



MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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2014



NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

We have completed another very successful year. We are proud of the learning progress and achievement of our students. Commitment to academic success from all students has been exceptional and the strength of our Arts and Sports programmes continues to grow.

The professionalism of our hardworking teachers hour by hour makes the difference. I am delighted that so many of our teachers are being recognised for their work. Congratulations to Ms Meyer on winning a New Zealand inspirational teacher award; also to Mr Parratt who greatly enjoyed his Woolf Fisher Travel Award to Australia; and to Mr McCracken who travelled to Vietnam with the New Zealand Chemistry Olympiad Team. Congratulations Mrs Insull and Ms Boudreau on deservedly gaining Board travel awards for 2015. Congratulations also to Mrs Whittaker Hall, Mrs Insull, Mr Hithersay, Mrs Afele, Ms Leigh, Ms Byrne, Ms Earl, Mrs Vickery, and Ms Corrigan who have all been successful in gaining sought after national study grants to further their professional learning whilst continuing to teach at the school, and to Mr Dix who has been awarded well-earned sabbatical next year.

Especially thanks to this year's prefect group led by our exceptional head prefects Hayden Cooper, Mildred Wong, Praveen Krishna and Hannah Davidson. They have reset the standard and modelled the Roskill Way day by day.

Together with our teachers so many people make Roskill the powerful community it is. Thank you to our support staff, our BoT of Trustees. Thank you to families, friends and alumni who work in partnership to support your children's learning and contribute to our activities be it coaching, helping with fundraising, or that important role of being on the side-lines in support.

Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to the school donation request this year. You met our expectations. We promise to use the money widely for students.

Best wishes for a safe and peaceful Christmas.

Greg Watson



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FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIRPERSON

The Board of Trustees is delighted to see the growth in the school this year.

There has been a growth of centres of excellence. Developing centres of excellence has been a strategic goal of the BOT since 2012 and at the sports awards this year we saw the outstanding achievement of the Hockey sports academy which is producing very talented players and teams that are excelling. The recent Diwali festival at the school has grown in strength as a fundraiser for the turf and it was another opportunity to build community. It is the community which values this school and we want you all to feel part of this school so that you will support it and your students in their learning.



The school is developing centres of excellence in football and this summer the football field will be upgraded so that the ball doesn't always run downhill! We are also developing academies in rugby, robotics and Ti Kanga Maori which will similarly in their pursuit of excellence attract families to MRGS

There have been many other opportunities for students to show their academic and co-curricular prowess: at the sports awards evening we saw the fabulous sports people who achieve excellence in their codes; the awesome arts and cultural awards evening showcased the music, drama and cultural group achievements; the technology evening displayed some of the students work in the various aspects of design, visual communication, multi materials technology, fashion design and electronics technology; the media awards was another opportunity for students to display their work.

In a similar vein we have held our inspiring Campus Maori graduation where the BoT is proud to see some of the amazing achievements of Maori students and remains confident that they will become the leaders of tomorrow. Earlier in the year the Excellence Awards evening allowed our top achieving students to be publically acknowledged for gaining the highest endorsement in NCEA.

These events show a richness and depth in learning through all the opportunities which the school offers. These events could not be possible if it was not for the outstanding endeavor and resilience of students.

In the past few years the information technology and e-learning has progressed enormously. Students can access study resources by subject. The on-going improvement in data transfer speeds has made it possible for teachers to provide links to excellent visual resources such as video clips showing for example how to solve a maths problem. Students or their parents can log onto the school website to check their progress towards NCEA and view their attendance information live.

The BoT thanks the staff for their dedication, expertise and professionalism. The grounds staff who ensure that your sports fields are ready for you to play on, the cleaners who keep this school looking smart and ready for classes, the staff of the MacLean centre, the staff who work tirelessly to bring in the international students, the community education staff, the early childhood centre staff, the support staff and the teachers. The BoT thanks you all for your continuous hard work and efforts to make this the achieving school which we are all very proud of.

