



# MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Over the recent term break many of our students were active learners and citizens. Year 13 student **Theo Loretz** represented New Zealand in France as part of the Shared Histories programme to raise awareness of the contribution of the ANZAC in the Great War and to strengthen relationships between French and New Zealand communities.

**Mark Yep** and **Victor Xie** have just represented New Zealand at the International Chemistry Olympiad in Hanoi. We were fortunate that HoD Chemistry **Dr McCracken**

was with the team. Seven students, **Benny Chun** (Lesotho), **Tangiia Enjoy** (Georgia), **Jairaj Modak** (Cambodia), **Diana Qiu** (Palau), **Prawesh Ranjitkar** (Lithuania), **Romina Seylani** (Luxembourg) and **Shaizan Virani** (Paraguay) participated in the New Zealand Model United Nations conference in Wellington. Benny and Shaizan were able to secure places on the speaker's list debating *The Question of the Future of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations*. Given the competitive nature of delegates at full plenaries, these two are to be commended for their efforts. Diana Qiu, was selected to represent New Zealand at The Hague International Model United Nations. Diana will tour Europe and New York in January 2015. She is to be congratulated for her excellent organisation of the school delegation and her selection for the New Zealand delegation.

During the holidays many students continued their learning at in school work shops and at NCEA campus. Well done to everyone involved and especial thanks to the many teachers who gave part of their well-deserved break to facilitate this on-going learning.

This term I am on sabbatical. My focus will be the development of modern learning environments. The majority of school buildings were built between 1950 and the 70s. Since then, teaching practice and student learning needs have changed significantly. New technologies and building materials allow for new, vibrant and well connected learning spaces. I will be exploring other schools and reading on this topic with a view to leading the school's upcoming building programme.

John Wilkinson will lead the school as Acting Principal during term 3.

Ki nga taumata!

Greg Watson, **PRINCIPAL**



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### MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME—UPDATE

We are currently raising funds to upgrade our Somerset Rd Hockey turf to a water based pitch, and build a sports pavilion that will service all sports using our fields.

This term we have run a Mufti Day, Quiz & Auction Evening and the School Workathon. Thank you so much to everyone who participated in these events.



We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals that donated prizes and auction items for these events. Thank you also to Mr Douglas our Quiz Master and Mr Hall for making it all happen.

**Workathon:** Westfield St Lukes  
Whittakers Chocolate  
Tasti Treats, Carr Rd

#### Quiz & Auction:

Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra	Redmond Engineering, Carr Rd
Beyond Beauté, Buckley Rd	Ross Millar Swim School, @ Three Kings Primary
City Cake Company, Mt Eden	Finishing Touch Hair Design, Buckley Rd
Entertainment Books	Frasers Café, Mt Eden
Progressive Enterprises Ltd	Pure Fishing, Albany
Tusk Thai, Balmoral	Tony Martins Sports Connection Gym, Carr Rd
Villa Maria Wines, Mangere	Whitestone Cheese, Oamaru
Keith Hall, Leanne Hooper, Bingham Family, Marjet Pot, Murray Hanson, Coldham Family	

**Please support these businesses that have supported us**

### ROSKILL REGAINS CROWE SHIELD

After five years the Rugby Challenge Shield inaugurated by the Crowe family was finally regained by MRGS. The shield which honours the rugby rivalry between ourselves and Marcellin college dates back to 1980 and over the years has moved between the two schools as games have been won and lost. In a typically hard fought encounter our 1stXV won by 34 –17 to take home the trophy. It was formally awarded to the team captain in our second assembly of term 3.





### YEAR 10 SUBJECT CHOICE EVENING:

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who supported this evening. We were overwhelmed with the response. If you were unable to attend please ensure your son/daughter completes their option sheet and returns it by **14 August 2014**.

