



MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MAY/JUNE 2015

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Support from families of year 11 and 12 students through getting involved in the academic mentoring programme has been fantastic. Recently 655 families made time to meet with their child and the mentor to talk together about progress in academic and co-curricular endeavours. We are really delighted with this response from families. The shared conversations about what is working, what needs to change and possible next steps while celebrating success were enjoyable and I expect, productive. Thank you to families who made arrangements to come into school during the day. Your commitment to your child's learning is hugely supportive and affirming for our students and teachers.

We are working to reduce lateness to class especially at the start of the day. Students are being required to make up lost time. We expect students to be 'fit and ready to learn' from 8.40 am each day. Late students impact on the learning atmosphere for everyone, and have their own learning disrupted. We can't accept busy traffic or late buses as excuses for lateness. We do understand that student's morning schedules are linked to those of the wider family and ask that you make arrangements to ensure your child is on time. Team Roskill turns up on time!

The winter sports season is well underway and our teams are displaying an excellent attitude and gaining some pleasing results. Congratulations to the first XI and 13A boys football teams who have both reached the last eight in the Auckland knockout cup. The girls hockey first XI have been impressive in qualifying for the super city competition with string of wins and the Girls rugby team are on fire in their competition. Thank you to families who support teams on the side-lines week by week.

We will be opening our new football field after Queens Birthday weekend. The field has been laser levelled, resurfaced and has high quality irrigation and drainage. By now you may have seen the LED sign at the school gate. We are enjoying updating our community with 'hot off the press' events and results. Thank you to families whose donations enabled the school to finance these developments. Your support makes a big difference.

Sursum!

Greg Watson



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ANZAC DAY SERVICE

On Saturday 25th April Our Prefects and senior leaders of the school joined with the local community to honour the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings at the War Memorial Park in May Road. At this special service of remembrance our party took part in the march to the memorial, Head Boy Glen Lewis gave the scripture reading and later, together with Head Girl Pearl Lazaro, laid a wreath on behalf of the school. Students from the school also figured in the service performances—the singing being led by Natasha Sa'u and a number of past and present grammar students played in the Auckland City Brass band which accompanied the hymns. The school was formally thanked for its participation in a letter from civic organizer Jamie Weiland:

"I would like to express my gratitude to the students and staff at Mt Roskill Grammar School for their time and participation in 2015's Anzac day service at Mt Roskill. In particular Head Boy Glen Lewis who read the scripture and Philip Darragh's music student, Natasha, who led all the singing – I have heard nothing but exceptional feedback on her voice and courage. The school's involvement was greatly appreciated."





1ST XV PLAYS IN EDEN PARK CURTAIN RAISER

Our premier rugby team played Pakuranga College in a curtain Raiser on a Friday evening before the Blues game vs the Bulls. Many students attended the game to support the side and it was a proud evening as they came onto the pitch beneath the bright lights and TV cameras. It was a hard and close game with entertaining rugby. Despite having the better of the second half and we lost narrowly 10-12. The hakas from both schools were featured on Sky TV and you can follow this link to view the stirring preface to the game. <https://www.facebook.com/skysportnz/videos/833267883409545/?fref=nf>



ROSKILL HOSTS BLUES SQUAD FOR MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

In the same week as our curtain raiser at Eden Park, the school provided a venue for the Super Rugby Auckland Blues Squad to honour their mothers with a personally cooked meal. Our Food and Hospitality rooms were made available as teams of four in a "My Kitchen Rules" style raced against the clock to produce two courses. The rugby players then served these to their mothers in a specially decorated Senior Common Room. It was a fun event and Roskill catering students and our 1st XV squad provided assistance and advice to make the evening a success.





CHESS POWER COMPETITIONS IN MAY

On Tuesday 12th May Mt Roskill's chess team won the Auckland Central Zone chess tournament qualifying us for the national finals in October. Congratulations to the team of Kashyap Choudhary, Elvin Zhang, William Lesiak, Neil Mario, Yashasvigiri Gosai, Daniel Morrin, Nathan McDougall, Patrick Balderama.