Thank you to those families, businesses and staff who support the school.

If you are leaving the school this year, take the values of MRGS with you.

To all of you, have safe holiday and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ngā mihi o te wā me te Tau Hou

Marjet Pot, Chairperson Board of Trustees



SCHOOL FAREWELLS DEPUTY PRINCIPAL KAY THOMAS

At this end of the year we have farewell one of our Senior Leaders, Kay Thomas who is moving on to new challenges in her career. The extent to which Ms Thomas has endeared herself to staff, students and community is evidenced by the succession of fond leave-takings in many of the final ceremonies of the term. At Junior and Senior prize givings she was acknowledged by the school and honoured by tributes from our Kapa haka group. At the Maori Campus Graduation her special contribution and closeness to students and the whanau was marked by presentations. In a special farewell ceremony from staff she was presented with a taonga by Principal Mr Watson and her years of faithful service were celebrated by many staff who spoke about their memories of her time at the school and her service to students, staff and community.



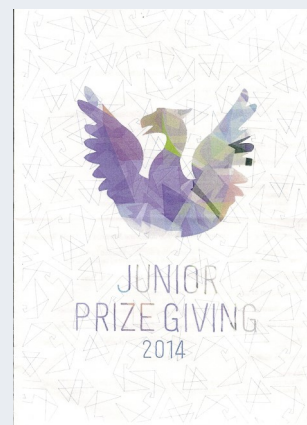
After a distinguished career as HOD English at Auckland Girls Grammar School and many years involvement in setting a model for engaging teaching in her subject, Kay Thomas joined MRGS as a Deputy Principal in 2004. During her time in the position she held a number of portfolios such as assessment, reporting, teacher appraisal, Education Outside the Classroom—while at the same time supporting the work of houses and a range of subject departments. In all her work she brought a measured, collaborative approach with a clear eye on process, rigor, assurance and equity. In his own tribute Mr Watson made the following comments: “Two things stand out for me about Kay’s leadership. Firstly her ability to draw together approximate ideas and write them succinctly and purposefully. She says she developed this skill whilst on The BoT at AGS. Kay was instrumental in writing the lengthy proposal that gained the school significant EHSAS funding in 2008. This is the founding action for the development of MERGE and also the professional learning model that we now operate. As you know MERGE has grown to embrace a wide range of areas including writing, sports, tikanga Maori and Mathematics. This work will support our steps toward forming a community of schools. Secondly is Kay’s absolute caring for our students. **All of our students.** She mentored before mentoring. She is skilled and genuine in her actions knowing how to work with students. In particular Kay’s ability to work with some of our more formidable young men sticks in the mind. Somehow she was able to get alongside and guide students in need through difficult moments. There are many students whose tenure at the school was enabled, perhaps extended as a result of Kay’s care and persistence. Always gentle always firm, apparently fearless and with a purpose behind the calm. Kay thank you for your leadership and contribution.”

As a community we wish Kay all the best for her future and treasure her contribution to our learning journeys in the last decade.



JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING

Our annual celebration of Junior achievement took place on the last day of term. The large audience of prize winners, students, special guests and families came together to mark the powerful learning and active citizenship of our year 9 and 10 students with awards and certificates. The Board chairperson Ms Pot opened the event with reference to the continued high achievement and growth of the school. Mr Watson, the Principal, followed her with a survey of the year's success in our learning community. This included a special recognition of Deputy Principal Ms. Kay Thomas who is leaving us to pursue other pathways in her educational career. The positive commitment of students to their form class and house was then recognised by the presentation of Merit and Distinction certificates. Academic work within core classes then featured for acclamation as 1st and 2nd in class prizes were presented. Sports and Special awards for particular achievement in co-curricular life followed this before the Top Academic awards for overall scholastic achievement were announced. **Tessa Brown** gained first place overall in Year 9 and with it the Principal's Academic award. **Felix Yang** was presented with the final accolade of the ceremony; gaining 1st in Year 10 and the Principal's Academic Award. Both of these young people epitomise the positive and inspiring values of our school. The audience were also entertained by performances from the String Orchestra who opened the proceedings, a vocal duet and a strident recessional performance from a year 10 band to close the event. We were also privileged to hear the farewell speeches of Deputy Head Prefects Praveen Krishna and Hanna Davidson who both shared memories of their careers at MRGS and messages for present and future students to "take a few risks and try new things .. The more you try the more you learn."