### YEAR 11 PARENT MENTORING CONFERENCE:

Thank you to all those parents who met with their son/daughter's mentor on the 12 Aug to discuss exam preparation/subject choice for next year and achievement made thus far. A survey was available at the evening to complete-we have also sent this by email so that parents who made appointments outside of the 12<sup>th</sup> Aug have an opportunity to complete their feedback. You can complete the survey by following this link : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KHQFJGW>

### MAORI AND PASIFIKA PARENT EVENING

Thank you to every family who joined us for this evening in June. We appreciated talking with those parents who could come a little early to discuss the junior curriculum-thank you.

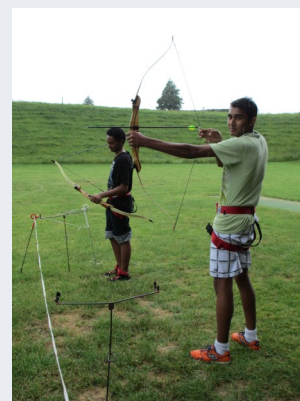


Being able to talk with you about your son/daughter's progress and achievement to date was very encouraging. We hope you found it useful to talk with our careers team and the various tertiary providers who were present.



### WIDER EDUCATION FOR JUNIOR STUDENTS TERM 4

Wider Education (3rd–5th December, Week 9) is a school tradition at MRGS. It is an opportunity for Year 9 and 10 students to take their learning outside the classroom. They will learn new skills, make new friends and develop as individuals whilst having fun! Year 9's will have a series of day trips and activities to choose from, while Year 10's are encouraged to attend overnight camps. The main camp for Year 10 students is at CYC Ngaruawahia this year with activities such as archery, swimming, water and mud slides, kayaking, and much more. There are also smaller camps and day trips as well as girls only options. Attending a camp or trip is compulsory for all students and there are fundraising opportunities available. More information about all activities and camps will be sent out this term.







### BRAIN BEE TOP TEAM SUCCESS

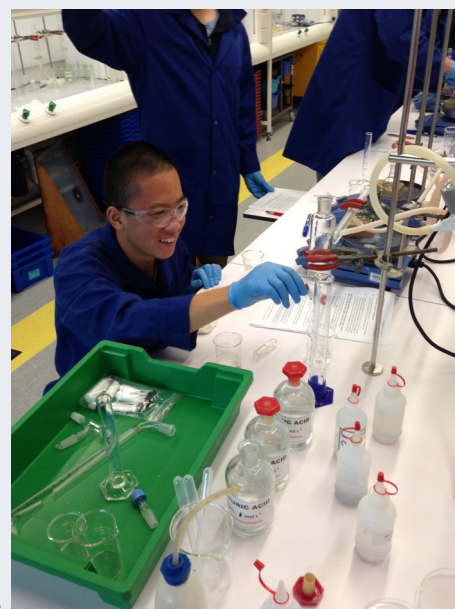
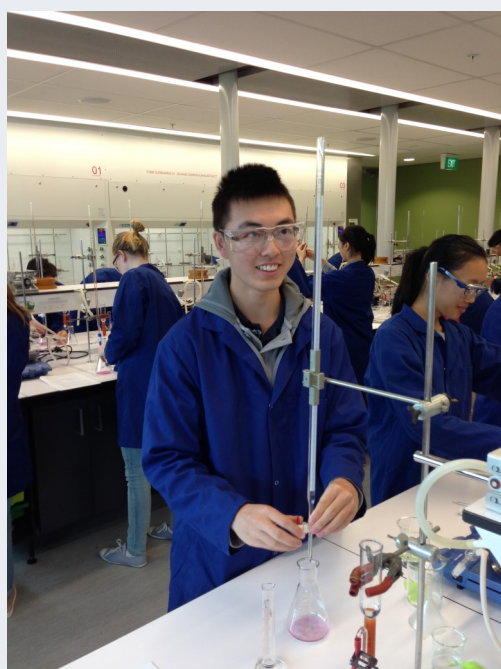
At the end of last term students from the school were the top team in the North Island Brain Bee Challenge for 2014. This outstanding success was achieved by—Elisa Yansum, Rithvick Murali, Dhruvil Oza and Lily Li. The Brain Bee event is a competition for year 11 students and tests their neuroscience knowledge. NZ universities set and conduct the event and MRGS has a proud tradition of achievement with individual and team success over the years— including senior student Jiantao Shen who went to the international competition in 2013 and was a medallist.



