

We were honoured to welcome **New Zealander of the Year and Blake Medallist, scientist Ray Avery** to address our assembly as part of leadership week. He also took time to meet with a representative group of students after the assembly. Mr Avery is a pharmaceutical scientist whose inventions have changed millions of lives. One of them - the low-cost intraocular lens, which he invented in his garage - costs only \$6 and has saved the sight of millions of the poorest people in the world. He told us that leadership is not about what skills we have or about how intelligent we may be; it is about who we are and what we do. We were reminded of our school vision of **quality learning that results in active and responsible citizenship**.



Last Friday a large gathering of staff, students and Members of the BoT acknowledged the **outstanding service of Mrs Raewyn Winny** to our community. Mrs Winny has taken medical retirement. She has been a great leader in our school and widely respected because of her deeds and actions in mentoring so many students and teachers. She has been instrumental in establishing the school's excellent professional learning programme. The boys' choir, the jazz band and the kapa haka all gave wonderful tributes to Mrs Winny.

Senior students have just received their full progress report. This report will affirm good progress and identify any concerns and useful next steps. We look forward to meeting many of you at the **Senior Report Evening and the Careers Expo** on Wednesday 21 July. Our **Open Evening** is on the following Wednesday 28 July, and we hope that you can come along.

**Term 3** begins for students on **Tuesday 20 July**. Monday 19 July is a teacher only day.

Ki nga taumata  
Greg Watson

## BLAKE MEDALLIST AND 2010 NEW ZEALANDER OF THE YEAR RAY AVERY

On Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, we were lucky to be visited by Mr Ray Avery, a pharmaceutical scientist and social entrepreneur. Mr Avery has this year been awarded the Blake Medal by the Sir Peter Blake Trust and John Key has announced him as the first ever New Zealander of the Year. His work will potentially benefit 30 million people suffering from cataract blindness around the world.

At an assembly presentation, Mr Avery spoke about his work and the characteristics he believes makes a great leader saying that "one of the derivatives of good leadership is having good moral values." He wants to promote the goodness of the human condition and encouraged everyone present to look after their friends, their country and their planet. He is proud to be a New Zealander, and says that we are a country of leaders.



We were honoured to have Mr Avery speaking at our school assembly. We learnt much about helping others and being good leaders. In the words of Mr. Avery himself, "You can achieve a lot more with an attitude where you are open to working with people. Nobody is as clever as all of us together."

Eva Penny and Gloria Fraser

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be closed for the first week of the holidays for a stocktake. It will be open on Tuesday 13 and Thursday 15 from 8.00am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 4.00pm. On Monday 19 the Uniform Shop will be opened from 8.00 to 9.00am. **NB:** This is the Teacher only Day.

## ERO REVIEW OFFICE VISIT

A team of reviewers from the Educational Review Office will be carrying out the scheduled 3 yearly review of the school from Friday July 23 to Friday July 30. In addition to the reviewers' work with staff and students, they will also be holding meetings with a variety of groups involved with the school.

On **Monday 26 July** they are holding a **meeting for the parents/caregivers of Mount Roskill Grammar School students from 3.30pm until 4.30pm in the school library.**

All parents/caregivers are invited to this meeting and we would be grateful if you could contact the school's main office (Ms B Wills) to confirm your attendance.

## FRANCE HOMESTAY TOUR

The 4<sup>th</sup> biennial France Homestay Tour takes place in September/October this year between MRGS and the French Senior High School Lycée Jean XXIII in Normandy.

For the third time in recent history, we are thrilled to announce that the **New Zealand-France Friendship Fund** has allocated MRGS some funding for this exchange, and we are extremely grateful for their support. Mt Roskill Grammar School will be hosting Jean XXIII in February/March next year.

The Fund was established in 1991 by agreement between the French and New Zealand governments with the aim of promoting friendly relations between the citizens of the two countries. It seeks to enhance and deepen the historical, constructive and vibrant relationship between France and New Zealand. It does this by providing financial assistance to projects which lead to ongoing links, understanding and friendship between the citizens of the two countries, especially young citizens.



## WORLD VISION 40 HOUR FAMINE 2010

This year, Mount Roskill Grammar School again took part in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine. We had high hopes after the success of last year, especially of Shruthi Vijayakumar who was appointed as one of the New Zealand World Vision youth ambassadors for 2009. One of our main goals this year, as well as fund raising, was to create more awareness of poverty in the world and how young people can help. We ran events to accomplish this, including a 'Guitar Hero' competition won by, **Jacky Sue**, who received a game voucher.

The famine team also organised a lunch time event in which the school dance group 'The Boomshackalackas' preformed alongside the band 'Emensis'. The 600 plus crowd of students enjoyed the performances and were moved by the inspiring words of Clair Keenan, the 40 Hour Famine coordinator for Auckland. The highlight of the event however, was the visit from Matt and Dayna, hosts of 'Studio 2'.

This year, the local community got behind what we were doing in the school by sponsoring us. They are businesses that are interested in helping around the community and overseas. They have shown their compassion to the poor and the needy and we at Mount Roskill Grammar school are truly grateful.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST NZ BOOKSHOP

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## OPEN DAY 2010

Wednesday 28 July - 3.30pm – 6.30pm. Meet at the Administration Building (main entrance) Corner Frost & Carr Roads and visitors will receive a guided tour and the opportunity to discuss the school with staff and students.

## ENROLMENT

2010 In Zone and Out of Zone Enrolment forms will be available from the School Office or from the website [www.mrqs.school.nz](http://www.mrqs.school.nz) from 19 July. On September 1 applications for Out of Zone places close with the ballot on the 6 and Enrolment evenings for those accepted on the 19 and 21 of October. In Zone enrolments evenings will be on the 7 and 9 of September.

**Enquiries:** Phone 621 0050, Fax 621 0055, email [admin@mrqs.school.nz](mailto:admin@mrqs.school.nz)  
Deputy Principal Kay Thomas

## PARENTAL DONATIONS

The parental donation remains at \$150.00 per student or \$250.00 per family. Every effort is made to keep school costs to a minimum with donations assisting in meeting the costs of providing classroom and sports equipment. If you have difficulty in paying the total cost at the beginning of the year, please contact the Accounts Office to make alternative arrangements.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 2		
July	Friday 2	<b>END OF TERM 2</b>
		Closing time 3.10pm
	Saturday 3	School Ball
	Tuesday 20 July	<b>BEGINNING OF TERM 3</b>
	(Monday 19 July ) <b>(Teacher only Day)</b>	
	Wednesday 21	Senior Report Evening / Careers Expo
	Friday 23 – Thursday 29	ERO Visit
	Wednesday 28	<b>OPEN DAY</b>
August	Monday 30	<b>School Holiday (Tournament Week)</b>
September	Monday 6 – Tuesday 14	<b>Senior Exams</b>
TERM DATES 2010		
Term 4	Monday 11 October	Friday 10 December

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