On Tuesday 19 May, when they could have stayed

home because it was the mentoring day, a chess team of Years 9,10 and 13 students did battle in NorthWest Auckland and won the tournament, losing only one match out of 28. This gives us an extra reserve we can use in the national championships in October. Congratulations to William Lesiak, Stella Xu, Neil Mario and Thea Dickson.



We are looking for more chess players to join us every lunchtime in E1 for training. Last year we were 3rd at Nationals. We want to do better. Last year our junior team won the Auckland Championship,



beating Auckland Grammar School. We need more junior players to join us to hold on to the trophy. Last year our girls team were the national champions. We need more girl chess players to join us to help us keep the trophy!

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT

With the winter season now upon us it is a good time to remind students of expectations when they are part of a sports team.

- Attendance at training is compulsory, anything but 100% attendance will hinder your ability to play games. Coaches have been advised not to play students whose attendance does not meet these requirements.
- Sports uniform must be worn with pride. This means having the correct gear for each game, ensuring you have the right socks (if you don't these can be purchased from the Stationery/Uniform Shop).

As I said in assembly a few weeks ago – Mt Roskill Grammar Sports teams are humble when they win games and gracious in defeat.

We welcome parent support on the sidelines and encourage you to be involved in your children's endeavours.

Draws and results for sports teams are put up each week on our new Mount Roskill Grammar Sport Facebook Page – www.facebook.com/mrgssport. These are regularly updated.

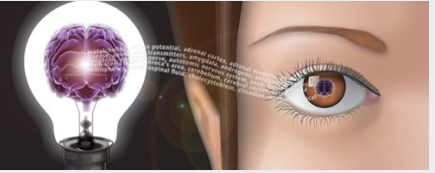


BRAIN BEE SUCCESS FOR MRGS

In this term's Brain Bee Challenge Roskill students were

successful in qualifying for the Round Two Finals to be held at Auckland University in July. Students, Alice Wang, Vyshni Ishwaran, Sharon Mathew and Karen Zhang will compete individually and also as a team. The event involves year 11 students being challenged to determine who is the "best brain" on such topics as intelligence, memory, emotions, sensations, movement, stress, aging, sleep, addiction, Alzheimer's and stroke. This year's Roskill team are hoping to emulate the 2014 success when we achieved first place in the competition.

New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge



The 2014 Roskill Team being presented with their prizes

MAHURANGI SPORTS EXCHANGE

Our Premier sports teams had a successful series of early season games in our annual sports exchange with Mahurangi College. As ever the competition was challenging but the school's competed with their usual sportsmanship and respect. From the opening powhiri to the closing speeches there was a spirit of friendship mixed with the rivalry of the day. Roskill were victors in five of the six games played.



Roskill Results vs Mahurangi College

1st XI Boys Football won 2-0	1st XI Girls Hockey lost 1-3
1st XI Girls Football won 4-0	Open A Netball won 28-22
1st XI Boys Hockey won 3-0	U19 Boys Basketball won 63-28



ORIENTEERING SUCCESS

2015 has been another successful season for Orienteering. The team competes in the Central Zone of the Auckland Schools Sprint Series. This involves completing courses at schools around Auckland on a weekly basis and the scores being accumulated for an overall score for the series. After 5 events this year we had 7 students qualifying for the sprint finals which took place on 28th March. The final was run over a morning course at Akoranga Campus (AUT) and Carrington Unitec in the afternoon. Our top runners were Janita Fuller (7th Senior Girls) and Felix Yang (5th Intermediate Boys)

which are great results as Felix has moved into the next age group this season and Janita is competing against girls who are in the National Squad running for New Zealand. Both Janita and Felix are talented orienteers and have been invited to be considered as members of the interim Squad for the Auckland Regional team. Our other finalists did well all of them finishing in the top 25. Four of them are Year 9 students and I look forward to them developing in the sport over their time at Mount Roskill.

We also took 3 junior teams to the Sprint Relays at Totara Park on the 30th April. This is a very popular event and there are some very serious competitors

from orienteering teams as well as school teams. Although unplaced all our students enjoyed the challenge of a longer course that was run in more open countryside than that offered in the school grounds. They also had to deal with the challenge of some severe rain and unleashed dogs but all agreed it was a good experience.

