

MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER
2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Achievement has been our focus this term as we have recognised our senior prize winners, and celebrated the success of our students gaining Auckland University Faculty Scholarships.

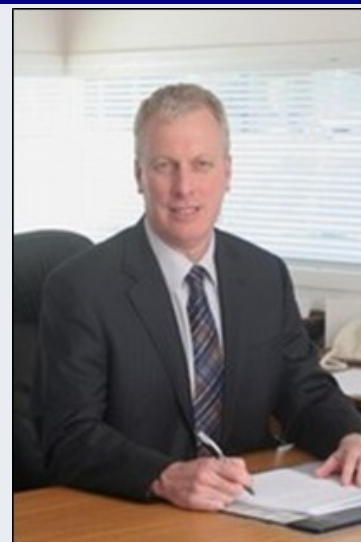
We have enjoyed the campus Maori graduation and outstanding achievement in the International Brain Bee competition, The Bright Sparks competition and the Australasian Chemistry and Mathematics competitions.

Year 9 and Year 10 students are completing examinations and looking forward to the wider education programme.

Families are welcome to join us in celebrating success at our Junior Prizegiving on Tuesday 10 December 2013.

Ki nga taumata

Greg Watson, **PRINCIPAL**



PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION

Thank you to families who have paid their donation. Your support really makes a big difference!

We are using the money given to purchase learning technology equipment for students. If you are able to make a contribution for this year it would be greatly appreciated.

Parental contributions can be made by contacting our Accounts department on **621 0050 extension 755**. Direct credit facilities area available. Parental donations are tax deductible.

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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 Mr D Mc Gerty		
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	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 FOUR			
November 21	Techxibition (Technology display)	December 4—6	Wider Education
November 28	Junior Swimming Carnival	December 10	Junior Prize giving; Junior reports Issued End of Term Four
December 3	NZQA Examinations End		



SENIOR PRIZE GIVING ACCLAIMS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Our annual Senior Prize Giving took place on October 31st and in a proud evening of congratulations we saw over 250 prize winners grace the school stage and receive their certificates, cups and prizes. In our two prestigious academic awards at the close of the evening Hannah Yang received the trophy as Dux of the school and Diana Ng was applauded as Proxime Accessit. These two young people have an outstanding academic record: Diana has amassed 346 NCEA credits in her career with 258 at Excellence level. She has also never failed a single standard. This performance has earned her a Grade Point Average of 3.81 (out of a possible top grade of 4). Hannah has gained 366 credits while at MRGS with 316 of these at Excellence level. Her GPA stands at 3.86 making her our premier example of Roskill attainment.



Proxime Accessit Diana Ng and Dux Hannah Yang with Mr Watson and Mr Wilkinson.

In addition to awards for achievement in school subjects, external awards and scholarships from Tertiary institutions were also a highlight of the presentations. Unitec, and AUT provided a number of students with fee paying scholarships for the tenure of their studies together with mentoring provision— one of the AUT awards amounting to \$15,000 in total over three years of study. A representative from the University of Auckland also presented eight tertiary awards to our high achieving students. Six of these Jubilee awards gave recipients \$6,000 each and two students Cindy Ou and Hannah Yang received the prestigious **University of Auckland Scholarship** awards worth up to \$50,000 each. Amongst the guest presenters on the evening was the Rt. Hon. Phil Goff M.P. who presented a special award to one of our Senior Heads of Department. Mr Gavin Parratt, Head of Commerce received a Woolf Fisher Fellowship Award for his outstanding leadership. In its letter the Woolf Fisher Trust notes “Mt Roskill Grammar School continues to impress us with its excellent record of all round achievement”. Congratulations were also given to Mrs Bennett who won the Board of Trustees staff travel award. The Prize Giving evening was testament to the calibre of our senior students and the powerful learning of our community.

