Scholarship	Drama Scholarship Media - L3 Health - L1 & 2	Drama Scholarship Geography - L2 French - L1 Samoan - L3	Music - L2 Drama Scholarship Samoan - L2 ESOL EAP UE - L3
Periods 3 and 4	Drama Scholarship Dance - L3 Media - L3 (Period 4 only) Maths - L1 & 2 Science - all levels French Scholarship Japanese - L3 Visual Art - L3	Drama Scholarship Samoan - L2 History - L3 Japanese - L3 Science - all levels Visual Art - L3 Maths - L1 & 2	Maths - L1 & 3 Drama Scholarship Samoan - L3 Science - all levels English - all levels Samoan Scholarship ESOL EAP UE - L3	Drama Scholarship Drama - L2 & 3 Science - all levels Maths - L1 & 3 Samoan Scholarship	Drama Scholarship Science - all levels Samoan Scholarship Health - L3 Maths - L3
WEEK 5					
Periods 1 and 2	Mon 11 Nov	Tues 12 Nov	Wed 13 Nov	Thurs 14 Nov	Fri 15 Nov
		Drama Scholarship ESOL EAP UE - L3	Drama Scholarship Media - L3 Science - L1 Science - PESS 1.4	Classics - L2 Samoan - L2 ESOL EAP UE - L3	Science - L1 Science - PESS 1.4 French - L3 Japanese - L1 Samoan - L2



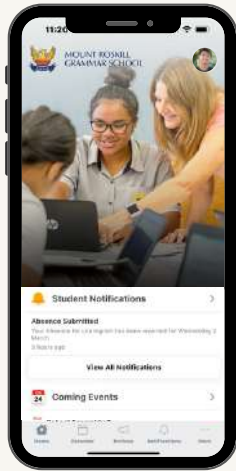
Revision Workshops

Periods 3 and 4	Media L3 (period 4 only) Science - all levels Samoan - L2	Dance - L2 Drama Scholarship Drama - L3 French - L2 Science - all levels	Drama Scholarship Science - all levels Samoan - L2	History - L2 Science - all levels Japanese - L1	Science - all levels 13MSS ESOL EAP UE - L3
WEEK 6					
Periods 1 and 2	Mon 18 Nov	Tues 19 Nov	Wed 20 Nov	Thurs 21 Nov	Fri 22 Nov
	Media - L2	English Scholarship		Samoan L2 Tutorial ESOL EAP UE - L3	ESOL EAP UE - L3
Periods 3 and 4		Samoan L2 Tutorial	Classics - L3 Japanese - L2 ESOL EAP UE - L3	Geography - L3 Media - L2 Japanese - L2	Samoan L2 Tutorial
WEEK 7					
Periods 1 and 2	Mon 25 Nov	Tues 26 Nov	Wed 27 Nov	Thurs 28 Nov	Fri 29 Nov
	ESOL EAP UE - L3	ESOL EAP UE - L3			
Periods 3 and 4		Dance - L2 Samoan L2 Tutorial	ESOL EAP UE - L3		

Workshop	Room	Workshop	Room	Workshop	Room	Workshop	Room
Classics	C5	13EAP UE LIT	R6	Japanese	R3	Samoan	A6
Dance	PAS	French	A3	Maths	R1 & R2	Science	S8
Drama	H1	Geography	C5	Media L2	T6	Visual Art	A4
Drama Schol.	H3	Health	C1	Media L3	T7		
English	E10 & E11	History	C5	Music/13MSS	M1 & M2		



Schoolbridge



In 2024, we have introduced a new app for our community to use.

Schoolbridge allows parents, caregivers and students to access important information about MRGS.

Schoolbridge features will include:

- Updating attendance
- Viewing upcoming events and trips
- Accessing newsletters
- Visiting the school website

For more information regarding Schoolbridge and how to use it, please click this [link](#).

If you are interested in downloading the app onto your device, please click this [link](#).

Wider Education

At the end of the school year, our Junior students will be taking part in our annual Wider Education programme.

On December 9 and 10, Year 9 and 10 students will have the opportunity to experience activities away from school at various locations around Auckland.

This will provide our students with a fun and engaging experience to end their school year.

These activities will also provide an opportunity to not only try new things but to make new connections.

Activity details, including costs, were sent to caregivers at the end of Week 1 and can be viewed [here](#).

Some activities include a cost, to secure your child's place for one of these activities, please ensure they have paid a **\$50 deposit with their signed permission slip by Friday, November 8.**



Chromebook Returns



This year we have loaned over 300 Chromebooks to students to support their learning. Senior students will be returning their Chromebooks to the school before they go on their study-leave.

The Senior Chromebook return day will take place on Tuesday October 29.

If your child needs to keep their school-supplied Chromebook for the exam period, please get them to [fill in this form](#).