Thanks as always to the staff and parents who support us and transport students to and from events. Without this all of our students keen to compete would not get the opportunity.



DIY FUN AT ART CLUB!

Over the past few weeks Ms Grober and Mrs Kempster have been teaching stencilling and screen printing so that students can print their very own designs on a T-shirt or fabric of their choice. Here is a picture showing their "work in progress". Art club runs every Wednesday afterschool 3.15pm in A16.





ROSKILL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS ENTHRALL AUDIENCES AT HILLSBOROUGH HEIGHTS

On Thursday 14 May the Concert Band and a chamber group as well as some soloists performed at the Hillsborough Heights Retirement Village. This is a regular venue for our students who enjoy performing in the community. The residents loved the concert and our students did us all proud – the residents were gratified at the way our students mingled afterwards to talk to them during afternoon tea. It was a lovely occasion and part of a tradition that the residents look forward to each year. Thanks to all the musicians and music staff who facilitate this event.



YEAR 13 DRAMA PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

It's all about LOVE

On Thursday 21 May, Year 13 Drama students had their first internal assessment evening of the year. Their objective was to apply the features of Elizabethan Theatre for their 3.4 Assessment Standard "select and use complex performance skills associated with a drama form or period".

Extracts from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummers Night Dream and The Taming of the Shrew were aptly performed in front of parents and staff – thank you to all who supported them – it was a great success.





GATEWAY NEWS

The MRGS Gateway programme for 2015 is well underway! We have successfully placed over 25 students in a range of fields, including Automotive, Tourism, Retail, Hospitality and Commerce etc. with more heading out to work in Term 3. Gateway is an awesome opportunity for students to gain some real life work experience, learn on the job and work towards NCEA qualifications.

In May and September we are running a 2 day Communication & 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 September we are holding a 2 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 it looks great on a CV!



Joshua Mohetau - Vehicle Care Centre, Mt Eden



Ingalei Malupo - Mt Roskill Warehouse

If you are in Year 13 and would like to be part of the programme please see Mrs Payne in H4.

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 2015/16 or you have any questions regarding the programme, we would love to hear from you!!

PATHWAYS COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT

Talofa lava!

My name is Peniel Fa'amausili and I am the new Pathways Coordinator here at MRGS.

I have a passion for working with young people and have over 10 years' experience in the field. In the past I've worked for various organisations in a variety of roles, with the most recent being Youthline Charitable Trust, where I was the Team Leader for the Youth Development Workers across Auckland.

Recently I discovered a new found passion in photography and left Youthline to pursue this interest. With new goals set for 2015, this opportunity presented itself and I am very happy to be part of the MRGS community.





MENTORING

Thank you to families for your contribution to a highly successful mentoring conference day on Tuesday 19 May – it was fantastic to see 655 families of year 11 and 12 students.

We were able to continue the conversation around academic, attendance and co-curricular goals as well as reporting face to face on subject specific progress and next steps.

A survey for the 19th May conference will be sent out via email this week. We would love to hear your feedback on the conference process and it will also assist in our future planning. The survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7QNZRTL>



The next half hour mentoring conference is on **Thursday 20th August**.

This conference in term 3 will enable us to continue working together to support students in reaching their goals. It will also report on subject specific progress and next steps with an additional focus on the external examinations and learners' future pathways.

You know your child best; knowing their progress, next steps and what is coming up (assignments, assessments etc) will mean that you can assist them in effectively managing their time.

Between now and the 20th of August please continue, as we will be, to have conversations with your children/our students about their progress towards their goals. You can also refer to our website for homework centre times.

"If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you."

KAMAR PARENT PORTAL

The Kamar Parent Portal is a easy way to track your child's NCEA results and attendance. A login and password has been supplied for you to access the Parent Portal, please go to this address:

<http://kamar.mrgs.school.nz> and click on the parent/student portal at the top of the page.

If you have not received a login and password please contact the school office.

You will need to have pdf reader software on your computer or device. You can get a free download from this address: <http://get.adobe.com/reader>

Parent Portal App for Mobile Devices

To install the App on your device you need to search for "Kamar" in the [Android Playstore](#) or the [Apple App](#) store. From this app you can check credits attained and student attendance.