Within our present top team Dhruvil made it to the top 8 and narrowly missed out on the top 3 positions. Another competing student Athulya Rathnayake was part of a composite team with other schools and just missed getting into the team finals. This is the first time that we have won the team competition and in addition to a cup and plaque, each team member received a personal audio system and also won a 60" TV to be presented to the school later this term.

### INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD SUCCESS FOR MRGS PAIR

Two Roskill senior students, Mark Yep and Victor Xie competed for New Zealand in the recent International Chemistry Olympiad. The event, held in Hanoi, saw the NZ team take four Bronze medals and Mark had the top NZ result with the second highest score for his bronze. Roskill not only supplied half of the NZ team of four but one of our staff Dr. Stephen McCracken HOD Chemistry was invited by the Olympiad organisation to attend as an observer—a role which heralds his likely involvement as a judge in future years. This year's international representation continues our proud tradition of NZ team places and medal success in the prestigious competition.





## STUDENTS AGAINST DANGEROUS DRIVING (SADD) - DEMONSTRATION CRASH

With a dramatically staged demonstration in the school quad last term senior students showed their commitment to fostering safe driving and warning their peers of the dangers of irresponsibly taking a car on the road. Their demonstration was prefaced by an assembly sketch earlier in the week which introduced the situation of a group of people driving dangerously after leaving a party. Later in the week at lunchtime a crashed car complete with simulated casualties was set up in the school quad. Emergency services joined in the graphic display with fire officers, ambulance crews and police enacting a response to a serious crash. At each stage of the process of the response professionals and students explained details to the large student crowd—impressing on them the consequences of risky road habits.



## NEW DATE PREFECT HELICOPTER DROP FUND RAISER FOR HOCKEY TURF REDEVELOPMENT—AUGUST 23RD

The Helicopter Drop postponed from July due to weather conditions will now be held on Saturday 23rd August. The Sursum Foundation teamed with Mt Roskill Grammar School Prefects has organised a Helicopter Drop as a fundraiser for the future Hockey Turf and Sports Pavilion. The front field of the school will be divided into 5000 squares and a helicopter will randomly drop 10 packages onto the field. For \$5 a ticket, people have purchased a square and are entering the draw to win a monetary prize or perhaps even a wonderful mystery prize to the value of \$250. Ultimately, ticket-buyers get to contribute to the betterment of Mt Roskill Grammar School as well as our wider community and be a part of Mt Roskill History.





### TOUGH GUY, TOUGH GIRL CHALLENGE 2014

In late June 85 MRGS Students were involved in the Secondary School Tough Guy and Gal Challenge at Woodhill Equestrian Event Centre. Over 1000 students from around Auckland were taking part and the event lived up to its name. The weather on the day was cold and wet and this made the course and the mud even more challenging. The course consisted of a number of mud pits that the students had to make their way through, some up to waist height and



some that they had to drop into after sliding up to 50 metres down a mud slide. There were also obstacles to climb over, electric fences and barb wire to crawl under and many, many creeks to wade through.

A number of students performed well but the highlight was our junior girls where Janita Fuller came second overall (silver medal) and Emma Stitt finished a close third (bronze medal). They managed to do this despite stopping halfway for a mud fight before realising they needed to get moving. The two girls were presented with their medals in a school assembly



### MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD MEDAL WINNERS

Four Roskill students were awarded medals in the recent Mathematics Olympiad competition organized by Auckland University. Daniel Bai, Felix Yang and Harsh Talathi gained bronze medals—placing in the top 20 of Year 9-10 students. At Year 11-12 level Nathan McDougall also received a bronze medal. From this initial stage students placed in the top five go on to camps and coaching sessions to select eventually a four person team to represent New Zealand at international level. Daniel Bai just missed qualifying for the next stage.

### LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – AWARDS PRESENTED

In a recent assembly we presented awards to students for the Language Perfect World Championships. In this competition Elite awards are given to students who achieve over 10,000 points in the language exercises that form the on-line competition. Of the 300,000 competitors worldwide only 0.2% achieve the Elite level.

