



MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

We've had an enjoyable and purposeful start to the academic year. It's been a pleasure to meet families new to the school at our powhiri and at the welcome evening. Students have settled quickly to their learning, setting goals and establishing routines. We are a 'community of optimists' who are not only hopeful of achieving great things but have a plan with the support and determination to stick to it.

Our sports teams and cultural groups are well underway with preparations for upcoming competitions. Year 13 is returning from the camp at Motutapu Island where they have been enjoying an outdoor education program. We have already had the pleasure this year of hosting student groups from Yvetot in France and Luoyang in China.

Our NCEA results last year were the best in the school's history with standouts being the 80% pass rate for NCEA level 1, the 203 students who gained excellence endorsements and the 64 scholarships gained. Especial congratulations go to Nathan MacDougall, Arun Ravindran and Zi Yuan Tee who gained New Zealand Outstanding Scholar Awards and to our Accounting Department who enabled students to gain 20 scholarships.

The hockey turf development is well underway with the base layer, and fencing almost completed. We expect to be using the new surface in mid-May. Our senior common room has been re-furbished to become a flexible learning space for year 13 at break time and for all classes during the day. These development have been made possible through community fundraising and your generosity in supporting providing supporting donations. Thank you for helping us continue to improve the facilities available.

We look forward to meeting families of senior students at the NCEA information and mentoring evening this week, and the NCEA Excellence Awards evening the following week.

Sursum!

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR—MARJET POT

This first newsletter of 2016 allows me to welcome both new and returning students and families to the school on behalf of the Board of Trustees. As ever we begin the year at Roskill with inspiring news of student achievement in national examinations. You will read in the following pages the detail of NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship success for the cohort of 2015. You will also be aware of the sport and co-curricular involvement and opportunity at our campus. As a community of learners and citizens we embody the values of Excellence, Respect and Responsibility—the Roskill Way.



Already this year I have had the pleasure of attending the school's opening ceremonies such as the Powhiri for Year 9 and the Parents of New Students Evening—at both of these I have had the opportunity to meet and speak with parents and their sons/daughters. I hope to see and talk with more of you at the coming NCEA Evening and the annual Excellence Awards where I will have the privilege of presenting our high-achieving students with their NCEA Excellence certificates and badges. We will also have the chance that evening to welcome back and congratulate a number of our New Zealand Scholarship winners.

MRGS is privileged to have talented professional teachers and the Board looks forward to more successes this year.
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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR—CONTINUED

As a Board member it is satisfying to share the progress and development of young New Zealanders as they journey through Mount Roskill— and it is also gratifying to facilitate the governance of our learning community to ensure that it continues to produce powerful, successful learners.

This year is the triannual Board of Trustees elections which will be held on the 2nd June 2016. Over the next few months there will be more information about the elections in newsletters and on the MRGS website.

Marjet Pot—Chair of the Board of Trustees

PARENTAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

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

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

This year we would like to continue the installation of interactive data projectors in classrooms and complete the resourcing of the academy programmes. We deferred phase 2 of the development of the hall projector system last year and would now like to improve the sound systems to enhance student performances.

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

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

- *via the parent portal link <http://kamarportal.mrgs.school.nz/student/index.php> *This method is the preferred option
- via EFTPOS, VISA or MASTERCARD at the School Office by phone or in person.
- Direct Credit or Internet Banking payment can be made to Account No: 12-3033-0358045-02. Please include your child's Student ID number in the reference column of the bank statement.

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New Staff Members At Roskill

At the start of this year we greeted a number of new staff at the Powhiri—we welcome them to our community of learners and look forward to the contributions they will make as they settle into their Roskill classrooms!

Ms. Summar Austin	HOD English	Mr. Otto Ng	Mathematics
Ms. Melissa Kelly	English	Ms. Mary-Anne Cameron	HOD Computing
Mr. Jonathan Gabriel	English	Mr. Cliff Slough	TIC Electronics
Ms. Kim Griffin	English	Ms. Prem Chandra	Food & Hospitality
Mr. Rowan Presland	Science	Ms. Leisa Munro	Guidance Counsellor
Mr. Danny Chang	Science	Ms. Bauhenia Ah Loe	Visual Arts
Mr. Rees Skiff	Mathematics	Ms. Jenny Cannon	MacLean Centre
Miss. Kailash Ranchhodji	Mathematics		

UN YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADOR POSITION FOR MRGS STUDENT

Disha Gomathinayagam, a year 13 student in Rutherford house and a member of Prefect team has been selected as a UN Youth High School Ambassador for 2016. In this role she will be supporting and promoting the organization of UN Youth which runs a number of events throughout the year for both high school and tertiary students, including the well-regarded Auckland Model United Nations, Auckland Case Competition and outreach events. The organization provides civics education outside the usual classroom context. Through fun workshops, Model UN, and other events, they engage students in the most pressing affairs of their country and the international community. We are sure that UN Youth will benefit from Disha's energy and commitment .





MRGS NCEA RESULTS—CONTINUED POWERFUL LEARNING

Once again Mount Roskill students demonstrated their powerful learning in the NCEA examinations. Some details and graphs are given below:-

Whole school

Pass rate for Level 1 at 79% is the best ever and is ahead of and increasing more rapidly than the national rate.

Pass rate for Level 2 at 75.2% matches the best ever result in 2014; 12 % up on previous years.

Pass rate for Level 3 at 60.7% is the best ever and is matching national trends.

The percentage of year 13 students gaining at least level 2 is now 90%.

Level 1 Numeracy and Numeracy achievement rates remain over 90%.