Steps:

1. Download the Application
2. Install
3. Open and click on Settings
4. Enter the server address: <http://kamar.mrgs.school.nz>
5. **Username** is your normal Kamar username
6. **Password** is your normal Kamar password
7. It is possible to save the user name and password in the settings area. Beware that if your device is accessed by other people that this is a security risk.



SUPPORTING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

LATENESS TO SCHOOL

One aspect of measuring student engagement is looking at our attendance data. Our target for this year is to achieve an overall 90% attendance rate. We are currently on track to reach this overall target for the year.

From the data of 2014 one issue the data identified was students being late for school. Lateness to class impacts on the learning of the student who is late and also disrupts the learning of others in the class. We recently sent a letter, via email, informing families about our lateness strategy which we have implemented from the 18 May. We have an expectation that all students will be no more than 4 mins to class. Should students be late they will be expected to make the time up that was lost from their learning at a lunch time or after school. If your child is late an email message will also be sent to you.



Being late to class – Facts:

5 mins LATE each day of school year = 3 days of learning time LOST

15 mins LATE each day of school year = 10 days of learning time LOST

30 mins LATE each day of school year = 19 days of learning time LOST

RIGHT TIME RIGHT PLACE: make learning count at ROSKILL!

We appreciate all the support families have so far given to our school and have already noticed significant improvement.

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 (this can include roll check and LCT) 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 student 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.

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

Ms J Small, Associate Principal Learning

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.



CORNER OF CHINESE CULTURE

On the 15th of May, the Corner of Chinese Culture (previously named 'Chinese Culture Encounter') offered MRGS students another chance to experience Chinese Culture. A group of professionals from the Chinese New Settlers Service Trust were invited by Liu Lao Shi from Languages MRGS. They have given demonstrations in Chinese Calligraphy, Paper Cutting and Kung Fu. Students were provided with the authentic Chinese brush and ink to create their unique writing in Chinese. They have learned how to appreciate the art of Chinese Character Writing. In the Hall, a group of students had a fantastic experience in practicing Kung Fu with a Kung Fu champion from China. A lot of others students enjoyed watching the fist and sword dance.



Students are welcome to join us every Friday lunch time for a unique Chinese Culture Experience. We will announce weekly activities in the Daily Notices. We are currently recruiting talented students with an interest in Kung Fu, Chinese song singing and Chinese Dancing. Students should go on to Eventbrite to register their interest. Details will be provided in Daily Notices.



JUNIOR CURRICULUM UPDATE

As you will be aware we have been implementing Phase one of our junior curriculum at Year 9 this year with the new academies, the Samoan language, Performing Arts, Core Technology, Financial Education and Chinese. In the next few weeks we will be asking students for feedback on their learning. One of our aims has been to provide students with the opportunity for greater choice in their learning.

SUCCESS IN AUCKLAND MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD

Jahnvi Trivedi recently took part in the Auckland Mathematical Olympiad and finished in the top 15 candidates from all Auckland schools

The Olympiad is organised and hosted by the Department of Mathematics at the University of Auckland. Its aims are to promote enthusiasm and curiosity in Mathematics, and to encourage young people who attend schools in the Auckland region with an opportunity to exhibit their problem solving skills by meeting various challenges put to them by mathematicians.





LIANZA AND HELL PIZZA READING CHALLENGE 2015

The library is involved in the annual LIANZA and Hell Pizza Reading Challenge again in 2015. Borrow a book from the library, read it, write a five word review and post it in one of three places to receive a stamp on your pizza wheel. Once you have posted seven reviews you can redeem your pizza wheel for a free pizza at any Hell Pizza.

You need 7 stamps on your wheel to get a **free kids hells pizza**. Get your wheel from the library.

To get **one stamp** Write a 5 word book review for a book you've read. Bring this review to a librarian. Your review will go on a pizza topping for the MRGS library pizza.

*The review could be 5 descriptive words or a short sentence, anything goes, be creative, ask your teacher for advice.