Twelve MRGS students—in the fine tradition we have established in the event—gained an elite award. Students Jessica Gao, Tessa Brown and Yong Shi Lin were the Juniors to receive this award. They were joined by Y11 students Qi Zhu, Joshua Simmons, Naman Gupta and Caitlin Chessum. From Y12 Bryan Busby, Nathan McDougall and Ziwei Zhuang were presented with their framed Elite certificates by Mr Watson. Two further Y12 Elite winners were also recipients of further prizes from the competition. Sephie Liu received a prize voucher for her placing of 7th in the world overall ; and Taruki Gunawardana was presented with a gift voucher and a medal for coming 2nd in the world in French.

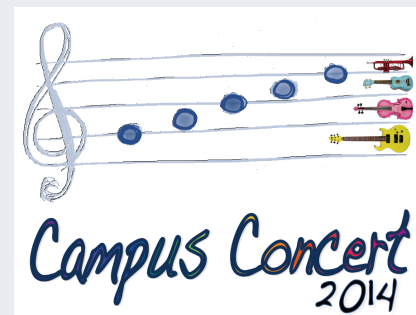






## CAMPUS MUSIC CONCERT

On a Thursday evening in June our annual celebration of the three campus schools' musical talent took place in the Grammar school hall. An audience of over 500 was enthralled by performances from the range of groups, orchestras, bands and choirs. The night opened with a rousing combined item 'Kia Orana' which involved all performers. There were then individual presentations by the primary school band, the grammar school concert band and the intermediate school choir. The as ever popular primary school ukes entertained everyone with 'Poi E' and other performers such as the grammar school year 9 band and the intermediate orchestra brought contemporary pop pieces to vibrant life. After further pieces from string orchestras, choirs and a jazz combo the evening ended traditionally with a marvellous 'sing-along' of 'Everything's Going To Be Alright'. The audience and performers then mingled for light supper refreshments and a chance to share their enthusiastic responses to another great campus musical event.



## ARTS WEEK

Another successful Arts week was held in the second week of this term. Performing Arts, Visual Arts and the Music Departments led a range of presentations and participatory events. Cast members of the school production roamed the school sponsoring fun and games. Our Vertigo award winning band performed in the Senior Centre at lunchtime, screen printing of T shirts was available, origami cranes were created for Peace Week and students were able to experience Henna hand tattoos. There were also poster and photography competitions, ukele 'jam' sessions in the music block and the week culminated in the evening performances of 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory'.





## MRGS E-LEARNING UPDATE

We continue to grow our use of digital technology to enhance the learning of our students. This term marks a significant development in this journey. While the school will continue to invest in and support extensive ITC provision we are exploring the possibilities offered through student 'Bring your own device' (BYOD). To work towards our goal of a seamless blended E-Learning environment we are starting student trials of BYOD next term. We will be selecting a limited number of senior and junior classes. Each will have a specific learning outcome that will be enhanced by providing students with online access via individual personal devices. Students in these classes will be invited by letter and, should they choose to take up the opportunity, they will be encouraged to bring internet capable devices to school for use in that particular lesson.

The aim of these trials are to allow us to develop our thinking around managing this change as well as to test the technical capabilities of the school network. Our intention is very much that devices are not purchased for these trials but that students who currently have internet capable devices bring them and used them for that particular period of the day. The normal school expectations around mobile devices will remain in place. The classes selected will be chosen from school departments that already have some mobile device provision so that no student will be disadvantaged if they are unable to bring a personal device.

To help us to plan for the future we would greatly appreciate parents and caregivers completing this very brief survey. We are keen to know what technology already exists in our community and grow our understanding of how we can maximise the technology that already exists within our community.

Please follow the link below

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MD3Q78B>







## SPORTS UPDATE

The winter sports teams all had a busy and highly successful Term 2. Well done to all teams for their commitment shown during training and games. Thank you to all of the coaches and managers for their hard work so far this season.