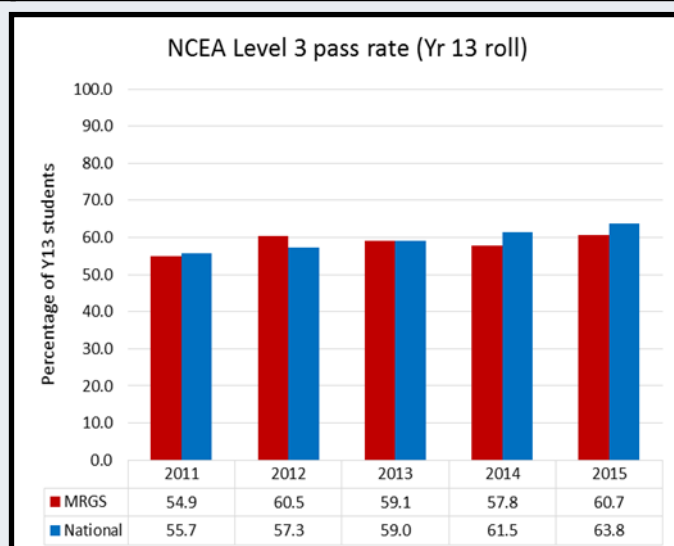
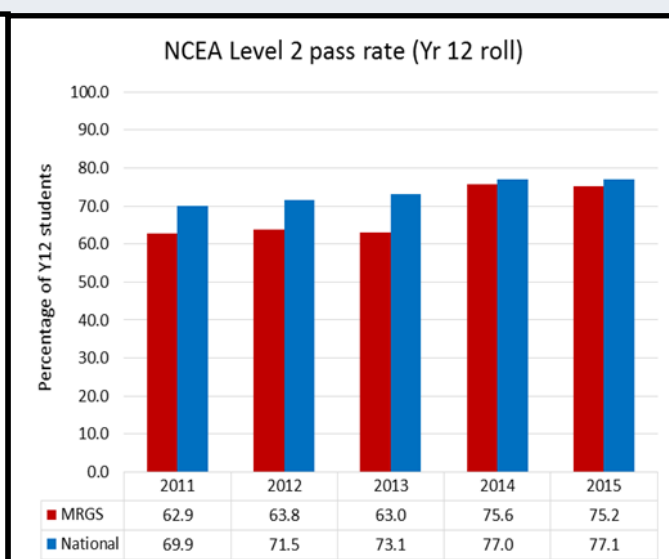
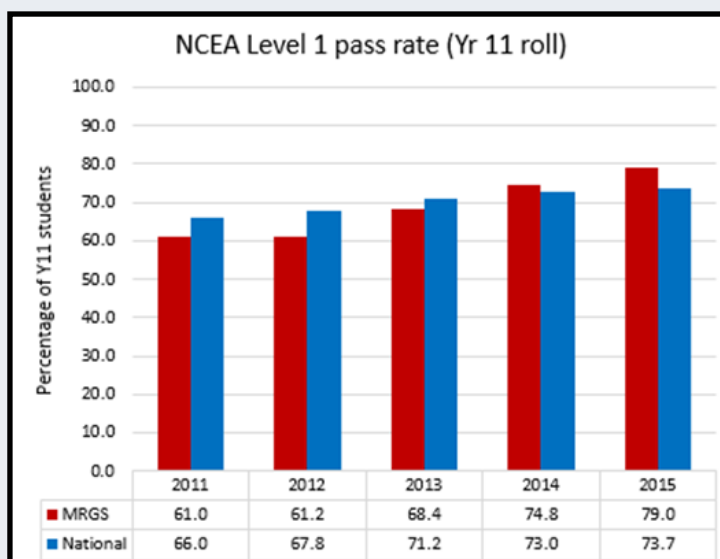
Excellence and Merit endorsement achievement rates are very good. The number of excellence endorsements at levels 1 and 3 are the highest ever.

Key points

There is a sustained trend of improvement in Level 1 and Level 2 pass rates, particularly for Maori and Pasifika students.

Endorsement rates at all levels continue at high levels.

Increasing achievement is beginning to impact at Level 3.





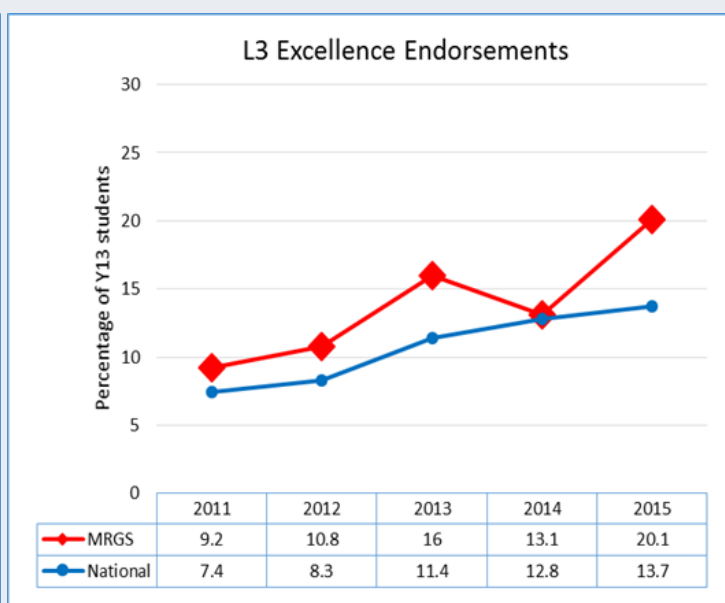
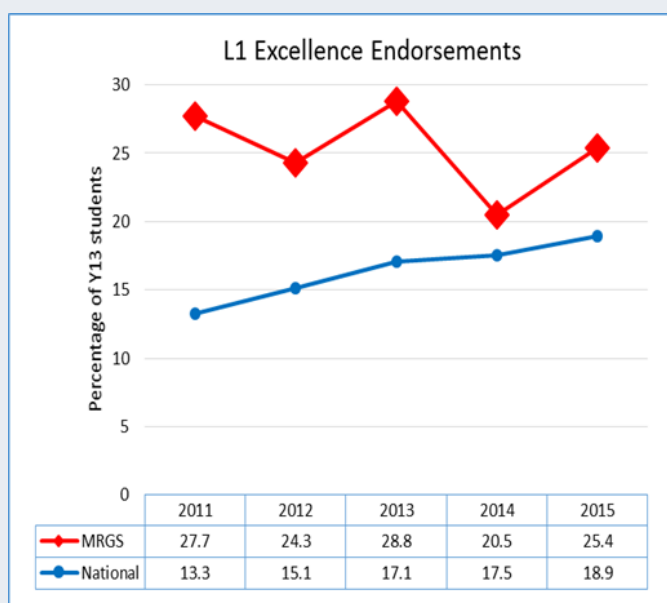
MRGS EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENTS FOR 2015 EXAMINATIONS

