



MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

APRIL 2015

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Term 1 finished with a focus on celebrating student achievement. For the second year running we received a letter from the Minister of Education Hekia Parata acknowledging the success of our students in NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3. She notes

"the results being achieved by Mt Roskill Grammar are a clear and valuable example of the positive impact great teachers and great schools can have on the achievement of their students"

Learning is our work and the success of our students is our passion. We are delighted to receive this confirmation from the Minister.

We congratulated Ben Deverell and Matthew Van Veen who are representing New Zealand in the under 18 Lacrosse team playing in the Australian interstate competition and Johnathan Khoo who is the top qualifier for the New Zealand team of four to compete in the Informatics Olympiad (computer programming) in Kazakhstan. We also acknowledge the achievement of Mark and Ellen Bingham who have been selected to play in the New Zealand Schools' Symphony Orchestra and take part in its prestigious training programme in Christchurch

Congratulations to all of our students who worked hard to perform at Polyfest 2015. All groups performed wonderfully and represented Mt Roskill Grammar School superbly, showing their pride in both their school and culture. Well done to our Tongan group for winning trophies in both the Lakalaka and the Faha'iula.

The winter sports season has begun successfully with our Girls Rugby 7's winning an invitation tournament and 6 of the squad being selected for the Auckland development programme. The commitment of students and coaches to pre-season training has been very strong and we look forward to an enjoyable and successful season.

I look forward to meeting parents and families on the sidelines and also at mentoring conference day and reporting evenings as we now start term 2 at Roskill.

Sursum!

Greg Watson



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REPRESENTATIVE AND NATIONAL HONOURS FOR ROSKILL STUDENTS

Jonathan Khoo - Informatics International Olympiad

Jonathan has been selected to represent NZ in the Informatics (Computer Science) Olympiad team. He was the top qualifier for the team of 4 students chosen from around NZ after a rigorous series of exams carried out over the last 6 months. Jonathan attended a training camp in Sydney in the April holidays and will then head to Kazakhstan in July to compete in the Championship.



Ellen and Mark Bingham— New Zealand Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra



Ellen and Mark have been selected to play in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra. This selection is widely regarded as a significant training ground for young players aspiring to membership of the New Zealand Youth Orchestra and ultimately to a career as a professional musician. Entry to the NZSSSO is by audition, drawing from some of New Zealand's top secondary school orchestral instrumentalists. Each year they receive well over 150 applications for a course limited to 100 players.

This is an annual event where successful applicants have the opportunity to represent their school in a full size orchestra. Ellen and Mark will participate in an intense six-day orchestral course, run in Christchurch culminating in two public performances.



Matthew Van Veen and Ben Deverell—NZ Lacrosse team

Matthew and Ben have been selected for the NZ U18 Lacrosse team - they join Venkat Prakash (Y13 in 2014) in a strong national squad. The team will compete in the Australian interstate competition.



CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD ACHIEVEMENT AND QUALIFICATION

Certificates for achievement in the Chemistry Olympiad qualifying stages were awarded to 9 Roskill students in a term 1 assembly. The certificates for Hasnain Cheena, Vilia Li, Nathan McDougall, Rayner Rebello, Joyce Wong, Lily Li, Sai Krupa Narayana, Deeksha Vijayakumar and Raymond Wang acknowledged their qualification at the end of 2014 for the term 1 2015 training group. All the students have trained in term 1 via online and paper assignments and sat an entrance exam for the next stage of the Olympiad team selection, an intensive training camp limited to 30 students nationally. We heard recently that Nathan McDougall has been successful in gaining entry to the camp and we wish him the best as he progresses in this final stage of the process which will lead to the selection of the 4 students to represent New Zealand in the International Olympiad.