### BADMINTON

In Term 2 we had 14 teams entered in the Auckland competition based at Gillies Ave. B Open Monday, C Girls Tuesday, C Girls Wednesday, D Girls Thursday all won their competitions. The top team, A Open on Friday night have their competition continuing in Term 3 and are in a great position after only losing one game. A big thank you to all of the teachers involved in transporting students to their games, especially Mr Dix who quite often goes every night of the week.

### BASKETBALL

Basketball has made a good start to the year with all teams doing well. The U19A team finished 1<sup>st</sup> equal in pool play with 3 wins from 4 games, and will now compete in the championship rounds. The U19B team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in pool play with 4 wins from 5 games. In the U17A grade the A team is currently in first place with 5 wins from 5 games, while the U17B team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in pool play with 3 wins from 5 games. Finally the U15 Boys team is currently 1<sup>st</sup> with 6 wins from 6 games. A big thank you must go to all coaches; Mr Windsor, Mr Buckley and outside coaches Todd Dormer, Joshua Thompson, Paul Rochelle Enriquez Yao and Yashveendra Krishna.

### FOOTBALL

The Girls and Boys 1st XI Football teams are doing exceedingly well this season. The Boys team have won 8 out of 9 games and sit 7 points ahead of their nearest opponents. With 5 games to play they are in an excellent position to push for moving to the A1 grade next season. The Girls team have won 5 out of 6 games and are 2nd in their pool with cross over games to come. The 2nd XI Boys and Girls team are competing well in their grades with the Girls team winning all but one of their games so far this season. Thank you to Mr Christopher, Ms Gray, Ms Thomas, Mr Morris, Mr Subramoney, Maksim Manko, Bill Gray, Jason Cluely and our student coaches Hayden Couper, Angela Zhao and Sarah Grace for their roles as coaches and managers.



### HOCKEY

We have 4 teams playing in the Auckland competitions this year. The 1st XI Boys team have been the standout performers, qualifying for the Supercity 2 grade, two grades higher than last year. They are currently unbeaten in this competition after 3 games. The 1st XI Girls team are in the Open A Girls competition and are also top of their ladder. The Under 15 Boys and Girls Academy teams are both in the top grades for their age group and performing well. Thank you to Mr Grant, Mr Keshoor, Mr Hays and Mr Bryan for their excellent coaching so far this season.





## GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING

In Term 2 we had the Auckland Championships for both Gymnastics and Trampolining. Mt Roskill has a great history in both events and this year was no exception. In the Auckland Gymnastics event in the Level 1 grade, Steffanie Kobayashi-Cox was 1st, Juhaina Mascarenhas 3rd, Chelsea Ellis 4th and Keren Smith 5th. The team came 1st overall and our second team finished well to come in 3rd position in the teams event. At Level 2, Madison Smith came in at 3rd place, Zara Deverell 4th and Tayla Dawson 6th. This team also came 2nd overall in the grade. At Level 4, Mandie Galea came in 1st position. At Level 6, Tanika Brown gained 4th place.

In the Auckland Trampolining event we also had great results. In the Elite grade Madison Smith came 5th. In B Grade, Mandie Galea was 1st, Chelsea Ellis 2nd, Tanika Brown 3rd, and India Horgan 5th. This team came 1st overall. In C Grade, Monique Burrett was 4th individually and the rest of the team finished commendably to gain 3rd overall.

This means that 16 girls have qualified for the New Zealand Secondary Schools event in August. Well done to the whole team and thank you to Mrs Bennett who has coached them every week, even in the holidays.

To cap all of these excellent results off Madison Smith represented New Zealand at the Australian National Trampolining event in Melbourne which took place in May. She did very well to gain the Silver medal in the synchronised event and came 5th in the individual competition.

## LACROSSE

Our Girls Lacrosse team have had a great second season in the competition with their results a big improvement from 2013. With 2 play games remaining they are in 1st position in their pool and now will play cross over games against the top from the other pool. Thank you to Ms Leman for managing and Philippa Cowper and Joseph Kaufusi for coaching the team.



