

MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER
2013

FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

2013 is nearly over and the Board of Trustees thanks the many parents and families who have given their time to the school this year to assist children in the arts, sports, cultural events and other educational activities.

To the many organisations who support the school through sponsorship and donations -Thankyou

MRGS is part of a Roskill campus and is at the centre of the Mt Roskill community. It needs the support of the community so that it can offer many educational opportunities to the students.



Mount Roskill Grammar School continues to be a top performing school . MRGS values the opportunity to be reviewed externally as there are always opportunities for learning from reviews. Recently the Education Review office reviewed 7 schools who had good disciplinary results , low decile and high achievement rates. These senior researchers met with school leaders, staff and students to hear about what is working to help students succeed. Out of the 7 schools they looked at they said MRGS stood out. Their feedback was exceptional.

They commented on

- *Clarity of leadership*
- *Strong distributed leadership*
- *Strength of lead teams*
- *Powerful self-review using appropriate high quality data*
- *A relentless search for improvement*
- *Focus on student belonging*
- *Never seen before powerful leadership opportunities for students*
- *Impressive knowledge of learners*

The Board of Trustees thanks the commitment to teaching of the senior leadership team, the teachers and the support staff for this outstanding feedback . To the students, your willingness to learn and engage in school life is a significant part of achieving this result. It great for everyone to finish the school year on a high note.

The BoT wishes all staff and families of MRGS a safe and happy holiday period and we look forward to your return in 2014.

Ngā mihi o te Kirihiomete ki a koutou

Noho ora mai rā, nā **Marjet Pot, Chairperson Board of Trustees**

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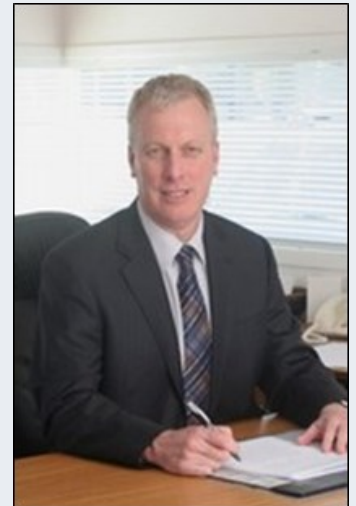
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

The year was brought to a close with our celebration of achievement at the junior prize giving on Tuesday December 10th. Congratulations to the many students who were recognized for their achievements. Thank you to the large number of parents, caregivers, friends and family who shared in the occasion.



At the prize giving we also recognized the achievement of our teachers. Mrs Bennett the HOD of Health and PE won the staff travel award and will visit the United Kingdom in 2014 to further develop her knowledge of E-Learning.

Mr Ely has gained study leave to complete his Masters in Educational Leadership and Mrs Whitaker-Hall, Ms Corrigan and Mrs Collins have been awarded study grants to pursue their professional learning while remaining at the school. Earlier Mr Parratt the HoD of Commerce was presented with a prestigious Woolf Fisher Travel Award to be taken during 2014.

We have farewelled Mrs O'Connor. Mrs Rakete Ms Hughes and Mrs Simpson and thanked each for their excellent service to our students.

We also farewelled Mr Loretz who has been Deputy Principal at the school for 6 years. Mr Loretz is taking up a numeracy coordinator role at Avondale College. Mr Loretz has made an outstanding contribution to MRGS bringing an extraordinary mix of mathematical capability, ways of teaching, thinking, hard work and kindness. He has helped the school strengthen its teaching practices, our use of ICT and our determination that every student must be supported to succeed. Mr Loretz was acknowledged with a haka in the prize-giving and presented with a whale-bone taonga to acknowledge the treasure he has been to our community.

Best wishes to everyone for a peaceful festive season.

Sursum!