1ST XI GIRLS CRICKET TOURNAMENT SUCCESS—PLATE TROPHY WINNERS

This year our 1st XI Girls entered the NZ Cricket association summer tournament plate competition. The location of the tournament at Keith Hay Park meant that students could rotate the team around internal assessment demands, trips and extra curricular commitments. This meant that their achievements were due to the full squad involvement and did not rest on the shoulders of one or two individual performances.

The highlight of their qualification round was a resounding victory over local rivals Lynnfield College and just like the Blackcaps against South Africa they had the weather to thank when the rain came in to save them in the final round robin game against Botany Downs College.

They had an opportunity to put things right when they were drawn to meet Botany again in the finals. MRGS were put into bat and after some initial wobbles Breeana Johnson top scored with 19, giving a modest total of 64. It was ultimately Roskill's bowling and particularly fielding which proved the difference between the teams. MRGS bowled 8 overs without a single wide ball bowling only 2 in the match. The girls supported each other in the field, walking in, backing up throws, chasing down superbly and taking every catch. The result, Roskill winning by 40 runs dismissing—Botany for 24 and winning the Plate Trophy, showed just how far this team has come in the season under the leadership of Aashna Saxema and Ayushi Pillai.

1ST XI Girls Squad		Komal	Patel
Ayesha	Ahmad	Krupa	Patel
Mannat	Ahuja	Ayushi	Pillai
Neha	Ashok	Yvette	Raju
Breeana	Johnson	Aashna	Saxena
Sai Krupa	Narayana	Tanaya	Sonar
Irene	Palmer	Deeksha	Vijayakumar
Coaches: Mr. Gipps and Mr. Rewiti			





EXCELLENCE AWARDS EVENING

At a sparkling evening we honoured our NCEA Excellence award winners. Over 400 students and caregivers attended the ceremony and listened to the inspiring words of guest presenter, ex-student and current Sir Peter Blake Trust Ambassador Samantha Collings. After the presentation of certificates and badges families were able to linger over a supper and share in their congratulations with staff and presenters.





POLYFEST 2015

The 40th year of ASB Polyfest saw our cultural groups demonstrating the results of their weeks of hard work and commitment to large crowds at the Manukau Sports Bowl. The Kapa Haka group were the first to perform on a Thursday and they were followed by our Samoan and Indian groups on Friday. The last of the groups to appear was the Tongan and they gave two spirited performances on Saturday. They were successful in achieving 2nd place in the Laklaka and the Faha'iula. Every student played their part in the marvelous work of each group and it was a privilege to witness the commitment, fellowship and pride in every performance.





ACADEMIC MENTORING AT MRGS

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our Academic Mentors

On the 26th March our Academic Mentors attended a ceremony organised by Mrs Seetha Singh and Ms Ashmita Gosai. A large number of students made an application to be selected for Academic Mentoring for 2015. Students selected were presented with their badges and congratulated.

Our Academic Mentors offer support to a wide range of students who need additional support with their learning. If your son/daughter needs support please contact Mrs Singh/Ms Gosai so that they can help link your child with an academic mentor. (A copy of the presentation is available on our website)



Academic Mentors 2015		Alan	Jiang	Sudarjini	Satkunarajah
Marium	Ahmed	Jasleen	Kaur	Joshua	Simmons
Mannat	Ahuja	Aishwarya	Kochhar	McGregor	Small
Aishwarya	Balasubramanian	Mohana	Kolli	Tanaya	Sonar
Anirudh	Bhatnagar	Samuel	Langi	Daryl	Stanley
Larissa	Bird	Sammie	Lee	Emma	Stitt
Gareth	Brown-Haysom	Allanah	Leerdam	Sakshi	Tah
Oyishik	Chakraborty	Lily	Li	Jenny	Ung
Jocelyn	Choo	Yathursan	Mohanathas	Reval	Verghese
Nathan	Davidson	Sai Krupa	Narayana	Deeksha	Vijayakumar
Sanaj	Deshpande	Albert	Ou	Jessica	Walsh
Samita	Dossa	Dhruvil	Oza	Emily	White
Janita	Fuller	Holly	Porter	Claire	Wyeth
Connor	Gibson	Chernade	Prasad	Nidhi	Yellapantula
Disha	Gomathinayagam	Athulya	Rathnayake	Christina	Yuan