Once again the school achieved high numbers of Excellence endorsements. At all three levels we surpassed our results in 2014 and continued the outstanding achievement across a range of subjects that the endorsements represent. A student's NCEA will be endorsed with Excellence if they gain 50 credits at Excellence. This year a total of 203 MRGS students achieved at this highest level across NCEA 1, 2 and 3. In addition another 295 students had their NCEA endorsed with Merit after achieving at least 50 credits at this level.

These results once again attest to the committed, resilient and engaged learning within our student community. These young men and women will be celebrated at our forthcoming Excellence Awards Evening in the school hall on March 10th.

Graphs below give the Level 1 and 3 Excellence Endorsements in comparison with National figures

MRGS endorsements at these levels continue to be above national and in 2015 were 6.4 % higher at level 1 and 6.5% higher at Level 3.



STUDENTS WITH EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT AT LEVEL 3

Reuben	Alfred	Heidi	Judd	Pia	Puertollano	Yug	Trivedi
Ethan	Bell	Dweep	Kapadia	Joel	Raichur	Tim	van der Loeff
Bryan	Busby	Iqra	Khan	Akshata	Rao	Raymond	Wang
Hasnain	Cheena	Jenny	Lee	Arun	Ravindran	Yolande	Wang
Jordan	Chen	Vilia	Li	Rayner	Rebello	Joyce	Wong
Kashyap	Choudhary	Yu	Long	Korine	Rosario	Alan	Wong
Eric	Chow	Balu	Mallela	Rainal	Shandil	Minrui	Yang
Benny	Chun	Nathan	McDougall	Zara Ruiqian	Tang	Lusi	Yu
Shreshta	Dyavadi	Grace Mu Han	Na	Daisy	Tao	Tamana	Zamani
Taruki	Gunawardana	Stephen	Njoto	Zi Yuan	Tee	Gary	Zhang
Chloe	Haigh	Ishani	Oza	Abin	Thomas	Linda	Zhou
Karen	Ho	Pooja	Patel	Raymond	Tong	Andy	Zhu
Srishaa	Iyer	Ayushi	Pillai	Dhairya	Trivedi	Ziwei	Zhuang



MRGS EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENTS FOR 2015 EXAMINATIONS LEVELS 1 AND 2

STUDENTS WITH EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT AT LEVEL 1

Shania	Amolik	Neesha	He	Sharon	Mathew	Bineprit	Singh
Shristi	Anand	Annie	Huang	Callum	McKenzie	Jayson	Tai
Caleb	Baptista	Chelsea	Huang	Alisdair	McNair	Elizabeth	Tan
Yasmin	Bell	Emily	Huang	Mihika	Mehta	Caleb	Tevaga
Catherine	Benny	Hiromi	Inoue-Rajapaksa	Arshiya	Mohamed Arif	Tushar	Thakur
Pranav	Bhulabhai	Naomi	Inoue-Rajapaksa	Dhara	Patel	Vaishnavi	Thayaparan
Ellen	Bingham	Emma	Ip	Sara	Philip	Alan	Thomas
Kiran	Bora	Vyshni	Ishwaran	Priya	Prakash	Emma	Thompson
Grace	Busby	Gaurav	Jaiswal	Meleana	Puloka	Srishti	Toora
Winnie	Chen	Myles	James	'Aisea	Pulotu	Jahnvi	Trivedi
Lucky	Chen	Breearna	Johnson	Asher	Rada	Siosaia	Tuitupou
Daniel	Ching	Pranavan	Kailainathan	Jelisa	Rana	Alice	Wang
Shuen Shuen	Chu	Ravi	Kalinga	Madhulika	Ravuri	Andrew	Wang
Yiu Yiu	Chu	Vibhasrita	Kasha	Shaheel	Reddy	David	Wong
Patric	Chung	Cindy	Ko	Pranit	Sachdeva	Jaime	Wu
Faith	Deng	Zara	Lane	Sara	Shah	Josette	Xu
Sheldon	Desa	Youfei	Lei	Thuluksiga	Shanthinathan	Felix	Yang
Peiyang	Du	Michael	Li	Shivika	Sharma	Kevin	Yang
Cathy	Fan	Bethany	Low	Arushi	Shetty	Karen	Zhang
Ding	Gao	Niharika	Mada	Charlotte	Shirreffs	Elvin	Zhang
Jessica	Gao	Sumayya	Marjan	Ojas	Shukla	Johnson	Zhuang
Sannan	Hafeez	Grace	Mascarenhas	Anna	Sin		

