



Mount Roskill Grammar School
NEWSLETTER



ACKNOWLEDGING & CELEBRATING
A successful year of learning



Wrapping up 2024

Here's to closing this chapter with gratitude and stepping into the next with joy.



From our Principal

Kia ora koutou,

This is the last newsletter of the year and we have been busy in school right up to the end of this term.

Last Friday, we had our annual Amazing Race activity, where Hui Ako groups competed enthusiastically in various challenges.

Earlier this week, we also held our two-day Wider Education days, offering a range of exciting opportunities for students to explore, learn, and grow.

It was a privilege to finish off the 2024 school year by celebrating student success in our Junior Prizegiving.

As I said on the day of Junior Prizegiving, I have high expectations for our junior year groups and believe that they can do as well as any year group that has gone before.

Our staff want to raise the expectations that we have for them and support them to get there - in the classroom and outside.

As we conclude the school year, I want to wish all of our community a safe and relaxing holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in 2025 for another exciting school year.

Ngā manaakitanga

Tom Webb

Tumuaki | Principal



A Message from the School Board

Kia ora koutou

Congratulations to our Junior Prize Giving award winners. It was great to see our taura being rewarded for upholding our school values - Tūmanakotanga, Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga. You can be very proud of your achievements.

To all of our taura returning next year, take time over the summer to rest, recharge and be ready for next year.

As we reach the end of the year I would like to thank Mr Webb, our Senior Leadership team, kaiako, support staff, taura, whānau and the School Board for their mahi throughout 2024.

On behalf of the School Board I wish all our MRGS whānau a wonderful summer.

Ngā mihi mahana

Marjet Pot
School Board Presiding Member



Junior Diploma Awards



On December 2 & 3, we presented the Junior Diploma with Excellence Endorsement to students who have achieved more than 50 excellence credits in the year.

Congratulations to all award recipients!

Key dates for 2025

Wed 22nd January 2025	School Office open to public
Thurs 30th January 2025	Pōwhiri for Year 9s & all new students Year 9 Induction - Day 1 Course Confirmation (1-3pm)
Fri 31st January 2025	Year 9 Induction - Day 2
Mon 3rd February 2025	First day for all students
Thurs 6th February 2025	Waitangi Day - School Closed
Mon 10th - Fri 14th February 2025	Year 13 Camp



Junior Prizegiving



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Top Awards

Alicia Ting - Principal's Academic Award for 1st in Year 9

Arene Kong - 2nd in Year 9

Lily Maplesden - Principal's Academic Award for 1st in Year 10

George Maplesden - 2nd in Year 10

Special Awards

Lesieli Mapili - Year 9 Speech Award

Jackson Bishop - Mana Wairua Teina

Diane Davey - Junior Leadership in Kapa Haka Mana Taiohi

Naomi Pole - Whanaungatanga Cup for demonstrating participation, leadership and service in our community

Shahana Kulathungar - Junior Library Prize

Ava Everson - Excellence in Year 10 Performing Arts and SVA Top Volunteer Award

Srinithya Bobbili, Navya Machi Peddi, Astera Rahmane & Lucia Weng - Rising Phoenixes Shield for Best Junior Debating Team

Lucia Weng - Best Junior Speaker in Debating

Skylah Kyle - Excellence in Year 9 Performing Arts

Aadil Dokrat & Jarif Hossain - Ann Mintram Cup for the MacLean Centre Junior Student of the Year