Greg Watson



Deputy Principal Mr. Michael Loretz



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 contacted by phoning the school main number 09-621-0050 and asking to be referred to the appropriate personnel as listed below-

| Your child's Academic Programme | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Academic Deans | | | |
| Year 9 | Mrs F. Burns | Year 13 | Mr A. Gipps |
| Year 10 | Mr K Hays | | Mrs S. Singh |
| Years 11 and 12 | Mrs M. Brightmore Mrs S Singh | | |
| Your child's relationships with students and staff— Pastoral welfare | | | |
| House Deans— (Head of Deans = Mr D. Williams) | | | |
| Blue House | Mrs S. Cave Mr. G Taunga | Orange House | Ms F. Leigh Mr. D Garraway |
| Red House | Mrs M. Cranch Mr A Ferguson | Yellow House | Ms. V Earl Mr. R Subramaniyan |
| Green House | Mr D. Williams | | |
| 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 | | |
| Blue House | Mr K. Hall | | |
| Red House | Mrs. J Small | | |
| Green House | Mrs. K. Collins | | |
| Orange House | Ms. K Thomas | | |
| Yellow House | Mr. M. Loretz | | |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| TERM ONE 2014 | | | |
|---------------|--|------------|---|
| January 15 | School Office Opens Uniform and Stationery shop Opens | January 30 | Welcome to New Students First Day for Y9 (and all other new students) , Y13 |
| January 23 | Course Confirmations Y11-13 See website for details | January 31 | First Day for all other students Y10-Y12 Full school attends |



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 at a sparkling ceremony where powerful learning and active citizenship were marked by awards and certificates. The Board chairperson Ms Pot opened



the event with reference to the continued high achievement and consistent progress of the school. Mr Watson, the Principal followed her with a survey of the year's success and development of our learning community. 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

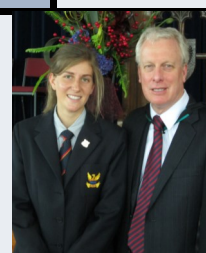


Lily Li Top in Y10 with Board Chair Ms. Pot and Principal Mr Watson.

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. **Felix Yang** gained first place overall in Year 9 and with it the Principal's Academic award. **Lily Li** 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 successful learning engendered in our school. The audience were also entertained by performances from the Concert Band who opened and closed the proceedings. Those attending were also privileged to hear 'Pokarekare Ana' from the Barbershop chorus and a festive piece from the Year 9 Brass Ensemble. Deputy Head Prefect, Theresa Carbines closed the ceremony with her farewell speech in which she spoke of her time at the school and urged students listening to share her target on leaving 'to put the passion for all things that Roskill gives us into all that you do in the future!'

Junior Prize Giving Top Awards 2013

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| Junior Sportswoman of the Year | Karishma Kumar | Junior Sportsman of the Year | Randy Sjafrie |
| 2nd in Year 9 | Josette Xu | 1st in Year 9 and the 2013 Principal's Y9 Academic Award | Felix Yang |
| 2nd in Year 10 | Allanah Leerdam | 1st in Year 10 and the 2013 Principal's Y10 Academic Award | Lily Li |





SOHAIL ABDULLA WINS IPENZ AWARD AT REALISE THE DREAM EVENT



Roskill's already celebrated Y13 Electronics student Sohail Abdulla gained a further accolade for his robotic window cleaner when he received an IPENZ travel award at the Realise the Dream ceremony in Wellington last weekend. The award was presented by the Governor General Lt Gen The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae in an event at Government House. Sohail was one of 20 finalists, top secondary school science researchers and technology students, who had been selected for the Realise the Dream awards. The students spent six



days hosted throughout the country by various science research organisations and Genesis Energy the sponsors of the whole event. On Thursday 12th December they travelled to Wellington spending time at NIWA before going on to the final ceremony on Friday. As part of the event each of the finalist's projects underwent a rigorous two stage judging procedure before awards were given. Sohail's award gives him an all expenses paid trip to the Taiwan International Science Fair next year. His winning project is an advanced version of his window cleaner which he has been redeveloping throughout the year. Initial issues, among them climbing limitations and portability have been addressed in his adaptations and he feels that his work has taken him a step closer to its development for high rise buildings.

At the ceremony the Governor General spoke of the achievements of Sohail and the other finalists: *"This year's finalists in the Realise the Dream Awards have achieved not because they are talented, educated and intelligent; that almost goes without saying. These young people have succeeded because they combined their intellect, talent and education with persistence and an unfailing determination to be the best they can be."* Sohail and his continuing work certainly exemplify our school's commitment to excellence and powerful learning.





