



MRGS News Bulletin Week ending 17th February

MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Nga mihi nui ki a koutā,

It's been fantastic to see many students joining sports and cultural activities over the last week. The summer sports programme is underway. Congratulations to the first XI cricket team for two good wins over Kristen College and Westlake Boys High School.

This week we welcomed back to school Year 13 student Conor King who represented New Zealand at the Taiwan International Science Fair with the digital hour glass he designed. Conor greatly enjoyed the experience coming third in his category.

Congratulations also to 2011 Year 13 student Lei Yin who won a New Zealand Outstanding Scholar Award after gaining 6 scholarship passes, two at outstanding level.

Greg Watson

PRINCIPAL

Featured event -

**Peer Support—Year 9s and Y13 Peer Support
Leaders**

The last of the four Peer Support sessions took place with year 9 students at the end of this week. This is a programme aimed at smoothing the transition of new students into life at the Grammar school. Sessions are stimulating and fun— facilitated by Year 13 student peer support leaders who are trained to lead sessions which help juniors to understand themselves and their own growth in addition to developing skills and experience in relating to others. This staged introduction to the school builds our new students self-confidence and sense of self-worth. The supportive relationships forged between the senior students and our newest learners are an enduring element of their growth as citizens in the Roskill community. Many of the Year 13 leaders have volunteered for the programme because of their own positive experience of the sessions when they first joined the school. As one of this year's leaders said "Peer support work has taught me to be a strong role model for the younger generation of MRGS— *Go Hard My Year 9s!*" These early sessions will be supplemented by continuing interaction of those involved and some follow-up sessions later in the year.

What's coming up?

Tues 21st Feb
Athletics Carnival

Thurs 24th Feb
*Parents of New
Students Meeting*

**Mon 27th Feb to Fri
2nd March**
Year 13 Camp