STUDENTS WITH EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT AT LEVEL 2

Aishwarya	Balasubramanian	Jonathan	Khoo	Dhruvil	Oza	Tushar	Thakur
Anirudh	Bhatnagar	Aishwarya	Kochhar	Het	Patel	Alan	Thomas
Larissa	Bird	Mohana	Kolli	Moksha	Patel	Jahnvi	Trivedi
Oyishik	Chakraborty	Amie	Lee	Jayna	Patel	Lesley	Ung
Celine	Chan	Allanah	Leerdam	Holly	Porter	Jenny	Ung
Nikhil	Chand	Qingqing	Lei	Chernade	Prasad	Colin	Ung
Phoebe	Chau	Lily	Li	Aditi	Ramalingam	Deeksha	Vijayakumar
Victor	Chitando	Kelly	Liang	Athulya	Rathnayake	Helin	Wang
Kavish	Dharan	Joe	Liang	Aashna	Saxena	Pawan	Withana
Cathy	Fan	Sean	Lin	Rosmi	Shaju	Kungeng	Wu
Janita	Fuller	Nisha	Mahawar	Ghufran	Shami	Jaime	Wu
Disha	Gomathinayagam	Yathursan	Mohanathas	Elham	Sheikh	Josette	Xu
Naman	Gupta	Rithvick	Murali	Joshua	Simmons	Felix	Yang
Jordan	Holmes	Sai Krupa	Narayana	Apoorva	Singh	Christina	Yuan
Anshita	Kapoor	Aaliya	Othman	McGregor	Small	Karen	Zhang
Jasleen	Kaur	Albert	Ou	Raphael	Tang	Qi	Zhu



NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

Our school's record of achievement in the premier national examination continued with students gaining **64 scholarships** - the best result since 2008 and the 5th best in the 25 years since this model of scholarship was introduced. Three students, **Nathan McDougall, Arun Ravindran and Zi Yuan Tee** will receive New Zealand Outstanding Scholar Awards. Arun and Nathan each gained 3 outstanding scholarships and three further scholarships placing them 10th and 11th in New Zealand just outside Premier Scholar status. Scholarships were gained across 14 different subjects with 17 scholarships and 3 outstanding scholarships achieved in Accounting. 34 students gained at least one scholarship and 8 students gained 3 or more scholarships. A striking performance from our 2015 cohort of senior learners!

SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS (O-SCHOL = OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP)					
Arun	Ravindran	SCHOL - Chemistry	Akshata	Rao	O SCHOL - English
Arun	Ravindran	SCHOL - Economics	Akshata	Rao	SCHOL - Phys Ed.
Arun	Ravindran	SCHOL - Physics	Srishaa	Iyer	SCHOL - French
Arun	Ravindran	O SCHOL - Accounting	Srishaa	Iyer	SCHOL - Phys Ed.
Arun	Ravindran	O SCHOL—Calculus	Tamana	Zamani	SCHOL - Accounting
Arun	Ravindran	O SCHOL - Statistics	Tamana	Zamani	SCHOL - Biology
Nathan	McDougall	SCHOL - Accounting	Kashyap	Choudhary	SCHOL - Accounting
Nathan	McDougall	SCHOL - Chemistry	Kashyap	Choudhary	SCHOL - Physics
Nathan	McDougall	SCHOL - Statistics	Alan	Wong	O SCHOL - Accounting
Nathan	McDougall	O SCHOL—Calculus	Ethan	Bell	SCHOL - Accounting
Nathan	McDougall	O SCHOL—English	Archit	Chopra	SCHOL - Accounting
Nathan	McDougall	O SCHOL—Physics	Shreshta	Dyavadi	SCHOL - Accounting
Zi Yuan	Tee	SCHOL - Economics	'Aisake	Havea	SCHOL - Accounting
Zi Yuan	Tee	O SCHOL - Accounting	Chloe	Haigh	SCHOL - Accounting
Zi Yuan	Tee	O SCHOL - Statistics	Nahid	Hassan	SCHOL - Accounting
Raymond	Wang	SCHOL—Calculus	Dweep	Kapadia	SCHOL - Accounting
Raymond	Wang	SCHOL - Chemistry	Vilia	Li	SCHOL - Statistics
Raymond	Wang	SCHOL - Physics	Xiao	Liang	SCHOL - Biology
Raymond	Wang	O SCHOL—Biology	Balu	Mallela	SCHOL - Accounting
Bryan	Busby	SCHOL—Calculus	Rithvick	Murali	SCHOL - Biology
Bryan	Busby	SCHOL - Chemistry	Stephen	Njoto	SCHOL - Visual Design
Bryan	Busby	SCHOL - Phys Ed.	Pia	Puertollano	SCHOL - Classical Studies
Bryan	Busby	SCHOL - Physics	Yvette	Raju	SCHOL - Accounting
Reuben	Alfred	SCHOL - Accounting	Aditi	Ramalingam	SCHOL - Physics
Reuben	Alfred	SCHOL - Classical Studies	Rainal	Shandil	SCHOL - Accounting
Reuben	Alfred	SCHOL - Economics	Dhairya	Trivedi	SCHOL—Calculus
Hasnain	Cheena	SCHOL - Accounting	Yug	Trivedi	SCHOL - Statistics
Hasnain	Cheena	SCHOL - Chemistry	Timothy	van der Loeff	SCHOL - Statistics
Hasnain	Cheena	SCHOL - Technology	Joyce	Wong	SCHOL - Music
Rayner	Rebello	SCHOL—Calculus	Lusi	Yu	SCHOL - Biology
Rayner	Rebello	SCHOL - Physics	Andy	Zhu	SCHOL - Accounting
Rayner	Rebello	SCHOL - Statistics	Ziwei	Zhuang	SCHOL - Accounting