Junior Prize Giving Top Awards 2014

2nd in Year 9	Ayla Hawthorne	1st in Year 9 and the 2014 Principal's Y9 Academic Award	Tessa Brown
2nd in Year 10	Madhulika Ravuri	1st in Year 10 and the 2014 Principal's Y10 Academic Award	Felix Yang





JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING—DEPUTY HEAD PREFECT PRAVEEN KRISHNA'S SPEECH

Keynotes each year of our Junior Prizegiving are the farewell speeches of our Prefect leaders—we publish below one of them—an inspirational challenge to all those of Roskill to be resilient and work hard..

"Hockey is a sport I've played for the last 8 years. But it's only this year that I've really found a passion for it. For the last 3 years, I've woken up at quarter to 6 nearly every Friday morning for 3 terms of the year. I've spent Monday afternoons playing in exhausting heat and horrible rain. And I've won, lost, drawn and even had to forfeit games on Wednesday nights. And this year I have loved every single moment of it. I'm lucky enough to be able to say that I have found something that can either make my day or completely ruin it. I think I realised this during one moment at tournament.

It was half time in the final and the score was one all. We had conceded our first goal of the whole tournament and the threat of coming so far just to lose was very real. The previous night we had given our coach a greenstone pendant that represented strength, courage and mana. He pulled the necklace out from around his neck and he said to us:

"You gave me this that represents all these things. Now why don't you go out there and show some of that. Get back out and put your heart into it." I stood there and listened and I got angry. Really angry. I was angry at myself and angry at my team. But I couldn't help but force a smile out because I realised that I had found something that could make me feel this way.

Looking back it seems kind of weird. Why am I getting so emotional over what is essentially 22 people running after a single ball with branches in their hands. But I figure it's more than that. When I step on the turf I aim to be a little better than I was yesterday. When I play a match, I play to win. Every time. When I play you can tell if I'm angry or upset not just because of the colourful language but because it shows.

I think all of us here today are pretty lucky in the sense that we go to a school where there are plenty of opportunities. It makes it a lot easier to find something worth being passionate about –whether it be in the academics, sports or arts. I challenge you all to take a few risks and try new things. Find your thing. It may take a while. It took me 7 years to realise how much I loved what I was already doing. The more you try, the more you learn.

And remember to always be prepared to work hard for it because it won't always be easy or enjoyable. But know that success will come to those who dedicate everything to their passion. I'll admit I'm not the best hockey player. I'm not even the best in the team. But I will never stop trying."





JUNIOR CHESS AWARDS



Once again our chess teams have been in winning form at both Regional and National levels. Two of our junior teams qualified for the Auckland Secondary Schools Junior Chess Championship and after three days of matches our Junior 1 team emerged triumphant. Congratulations to the team of Cathy Fan, Max Wu, Elvin Zhang, Daniel Morrin and Yashasvigiri Gosai. In the Auckland Girls Secondary Schools Championship our girls team was the

winner, defeating Westlake Girls by 1 point. Three of our team are still in years 9 and 10, so we have great potential for future success. The same team were victorious in the inaugural New Zealand Secondary Schools Girls Chess Championship and captain Sarah Yan is also individually the New Zealand Girls Chess Champion. Sarah was ably supported in the team event by Thea Dickson and Cathy Fan.