MRGS WHANAU HUI TERM 1

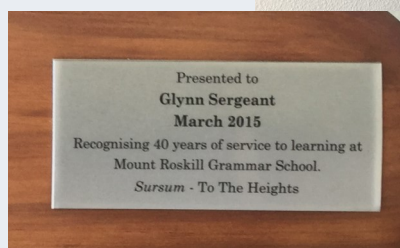
A whanau hui was recently held in March and it was encouraging to see and meet new faces as part of MRGS whanau/family. They openly voiced their opinion and thoughts in small groups on a range of topics and areas affecting Maori student learning and the Lead Team will collate this information and plan how best to cater for what has been raised. The NCEA results were shared and this information will be distributed to all our Maori community to highlight the improvement that has been achieved in 2014.



FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO LEARNING AT MOUNT ROSKILL

Mr Glynn Sergeant reached his fortieth year of teaching at Mount Roskill in term 1 and this special event was marked by a morning tea with guest speakers and a presentation. Glynn began his teaching at Roskill in 1975 taking his position straight from teachers' college. He began his work in the Music Department and over the decades has guided many musicians and music groups on their instrumental education. One of the speakers at the morning tea (now a HOD music herself) spoke of his inspirational and encouraging teaching. Glynn has served under five Principals at the school and there is also a strong family connection as two of his boys attended Roskill and his wife also teaches here. In the past 15 years Glynn's teaching has been more in the Computing Department where he has given other

students the benefit of his knowledge and enthusiasm. As part of the presentation he received a jade mere representing the strength and endurance he has demonstrated in his teaching career. He has seen Roskill change in many ways over the years as it has continued to lead learning in the community but as he said in his speech of thanks "walking through the grounds and seeing all the smiling faces makes coming to work easy."



ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT - BROOK BARRINGTON

In March Ex-Roskill student Brook Barrington was named Chief Executive of New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, returning to a department where he had worked for 20 years before taking on senior roles in Defence and Justice.

Mr Barrington's previous career at the foreign ministry included three years as ambassador to Thailand, postings to Canberra and Brussels, and a stint as foreign policy adviser in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. He had taken on a new role at the Ministry of Justice only last year, where he was deputy chief executive responsible for the ministry's day-to-day operations.



Mr Barrington attended Roskill in the 1970's and when he was contacted by one of his Roskill teachers recently he said, "My years at MRGS were happy ones, and I owe a lot to some very fine teachers. The school seems to have gone from strength to strength. I am proud to be associated with it."

We congratulate Brook on his appointment and look forward to following his work at the Ministry.



RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT SUCCESS FOR ROSKILL GIRLS

At the close of the term our Rugby Sevens Girls took part in the ARFU Secondary Schools' Girls Invitational competition—they went through to the final unbeaten where they were victorious over Otahuhu College and claimed the trophy. In addition to the team's achievement Toru Arakua was named MVP of the tournament and together with 5 other members of our squad—Cheyanne Takau, Summer Kapsin, Christina Fifita, Lovely Pulotu and Talalelei Tualima has been picked for the Auckland Sevens development squad. Congratulations to these students and the team as a whole for their impressive performance.



NZQA FEES COLLECTION 2015

All senior students must pay their NZQA Fees (compulsory) to the accounts office between Wednesday 6th May – Friday 8th May. These fees must be paid so that any credits a student achieves through either Unit or Achievement Standard assessments will be recorded on a student's record of learning. If not paid, the credits will not be released to the student.