PREFECT TEAM AND HEAD PREFECTS FOR 2016

Prefects 2016

Deeksha	Vijayakumar	Karishma	Kumar
Sanaj	Deshpande	Samuel	Langi
Mary Kate	Fonua	Allanah	Leerdam
Victor	Chitando	Qingqing	Lei
Joshua	Simmons	Shania	Leong
Janita	Fuller	Lily	Li
Rose	Bayldon	Manu	Maake
Anirudh	Bhatnagar	Anu	Maibayar
Keegan	Campbell Davis	Hassaan	Mirza
Oyishik	Chakraborty	Sai Krupa	Narayana
Jonjon	Cowley Lupo	Marteek	Nasroallahi
Nathan	Davidson	Het	Patel
Kavish	Dharan	Holly	Porter
Lulu	Feng	Chernade	Prasad
Katana	Fruean	Athulya	Rathnayake
Nancy	Gafa	Jezaniah	Sasagi
Connor	Gibson	Randy	Sjafrie
Disha	Gomathinayagam	McGregor	Small
Naman	Gupta	Tanaya	Sonar
Jordan	Holmes	Emma	Stitt
Jasleen	Kaur	Vanessa	Tautua'a
Samal	Krishna	Claire	Wyeth

In an early assembly this term the 2016 School Prefects were formally introduced to the school and presented with their badges. These 42 young men and women strengthen the student leaders of the school bringing their particular service, commitment and energy to their new roles. We look forward to their ongoing demonstration of excellence, respect and responsibility.

Mr Watson also announced the Head Prefects for this year:

Sanaj Deshpande and **Deeksha Vijayakumar** are the Head Prefects for 2016 and **Mary Kate Fonua, Joshua Simmons, Victor Chitando** and **Janita Fuller** are the Deputy Head Prefects.





PARENTS OF NEW STUDENTS EVENING

In week 3 of this term we held our annual meeting for families of New students. The evening opened with an informal opportunity to meet and greet House Deans and school leaders over a cup of tea and biscuits. Those attending were then invited to take their seats in the hall for a brief introduction to the school by Board Chair Marjet Pot, the Principal and other Senior Leaders. A highlight of the presentation was the introduction of the school's Head Prefect team for 2016 who each gave brief detail about themselves and their school involvement. Their words and the commitment to the school they displayed fittingly inspired our new students and their parents.



Principal Mr Watson answers a parent's question



BOT Chair Marjet Pot welcomes the Parents of New Students

MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR REUNION LUNCH

For the third successive occasion, Bob Jones (MRGS foundation pupil from 1953) has organized a Reunion lunch which took place last week. There was a great response to the invitation and 90 people were confirmed 32 of which are Foundation pupils. People attended from all parts of New Zealand and overseas. Bob's comment recently was that even after 60 years those attending still remember their days at MRGS fondly. The event was held at "The Venue" on Waiheke island.

[A copy of the lunch menu has been sent to us by Bob]





SCHOOL POWHIRI FOR 2016 NEW STUDENTS AND STAFF

Once again the school proudly welcomed its new members in the school hall. The class of 2016 were called into the school hall with a Karanga and given a rousing haka powhiri by existing staff, prefects and year 13s before being formally acknowledged by a Whaikorero from the Principal Greg Watson. After the ceremony students joined their House groups for an orientation day.



REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS FOR MRGS

LACROSSE

5 students, Bree Johnson, Yathu Mohanathas, Sam Krishna, Colin Ung and Shehzur Ahmed will join New Zealand lacrosse teams touring in Australia in the next two months.

SOFTBALL

Jordan Tahana has been selected for the NZ Junior Black Sox to play in the Under 19 World Series in Michigan in June/July.





STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

One of our annual school goals this year is:

Each teacher will lift student engagement and achievement through examining and strengthening their pedagogy (learning and teaching)

At Roskill, students engaged in their learning will:

be confident, connected learners and achieve “to the heights”

One aspect of being engaged is how students learn in class.

Students engaged in their learning will:

- talk about their learning in small groups and in their wider class
- share new ideas
- plan together
- listen and be able to explain their learning to others
- debate
- ask questions
- show curiosity

By talking with your son or daughter about their learning and by asking questions about what they are learning you will be able to support them to achieve “to the heights”.

A second aspect of being engaged in learning is to attend every class on time.

Our school target for attendance is 92% for 2016. Do you know what your son/daughter’s attendance rate is at the moment? Students can ask their Form Teachers/House Deans for this information.

Important Information for Families about Attendance

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

If a student misses two periods they are recorded as having missed half a day of lessons and this is reported to the Ministry of Education.

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

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





STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Lateness to school:

Students must be in class within 4 minutes of the start time of each lesson. When a student is late to class they miss the initial learning being set up for that lesson and they interrupt the learning for others in the class. If late the class teacher will send the student to the Deans Centre for a late pass and mark the student LATE. The student will then attend a make-up session after school that day. Repeated lateness will result in students completing detentions after school.

By being on time all students will get the best from their learning.