JUNIOR MUSIC EVENING

Our community was given a marvellous opportunity to enjoy the musical talent of the junior school when the annual Junior Music Evening took place in the hall. It was well attended by appreciative parents and they were privileged to hear a wide ranging selection – from Concert Band pieces, string groups, vocal duets to year 9 and 10 rock bands. A big thank you to the Music Department for organising this showcase – Mr Darragh HOD, Ms Steedman and Ms Dekker – also we are grateful for the support and

work of Mr Dunbar, and Ms Rylands together with the Music Tutors and group leaders.



Every November the event is a special way of closing the performance evening year and a good opportunity at the end of Junior courses to have an entertaining programme of music and share a supper with students and parents.



YWCA FUTURE LEADERS GRADUATION

2014 marks the 9th year of Mount Roskill Grammar's involvement in the YWCA Future Leaders programme. Throughout these years we have watched the programme nurture and grow the students involved into confident, caring young women who are better prepared to face the wider world.

On Friday, December 5th, 10 of our young ladies graduated from the Future Leaders programme at a ceremony held at the Waipuna Lodge in Auckland, attended by an impressive group of strong, powerful women, including the programme's patron, former mayor of Auckland the Honorable Dame Catherine Tizzard.



Two of our Roskill students won major awards; Ella Smith won the Positive Role Model award for her involvement with the Mount Roskill community and Karina Murray won the Mana Waihi award for poise and strength of character.

The YWCA has also awarded three MRGS students – Emily Watt, Ella Smith and Karina Murray - full scholarships to attend the Outward Bound programme in January.

The YWCA Future Leaders programme continues to inspire our young women in Mount Roskill, and we look forward to a continued partnership with them in 2015, where a new intake of Year 10 students will be invited to join the programme. We thank the YWCA for their continued support of our young ladies and future leaders.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE FOR ROSKILL STUDENTS



At the end of November five MRGS students travelled to Seirinkan High School, Nagoya, Japan on an exchange for two months. During this time they are being hosted by a number of Japanese families and studying in Japanese.

This will allow them to experience the culture in Japan and improve their ability to speak the Japanese language.

In this photo are Stephen Njoto, Karen Ho, Sephie Liu, Minrui Yang, and Ziwei Zhuang enjoying a Christmas party with their new friends.

If you study Japanese and are interested in spending some time on an exchange to Japan, then see Mrs Reid at the Main Office.





LAUNCHPAD PASIFIKA ENTERPRISE COMPETITION

The Pacific Business Trust, Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs and Young Enterprise Trust invited our school to participate in the inaugural Launchpad Pasifika Enterprise Competition for Auckland Schools on Wednesday 26th November.

This competition was an opportunity for a team of five Year 10 students from our school to develop their entrepreneurial skills. Teams brainstormed an innovative product idea to solve a given problem. They developed their product idea and give a short presentation to a panel of judges from the local business community for a chance to be the inaugural winners of the Auckland Launchpad Pasifika Enterprise Competition.



Our students had to use car parts to make a storage container for an electronic device. They presented their ideas well and received special participation certificates— The five participants were Larissa Tavui, Eileen Makasini, Josephine Kaleopa, Meleana Puloka and Tabitha Kilisimasi.

SANTA PARADE—PREFECTS IN DISGUISE!

The versatility of our active citizenship was once again emphasised recently when a number of Prefects took part in the Puketāpapa Santa Parade.

They donned disguises and had a marvelous time celebrating the holiday season with our local community!





JUNIOR WIDER EDUCATION

Once again the junior school took part enthusiastically in 3 days of wider education. Everyone took a full part in the range of activities. Some were involved in extended camps at Ngaruawahia, Motutapu Island, Huia and at Motu Moana, where they rode, climbed, kayaked and slid their way through breathless new experiences. One group of students enjoyed 'horsing around' and were introduced to equestrian skills. Another group experienced the isolated flora and fauna of "Wildlife Into The Night" on Tiritiri Matangi Island sanctuary. Closer to home students took part in a photography courses where they made their own 'pinhole' cameras in addition to making photograms with more modern digital equipment. A small group went rock climbing in Panmure at the Extreme Edge indoor climbing facility. A variety of activities were provided for the 'Shoot, Splash, Swing' who completed an enjoyable three days with a fiercely competitive mini-golf tournament. The popular group 'Fun in the Sun' journeyed to Auckland zoo one day, Devonport another with a further trip to Rangitoto island. All of these events extended our juniors' life-experience and gave them an entertaining few days at the close of their final school term of the year.





MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION - TERM 1 2015

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 Phone (09) 621 0051 Email: jennifer.carson@mrgs.school.nz Fax: (09) 620 9467
 Office Hours: 9am-3pm Monday to Friday. Extra enrolling night: Wednesday 11 February 6-8pm.

MONDAY starts 16 February 7-9pm unless stated			TUESDAY starts 17 February 7-9pm unless stated		
Alexander Technique *6.45-8.15pm	5 wks	\$80	Home Renovations *6.30-8.30pm	3 wks	\$59
Ballroom and Latin Dancing *7-8pm	6 wks	\$57	Indoor Soccer – Mixed *6.45-8.15pm	7 wks	\$67
Basic Car Maintenance	6 wks	\$90	Picture Framing - * Bring item to frame	7 wks	\$98+
Computer Maintenance & Repairs – Intro	4 wks	\$79	Intro to Social Media *starts 10 March	3 wks	\$70
Computer Maintenance & Repairs -	3 wks	\$75	Spin Bikes *6.30-7.30pm	7 wks	\$60
Advanced *Starts 16 March 6.30-9pm			Moroccan Cooking	4 wks	\$72+
French Conversation	7 wks	\$98	Fee includes first night's ingredients		
Furniture Making & Design *6-9pm	7 wks	\$145+	Welding for Beginners *6.30-8.30pm	6 wks	\$207+
Henna (Mehandi) *includes henna pen	1 wk	\$25	Woodwork & Furniture Restoration	8 wks	\$97+
Indian Cooking: Street Foods & Snacks	3 wks	\$59+	Yoga *6.45-8.15pm. Bring mat	7 wks	\$67
* starts 16 March. Fee includes first night's ingredients			WEDNESDAY starts 18 February 7-9pm unless stated		
Patternmaking – Beginners	15 wks	\$245	Mediterranean Cooking * starts 11 March . Fee	3 wks	\$59+
Sign Language – Beginners 1A	7 wks	\$70	includes first night's ingredients		
Painting with Oils *Materials needed	7 wks	\$95+	Aerobics Pump *7-8pm	7 wks	\$50
Thai Cooking *Ingredients required	4 wks	\$59+	Chinese Mandarin for Beginners	7 wks	\$98
Toastmasters Speechcraft *6.30-9pm	5 wks	\$195	Dressmaking: Intermediate *6.45-9pm	7 wks	\$89+
Welding *6.30-8.30pm 4 spaces only	6 wks	\$207+	French for Beginners and Travellers	7 wks	\$98
Yoga *6.45-8.15pm. Bring mat	7 wks	\$67	Indoor Soccer - *Starts 11 Feb, 7.30-9pm	8 wks	\$76
Yoga—Chair Yoga * 6.45-7.45pm	7 wks	\$55	Introduction to Film Making *6.30-9pm	7 wks	\$145
Yoga- Prenatal *6.45-8.15pm Bring mat	7 wks	\$67	Spanish for Beginners and Travellers	7 wks	\$98
TUESDAY starts 17 February 7-9pm unless stated			Italian Cooking	3 wks	\$59+
Badminton *6.30-8.30pm	7 wks	\$86	Fee includes first night's ingredients		
Bollywood Dancing *7.35-8.35pm	7 wks	\$70	Tennis *6-8pm—Bring own racquet	6 wks	\$78
Building a Website with Weebly*7-8.30pm	2 wks	\$40	Yoga Starts 11 Feb, 6.45—8.15pm.	8 wks	\$76
Dressmaking - Beginners * 6.45-9pm	7 wks	\$89+	Stencil Art & Screen Printing—Intro	2 wks	\$66+
Floristry – Beginners to Intermediate	7 wks	\$92+	Materials included but bring own fabric		
French Cooking - *Starts 17 March.	3 wks	\$59+	Stencil Art –Advanced (Photo Stencils)	3 wks	\$92+
Fee includes first night's ingredients	1 wk	\$28	* starts 4 March— bring own fabric		
Google Docs, Sheets & Slides *3 March			Woodwork - Beg to Intermediate * 6.45-9pm		
			New students—start 11 Feb	8 wks	\$107+
			Returning students—start 18 Feb	7 wks	\$97+



MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION - TERM 1 2015 (Programme Continued)

GUITAR CLASSES - Start Thurs 19 & Fri 20 Feb			ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES		
* Own guitar required—Limit 8 per class			Non-residents pay 30% extra on advertised fee		
Beginners - Thursday 6-7pm	7 wks	\$77	DAYTIME CLASSES		
Intermediate – Thursday 7-8pm	7 wks	\$77	Conversational English and Grammar – starts 2 Feb		
Intermediate - Friday 6-7pm	6 wks	\$66	Mon, Wed, Fri 9.15am-12.15	9 wks	\$360
Advanced - Friday 7-8pm	6 wks	\$66	Level 1 Beginners/ Elementary		
SATURDAY CLASSES start 21 March			Level 2 Pre-Intermediate		
MYOB: 9am-4.30pm,	2 wks,	\$137	Level 3 Intermediate/ High Intermediate		
Sushi: 9.30am-12.30pm, 1 wk	\$35 + \$20 ingredients		Speaking & Pronunciation: Pre-Int Plus starts 9 Feb		
<p>Please note: A “+” after a price indicates that there may be further material costs involved</p> <p>You must be a minimum of 16 yrs. to enroll in all classes</p> <p>HOW TO ENROL: -</p> <p>At the office: Eftpos is available</p> <p>- Call on 621 0051 with your credit card</p> <p>- Email jennifer.carson@mrgs.school.nz</p> <p>- Download a form from our website: www.mrgs.school.nz, click on “Community Education ”</p>			Mon & Weds, 12.30pm	8 wks	\$95
			IELTS Exam Preparation – starts 3 Feb		
			Tues & Thurs 9.15-11.15am	9 wks	\$240
			EVENING CLASSES		
			General ESOL Classes - start 16 February		
			Mon & Wed 6.40-9pm, 7 wks, \$99		
			Beginner/ Elementary		
			Pre-Intermediate		
			Intermediate / High Intermediate		
			English Speaking and Pronunciation —starts 17 Feb	7 wks	\$50
			Tuesdays 6.40pm—9.00		
			Advanced English—starts 17 Feb	Tues 6.40pm—9.00	7 wks \$50
			Writing Skills —starts 16 Feb	Mondays 6.40pm—9.00	7 wks \$85
			IELTS Exam Preparation— starts 17 February	7 wks	\$170
			Tues and Wed , 6.40-9pm.		

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.



ESOL SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY

MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE SUMMER SCHOOL 2015

Wednesday 7 January – Friday 23 January

Keep improving your English over the summer holidays! The course will cover reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar and pronunciation. Work focuses on everyday English.

Level 1: Beginner/ Elementary

Level 2: Pre-Intermediate

Level 3: Intermediate/ High Intermediate

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9am-12 noon \$150 (non-residents pay 30% extra)

To enrol: Phone 621-0051; Email jennifer.carson@mrgs.school.nz;

in person Frost Rd. Mt Roskill, Auckland (please note you must be at least 16 years old to enrol)



The Community Education Office will be closed for Christmas and New Year. The Community Education office will re- open on Monday 5 January and Tuesday 6 January for Summer School enrolments from 9am -2.30pm.

MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OPENING HOURS 2015

Open daily, 9.00am to 4.00pm from Thursday 15th January to staff and public alike.