For **another stamp** like the library facebook page and share your review at www.facebook.com/MRGSlibrary

Add your review to the library catalogue for **another stamp**.

*Instructions in the library on how to do this

Ask a librarian if you have any questions.

You can do as many pizza wheels as you wish

You can do any of the 3 options for getting your stamps you don't have to do all of them eg. You could do 7 five word reviews and none on the catalogue or facebook page. Or do a combination of them all.

Read books, eat pizza, have fun.

Come to the library for more information and to take part! For more information on the challenge go to <http://lianza.org.nz/lianza-and-hell-pizza-reading-challenge-2015>



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSE

PEACEFUL FAMILY COMMUNICATION

A **FREE** communications skills course for Parents, Caregivers and Educators
Delivered by *The Peace Foundation* and Funded by the Ministry of Social Development

We are now taking bookings!

This 15 hour programme is designed to give parents, teachers and caregivers a set of skills that can be used immediately in their family and work environments. **The course focuses on simple, proven ways for adults to increase their effectiveness with children, teenagers and their own partners.**



Participants learn effective communication skills including how to:

- Communicate with assertiveness
- Skilfully respond to unwanted behaviours
- Deal resourcefully with conflict and successfully solve it
- Communicate more effectively as a family



Dates: Wednesdays 27th May & 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th June 2015
6.00pm-9.00pm

Venue: Mt Roskill Grammar School
Frost Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland

Koha: \$20 pp (for the full course)

This programme has been highly recommended since its inception in early 2010, and has been hosted by various schools in the Auckland area. If your school is interested in hosting a programme for your parents and/or teachers, please contact **Virin Gomber** ph 09 373-2379 or virin@peacefoundation.org.nz



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates 2015

Term	First Day of term	Last Day of term
Term 2	Monday 20th April	Friday 3rd July
Term 3	Monday 20th July	Friday 25th September
Term 4	Monday 12th October	Tuesday 8th December

TERM TWO EVENTS

June 1	Queens Birthday Holiday	June 22 - 26	Assessment Focussed Week
June 2 - 5	Assessment Focussed Week	June 23	Year 9, 10 & 13 Progress Reports Issued
June 11	Campus Music Concert	June 25	Y12 Drama Assessment Performance
June 17	Campus Matariki Concert	June 30	Junior and Year 13 Subject Report Evening
June 18	Pukekohe Sports Exchange	July 3	End of Term Two School Ball

DETAILS OF COMING EVENTS..

Campus Music Concert Thursday 11th June

The three Campus schools parade their musical talents with a wide range of band, orchestral and vocal performances—a marvelous evening of entertainment.

Campus Matariki Concert Tuesday 17th June

The three schools celebrate Matariki, and through Kapa Haka performances and presentations relate the importance of this special festival to our whanau and community.





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 A. Gipps
Year 10	Mr K Hays		Mr R Cornes
Years 11 and 12	Mrs S Singh Mrs A Gosai		
Your child's relationships with students and staff— Pastoral welfare			
House Deans— (Head of Deans = Mr D. Williams)			
Cooper House (Blue)	Mr G Taunga Ms L Leman	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 Mrs N Fell		
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		
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.



BODYSAFE COLLABORATION PROJECT NEWS.

We are now in our second year of running the BodySafe Collaboration project, piloting a Ministry of Justice funded whole-school approach to sexual safety.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who responded to the BodySafe survey last year.

Many families fed back that they see a need for increased education on issues of consent.

This year all Year 10 students will take part in the "BodySafe" programme, consisting of four sessions with Rape Prevention Education educators, who have now been coming into our school for over a decade.

New this year will be a "Consent Awareness week".

Health teachers will discuss the key issues around consent with all students. Also, students of the Peer Sexuality Support programme (run by the Auckland District Health Board) will run an Assembly item to explain the myths and fact around consent in the context of the New Zealand Law. Rape Prevention Education will run an optional workshop for our Advanced Mediators

This may be a good opportunity for you to discuss respectful healthy relationships with your child.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVICE



SORE THROATS MATTER

A sore throat could mean your child has a Group A Streptococcus throat infection.