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

Ms J Small

Associate Principal

Learning and Engagement

LEARNING CAPABILITY TIME (LCT)

With the change in daily timetable for 2016 all students now have a lesson each Tues and Thurs during LCT where they are explicitly taught a range of capabilities to help prepare them for the global world.

The vision for Learning Capability Time is that:

all Mount Roskill Grammar students are given opportunities which support them in **developing key learning dispositions and transferable skills or competencies that will enable them to become **successful, lifelong learners who are active and responsible citizens.****

LCT will provide students with a space in which to think and develop ideas about who they are, what their beliefs are, and how they learn. To work out how to find support when needed, how to collaborate effectively with others and how to navigate relationships, technology, and a range of their own and others' expectations.

These are the types of things we want students to be able to say as a result of their learning in LCT:

I have experienced leading others in learning while at school.

I have ideas about what kind of world I want to live in.

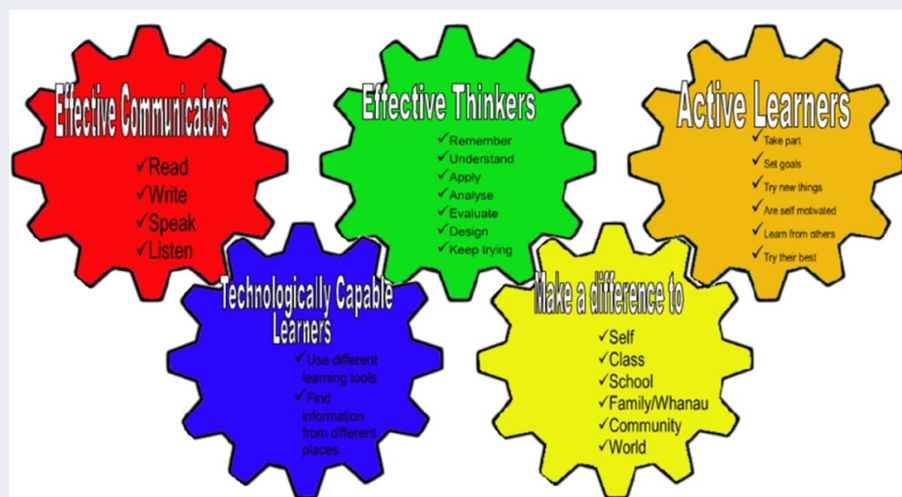
I can effectively and professionally present my skills, qualifications and experience in a CV.

I know what caring and having empathy for others is.

I want to do positive things for others as well as achieving my own success.

I know how to study in a way that works well for me. I have strategies for time management so I can meet deadlines.

I have experienced stress but I have strategies for dealing with and preventing stress.



“Learning Capability Time is now a planned and focused lesson and we believe students’ learning across all subjects will be enhanced through this opportunity.”



NZQA FEES COLLECTION 2016

All senior students must pay their NZQA Fees (compulsory) to the accounts office between Wednesday 18th May – Friday 20th May. These fees must be paid so that any credits a student achieves through either Unit or Achievement Standard assessments will be recorded on a student's record of learning. If not paid, the credits will not be released to the student.



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

SCHOOL EXCHANGE WITH LYCEE JEAN XXIII

This term our school continued its successful return exchange with the French school Lycee Jean XXIII. For over twelve years the languages department has established a contact which sees Roskill students journeying to Yvetot in Normandy for a two week homestay. The process is reversed when the French students visit New Zealand and are hosted by students and families. During this term's visit of the French school, friendships were renewed and host families met the young people with whom their sons and daughters had stayed on the French leg of the exchange late last year.



On their arrival here the French party were welcomed with a stirring Powhiri from the school's Kapa Haka group,. During their first week the twenty-five students and three staff visited Rotorua, taking in the Waitomo caves on the way. They had the full Waikarewarewa village experience as part of their overnight stay including a hangi which gave them a real taste of Kiwi 'Kai'. On another trip they visited Tiritiri Matangi —witnessing the sanctuary's wonderful bird and marine life. During their stay they also had further trips around Auckland including a morning tea at the historic Alberton mansion. They also gave a presentation in a school assembly—performing both a popular song and their national anthem. There were some tearful farewells when the French group left for the return home; but their time with us, like the exchange as a whole, has been a positive learning experience. The school would like to acknowledge the financial support it has always received from the New Zealand-France Friendship Fund - assistance which has enabled the continuation of the exchange for many years.





ROSKILL ALUMNA TO ATTEND VENICE ARCHITECTURE BIENNALE

Past Roskill student (Class of 2009) Antonia Lapwood has just been awarded a scholarship to attend the Venice Architecture Biennale. The event opens in May and is known as ' the Olympics of Architecture'.

Antonia is a recent Masters of Architecture graduate and recently she has been assisting with the proposed redevelopment of the Tauranga Civic Centre.

An article detailing her achievement and featuring background on her career was recently published in the NZ Herald's Viva supplement of February 24th—a link to the article is given below. <http://bit.ly/1S32MAU>



FURTHER SUCCESS FOR GIRLS RUGBY IN 7S COMPETITION

Following a great season in the 15 player game our girls were successful in sevens tournaments at the close of last year. Coached by parent Tillam Kapsin they won the Auckland Rugby Football Union Secondary Schools Invitational Tournament. They then went on to achieve in the annual Condor Sevens in December. They won the Under 15 Girls Condor Plate Final with a victory over Kaipara College after a series of solid performances in earlier rounds including a 6-1 try victory over Long Bay College.