FRENCH MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR GUESTS OF THE SCHOOL



In late November this term our school hosted the French Minister for veterans affairs Monsieur Kader Arif and the French Ambassador to New Zealand Monsieur Laurent Contini. These dignitaries, together with the Honorary Consul and other members of their visiting party including military attachés and officials from the New Zealand Ministry of Internal Affairs were welcomed with a powhiri and then spent time speaking with some of our students. Minister Arif was here in New Zealand as part of the build-up to the 2014 commemorations of the 100th anniversary of the First World War. He spoke particularly of the Shared Histories project which will see partnered schools in New Zealand and France developing ways of creating enduring links to memories and mementoes of the 1914-18 war years.

Students from Mount Roskill, facilitated by Mr Darren Simpson from the English department will be developing their own contributions to this international project. Part of the project will utilise our existing strong bond with the French school Lycee Jean XXIII—leading students from both campuses sourcing their own local histories and experiences of the last century event. The visit gave an opportunity for our students to ask questions about the project and hear of the variety of events scheduled in both France and New Zealand. After his visit to our school, the minister and his delegation went on to visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum to view its exhibits and plans for the commemoration before attending a dinner hosted by Hon. Chris Finlayson, NZ Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage. Minister Kadir completed his two day stay in our country by journeying to Wellington where he laid a wreath at the National War Memorial before hosting a luncheon aboard a visiting French navy ship. He took with him on his further journey from Roskill a taonga of a teardrop punamu pendant presented by Mr. Watson at our powhiri.





JUNIOR WIDER EDUCATION

Once again the junior school took part enthusiastically in 3 days of wider education. Despite the challenging weather conditions everyone took a full part in the range of activities. Some were involved in an extended camp at Totara Springs, Matamata, where they rode, climbed, kayaked and slid their way through breathless new experiences. Other students camped in the Waihi area and were able to cycle through the Hauraki Rail Trail tunnel while also exploring modern and historical mining terrain. One group of students enjoyed 'horsing around' and were introduced to equestrian skills. 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 'Climb, Soak and Golf' 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.





JUNIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The final house competition of the year took place in week 7 of this term when students took part in a very successful Junior Swimming Carnival. Our Y9 and 10s took an active part as they swam, paddled and even waded through the various carnival water sport events making the day an enjoyable celebration of house and school spirit. Girls and Boys swam individually in freestyle, backstroke, and breaststroke races before combining in the very popular piggyback stage across the breadth of the pool. The inter house relay element completed the sports and characterised the day's joyful summer spirit!



CHESS SUCCESS IN NATIONAL FINALS—MARKED BY MEDAL PRESENTATION

At an assembly earlier this term Mr MacDonald from Chess Power presented medals to a number of our students who competed in the Chess Power National Finals in September, where a tense battle through the first eight rounds took us to 4th place. A superb performance in the final round saw us see off Nelson College, Papatoetoe High School, St Andrew's College (Christchurch) and our old rivals Christchurch Boys' High School, to take second place behind our arch-rival Auckland International College. We have been third for the past two years – and this year's 2nd place is a great achievement, with top players on the day being Eric Chow, Elvin Zhang, Vali Fa'aea and Kashyap Choudhary.





NEWS FROM THE COMPUTING DEPARTMENT

VISIT TO ORION HEALTH

Our Computing Dept were honoured to be invited by Orion Health to visit their premises and see what 'Computer Scientists' do! We had a great morning listening to all the career opportunities available to us if we studied Computing or Engineering at University. Ian McCrae who started Orion Health told us that he was trying to recruit 300 more computer or engineering graduates before the end of February, but not enough students were choosing to study IT at university, so it made us all think about our future pathways. He has been in the news lately talking about the lack of students studying computing, so it was good to hear him speak to us.



We really enjoyed the visit and at the end we had a quiz with Ogulcan winning the prize. As we left they gave each of us a parcel with a diary and chocolates. They have invited us back next year, but also given us lots to think about when looking at our studies. Thanks to Mrs Insull, Ms Matthews-Ward and Ms Zutic for coming too.

GATHER WORKSHOP - LEARNING TO CREATE WEBSITES IN HTML/CSS

Selected Year 10 ICT students were invited to attend a workshop on creating websites using HTML/CSS. The tutors are all computer science graduates who want to share their knowledge with students so that the number of people studying computer science grows. The tutors all gave their time for free and it was a wonderful day of learning with students coding creative web pages. This will lead onto new and exciting learning for students at school.