The Fee for the majority of students will be \$76.70. However financial assistance is available to students whose parents/guardians receive a Work and Income Benefit or have a Community Services Card. Financial assistance forms can be collected from the front office, accounts office or from Mr Parratt in the Commerce Department next to H6

PARENTAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

School donations are voluntary and may be tax exempt. The funding provided by the government meets basic education costs. However this funding alone is inadequate to provide the high quality of education expected by our community. Parent contributions greatly increase our ability to provide this.

We are extremely grateful for your on-going support. Last year parental donations assisted the school in providing class sets of tablets and laptops to enable a wider range of students to use these devices as part of their learning. The network filtering and electronic device management system was also upgraded to support on-going access for all students. We are developing the football field to premier level to support our academy and premier football teams. Donations also helped with the running of our afterschool homework centres.

Your help in enabling these improvements will lift the learning experience for all students.

The Accounts Office is open from 8.00am to 4.00pm each day. Alternatively you can pay in one of the following ways.

****Via the parent portal link <http://kamarportal.mrgs.school.nz/student/index.php>**

By cheque together with the payment advice to Mount Roskill Grammar School, Frost Road, M.

RoskillPayment via EFTPOS, VISA or MASTERCARD at the School Office by phone or in person between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm

Direct Credit or Internet Banking payment can be made to Account No: 12-3033-0358045-02. Please include your child's Student ID number in the reference column of the bank statement. ****This method is the preferred option**



ST MATTHEWS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT ON CAMPUS

The campus was privileged to host a concert recently by the St. Matthews Chamber Orchestra. The professional group performed two concerts in the MRGS school hall, one in the morning for Primary and Intermediate students and a second in the afternoon for our Year 9 students. Their programme included Haydn's Toy Symphony and Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf with a narration which kept both audiences enthralled. A number of Roskill musicians joined the orchestra and they had featured involvement in the Haydn symphony representing the various toys and their noises.





YEAR 13 CAMP

Earlier in term one our year 13 students took part in their annual camp on Motutapu island. The week's activities give our senior young men and women an invaluable opportunity to challenge their skills and build team relationships in a marvelous environment. Tests of dexterity, ingenuity and even the basic demands of camp living combine with outdoor pursuits in the haven of the Hauraki Gulf. These few days away cement networks and friendships which prepare our seniors and their leaders for a successful year ahead.





TERM ONE SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

ATHLETICS

Year 10 student's Malu Howard and Eisley Brown were stand out performers of our Athletics team in Term 1 in the Hammer Throw and 400m events respectively. Both boys excelled in their chosen events and gained excellent results. Nathan McDougall was also first in the 3000m walk at the Greater Auckland event, a great achievement.

CRICKET BOYS

The 1st XI Boys Cricket team began their season slowly with a couple of close losses that could have gone either way. However, in the second round of games they showed much improvement beating both Kristin and Westlake Boys in the 2-day matches. The stand out bowlers have been Zaheen Ceddique and Harjot Johal. The batting has been improving with Oyishik Chakraboorty, Aman Bhardwaj and Arpit Batra all contributing well throughout the first half of the season. The 2nd XI Boys team have also performed well they are currently in 1st equal place in their grade with 6 wins from 7 games.

ORIENTEERING

Our Orienteering team continues to excel at MRGS with more students taking part every year and a good core group of students making the finals. Felix Yang and Janita Fuller stood out for their performances in Term 1 with Felix coming in 5th place and Janita 7th in their respective grades across all of Auckland. Both students are on the verge of making the Auckland team for a competition on Queen's Birthday weekend.

ROWING

For the first time in many years Mt Roskill Grammar has had rowers competing in Auckland and North Island events. Ayla Hawthorne and Matthew Carey have competed in the single sculls events and performed admirably. We are on the look out for more students to join our small rowing team, please contact Mr Horne if you would like more information.

VOLLEYBALL GIRLS

Our Senior Girls Volleyball team had a great season winning 9 out of 10 games to win their grade. The team were admirably led by Tepou Arakua as captain.