## NETBALL

Our 4 teams entered in the Auckland competition at Morrin Road courts have made improvements this year. The standout teams have been the Senior A and Year 9 Academy teams who both look like they will be promoted in the next round of games. Thank you to Kylie Leota, Tuaine Keenan, Melissa Akeimo, Ms Te Whiu and Miss Willcox for coaching the teams.

## RUGBY

Rugby is on the steady improve at MRGS thanks to the work of a dedicated group of coaches and new Head of Code, Mrs McNaughton. This year has seen a big increase in the number of teams competing on Saturday's and a focus on the teams attitudes on and off the field. The 1st XV team have won 5 out of 8 games in a very tough pool. The 2nd XV have won 2 from 4 games. The Under 15 team have toiled hard in a tough competition. We also have a 5th grade, weight restricted team this year. This team have trained very hard and gained some good results. Our Girls 10-a-side team have played well again this season and came back from a first round loss to EGGS to beat them in the return game 40 to 19. Thank you to Mr Overton, Mr McGibbon, Mr Chellew, Mr Hall, Mr Tuailii, Mr Sua, Mr Stephenson, Miss Ma, Mrs Nicholson, Mike, Sagele, Karl, Jeremy and of course Mrs McNaughton for their involvement as coaches and managers so far this year.





### RUGBY LEAGUE

For the first time, MRGS has fielded a 1st XIII and Junior Boys team in the same season. Both teams toiled hard in difficult conditions most Wednesday afternoons, including torrential rain, tons of mud and strong winds. The Junior Boys season was short but resulted in some good wins over tough teams. The 1st XIII team have had a mixed season, not helped by a tough draw that included two of Auckland's strongest league schools. The team qualified for the Bowl competition and have won 1 out of 3 games with 3 games remaining in the season before playoffs. Thank you to Mr Taunga, Ms Tokley, Mr Mohenoa, Andrew Leilua and Ray McGlynn for their involvement with both teams this year. Also thank you to Libelle Group, a company which runs our school tuckshop, for generously providing new uniforms for the 1st XIII team, they look great.

### SQUASH

This year we had two Senior Boys teams entered in the Senior B competition. Both teams excelled in this grade and ended up playing each other in the final, with the B1 team narrowly beating the B2 team. The B1 team now qualify for the Championship round in Term 3. Thank you to Mrs Whittaker-Hall and Ms Hartstonge for their involvement with taking the boys to training and games every week.

### TABLE TENNIS

This season we entered 8 teams into the Friday night competition and had some great results. The teams trained every week at Mt Roskill Intermediate on Wednesday's and were well coached by Head of Code, Mr Yau. Many of the teams placed in the top 3 of their competitions and the 5th team won their grade. The teams have been re-entered in the Term 3 competition with more great results expected. Thank you to all of the teachers involved in transporting the teams to their games and supervising them.

### TOURNAMENT WEEK

We have 7 teams entered into the Winter tournament week this year from Basketball, Hockey, Football, Netball and Rugby League. All teams have been working hard to fundraise in order to lower the costs for students. Tournament week takes place in the first week of September and we have teams competing in various Auckland locations, as well as Ngatea and Rotorua. Thank you to Pak N Save Mt Albert, Pak N Save Royal Oak and Uniport for their support of the 1st XI Girls Football team. We welcome more sponsorship from local businesses. Please contact Ben Horne (Director of Sport) if you wish to find out more information about helping our Sports teams - [ben.horne@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:ben.horne@mrgs.school.nz).





## CROSS COUNTRY

The annual school cross country event is taking place on Tuesday 19th August. The course takes our students on a loop around the local streets with a couple of hills over a total of 3.2km. We encourage our top runners to enter the championship race which is the first event of the day. All Year 9 to 12 students will be training in PE class time prior to the event.

## HOUSE COMPETITIONS

In Term 2 we had two house competitions – Badminton and Junior Volleyball. In the Badminton Competition it was very close fought between all houses with 1st place being shared by Green, Red and Yellow. The Junior Volleyball competition was well organised by Ms Tokley's Year 12 Applied Physical Education class for one of their assessments. Once again the level of competition was high and the juniors enjoyed their chance in the limelight. In 1st place was Green House, 2nd – Yellow, 3rd equal – Orange and Blue, 5th – Red. The overall standings for this year are below.