KARAN BANKER WINS AUCKLAND CITY YOUTH PEACE AWARD

On November 26th, a gathering of Auckland City Councilors as well as the Peace Foundation was held where our very own MRGS Mediator Karan Banker won the Auckland City Youth Peace awards under 18 years category. Karan has been an outstanding Mediator for the last 3 years being a leader with International Peace week; the Secondary Schools Peace Symposium; representing MRGS at the Auckland City Peace launch 2012 and the Dalai Lama visit 2013.



Other exciting news was that ex- Mt Roskill Mediator, Naima Ali, who now works for the Refugee Centre won the over 18 year olds Youth Peace Award. Other outstanding ex- MRGS Mediators were also present at the awards: Lorraine Faleni and Jonnie Black! Naima, Lorraine and Jonnie were all in the 2008 Peace Foundation Mediation training video which is used to train other Mediators nationally and internationally!

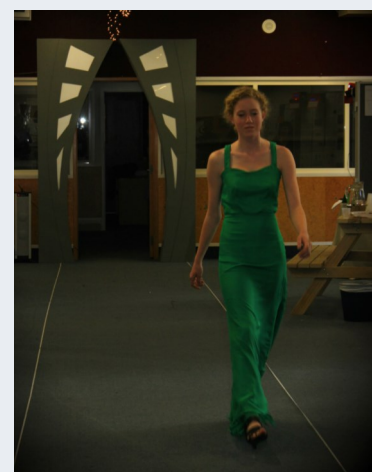
Saale and Fotu Ilaua sang beautifully their inspiring peace song "A Brighter Future" to a captivated audience with everyone being suitably impressed by MRGS student talent!

A BIG thank you to all the Mediators for their dedication and commitment in making our school community a safer, more respectful place. We are very proud of you!



TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT HOSTS EXHIBITION OF STUDENT WORK

The Technology Department hosted a successful evening exhibition of student work which was well attended by the community. It was an opportunity to see this year's developed projects across the technology disciplines. The wide range of exhibits included survival boxes, compactors, solar heating systems, robotics and demonstrated the process from project brief through design phases to construction. The evening was a tribute to the ingenuity and commitment of both staff and students and showcased work from Electronics, Multi-Materials, Fashion and Product and Spatial Design. During the evening the Fabrics technology department hosted a fashion show promoting its own design successes. Guests were also invited to a finger-food supper at the close of the event.



JUNIOR MUSIC EVENING

The Music Department held its annual Term 4 Junior Performance event and treated parents with an entertaining evening's hearing of the musical talent of Y9 and 10 students. Bands, string groups, brass ensembles and singers, to mention a few, presented the audience with contemporary and classical pieces.



Many of the performers have previously graced assemblies at school but this was an opportunity for the wider community to enjoy a feast of music.





LEGACY OF MRGS CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD PARTICIPATION CONTINUES

Six Roskill students have been invited to join next year's Chemistry Olympiad training group. The students have been selected based on a test taken in late October and they will join a group of 60-80 students selected from across New Zealand. This is the first stage of the qualifying process which could lead to membership in the NZ Chemistry Olympiad team and participation in the 46th Chemistry Olympiad Competition to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, in July 2014.

Roskill has a fine tradition of participation and success in the Chemistry Olympiad with 8 students in the last 10 years being members of the final team representing New Zealand in the International Contest. Most recently this year Cindy Ou gained a bronze medal for New Zealand in Moscow.

Students Selected for Chemistry Olympiad Training Group

Certificates awarded in test

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Saviduru Mohan | Gold |
| Victor Xie | Gold |
| Mark Yep | Silver |
| Alice Ng | Silver |
| Lucy Yan | Silver |
| Mildred Wong | Bronze |



FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

35 of our International students have graduated from MRGS this year and are now preparing for tertiary education in NZ, Australia, Turkey, Japan and other countries. Thank you to those who have helped these students adjust to a new school and a new way of life, during their time here. We want to particularly thank their homestay families.

If YOU would like to host an international student in 2014 and have a spare room with a bed, desk, lamp and storage and a willingness to help, then please contact the International Department at the school.





MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION - TERM 1 2014

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Email: jennifer.carson@mrgs.school.nz

Fax: (09) 620 9467

Office Hours: 9am-3pm Monday to Friday. Extra enrolling night: Wednesday 16 October 6-8pm.

| MONDAY starts 17 February | | | TUESDAY starts 18 February | | |
|---|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| 7-9pm unless stated | | | 7-9pm unless stated | | |
| Alexander Technique *6.45-8.15pm | 6 wks | \$85 | French for Beginners—Stage 2 | 7 wks | \$98 |
| Basic Car Maintenance | 6 wks | \$90 | Home Renovations *6.30-8.30pm | 3 wks | \$59 |
| Cake Decorating Novelty & Cup Cakes | 7 wks | \$95+ | Indoor Soccer – Mixed *6.45-8.15pm | 8 wks | \$76 |
| Computer Maintenance & Repairs – Intro | 4 wks | \$72 | Malaysian Cooking Starts 18 March | 4 wks | \$70+ |
| Computer Maintenance & Repairs - | 4 wks | \$72 | Fee includes first night's ingredients | | |
| Advanced *Starts 17 March | | | Pastry and Bread Cooking | 4 wks | \$70+ |
| Furniture Making & Design *6-9pm | 7 wks | \$142+ | Fee includes first night's ingredients | | |
| Painting with Oils | 7 wks | \$95+ | Picture Framing - * Bring item to frame | 7 wks | \$98+ |
| Patternmaking – Beginners | 15 wks | \$245+ | Pilates *6.30-7.30pm | 7 wks | \$65 |
| Sign Language – Beginners 1B | 7 wks | \$60 | Sign Language – Beginners 1A | 7 wks | \$60 |
| South American Cooking *Starts 17 Mar | 4 wks | \$58+ | 'Sorted' Money Management | 3 wks | \$50 |
| *\$36 course ingredients on first night | | | Welding for Beginners *6.30-8.30pm | 6 wks | \$205+ |
| Thai Cooking *Ingredients extra | 4 wks | \$58+ | Woodwork & Furniture Restoration | 8 wks | \$95+ |
| Toastmasters Speechcraft | 5 wks | \$195 | WEDNESDAY starts 19 February | | |
| Welding for Beginners *6.30-8.30pm | 6 wks | \$205+ | 7-9pm unless stated | | |
| Yoga *6.45-8.15pm. Bring mat | 8 wks | \$76 | Aerobics Pump *7-8pm | 7 wks | \$50 |
| Yoga- Prenatal *6.45-8.15pm Bring mat | 7 wks | \$67 | Cake Decorating: Sugar Flowers | 7 wks | \$95+ |
| TUESDAY starts 18 February | | | Chinese Mandarin for Beginners | 7 wks | \$98 |
| 7-9pm unless stated | | | Dressmaking: Intermediate | 8 wks | \$89+ |
| Badminton *6.30-8.30pm | 7 wks | \$85 | French for Beginners and Travellers | 7 wks | \$98 |
| Bollywood Dancing *7.30-8.30pm | 7 wks | \$70 | Indoor Soccer - *Starts 12 Feb, 7.30-9pm | 10 wks | \$95 |
| Bootcamp *6.30-7.30pm | 7 wks | \$50 | Small Engine Repairs | 6 wks | \$95 |
| Building a Website with Weebly*7-8.30pm | 2 wks | \$40 | Spanish for Beginners and Travellers | 7 wks | \$98 |
| Dressmaking - Beginners | 8 wks | \$89+ | Tennis—Beg to Int *6-8pm | 6 wks | \$75 |
| Floristry – Beg to Int | 7 wks | \$92+ | Woodwork - Beg to Intermediate | 8 wks | \$95 |
| | | | Yoga Starts 12 Feb, 6.45—8.15pm. | 10 wks | \$95 |
| | | | Bring mat | | |



MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION - TERM 1 2014

(Programme Continued)