WATER POLO

Our Senior Water Polo teams have improved greatly this season with MRGS fielding one team in Division 1 and the other in Division 2. The Division 1 team were 5th in their grade and the Division 2 team 5th. The team was coached by Olly Gibb, who attended an American University on a Water Polo scholarship and is aiming to make a long term plan for the further success of Water Polo at MRGS.



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

During the last few weeks of term one many students were faced with a wide range of assessments to complete. It is interesting to note that during these weeks student attendance rates generally increased. While attending for the actual assessment is obviously critical, the lead up to these is just as important. It is the learning done between classes that will help students achieve quality results. To help your son/daughter engage in their 'between class' learning—ask yourself—have they got the following conditions which are conducive to effective study?

- A quiet space
- A place to put up summary wall charts/ learning posters
- At least two hours of 'quiet time' per night
- 8 hours for sleeping
- Nutritious 'study food' eg. -nuts, berries, bananas, fish, wholegrain breads



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES ABOUT ATTENDANCE

In order for students to be successful, powerful learners they need to be in class on time in every lesson.

If a student misses two periods (this can include roll check and LCT) they are recorded as having missed half a day of lessons and this is reported to the Ministry of Education.

Teachers mark their roll on the computer every period. This allows us to monitor attendance statistics for both individual and groups of student more frequently and closely. If you have any concerns about attendance or want to report an absence, please phone Mrs Hyland, Attendance Officer, on 621 0069 or email attendance@mrgs.school.nz. Please phone on the morning of your child's first day of absence. When we do not receive a call from the family a text message is sent out. Students are expected to be in every class on time in order to be successful powerful learners. Parents/caregivers have been sent their password to access the **parent portal** in order to view attendance.

The Ministry of Education now has a NEW code for the way the school is required to record absence. Families who take holidays during the school term will have their son/daughter's absence recorded as an unjustified absence.

We look forward to working with you to support your son/daughter in being engaged in their learning.

Ms J Small, Associate Principal Learning



MENTORING FOR ALL YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

A goal of the school this year is **-To enrich mentoring relationships with students and their families to improve student progress and achievement .**

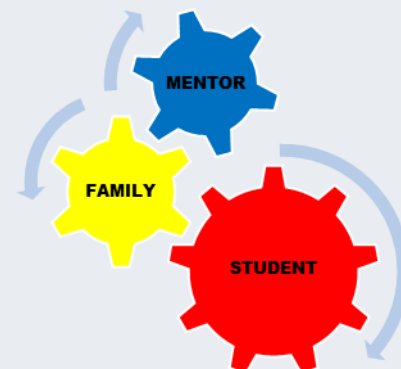
The process for this will be

- ◆ Form teacher and associate staff member allocated to form classes
- ◆ These staff will mentor their learners years 11 and 12 during LCT 2x per term
- ◆ There will be Parent/caregiver conferences with the mentor and student -

19th May (all day)

20th August (all day)

[May and August 30 minute appointments]



YEAR 11 AND 12 MENTORING DAY – 19TH MAY 2015

The reporting for year 11 and 12 students in 2015 will continue as a partnership between mentors and students/their families meeting face to face to consolidate goal setting and look more closely at progress and next steps (academic/attendance/co-curricular).

In this conference on Tuesday 19th May you will be provided with subject specific feedback, which the mentor will have received from subject teachers.

What: One half hour mentoring conference.

Who: All year 11 and 12 students, their mentor and parents/caregivers (year 9, 10 and 13 do not attend on that day).

When: Tuesday 19th May (half hour block) between 8.30am and 8pm.

Where: In form classroom.

How: Parents/caregivers will receive a letter in week two of term two with a half hour allocated time slot.

The school will also provide a letter for employers to explain the importance of these meetings to enable parents/caregivers to negotiate time to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend your allocated time the letter will provide further information regarding how you may be able to change your time.

Thank you for your support of the mentoring programme – it makes a significant difference to students' engagement and achievement knowing that we are all working with them to help them achieve their goals.