Health Science Academy Graduation

MRGS Health Science Academy (HSA) awarded scholarships generously funded by Te Whatu Ora during the Year 13 Vinaka Celebration and the Term 4 Parent Fono.

These scholarships recognize students for their commitment to after-school tutorials, leadership, and academic excellence in science.



Year 11 \$5,000 distributed between students	Year 12 \$5,000 distributed between students	Year 13 \$10,000 distributed between students
<p>Top Students: Levi Fonua Allie O'Callaghan Sione Finau Pricilla Pangata'a Harper-Lee Vavetuki Adra Kaufusi Esther Robertson Naia Tagiilima</p>	<p>Top Students: Lenaya Aumua Sopheighra Leota Naailah Riaz Fifita Hill-Willis</p>	<p>Kalani Mamea Josefa Mataika Melisha Ragavan Nesi Lotoaatu</p>

Mount Roskill Schools Art Showcase



The Mount Roskill Schools Art Showcase was held between 18-20 Oct at the Lynfield YMCA off Griffin Park Road.

Hosted by our local MP Dr Carlos Cheung, Mount Roskill Grammar School participated in the creative showcase, alongside 17 other local primary, intermediate and, secondary schools.

Two MRGS artworks were displayed:

- Mr Carter and Mrs Fraser's Junior Art classes worked on the identity cube project where each student worked on a cube and drew motifs that represented who they are.
- A selection of student works from our Year 13 photography class.

We are proud to see the work of our creative MRGS students admired by our community.



Pasefika Graduation

On Tuesday, October 22, we celebrated the achievements of our Pasefika students and their final year at Mount Roskill Grammar School.

Congratulations to:

Top Year 13 Gagana Samoa

Shayne Misa

Tausala Award

Loreta Mitiana

Hopemaria Lafoniu Papa

Failauga Award

Juliet Koonwaiyou

Tupa'i-Samuel Scholarship

Kalani Mamea

Josefa Mataika



Pasefika Graduation



Māori Graduation

Congratulations to:

MANA TAIOHI

Leadership in kapahaka

Lucian Reedy & Tanya Tukia

MANA WAIRUA

Spiritual Strength in Kapahaka

Lola Alataua

TAIOHI MATATAKI

Overcoming Challenges

Kaylah-Rei Wihongi

ROIMATA KAAKA

Whaikorero

Lucian Reedy

MARILYN TOI

Karanga

Tanya Tukia & Lola Alataua

MANAWA TĪTĪ

Perserverance

Lucian Reedy

MOWBRY WHĀNAU Trophy Top ALL-ROUND Māori student

Zinzan Lovell



Māori Graduation



Japan Trip 2024

Thanks for Miss Kojima & Mr McAlpine for overseeing this two week cultural experience for our students of Japanese. In addition to visiting cultural sites, the students experienced life with a homestay family and time in a Japanese school.





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SPORT NEWSLETTER



2024 Tri Series against Australia

In May, Nemanja Markovic, Daniel Kregting, and Ethan Stocks were selected to compete in the 2024 Tri-Series, which was hosted by Swimming NZ and Good Sports Events in Hamilton.

The Tri-Series Meet has been designed to provide an exciting opportunity for swimmers and coaches to develop their skills against international competition.

Although Victoria State won the competition, our MRGS swimmers had a great experience in Hamilton and demonstrated good sportsmanship.

Junior Summer Football Festival - November 6

This festival is a chance to play some football during the off season. Just turn up and play between 3.30-5.30pm.

Register yourself or a team through this [link](#) or come to the Sports Dept to sign up.



[@mrgs.sport](#)

Follow the MRGS Sports page on Instagram for up-to-date information regarding sports and recreational activities happening at the school during lunch and after school.

Sports Draw & Results

Please use the link below for the MRGS Sports Draw for Term 4. Please ensure you double-check the draw the day before a game or event as this document is updated regularly with any last-minute venue or time changes.

[MRGS Sports T4 - Weekly Sports Draw & Results](#)

SPORTING SUCCESS

1st X1 Cricket



Congratulations to our 1st X1 Cricket squad who had a great start to term 4, with a convincing win at home against Botany Downs. A special mention to **Sai Chikoori** who was 39 not out, and to **Yaneth Indiketige Hewage** who was also not out and resigned to enable other members of the team to bat!

Mountain Biking



Well done to **Tayla Bower** and **Tristan Duncan-Sutherland** who took part in the National School Mountain Bike Championships in Christchurch.

Basketball Nationals



Basketball Nationals in Palmerston North

It was an amazing achievement for our senior boys basketballers to qualify for the Nationals this year.

Our teams competed against the best in the country. The highlight was definitely beating hometown Palmerston North live on Māori TV.

A huge congratulations to all!