| GUITAR CLASSES - Start Thurs 20 & Fri 21 Feb | | | ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES | | |
|---|--------|-------|---|--------------|--------------|
| Beginners - Thursday 7-8pm | 7 wks | \$75 | Non-residents pay 30% extra on advertised fee | | |
| Intermediate – Thursday 6-7pm | 7 wks | \$75 | DAYTIME CLASSES | | |
| Intermediate - Thursday 8-9pm | 7 wks | \$75 | Conversational English and Grammar – starts 3 Feb | | |
| Intermediate - Friday 6-7pm | 7 wks | \$75 | Mon, Wed, Fri | 9.15am-12.15 | 10 wks \$395 |
| Advanced - Friday 7-9pm | 7 wks | \$125 | Level 1 Beginners/ Elementary | | |
| SATURDAY CLASSES | | | Level 2 Pre-Intermediate | | |
| Italian Cooking and Lunch: 22 March, 9.30am—12.30pm 1 wk, \$45 (includes ingredients) | | | Level 3 Intermediate/ High Intermediate | | |
| MYOB: 15 & 22 March, 9am-4.30pm, | 2 wks, | \$135 | Academic & General IELTS Prep – starts 4 Feb | | |
| Sushi: 15 March, 9.30am-12.30pm, \$35 + | 1 wk | | Tues & Thurs | 9.15-11.15am | 9 wks \$270 |
| \$20 ingredients | | | EVENING CLASSES | | |
| Stencil Art & Screen Printing: 15 March, 1 wk | \$95 | | General ESOL Classes - start 17 February | | |
| 9am-3pm(bring own fabric for printing on) | | | Mon & Wed classes *2 nights per week, 6.40-9pm, 7 wks, \$99 | | |
| Please note: A "+" after a price indicates that there may be further material costs involved | | | Beginner/ Elementary | | |
| You must be a minimum of 16 yrs to join these classes | | | Pre-Intermediate | | |
| For full details of classes, see our website: | | | Intermediate / High Intermediate | | |
| www.mrgs.school.nz , click on "Community Education" | | | Advanced Grammar & Vocabulary —starts 18 February Tuesdays 6.40pm—9.00 | | |
| HOW TO ENROL: | | | English Speaking and Pronunciation —starts 18 February Tuesdays 6.40pm—9.00 | | |
| - At the office: Eftpos is available | | | Writing for Work —starts 17 February Mondays 6.40pm—9.00 | | |
| - Call on 621 0051 with your credit card | | | Academic & General IELTS Prep – starts 18 February *Tues and Wed (2 nights), 6.40-9pm. | | |
| - Email jennifer.carson@mrgs.school.nz | | | 7 wks \$50 | | |
| - Download a form from our website: www.mrgs.school.nz , click on "Community Education" | | | 7 wks \$50 | | |
| | | | 7 wks \$85 | | |
| | | | 7 wks \$170 | | |



ESOL SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY



MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE SUMMER SCHOOL 2014**

Wednesday 8 January – Friday 24 January

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

Level 1: Beginner/ Elementary

Level 2: Pre-Intermediate

Level 3: Intermediate/ High Intermediate



Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
9am-12 noon \$150

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OPENING HOURS 2014

Open daily, 9.00am to 4.00pm from Wednesday 15th January.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2014