Left untreated this can lead to Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease

GET ALL SORE THROATS CHECKED

Free throat swabs and treatment for

4-19 year olds at:

Stoddard Rd Medical, 223 Stoddard Rd,

Mt Roskill

Cornwall Medical Centre,

790 Manukau Rd, Royal Oak

Roskill Union,

1492 Dominion Rd

Gabriel Medical Practice,

464 Richardson Rd

Dominion Rd Medical Centre,

349 Mt Albert Rd



HEALTH CENTRE MESSAGES/ADVICE

Prevent the spread of Flu and the common cold by frequent hand washing and covering your mouth when you cough.

Signs of the Flu: (sudden onset), Moderate to severe illness lasting 7 – 10 days, Fever (usually high), shivering, muscle aches, headache (may be severe), dry cough may become moist, Can suffer severe complications (pneumonia), bed rest if necessary.

Signs of a cold: (Mild illness), Mild Fever, a runny nose, muscle pain (uncommon), mild headache (congested sinuses), sometimes a cough.

Skin Infections- Boils

A boil is a red lump or pimple with red skin around it. It may have white or yellow pus in the centre and can be painful. If the boil is near the eye go to the doctor straight away.

If the boil bursts, wipe away pus, fluid or blood with clean cotton wool or a clean cloth soaked in water and antiseptic. Cover with a plaster.

Always wash clothing and towels each time after wearing or use. Do not share. If you are given anti biotics by your doctor TAKE ALL THE TABLETS!

See the school nurse or school doctor if you think you have a boil.

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. Last year parental donations 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 are developing 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.

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>**

By cheque together with the payment advice to Mount Roskill Grammar School, Frost Road, M.

RoskillPayment via EFTPOS, VISA or MASTERCARD at the School Office by phone or in person between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm

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. ****This method is the preferred option**



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



MRGS—FUNDRAISING

To keep up to date with all aspects of our fundraising—follow the website link

<http://www.mrgs.school.nz/ourschool/fundraising.aspx>

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 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 fundraising

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 smartphone



OR

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Buzzthepeople School Fundraiser

If you are happy to complete the occasional on-line survey this would be a great way to help the school fundraise. Founded in 2004, Buzzthepeople is an Auckland based Research Company. To date over \$437,000 has been raised for charities, schools and other groups registered with them.

Parents, students and friends of the School are able to register. You would receive on average one or two roughly 5 minute surveys per month to fill in on-line, and the school gets \$1 or \$2 for each completed survey. Essentially you are giving a gold coin donation every time you do a survey. There is no compulsion to fill in all the surveys you receive, and you can withdraw from the programme at any time.

If you can help us with this fundraiser just click on the link below to register

<http://www.buzzthepeople.co.nz/helpfundraise.aspx?s=0609B55C>

The Athlete's Foot St Lukes School Rewards Programme.

Each pair of School or Sport shoes bought at The Athletes Foot St Lukes, for a student of Mt Roskill Grammar, will earn a \$10 donation to the School's Fundraising Programme.

Simply notify the Sales Assistant at the time of purchase that the shoes are for a Mt Roskill Grammar student.



BILINGUAL TUTOR POSITION (PART-TIME 25HRS SCHOOL TERM)

We are seeking a bilingual tutor to work with our students from a refugee background. The role involves providing bilingual language support and working with students to increase academic achievement, especially literacy and numeracy. Our ideal candidate would:

- Be fluent in Farsi and Pashto
- Excellent English skills, both written and spoken
- Have a desire to work with young people

To apply please send a CV and covering letter to admin@mrgs.school.nz. Applications close 12th June 2015.

ASB SUPPORTING SCHOOLS SCHEME

Supporting success in your school

For every new ASB home loan over \$150,000 taken out before 31 July 2015, ASB will donate:

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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.



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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THREE KINGS PLAZA, 536 MT ALBERT ROAD, THREE KINGS - 09 625 7175

Fletcher Living

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@mrgs.school.nz

THANK YOU TO LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR SUPPORTING OUR MENTORING CONFERENCE DAY

We would like to acknowledge the assistance and support of the Stoddard Road SUBWAY branch and the Frost Road Fruitworld who assisted with catering for the important conferences