Top Year 9 Core Class Awards

Thamashi Poththewela Gamage - 1st in Class 902

Mahekpreet Kaur - 2nd in Class 902

Alicia Ting - 1st in Class 903

Isaac Wu - 2nd in Class 903

Josephine Duong - 1st in Class 904

Jaiden Mose - 2nd in Class 904

Umaimah Siddiqi - 1st in Class 905

Renae Kumar - 2nd in Class 905

Raven Olpato - 1st in Class 906

Ellie Hsu - 2nd in Class 906

Kayur Nathoo - 1st in Class 907

Rawha Khan - 2nd in Class 907

Skylah Kyle - 1st in Class 908

Ishani Rajmenan - 2nd in Class 908

Diyansa Perera - 1st in Class 909

Divya Prasad - 2nd in Class 909

Arene Kong - 1st in Class 910

Ben Epream - 2nd in Class 910

Arabella Fernandez - 1st in Class 911

Jash Trivedi - 2nd in Class 911

Shreeya Prabhu - 1st in Class 912

Sophie Heinzl - 2nd in Class 912

Casey Zhang - 1st in Class 915

Rudra Patel - 2nd in Class 915

Top Year 10 Core Class Awards

Brianna Pule - 1st in Class 1002

Sara Zia - 2nd in Class 1002

Lily Maplesden - 1st in Class 1003

Luka Stuart - 2nd in Class 1003

Iba Mujeeb - 1st in Class 1004

Anastasia Mouravleva - 2nd in Class 1004

Duyen Tran - 1st in Class 1005

John Brookbanks - 2nd in Class 1005

George Maplesden - 1st in Class 1006

Damian Dao - 2nd in Class 1006

Kuhan Saminathan - 1st in Class 1007

Prateep Thirumarulchelvam - 2nd in Class 1007



Junior Prizegiving

Top Year 10 Core Class Awards

Maaz Ahmed - 1st in Class 1008

Galila Addis - 2nd in Class 1008

Srinithya Bobbili - 1st in Class 1009

Shreya Patel - 2nd in Class 1009

Alice Jones - 1st in Class 1010

Lucia Weng - 2nd in Class 1010

Darshna Shanthosh - 1st in Class 1011

Calvin Zhou - 2nd in Class 1011

David Chitty - 1st in Class 1012

Finlay Dodd - 2nd in Class 1012

Francis Galang - 1st in Class 1013

Navya Machi Peddi - 2nd in Class 1013

Anushka Anushka - 1st in Class 1015

Anh Truong - 2nd in Class 1015

Xinyi Shi - 1st in Class 1016

Yixin Zhu - 2nd in Class 1016

House Distinction Awards

Cooper House

Ayjah Leilona

Divya Prasad

Darshna Shanthosh

Halaevalu Tongotongo

Hillary House

Tiana Hill-Willis

Thamashi Poththewela Gamage

Larnae Tatu

Fynaully Tuiutuloa

Ngata House

Tapati Jr Aleki

Aisha Ameen

Ben Epream

Pualani Tyrell

House Distinction Awards

Rutherford House

Jessica Croad

Iman Mohamad Erwan

Austin Panprasong

Asher Stitt

Sheppard House

Finlay Dodd

Ava Everson

Oscar Kitson-Paull

Meera Pednekar

Junior Sports Awards

Lily Maplesden - Junior Sportswoman of the Year

George Maplesden - Junior Sportsman of the Year

Ehsani Ropati - All Round Junior Sportswoman of the Year

Taylor Bower - All Round Junior Sportsman of the Year

Lily Maplesden - Academy Hockey Girls Player of the Year and Hockey U15 Barry Bryan Cup Excellence & Commitment to U15 Hockey

Kj Sasagi - Academy Rugby Boys Player of the Year
Marshall Smith - Academy Football Boys Player of the Year and Most Outstanding Junior Boys Football Player

Loujayne Al-Badry - Academy Football Girls Player of the Year

Brooke Leaso - Academy Basketball Girls Player of the Year

Sophia Toala - Academy Basketball Girls Player of the Year

Israel Young - Academy Hockey Boys Player of the Year and Hockey Auckland Under 16

TJ Nooana - Academy Basketball Boys Player of the Year and Volleyball Junior Boys Player of the Year



Junior Prizegiving

Junior Sports Awards

Lolinda Sapoi - Academy Rugby Girls Player of the Year, Auckland Rugby U16 Central West, Most Improved Intermediate/Junior Netball Player of the Year and Most Outstanding Junior Girls Rugby Player

Chyanne Leilua - Niuean U15 Rugby League and Oceania Pacifica U14 Tag

Zahra Lene - Niuean U15 Rugby League and Oceania Pacifica U14 Tag

Skylah Kyle - National Secondary Schools Rock Climbing

Harit Panchal - Chess Power Auckland

Arene Kong - Auckland Regional, Nationals Karate and Sports Committee - Leadership

Laasya Pusarla - Central Districts U17 Girls Cricket

Prithvi Shan Kadavil - Auckland Under 15 Indoor Cricket

Pranav Shenoy, Dev Kumar, Arhaam Syed, Duprie Rameka-Duncan, Yuvraj Jassal, Theo Briggs, Shahana Kulathungar, Jermel Raquion & Jadeah Kemen - Chess Power Auckland Cluster

Lily Maplesden - Auckland Under 16 Hockey

George Maplesden - Auckland Under 16 Hockey, Sports Committee - Leadership and MRGS Junior Hockey Player of the Year

Haizel Posimani - Auckland North U14 Rugby League

Mercia Pritchard - Counties Manukau U16 Tag

Zharanya Pulman - Auckland Regional and Nationals Karate

Taylor Bower - North Island Champs Mountain Biking

Tristan Duncan-Sutherland - Secondary School Nationals Mountain Biking

Ben Epream - Sports Committee - Leadership

Oscar Kitson-Paull - Sports Committee - Leadership

Harry Mellor - Sports Committee - Leadership and Most Outstanding Junior Cricket Boys Player