MRGS FAMILY AND FRIENDS GROUP



The MRGS Family and Friends are working together to help the school in whatever way we can. The on-going input that we provide is for the benefit of the students and to provide the best learning environment possible. We organise fundraising events and are available to assist the school in any way that they may require.

Take a look at the Fundraising page on the school website to see the fundraising events and opportunities currently underway <http://www.mrgs.school.nz/ourschool/fundraising.aspx>

If you are willing to assist us please return the completed form to the School Office or e-mail a copy to Judith Bingham: jcl.air@xtra.co.nz.

Your Name _____ Email _____

Phone Number day _____ evening _____

If you have a child/children at the School

Students Name _____ Year: ____ Form Class: _____

_____ Year: ____ Form Class: _____

Do you have another connection to the School eg Past pupil: _

I would like to help as a volunteer (tick those that interest you):

.....Run a Fundraising Event eg _____

.....Help at a Fundraising Event

.....Provide Baking/Food for an Event, or for Fundraising

.....Assist a student as a reader/writer in an exam

.....Join the Family & Friends Group

.....Utilise your fundraising experience eg _____

.....In Other Ways _____

I would like to help financially (tick those that interest you):

.....Donate a book needed by the Library

.....My business may be able to provide goods or services to assist with fundraising eg



MRGS FUNDRAISING

(for full details of fundraising <http://www.mrgs.school.nz/ourschool/fundraising.aspx>)

STUDENT WORKATHON 2-10 MAY

In a return to MRGS tradition, students will be asked to raise funds for the school between 2-10 May by doing workathon jobs, outside school time, that involve community service or helping others. This year the money raised will go towards the upgrade of the hockey turf. Students are encouraged to:

Either get sponsorship from friends and family for doing a job in the community e.g. through their church, mosque or temple, a rest home where a family member lives, or helping out an elderly relative or friend of the family. More than one person could sponsor the student to do the same job.

Or their friends and relatives may have jobs they will pay them to do e.g. cleaning windows, mowing lawns or gardening.

There will be prizes for the top fundraisers, and spot prizes. **The Coffee Club** has already donated several gift vouchers for use as Prizes.

Buzzthepeople School Fundraiser

If you are happy to complete the occasional on-line survey this would be a great way to help the school fundraise. Founded in 2004, Buzzthepeople is an Auckland based Research Company. To date over \$437,000 has been raised for charities, schools and other groups registered with them.

Parents, students and friends of the School are able to register. You would receive on average one or two roughly 5 minute surveys per month to fill in on-line, and the school gets \$1 or \$2 for each completed survey. Essentially you are giving a gold coin donation every time you do a survey. There is no compulsion to fill in all the surveys you receive, and you can withdraw from the programme at any time.

If you can help us with this fundraiser just click on the link below to register

<http://www.buzzthepeople.co.nz/helpfundraise.aspx?s=0609B55C>

The Athlete's Foot St Lukes School Rewards Programme.

Each pair of School or Sport shoes bought at The Athletes Foot St Lukes, for a student of Mt Roskill Grammar, will earn a \$10 donation to the School's Fundraising Programme.

Simply notify the Sales Assistant at the time of purchase that the shoes are for a Mt Roskill Grammar student.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK MEMBERSHIP SCHEME TO SUPPORT MRGS

As part of our fundraising scheme MRGS is offering the community the opportunity to order Auckland Entertainment Books . These popular membership books offer purchasers a wide range of discounts on restaurants, shopping and entertainment. There are also a limited number of digital memberships available which offer extra benefits. By purchasing one of these books you support our school's fundraising

If you would like to order and pay for an Entertainment Book on line please follow this link

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/957q50>

Or scan the QR image with your smartphone



MEDIATION TRAINING MARCH 2015

Late in term 1 students from the school were involved in three exciting days of mediation training from the Peace Foundation. In the first two days, 115 new senior students were trained in these important life skills of conflict resolution and communication. The third day was advanced mediation training, which included specialised coaching from the LEADR adult Mediators (mostly lawyers) who kindly donated their time to our students. As the Central Leader newspaper reported on the 1st April : *"Mediation training builds confidence"* in our students.