Note :- the shop is located by Gate 3

Opening hours: January 15th – 22nd 8.00am to 6.00pm

January 23rd 8.00am to 4.00pm, 24th 8.00am to 1.00pm

Closed Monday January 27th

January 28th 8.00am to 6.00pm, 29th 8.00am to 2.00pm

January 30th 8.00am to 6.00pm, 31st 8.00am to 2.00pm

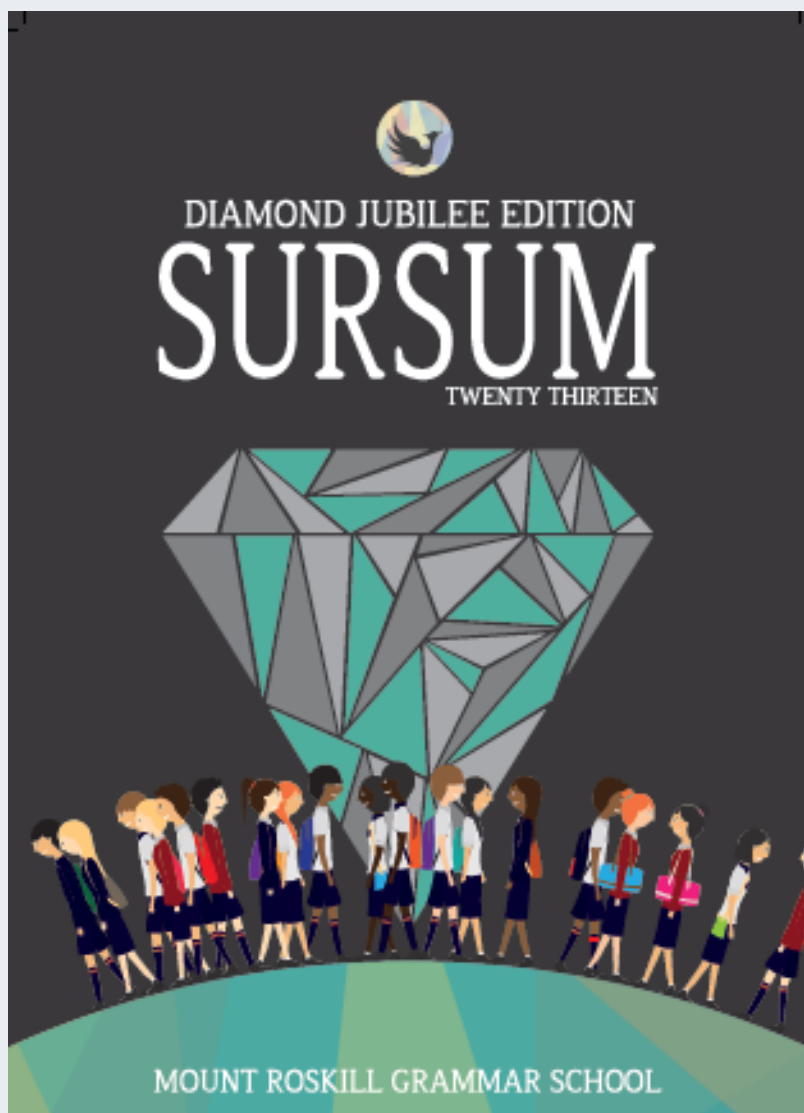
Then the shop will return to normal term time hours

Mondays – 8.00-9.00am and 3.00 to 4.00pm

Thursdays - 8.00-9.00am and 3.00 to 4.00pm



SURSUM – The School Magazine



Your 2013 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, The Wizard of Oz, peer support, the Jubilee events, 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** \$20!!*



MRGS FUNDRAISING FOR THE HOCKEY TURF AND SPORTS PAVILION

The fundraising project for the Hockey Turf Redevelopment and the Sports Pavilion was launched as part The MRGS Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 17th August. The Hockey Turf Redevelopment is a \$1.5 million dollar project to upgrade the turf into a water based turf.

The Hockey Turf project development subcommittee consists of Auckland Hockey Association, Roskill Eden and Mt Eden Hockey Clubs and MRGS. This group has already been very successful in obtaining \$400,000 from the Auckland Council Central Facility Partnership Committee.

The new fundraising display board complete with its thermometer is now on display outside the school and will be updated as fundraising progresses



Where to from here? You are all welcome to get involved in fundraising.

We now have \$1.1 million to raise for the turf. MRGS also has plans to build a sports pavilion which will be located between the Hockey turf and the Rugby fields so we have lots of fundraising to do. The MRGS fundraising committee had its first meeting on the 22nd August at the school. If you missed that meeting and still want to get involved please contact Ella Kumar on Ella.Kumar@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or Judith Bingham jcl.air@xtra.co.nz or Marjet Pot on potgull@ihug.co.nz. We aim to make this fundraising fun so contact us and support your children's school.

If you have fabulous ideas for fundraising or know of companies who may wish to sponsor aspects of the turf or sports pavilion then please contact the above people. We would welcome such calls.

If you wish to make a donation to this project please make this direct to the school office or post to Mt Roskill Grammar School, Frost Rd, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1041

All donations over \$5.00 qualify for the IRD's Donation Tax Credit

Marjet Pot, MRGS Fundraising committee
[Photo courtesy of the Central Leader]

BEING ROSKILL SEASON 2

Episodes 3 and 4 of *Being Roskill Season 2* are now available on YouTube. Episode 3 'Fossils' highlights the importance of humour when building a team culture. Episode 4 'The Secret Affinity', the final episode of Season 2, chronicles the unlikely meeting of three teams and the affinity between them. The NZ Rugby Sevens team, the Water-view Tunnel team and the MRGS 1st 11 Football team. Although seemingly different on the surface, all three in fact share secret affinities in terms of their values and goals. To find these episodes, search for the keywords 'Being Roskill Season 2' on YouTube.





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