The Condor 7s Plate Trophy



The Successful 7s Team with Coach Tillam Kapsin

FUTSAL WIN FOR INTERMEDIATE TEAM

The thriving coaching link with Mount Roskill Intermediate School which aids the transition of young players to the grammar academy football programme achieved success late last year when the Intermediate Futsal team became Auckland Intermediate School Futsal champions after beating a combined St Kentigern-Ponsonby team in the final.





MRGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES—SURVEY FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

As part of the Board and School management's communication and responsiveness to our community we are conducting a parent/caregiver survey in the next two weeks which we would appreciate as many parents as possible taking part in. This survey will provide feedback to the Board of Trustees about how we are tracking against the strategic plan. A separate e-mail with details and a link will be sent to all families but if you would like to take part now the survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X3J6JFM>

HOCKEY TURF DEVELOPMENT—PROGRESSING STEADILY

Work on the redevelopment of the Hockey turf continues. Its base layer, and fencing are nearing completion. We expect to be using the new surface in mid-May.



FROM THE ARCHIVES — ORIGINAL SWIMMING POOL DEVELOPMENT

As we follow the work on our Hockey Turf its interesting to reflect on an earlier Roskill works project—the swimming pool...a very different approach!



Voluntary Labour

The total cost of the pool is estimated at £22,000, about £7000 of which could be accounted for in voluntary labour by the school and its friends.

Mr Neville Thornton, of the staff, has given much time over the two years to the organisation of working bees on Saturdays, at which he has assisted regularly himself. It is quite impossible to mention the names of all parents who have assisted on numerous occasions with skilled and unskilled labour. But special mention must be made of Mr J. Liddell, Mr C. Bates, Mr W. Russell and Mr D. Jellard, who have devoted Saturday after Saturday to the pool during two years.

Mr S. Coldham, member of the Board of Governors, has given invaluable assistance to the project, both as hard-working chairman of the Works Committee and as a builder, who has not only given generously of his time but also lent his equipment freely.



MRGS FAMILY AND FRIENDS GROUP



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

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

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

Your Name _____ Email _____

Phone Number day _____ evening _____

If you have a child/children at the School

Students Name _____ Year: ____ Form Class: _____

_____ Year: ____ Form Class: _____

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

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

.....Run a Fundraising Event eg _____

.....Help at a Fundraising Event

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

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

.....Join the Family & Friends Group

.....Utilise your fundraising experience eg _____

.....In Other Ways _____

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

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

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



MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Term 1 2016: February – April

Phone (09) 621 0051

Email: Com.Ed@mrgs.school.nz

Office Hours: Mon-Thu: 9.30am-2.30pm | Fri: 9.30am-12pm

Extra Enrolment Night: Wed, 10 February 6-8pm

MONDAY – starts 15 February 7-9pm unless stated

Alexander Technique *6.45-8.15pm	5 wks	\$80
Ballroom & Latin Dancing – Begs *630-730pm	6 wks	\$59
Basic Car Maintenance & Repairs	6 wks	\$95
Furniture Making & Design *6-9pm	7 wks	\$145+
Indian Curries	4 wks	\$72+
MSExcel:Essentials *21 Mar, M-W, 630-830pm	3 days	\$42
MSWord:Essentials *14 Mar, M-W, 630-830pm	3 days	\$42
Painting With Oils, *6.30-8.30pm	7 wks	\$95+
Pattern Making (Drafting) – Beginners	15wks	\$245+
Rock n Roll, Waltz & Swing *730-830pm	6 wks	\$59
Sign Language (NZSL) – Beginners 1B	7 wks	\$70
SpeechWorks (Public Speaking) * 6.30-9pm	5 wks	\$195
Welding for Beginners *6.30-8.30pm	6 wks	\$207+
Yoga – Prenatal *6.45-8.15pm (bring mat)	7 wks	\$69
Yoga *6.45-8.15pm (bring mat)	7 wks	\$68
Zumba *7-8pm	7 wks	\$50

TUESDAY – starts 16 February 7-9pm unless stated

Badminton *6.30-8.30pm	7 wks	\$86
Bollywood Dancing *8-9pm	7 wks	\$70
Computer Networking: intro	4 wks	\$80
Dressmaking for Beginners *23 Feb 630-9pm	7 wks	\$99+
Floristry - Beginners to Intermediate	7 wks	\$95+
Home Renovations *6.30-8.30pm	3 wks	\$59
Picture Framing	7 wks	\$98+
Salsa, Merengue & Bachata *630-730pm	6 wks	\$59
Sign Language (NZSL) – Beginners 1A	7 wks	\$70
SpeechWorks (Public Speaking) * 6.30-9pm	5 wks	\$195
Spin Bikes *6-7pm	7 wks	\$62
Step *7-8pm	7 wks	\$60
Tennis (bring racquet) *6-8pm	6 wks	\$78
Thai Cooking *8 Mar	4 wks	\$69+
Welding-Beginners *6.30-8.30pm	6 wks	\$207+
Woodwork & Furniture Restoration *645-9pm	7 wks	\$97+
Yoga *6.45-8.15pm (Bring mat)	8 wks	\$76