Earlier this month the Mediators had advanced training in human rights issues from Rainbow Youth, the Human Rights Commission and Youthlaw. A big thank you to all these inspiring agencies and of course to the Peace Foundation.



The Mediation Service at Roskill is "students helping students" to sort out conflict and arguments in a positive way. If you are worried about peer relationships or have conflict with someone at school, please feel free to contact Student Services to arrange a CONFIDENTIAL mediation.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Peaceful Family Communication

Building Peaceful Families and Communities

COMMUNICATION SKILLS WORKSHOP

- Do you struggle with your kids' tantrums?
- Do you want to learn easy and effective skills to build better family relationships?

You are invited to attend the popular workshop
'Peaceful Family Communication'

This fun and friendly workshop* provides a set of easy-to-use and practical skills to all adults including parents, grandparents, teachers and caregivers.

Benefits for you:

- ✓ Skilfully respond to unwanted behaviours, including bullying and tantrums
- ✓ Increase your understanding with children, teenagers and other adults
- ✓ Resolve conflict peacefully and successfully
- ✓ Communicate more effectively with family & friends
- ✓ Create stronger and more loving bonds

When: Wednesdays 27th May & 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th June 2015
6.30pm – 9.00pm

Where: Mt Roskill Grammar School,
Frost Road, Mt Roskill

Koha: \$20.00 (for the full course)
(Tea/Coffee provided)

Booking: Bookings essential, limited seats

Contact: Virin Gomer
Ph: (09) 373 2379, 021 1884969
Email: virin@peacefoundation.org.nz
Web: www.peace.net.nz

**Participants receive certificates on completion.*

This workshop is funded by the Ministry of Social Development, and is based on the internationally recognised work of Dr Richard Bolstad, and Dr T.Gordon's work in Parent and Teacher Effectiveness Training.



Participants' Feedback



- *It is one of the best courses that I've ever attended. Gave me good practical skills to sort out problems in my daily life.*
- *A really clear, effective and well delivered approach to understanding how to communicate effectively.*
- *A fantastic course that should be offered to more parents. Great information and tools for everyday life.*



KEEPING IN TOUCH—IMPORTANT CONTACTS AT SCHOOL

Talking with Parents/Caregivers about their child's learning and wellbeing is important to us—we have listed below some of the contacts /names to help you in the event of any concerns or enquiries: All staff can be reached by phoning the school main number 09-621-0050 to request a contact or by e-mailing to admin@mrgs.school.nz detailing the person you wish to contact in your subject line.

Your child's Academic Programme			
Academic Deans			
Year 9	Mrs F. Burns	Year 13	Mr A. Gipps
Year 10	Mr K Hays		Mr R Cornes
Years 11 and 12	Mrs S Singh Mrs A Gosai		
Your child's relationships with students and staff— Pastoral welfare			
House Deans— (Head of Deans = Mr D. Williams)			
Cooper House (Blue)	Mr G Taunga Ms L Leman	Ngata House (Orange)	Ms F Leigh Mr A Ferguson
Rutherford House (Red)	Ms M Cranch Mr C McGibbon	Sheppard House (Yellow)	Mr R Subramaniyan Mr C Chellew
Hillary House (Green)	Mr D Williams Mrs N Fell		Ms N Dekker (Term 1 & 2)
Your child's attendance			
Attendance Officer	Mrs E. Hyland		
Your child's emotional welfare	Guidance Team	Head of Guidance	Mrs M Hoogendoorn
Your child's health	Nursing Team	Receptionist Student Services	Ms J Pace
Wider Issues of Concern	Deputy Principals		
Cooper House	Mr K Hall		
Rutherford House	Ms J Small		
Hillary House	Ms K Collins		
Ngata House	Mr T Pune		
Sheppard House	Mrs X Sulzberger		

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have a new address, phone number, cellphone number or email address please pass this information through to the school: admin@mrgs.school.nz

Emergency contact details should also be kept current so please update the school when either the person or their contact details change.