	Term 4 2013		Term 1			Term 2		Term 3		Term 4		
	Junior Football	Junior Swim Carnival	Athletics	Junior Netball	Hockey	Badminton	Junior Volley	Cross Country	Football	Junior Football	Junior Swim Carnival	2014 RUNNING TOTAL
			Week 3	Week 8	Week 10	Week 2	Week 8	Week 4	Week 10	Week 4	Week 7	
Blue	40	80	60	20	60	20	60					340
Green	40	100	100	100	60	100	100					600
Orange	60	60	80	40	100	40	60					440
Red	80	40	60	80	20	100	20					400
Yellow	100	20	20	60	80	100	80					460

## IPLAY

iPlay is a social sport programme that has been running on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes by our AUT Sport students Tori and Hannah. Activities covered this year have been Cricket, Handball, Volleyball and Zumba. Sport Auckland have helped to fund this initiative aimed at getting students who don't normally play sport or get active to have a go with these activities and have tons of fun doing so. Zumba has been the most popular with over 100 students having a go in one session!

## BEING ROSKILL—THE CONTINUING JOURNEY OF THE 1ST XI FOOTBALL TEAM

Shot in Rio de Janeiro, Santos and Salvador over the summer, Being Roskill Season 3 takes an in-depth look at Brazilian football, culture and society as the country prepared to host the 2014 FIFA World Cup. The first episode will be released shortly, most likely through YouTube. Watch the trailer here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPFby3vB0yw>







### FULL HOUSES FOR CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Campus audiences were thrilled for three performances by the school's production of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. Inspiring lead roles and the marvelous Oompa Loompas enthralled students and adults with well acted and staged scenes. From Charlie's hopes and finding of the golden ticket to the various downfalls of the nasty children, the actors kept up a thrilling pace and constantly entertained the audience with wit and dramatic expertise. The Performing Arts Dept, led by Ms Meyer and supported by Ms Walsh and Ms Lattey inspired a great team of staff and students.



### SCHOOL BALL

The school ball was held at the close of last term. The venue was Ellerslie Event Centre and was as ever a successful night. The theme was Circus and arriving students were treated to performances by jugglers, uni-cyclists, and acrobats. There was also a Candy Floss making machine which together with the decorations set the party-scene. Y13 Deans Mrs Singh and Mr Cornes ( see photo) got fully into the spirit of the evening with their costumes. A Buffet dinner was accompanied by dancing and socializing—the whole evening was enjoyed by all with typical Roskill spirit of fun and formality.



### CAMPUS MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS



Once again our three campus schools came together to mark Matariki. The audience was treated to performances from all our Kapa Haka groups together with presentations, readings and slideshows to illustrate the significance of the event in the Maori calendar. There was also a fitting tribute from The MRGS students who remembered those who had passed away in the last year and become stars—(just like the Pleiades—the Matarkii constellation) in our skies by the influence they had in their lives on our community and individuals. The venue was once again full and our evening ended with the sharing of a supper.





### GATEWAY GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH



Lorraine Brown  
– Mt Roskill Primary School

We currently have 35 students who have completed or are completing their work placements with more heading out to work in Term 3.

We have had some exciting new working opportunities arise for our students this year. We are fortunate enough to have two of our fashion students gaining experience at Trelise Cooper, two engineering students working at the Waterview Motorway Connection project (with ALICE, the tunnel boring machine!) and James Chen has begun his placement at the Accountancy firm - Crowe Horwath (NZ) Limited.

In August we are running a two day Communication and Leadership course for our Gateway students. This programme will teach students key skills and knowledge in relationship management, performance management, and workplace organisational principles. In addition in

early September we are holding a two day combined Health & Safety and First Aid course. Students will come away from this training with their First Aid Certificate and NCEA credits – a fantastic qualification to have and looks great on a CV!