WEDNESDAY – starts 17 February 7-9pm unless stated

Aerobics – Pump *7-8pm	7 wks	\$52
Cake Decorating: Novelty & Cup Cakes	7 wks	\$95+
Dressmaking-Intermediate *24 Feb 630-9pm	7 wks	\$99+
Fantastic Italian Starters *16 Mar 6-9pm	1 day	\$40
Floristry Workshop *starts 30 March 6-9pm	1 day	\$39+
French for Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
German for Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
Indoor Soccer *3 Feb 7.30-9pm	10wks	\$95
Italian Cooking	3 wks	\$69+
Mandarin-Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
MS Office: Intro *starts 10 Feb 630-830pm	5 wks	\$70
Multi-media Print *starts 2 Mar	3 wks	\$92+
Pasta Making Workshop *9 Mar 6-9pm	1 day	\$40
Pilates *6.30-7.30pm	7 wks	\$67
Small Engine Repairs	6 wks	\$95+
Spanish for Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
SpeechWorks (Public Speaking) * 6.30-9pm	5 wks	\$195
Stencil Art & Screen Printing - Intro	2 wks	\$68+
Woodwork (return students) *24 Feb 645-9pm	7 wks	\$97+
Woodwork-Beg (new students) *645-9pm	8 wks	\$107+
Yoga *3 Feb 6.45-8.15pm	10wks	\$95

GUITAR – starts Thursday & Friday 18 & 19 February

Beginners (Thursday) *6-7pm	7 wks	\$77+
Intermediate (Thursday) *7-8pm	7 wks	\$77+
High Intermediate (Friday) *6-7pm	7 wks	\$77+
Advanced (Friday) *7-8pm	7 wks	\$77+

SATURDAY

Basic Home Maintenance *12 Mar 930-130pm	1 day	\$50
Inspiring Salads *12 Mar 10am-1pm	1 day	\$45
MSPowerpt: Essentials *12 Mar, 930am-430pm	1 day	\$50
MSPublisher: Essentials *19 Mar, 930am-430pm	1 day	\$50
MYOB: Intro *12 Mar, 9am-4.30pm	2 days	\$137
Sushi Making *19 Mar 930am-12.30pm	1 day	\$35+20
Watercolour Painting *12 Mar 10am-3pm	1 day	\$55+

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Non-residents pay 30% extra on advertised fee.

DAY TIME CLASSES:

Beginners Kick Start Class Starts Mon 25 January

Monday to Friday (5 days) 9am -1pm. 1 week, \$120

Conversational English & Grammar Starts Wed 3 February

3 days per week: Mon, Wed, Fri 9.15am-12.15pm. 10 weeks, \$395+

Level 1: Beginner/ Elementary

Level 2: Pre-Intermediate

Level 3: Intermediate/ High Intermediate

**Textbook: There is a prescribed textbook for each level. Students can buy their own or borrow (for small fee + refundable deposit). Details on request.*

Speaking & Pronunciation: Pre-Int Plus Starts Mon 10 February

2 days per week: Mon & Wed, 12.30-2pm. 8 wks, \$95

IELTS Exam Preparation: Academic & General Starts Mon 2 Feb

2 days per week: Tues & Thurs, 9.15-11.15am. 10 wks, \$270

EVENING CLASSES:

General English Classes – ESOL Starts 15 February

2 days per week: Mon & Wed, 6.40-9pm. 7 weeks, \$99

Level 1: Beginners/ Elementary

Level 2: Pre-Intermediate

Level 3: Intermediate/High Intermediate

Writing Skills Starts 15 February

Mondays, 6.40-9pm, 7 weeks, \$85

Speaking and Pronunciation Starts 16 February

Tuesdays, 6.40-9pm, 7 weeks, \$50

Advanced English Starts 16 February

Tuesdays, 6.40-9pm, 7 weeks, \$50

IELTS Preparation Starts 16 February

2 days per week: Tues & Wed. 6.40-9pm, 7 weeks, \$170

Speaking in Public Starts 23 March

Wednesdays, 6.30-9pm, 3 weeks, \$120

Enjoying Modern Fiction Starts 15 February

Mondays, 7-9pm, 6 weeks, \$65

PLEASE NOTE: 1) You must be a minimum of 16 years to enrol in classes.
2) "+" indicates further materials / costs involved.

HOW TO ENROL: - Email Com.Ed@mrgs.school.nz

- Phone on 621 0051 with your credit card details

- At our office: Eftpos is available

- Complete enrolment form overleaf (PTO)

(FOR MORE INFORMATION... PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE!)



KEEPING IN TOUCH—IMPORTANT CONTACTS AT SCHOOL

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

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

CONTACT DETAILS

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

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

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates 2016

Term	First Day of term	Last Day of term
Term 1		Friday 15th April
Term 2	Monday 2nd May	Friday 8th July
Term 3	Monday 25th July	Friday 23rd September
Term 4	Monday 10th October	Friday 9th December

TERM ONE EVENTS

March 1	NCEA Evening	March 10	Excellence Awards Evening
March 3	Mentoring Conference Evening 4-7pm	March 16—19	ASB Polyfest Competition
March 22	Athletics Carnival	March 25—29	Easter Public Holidays

NEW ASB BANK SPONSORSHIP OFFER

ASB has increased its sponsorship for the school community offer on new loan applications to \$1,000 from now until 30 April 2016.

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$150,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$1,000

To take up this offer, your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between the 1 February 2016 and 30 April 2016.

ASB lending criteria, and terms apply. Fees may apply. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property. This donation offer is only available when you apply for new home lending through an ASB branch, contact centre or mobile lending manager. Other terms apply. For full details and to download the voucher visit asb.co.nz/schoolbanking.

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SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

Mount Roskill Grammar School would like to thank the following businesses for their ongoing generous financial sponsorship and support ;

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SPONSORSHIP OF GIRLS 1ST XI FOOTBALL TEAM

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



Any business or organisation wishing to offer sponsorship to the school—please contact Mr Ben Horne—
Director of Sports Ben Horne Ben.Horne@mrgrs.school.nz