UNIFORM AND STATIONERY SHOP OPENING HOURS

Note: - the shop is now located by Entrance 4—Frost Road

Opening hours: January 19th – 23rd 8.00am to 6.00pm

Closed Monday January 26th

January 27th - 30th 8.00am to 6.00pm

February 2nd 8.00am to 12.00 midday, Feb 3rd 2.00pm to 6.00pm

February 4th & 5th 8.00am to 12.00 midday

Closed Friday February 6th

Then the shop will return to normal term time hours

Mondays – 8.00-9.00am and 3.00 to 4.00pm Thursdays - 8.00-9.00am and 3.00 to 4.00pm



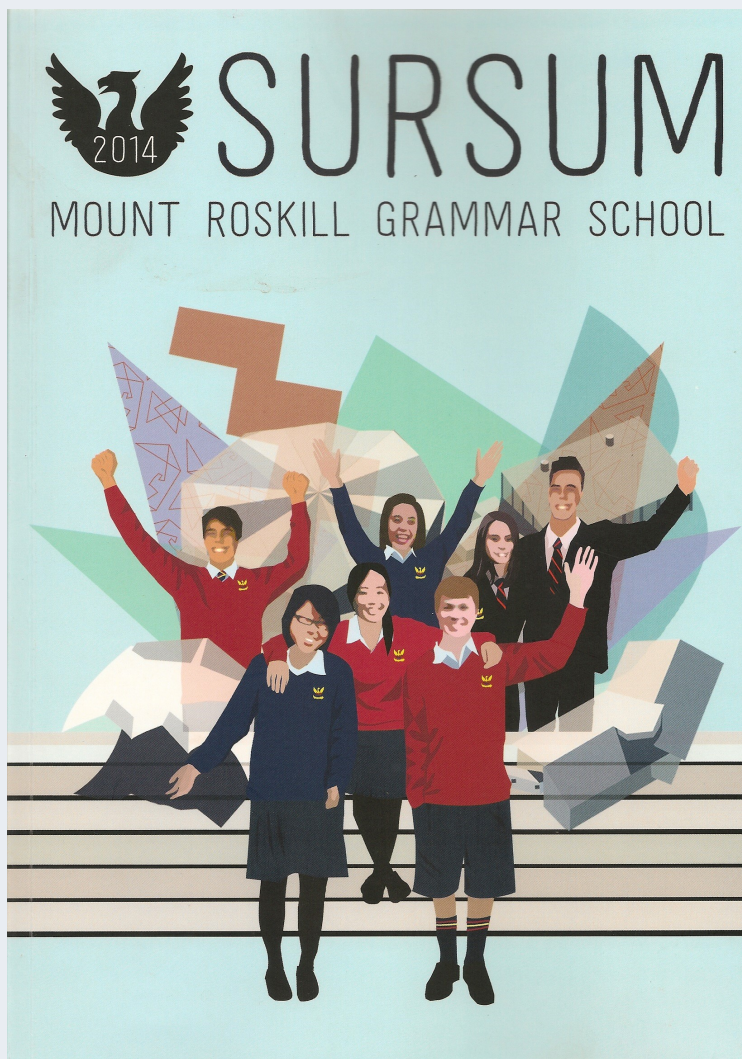
PREFECT TEAM FOR 2015 BEGIN LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

The group of young men and women chosen as Prefects for 2015 attended a camp this month to begin building their team and prepare for their leadership next year. They will be formally presented to the school in the first assemblies of 2015 but the traditional three day camp gave them an early opportunity to share projects for next year and hone the skills which each of them have already demonstrated as members of the student body. At the camp, held near Leigh on a peninsula of the Hauraki Gulf, they took part in games, discussions, workshops and collective catering facilitated by the Year 13 Deans Mr Cornes and Ms Wilcox. They were also joined by a number of this year's leaving prefects who gave them the positive benefit of their own successful experiences.





SURSUM – The School Magazine



Your 2014 Sursum magazine is the place to go for all of the memories and photos from this year, INCLUDING the athletics carnival, the school ball, Year 13 camp, the sports exchanges, Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, peer support, the helidrop, Polyfest, AND SO MUCH MORE.....