Charity Lavea Tutagalevao - Sports Committee - Leadership

Aina Afrina Noorazrin - Badminton Junior Girls Champion

Riya Mehta - Futsal Junior Player of the Year, Most Outstanding Junior Girls Football Player and Water Polo Junior Girls Player of the Year

Ehsani Ropati - Most Outstanding Junior Girls Basketball Player, Netball Junior Player of the Year and Tag Junior Girls Player of the Year
Joshua Bridges Tag Junior Boys Player of the Year

Giovahni Pinomi - Most Outstanding Junior Boys Rugby Player

Pila Finau - Most Outstanding Junior Boys Basketball Player

Charity Lavea Tutagalevao - Volleyball Junior Girls Player of the Year

Duyen Tran - MRGS Swimming Junior Girls Championship

Dean Saunders - Junior Chess Player of the Year, Auckland Regional Chess Power and Chess Power National Finals

Daniel Mulvaney - MRGS Swimming Intermediate Boys Championship

Brooke Leaso - Netball Intermediate Player of the Year

Jonathan Ting - Badminton Junior Boys Champion



Otahuhu College Visit - Kumara Project



MRGS Mediators



On Friday, December 6, seven of our wonderful mediators used their own time, as they have finished school and exams for the year, to go and be alongside students from Mt Albert Grammar as they embark on the journey of being a mediator.

Our leaders were able to share their experiences and words of advice as to what mediation is for them. Mt Albert Grammar was very appreciative of the time these students gave and the strong sense of community it created.

Well done to our MRGS mediators, we are so proud of your amazing mahi!

Alumni News

Chanakya Yamalapalli is an MRGS 2024 Alumni. He debuted as a published author with his book - 'The Blue Box'. Chanakya kindly gifted a copy of his book to our Learning Hub.

About the Book

Spanning decades, *The Blue Box* unravels the life of Caleb, a man whose childhood decision spirals into unforeseen consequences. Living with his father in an unsafe neighborhood, Caleb, a shy and introverted boy, finds solace in his new classmate, who becomes his only friend. Despite his love for his father, Caleb cannot bear the thought of his mother being replaced and takes drastic action. Years later, as an adult, Caleb is thrust back into the shadows of his past. *The Blue Box* is a gripping tale of friendship, love, and the haunting echoes of choices made in the innocence of youth.

If any students are interested in reading this book, they can find it in our Learning Hub or purchase it [here](#).





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SPORT NEWSLETTER



Sports Coaches and Managers 2025

We are looking for coaches and managers for 2025 to support our students to ensure our students experience all of the benefits of sport.



If you can help in any way, please contact Director of Sport Emma Calcutt - emma.calcutt@mrgs.school.nz

Girls' basketball, netball, boys' and girls' football, cross country, fitness/strength and conditioning are some of the areas that we really need some support with.

Early Cricket Musters

Due to the early start of the cricket season, the cricket musters will take place in the week before students are back to school.

All details are on **this form**. Please register your interest and we will be in touch with full details nearer the time.

Any questions please contact Director of Sports, Emma Calcutt - emma.calcutt@mrgs.school.nz



Summer Sports Registrations 2025

After a great year of sports, we are looking ahead to summer sports in Term 1 next year.

Please click [here](#) for more information regarding what is on offer and to register your child's interest. We will be in touch with full details in Term 1.

Parents/Caregivers, please take time to discuss with your child so that you are aware of the commitment involved.

Wider Education Programme 2024



PRESTIDGES

SCHOOLWEAR

FORMERLY ELIZABETH MICHAEL UNIFORMS

Elizabeth Michael Uniforms has just changed its name to Prestidges Schoolwear.

All of the great people, quality, service and style that you know and love about Elizabeth Michael will stay the same now that we are Prestidges Schoolwear and our shop will still be at 65 New North Road, Eden Terrace, Auckland.

So this name change will not effect you as a customer.

If you have already registered as an Elizabeth Michael customer on-line this registration will still be valid on the Prestidges on-line store. If you have not registered to purchase uniform on-line just go to prestidges.co.nz and click Register then follow the simple instructions.

Please call 09 358 1680 or email us at uniforms@prestidges.co.nz if you have any questions.

BACK TO SCHOOL - EXTENDED SHOP HOURS

We close for Christmas at 12.00pm, Friday 20 December 2024
We re-open in the New Year on Monday 6 January 2025 at 9am

Monday - Wednesday 9am - 5pm

Thursday 9am - 7pm

extended hrs - from now until 20 Feb 2025

Friday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 9am - 3pm

extended hrs - from 11 Jan until 22 Feb 2025

PARKING - at the front of the building & also at the rear of the building - just off Exmouth St

65 New North Rd, Eden Terrace, Auckland 1021

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