**If you are a business and would like to offer a life changing work experience opportunity for a year 13 student in your company in 2014/15 or you have any questions regarding the programme, we would love to hear from you!!**

Please contact [gateway@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:gateway@mrgs.school.nz)



James Chen –  
Crowe Horwath (NZ Lim-

### MIT CHALLENGE SUCCESS FOR FOOD AND HOSPITALITY AND CATERING AND HOSPITALITY STUDENTS

In last term's Manakau Institute of Technology Secondary School Challenge Competition a number of our students were medals winners. In the Barista Competition where students prepare and present within a set time a range of coffees, latte, espresso and flat white, Year 13 students Tara Chan and Leigha Pia- Prout were awarded bronze medals. ( there were no golds and only two silvers in the whole competition). In the Live Cupcakes competition Shania Leong gained a silver medal and Amber Ravestien was awarded a bronze medal— they each had to decorate two styles of cupcakes, two portions of each on premade cupcake bases using fondant and butter-cream frosting within 30 minutes. Each set of cupcakes had to be identical. Well done to the Food/Catering and Hospitality students and congratulations to staff members Ms Luxford and Ms Fiore-Meech for their support.



### JUNIOR CHESS TEAM WIN MEDALS

At the end of term two our Junior chess players were successful against strong opposition in West Auckland. Prajwal Ramesh and Joshua Anto won gold medals; William Lesiak received a silver medal in the supporting B team and Daniel Morrin achieved bronze for overall third place. The most notable achievement was that of Cathy Fan who received a gold medal for being the top girl at the competition and also the silver medal for being in second place overall. Congratulations to these high achievers.





## 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](mailto:admin@mrgs.school.nz) detailing the person you wish to contact in your subject line.

Your child's <b>Academic Programme</b>			
<b>Academic Deans</b>			
Year 9	Mrs F. Burns	Year 13	Mr R. Cornes
Year 10	Mr K Hays		Ms. N. Wilcox
Years 11 and 12	Mrs M. Brightmore Mrs S Singh		
Your child's relationships with students and staff— <b>Pastoral welfare</b>			
<b>House Deans— (Head of Deans = Mr D. Williams)</b>			
<b>Blue House</b>	Mrs S. Cave Mr. G Taunga	<b>Orange House</b>	Ms F. Leigh Mr. D Garraway
<b>Red House</b>	Ms L. Leman Mr A Ferguson	<b>Yellow House</b>	Ms. V Earl Mr. R Subramaniyan
<b>Green House</b>	Mr D. Williams		
Your child's <b>attendance</b>			
Attendance Officer	Mrs E. Hyland		
Your child's <b>emotional welfare</b>	<b>Guidance Team</b>	Head of Guidance	Mrs. M Hoogendoorn
Your child's <b>health</b>	<b>Nursing Team</b>	Receptionist Student Services	Ms J. Pace
<b>Wider Issues of Concern</b>	<b>Deputy Principals</b>		
Blue House	Ms M Cranch		
Red House	Mrs. J Small		
Green House	K. Collins		
Orange House	Mr. A Gipps		
Yellow House	Ms K Thomas		

## 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](mailto: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

Term Dates 2014

Term	First Day of term	Last Day of term
Term 3	Monday 21st July	Friday 26th September
Term 4	Monday 13th October	Tuesday 9th December

### TERM 3 — EVENTS

TERM THREE			
August 18—22	Health Week	August 29	School Holiday
August 19	School Cross Country	September 1—5	Tournament Week
August 20	MRGS Whanu Hui	September 8—16	Senior School Examinations
August 22	Junior Interim Reports Issued	September 24	Sports Awards Evening
August 23	Helicopter Drop Fundraiser	September 26	End of term Three
August 27	Junior Report Evening		

### 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.

Parental contributions can be made by  
contacting our Accounts department on **621 0050 extension 755**.

Direct credit facilities are available. Parental donations are tax deductible.





## ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS

Our school campus is joining 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 EVENTS—HOCKEY TURF APPEAL

### ENTERTAINMENT 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 fund-raising

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  
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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.



**Kip McGrath Education Centre**

**First Floor,**

**8 Carr Road, Mt Roskill**

**Tel 09 6250229**