



Mount Roskill Grammar School  
**NEWSLETTER**



WELCOME TO 2025

# New Year, New Goals



## Exciting Opportunities

This school year starts a journey of learning and growth for all.



## From our Principal

Kia ora koutou,

The start of the year has gone well with students settling back into school. I want to thank the families of new students who were able to come to our New Whānau Evening on Thursday 13 February. We had a much bigger turn out than we were expecting and it was a pleasure to meet so many of our new families.

As we move through this new school year, we want to continue to build a partnership with all of our families. We value this partnership because we know what an impact it can have on our students when we work closely together.

We need to hear from you when we are not doing our job well enough or if there are things that you are concerned about - we value your opinion and we want to hear it.

NCEA Scholarship results were released this week and I want to congratulate our students for the 23 scholarships and 4 outstanding scholarships that we received.

One notable achievement was Frances Damu who gained the Top Subject Scholar for Dance. This is the second year in a row that an MRGS student has topped the Dance Scholarships.

I would also like to congratulate our new Head Prefects for 2025 - Martia Adato and Sourav Dhungel and our Deputy Head Prefects - Paris Bremner and Pratyush Khatiwada. These four outstanding young leaders are well supported by our whole prefect team.

It has been a busy week for our Year 13 students who have spent the week on Motutapu Island for Year 13 camp. This is a strong tradition here at MRGS with groups attending the camp since 1990. I visited camp on Wednesday and had an action packed day with the students and staff.

Ngā manaakitanga

*Tom Webb*

Tumuaki | Principal



# A Message from the School Board

Kia ora koutou

It is a pleasure to welcome our 2025 taura and whānau to the new school year. Our School Board is here to support you.

To see so many families at our New Parents' Evening was wonderful. We look forward to having a similar turn out at our Senior Mentoring meetings in Week 7 and Junior Report Night later in Week 9.

We value the connection we have with whānau to support learners in the classroom and beyond.

We see the learning journey as a collaboration with the school and whānau supporting each taura to reach "to the heights".

Ngā mihi mahana

*Marjet Pot*  
School Board Presiding Member



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## Schoolbridge



**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](#).

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## School Pick up & Drop offs

Please remember to **park away** from campus when you pick your children up at the end of the school day.

With almost 3000 students leaving the campus from the three schools, we need to minimise the congestion and ensure everyone can move away safely.





# New Zealand Scholarship Results

On 12 February, the 2024 New Zealand Scholarship results were released. We are extremely proud to announce that our students have achieved 23 scholarships and 4 outstanding scholarships.

Among our amazing scholars, we would like to highlight Frances Damu who achieved the 2024 Top Subject Scholar for Dance.

Congratulations to all our Scholarship winners, we look forward to celebrating your achievements at the upcoming Excellence Awards Night.

While the New Zealand Scholarship recognises the significant achievements of students, the support and encouragement provided by schools, peers and whānau cannot be understated.



**Frances Damu**  
2024 Top Dance Scholar

Top Subject Scholar	
<b>Frances Damu</b>	Dance
Outstanding Scholarships	
<b>Ansh Trivedi</b>	Statistics
<b>Stella Boyd</b>	English
<b>Namita Madan</b>	Dance
Scholarships	
<b>Labeeqa Abdul</b>	Accounting
<b>Ansh Trivedi</b>	Chemistry, Physics
<b>Jessica Huang</b>	Biology, Statistics
<b>Benjamin Wong</b>	Physics
<b>Sean-Michael Rigg</b>	Statistics

Scholarships	
<b>Joseph Ng</b>	Biology, Chemistry, Statistics, Accounting
<b>Joyce Wang</b>	Statistics
<b>Prithi Sharma</b>	Statistics
<b>Christopher Mara</b>	Chemistry, Physics, Calculus
<b>Amie Mao</b>	Biology, Statistics
<b>Antacia D'Costa</b>	Drama
<b>Shreyas Reddy Adavalli</b>	Statistics
<b>Sabah Safi</b>	Dance
<b>Zoe Chen</b>	Biology
<b>Amasha Wasalage</b>	Biology



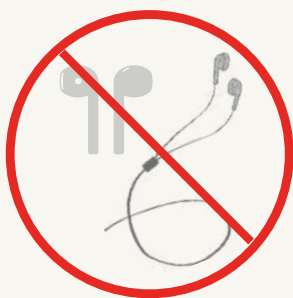
# Phones & Earphones

“Away for the Day”, is a government implementation for all schools in New Zealand. Once students are at school, they will be required to have their phone and headphones in their bags, on silent, at all times.

If your child were to be seen with their phone, they will firstly be reminded of the expectations of phones and asked to put it away. The next step would be a conversation with their Dean. For subsequent times, you may be required to meet with the Senior Leader of your child’s House, and your child will lose the privilege of having their phone with them at school for a certain number of days.

“Away for the Day” enables students to strengthen their interpersonal skills and relationships, actively participate in lunch time activities, and remove themselves from the negative aspects of phone use while at school.

If you urgently need to get hold of your child during the school day, please contact the administration team at 09 621 0050 (ext 0).