WHERE CAN I GET IT? B1

WHEN CAN I GET IT? When you pick up your report

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

If you have paid your school donation it is free!

*If you have not paid your school donation, you can **STILL** purchase the magazine for **ONLY** \$25!!*



2015 START OF THE YEAR AT MRGS

The School Administration Office opens on Thursday 15th January

Returning Students – 2015 course confirmation

– is only required for students who have a change to make

Year 13 – Wednesday 21st January 9.00am (in school hall)

Year 12 – Wednesday 21st January 11.00am (in school hall)

Year 11 – Wednesday 21st January 1.00pm (in school hall)

First School day:

Thursday 29th January 2015 Y9, Y13 and all other new students

Y9 and new students 9.40 am on school main field (for Powhiri and assemblies)

Y13 9.00 am in school hall for Powhiri preparation

Friday 30th January = All students

8.37 am (students to form classes)

School closed Anniversary Day – Monday 26th January

School closed Waitangi Day – Friday 6th February

Enrolments – All new enrolments must be completed by Tuesday 20th January for students wishing to start on 29th January.

TERM DATES 2015

Term	First Day of term	Last Day of term
Term 1	See details above	Thursday 2nd April
Term 2	Monday 20th April	Friday 3rd July
Term 3	Monday 20th July	Friday 25th September
Term 4	Monday 12th October	Tuesday 8th December

PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION

Thank you to families who have paid their donation. Your support really makes a big difference! Last year voluntary parental donations assisted the school in providing a wide range of equipment including specialist sports equipment for Physical Education and a data projector for the school hall. The data projector is proving to be excellent for a range of student meetings and also for performing arts groups.

This year following the huge upgrade of our ICT network with ultrafast broadband and wireless capability we are wanting to provide class sets of laptops and tablets (computers on wheels) to a wider range of classes. Pilot programmes last year were very successful. We would also like to complete Phase 2 of the hall projector system which includes cameras and an improved sound system to enhance student performances. Donations also help with the running of our afterschool homework centres.

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

Parents can now access their students fees information through the school website kamar portal, by entering student user name and password. Parental contributions can be made via the DPS System using credit cards or by contacting our Accounts department on **621 0050 extension 755**. Direct credit facilities area available. Parental donations are tax deductible.



CLOSURE OF ERNIE PINCHES FOOTBRIDGE

Ernie Pinches Footbridge which runs across the motorway will be closed for four months from the end of September to undertake essential widening works as part of the Waterview Connection.

The bridge is being extended to allow for the addition of an extra northbound lane between Dominion Road and Maoro Street. One pier will be completely removed and another replaced with a cable stay pylon. 22M of the existing bridge deck will also be replaced.

The bridge will be closed during these works, however the footpath on the western side will remain open. Pedestrians are recommended to use an alternative route via the Maoro Street interchange into Stoddard Road as shown in the photo below.

SUGGESTED DETOUR ROUTE



SCHOOL HEALTH CENTRE

Doctor's Clinic – The Health Centre has a doctor available to see the students for 12 hours a week during term times. The consultations are free and sometimes there is a small charge for scripts.

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.



1ST XI BOYS FOOTBALL FUNDRAISING

THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF:

- ♦ Countdown Three Kings
- ♦ Pak N Save Royal Oak
- ♦ Huckleberry Farms Royal Oak
- ♦ Scentre Group (operator of Westfield)
- ♦ Cityfitness Newmarket
- ♦ Wild Wheat Specialty Breads
- ♦ Orvieto Cafe Mt Eden
- ♦ Better Butchers of Mt Eden

Thank you also to the parents and the team for their ti



Royal Oak



Mt Albert



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



MRGS FUNDRAISING

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>

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We are pleased to announce that **Kip McGrath Mount Roskill** are sponsoring the uniforms of our Premier girls hockey team this coming season. We are grateful for the support to assist our development of excellence in the sport.



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