Please ensure that you have given the school a current email address which enables us to keep you up to date with information and newsletters.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates 2015

Term	First Day of term	Last Day of term
Term 2	Monday 20th April	Friday 3rd July
Term 3	Monday 20th July	Friday 25th September
Term 4	Monday 12th October	Tuesday 8th December

TERM TWO EVENTS

April 20	Start of Term Two	June 1	Queens Birthday Holiday
April 22	Mahurangi Sports Exchange	June 2 - 5	Assessment Focussed Week
April 27	ANZAC Day Holiday	June 11	Campus Music Concert
April 28 - May 1	Assessment Focussed Week	June 17	Campus Matariki Concert
May 5	Championship Cross-Country Race	June 18	Pukekohe Sports Exchange
May 6 - 8	NZQA Fees Due	June 22 - 26	Assessment Focussed Week
May 19	Parent/Caregiver Mentoring Day - Years 11 & 12	June 23	Year 9, 10 & 13 Progress Reports Issued
May 21	Y13 and Prefects Photos	June 25	Y12 Drama Assessment Performance
May 21 - 22	Y13 Drama Assessment Performance	June 30	Junior and Year 13 Subject Report Evening
May 29	School Holiday	July 3	End of Term Two

DETAILS OF COMING EVENTS..



Mahurangi Sports Exchange- Wednesday 22nd April

Our premier Sports teams host Mahurangi College in the annual sports exchange. It's always an exciting day of competition and a chance for the 2015 teams of each school to test their abilities in these early season games before their own local competitions commence.





ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS

Our school campus has joined with Auckland Transport to support their campaign of Safety at the School Gate—which encourages road users to be responsible

and reinforces this with transport warden patrols outside the school gates.



PICK UP AND DROP OFF INFORMATION FOR CAMPUS SCHOOLS

In the interests of student safety on the roads around the school we have printed below the details of suggested safe pickup and drop off places that the three campus schools are encouraging families to use.

Rainford Street	Carr Road	Britton Avenue	Somerset Road	Bremner Avenue
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- Please use pick up and drop off points away from the school gate.
- Let our students walk to and from these pickup—drop off points.
- Do not use Fruit World or other commercial parking places.
- Do not enter the school drive way for pick up or drop off.

Make our school and our roads a safer place. Too many cars are a danger to all our students.

The Campus schools thank families for their co-operation.

Park safely outside schools

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help protect our children and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put our kids at risk.

This term parking officers will be on patrol outside your school to issue tickets to those who are illegally parked.

Fines for illegal parking include:

• Parked on the footpath or grass verge/ berm	\$40
• Parked across or within 1m of a vehicle entrance	\$40
• Parked within 6m either side of an unmarked bus stop	\$40
• Parked within a marked bus stop	\$60
• Parked within 0.5m of a fire hydrant with no one in the car legally capable of moving it	\$60
• Parked within a designated bus lane, transit or cycle lane	\$60
• Parked on a clearway	\$60
• Double parked	\$60
• Inconsiderate parking to other road users, including pedestrians	\$60
• Parked on or within 6m of an intersection	\$60
• Parked on a pedestrian crossing	\$60
• Parked on a broken yellow line	\$60



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SPONSORSHIP OF GIRLS 1ST XI FOOTBALL TEAM

Mount Roskill Grammar School also would like to thank Pak' n Save Royal Oak for their sponsorship of the Girls 1st XI Football Team this year

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Any business or organisation wishing to offer sponsorship to the school—please contact Mr Ben Horne—
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