## Attendance

Students who attend all their lessons, on time, every day, are much more likely to succeed in their learning. Please check the attendance emails you receive each week which gives you a summary of your child’s attendance. You can also see live updates of their attendance each day via the Kamar portal and Schoolbridge.

Please contact us to report your child’s absence via [attendance@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:attendance@mrgs.school.nz)

## Key dates

Thurs 20th February	<b>NCEA Excellence Awards Evening, 6.30pm</b>
Thurs 20th - Fri 21st February	<b>ID Photos</b>
Thurs 27th February	<b>Swimming Sports</b>
Thurs 6th March	<b>Class Photos</b>
Mon 10th March	<b>Senior Progress Reports distributed to families</b>
Thurs 13th March	<b>Mentoring Conferences 1 8.30am-7.30pm</b>
Thurs 27th March	<b>Junior Report Evening 4-7.30pm</b>
Wed 2nd - Sat 5th April	<b>Polyfest</b>
Thurs 10th April	<b>Mahurangi Exchange (Away)</b>
Fri 11th April	<b>End of Term 1</b>





# Year 9 Induction Day 1 & 2





# New Parents' Evening





# Prefect Camp







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# SPORT NEWSLETTER



## Winter Sports Musters

Winter sports season is just around the corner, and now is the time to get involved! The Sports Department is hosting Winter Sport Musters in the week beginning Monday 24th February, open to all students who are keen to give a new sport a go or are looking to try out for a team.

No experience or equipment is required - just turn up, have fun, and see if a winter sport is right for you.

**Football:** Monday Lunchtime - Front Field

**Netball:** Monday Lunchtime - Outdoor Courts

**Basketball:** Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Lunchtimes - Gym 3

**Girls Rugby:** Monday After School - Front Field

**Hockey:** Wednesday Lunchtime - Hockey Turf

**Girls Basketball** - Friday Lunchtime - Gym 1

## Sports Committee Sign Ups

The Sports Department is currently accepting all year level applications for our 2025 Sports Committee.

If you have any great ideas for MRGS sport and want to help organise activities, please complete our form [HERE](#).



Applications close on Wednesday 19th February.

## Netball and Football Leadership Opportunities



Are you a Year 10-13 student looking for an opportunity to develop your sports leadership skills?

We are looking for student leaders to coach, manage this winter season. If you're passionate about netball or football and ready to take on a leadership role, we encourage you to apply [HERE!](#)



## Come and Support Us!

A reminder that all fixtures and results are updated on the below document each week. Parents and families are always welcome and encouraged to support our games and cheer our teams on.

[MRGS Sports T1 - Weekly Sports Draw & Results](#)

# SPORTS NOTICES

## Anyone for Golf?



We are keen to know if we have any golfers out there.

Please let us know on the form [HERE](#) if you have played at all and what your level/handicap is.

## Athletics - starting 18 Feb

Come along if you want to try or develop your athletics skills in running, jumping and throwing.

Meet in Sports Foyer at the beginning of lunch.



## Potential Football Leaders

There is a meeting for all of you on Monday 17 February at lunchtime in G5 to find out how you can get involved in the season.

## Swimming Sports

Get ready to make a splash! Swimming Sports is on Thursday, 27th February, during lunchtime and Period 5 in the school pool!

Students can compete in 1-lap events for freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly, or take on the 2-lap freestyle race—required for those aiming to qualify for zones. Sign up [HERE](#) or come to the Sports Department.

## Stay connected with us



Follow MRGS Sport on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to stay up to date with all things sports at MRGS.



Get the latest sporting code information, draws and results, celebrate our sporting successes, and stay in the loop with lunchtime activities and social sports clubs.

## ID Photos

This is a reminder to all students that school ID photos will be taken on Thursday 20 & Friday 21 February. It is important that each student has their photo taken and that they are meeting our uniform expectations.



Stay up to date with everything in the school



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## We are a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) School

Your child needs a device for learning to bring to school. All of our courses have an online component and devices are used by students on a daily basis to access learning activities and resources. We are not able to provide learning devices for all of our students. In some instances teachers will be able to provide a small number of computers to classes when needed, but this provision cannot be relied upon to cover all device needs. Any online assessment that takes place can be supported through the School's resources.



## Purchasing a Device

There are many retail options available for purchasing a device. If you go to [Datatek Pacific NZ](#) and let them know you are part of the MRGS community you can secure preferential pricing. [NZ Laptop Wholesale](#) provides affordable options on new and refurbished learning devices. Big retailers like Harvey Norman, Noel Leeming and Warehouse Stationery will also offer good deals on Chromebooks and Laptops.

## Accessing a Loan Device

If you have a client relationship with Work and Income NZ, you may qualify for support from them. Email [chris.dunn@mrqs.school.nz](mailto:chris.dunn@mrqs.school.nz) and we will send you a letter to support your application for a learning device to be supplied at very low to no cost.



# I'M LOOKING FOR MT ROSKILL'S 2025 YOUTH MP.

If you're a student aged 16-18, passionate about making a difference and live in the Mt Roskill electorate - please send me an email with a 60-second video outlining why you'd make a great Youth MP.

✉ [Carlos.CheungMP@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Carlos.CheungMP@parliament.govt.nz)