University of Auckland Entry Scholarships for 2014

<i>Cindy Ou</i>	<i>The University of Auckland Scholarship</i>
<i>Hannah Yang</i>	<i>The University of Auckland Scholarship</i>
<i>Alan Cheng</i>	<i>The University of Auckland Jubilee Award</i>
<i>Jessica Allan</i>	<i>The University of Auckland Jubilee Award</i>
<i>Lucas Chen</i>	<i>The University of Auckland Jubilee Award</i>
<i>Diana Ng</i>	<i>The University of Auckland Jubilee Award</i>
<i>Soo-Ling Tran</i>	<i>The University of Auckland Jubilee Award</i>
<i>Sohail Abdulla</i>	<i>Edward Connelly Faculty of Engineering Entry Level Undergraduate Scholarship</i>



SPORTS AWARDS EVENING

Our sporting excellence was celebrated this term with an evening of citations and awards for all our sporting codes. Guest presenter was Sarah Cowley New Zealand track and field athlete who in 2012 competed at the Summer Olympics in the women's heptathlon event. Sarah was introduced to the attending students, staff and parents in a question and answer session with Sports Co-ordinator Mr Horne. Her comments gave an insight into the demands of top level training and competition—while inspiring our own young sportsmen and women with what rewards can be gained by commitment and goal setting. The evening's accolades began with the presentation of student coaching certificates amongst which Vignesh Krishnamoorthy received the outstanding student coach of the year award. There then followed the announcement of colours in all the sporting codes and the comments accompanying these awards paid tribute to the performance and endeavour of the school's students.



After this section Mr Buckley invited Sarah Cowley to the stage to present the Sports trophies and Academy awards. In the final part of the celebration Mr. Watson announced the winners of the evening's top awards including the top team—this year won by the Senior Chess team which finished 2nd in the Auckland Central Competition, 1st in the West Auckland competition, 1st in the South Auckland competition and capped a remarkable year with a 2nd place in the National finals. The evening was brought to a close when all attending were invited to have dessert and mix and mingle with award winners in the hall.

**Amelia Cooper
Best All Round
Sportswoman**



Sports Evening Top Award Winners

MRGS Team of the Year	Senior Chess Team		
Best All Round Sportswoman	Amelia Cooper	Best All Round Sportsman	Yashveendra Krishna
Sportswoman of The Year	Shriya Naidu	Sportsman of The Year	Karan Banker



**Yashveendra Krishna– Best All Round
Sportsman with Sarah Cowley**



**Sportsman of the Year Karan Banker and
Sportswoman of the Year Shriya Naidu**



CAMPUS MAORI GRADUATION

On the evening of 23rd October this term the graduation ceremony for the Campus Maori students was held at the Intermediate School. In a packed hall, Primary, Intermediate and Grammar students were presented with certificates, awards and taonga as well as being formally handed over to the next stage of their educational lives. After a karakia from the campus Kaumatua Ted Ratana, the ceremony began with some individual presentations from the Intermediate and Grammar schools. For the Grammar school The Te Iwi Ngaro trophy for best all round Maori student was won jointly by Awhina Mitchell and Lorenzo Fernandez. This was followed by the presentation to senior student Jaiya Skipper of the Mana Taiohi trophy for his leadership in kapa Haka—a well-deserved recognition of Jaiya's leadership and devotion to Kapa Haka over many years. A waiata was then sung before the commencement of the graduations. Year 6 students from the Primary were given their awards by new Principal Mr. Mike O'Reilly before formally joining the Intermediate party and taking part in a waiata to mark their transition. The new Principal of MRIS, Kristen Walsham, then presented her Year 8s with their awards and these proud young men and women then moved across to join with the Grammar students to indicate their change to secondary schooling. Finally year 13s were presented with their awards by Principal Greg Watson. These school graduating students were then welcomed back to the whanau by our Kaumatua once they moved to sit with the audience. Ngarino Te Tana our campus Maori co-ordinator closed the formalities with an address honouring the graduating students and celebrating the occasion. Families, students and staff then gathered for a supper and an opportunity to share their pleasure and pride in this special evening's events.





ARTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS

This term saw the inaugural Arts and Cultural Awards Evening—where our artistic and cultural co-curricular strength was celebrated. Certificates for participation and commitment were given in Music, Dance, Drama and Kapa Haka after the audience were entertained by the school's Concert Band.

Colours for Polyfest, Kapa Haka, Music and the Production (Wizard of Oz) were next presented each accompanied by a citation



reminding listeners of the work and commitment of students throughout the year. Guest presenter singer/songwriter Michael Murray returned to the school to present some of the special awards and entertain the packed hall with one of his latest songs. Those present were also entertained by a specially choreographed item from dance students Awhina and Lou and at the close of the evening a song from the Ilaua brothers—' The Unbreakablez'. To round off the special night the audience were invited to supper and have the opportunity to chat with award winners from the range of Arts and Cultural groups.

Arts and Cultural Evening — Special Award Winners

PFA Co-Curricular Award	Erin Steel and Samah Shazia	Raewynn Winny Award for Contribution to Music	Angela Yen
The Bryss Trophy for Leadership in Music	Saale Ilaua	Marilyn Toi trophy for Karanga	Pearl Lazaro
Whaikorero Award	Luke Edmonds	Mana Taiohi award for leadership in	Jaiya Skipper





WORLD SUCCESS FOR ROSKILL STUDENT IN INTERNATIONAL BRAIN BEE COMPETITION



MRGS Year 12 student Jiantao Shen gained third place in the International neuroscience Brain Bee knowledge contest. In the final, held in Vienna, Jiantao competed against the top students from 17 other countries—each selected for their premier standing in their own countries.

Jiantao qualified for this prestigious event by taking in 2012 the North Island Brain Bee challenge and then achieving the New Zealand title. The finals of the international competition were part of a world neurological congress and gave the students competing the opportunity to share in events and presentations from scientists and medical experts from all over the globe.

The competition was rigorous and close, spanning two days and 7.5 hours of total contest

modules. The intense five-part competition included a neuro-anatomy laboratory exam with real human brains, a diagnosis section using video footage of actual patients and interactive laboratory exam evaluation, a neuro-histology test, a written quiz involving analysis of brain scans, problem-solving of case studies, and direct question-and-answer with live judges, all three of whom were distinguished neurologists.



The Brain Bee aims to motivate youth to learn about the human brain and inspires them to consider careers in neuroscience, psychology, neurology and related fields.

FURTHER BRIGHTSPARKS COMPETITION SUCCESS

Once again MRGS students featured successfully in the engineering and electrical innovation Brightsparks awards. Sohail Abdulla—with his robotic window cleaner, Rohan Modak with his robotic floor sweeper and Caleb Baptista with his Shoe Station design were all finalists for the main award. After the round of final demonstrations and judging Sohail was placed 1st in the 17 yrs and above category and was presented also with the Supreme Young Inventor Award on the evening. Caleb Baptista was placed 2nd in the 13-14 years category. Sohail's triumph follows on from his successes last year in National and International competitions when he took his robot to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona.





HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHEMISTRY QUIZ

Junior students from our school have maintained our tradition of high international achievement in Chemistry by their performance in this year's Australian National Chemistry Quiz. Ten Roskill Grammar students received plaques placing them in the top thousand of 110 thousand students internationally who entered the competition. The competition which consists of an hour's multiple choice test pits students from over 17 countries against problems in Chemistry. The event is sponsored and overseen by the Royal Australian Chemistry Institute.



MRGS Plaque Winners: Australian National Chemistry Quiz

Jonathan Khoo	Aishwarya Balasubramanian	Naman Gupta	Yansun Elisa	Deeksha Vijayakumar
Felix Yang	Juin Man	Charlotte Shirreffs	Paul Robinson	Myles James

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

This year's Australian Mathematics Competition saw our students receiving 14 Distinction awards placing students in the top 15% of entrants in their year and region and a further 3 students were awarded High Distinctions placing them in the top 2% of their year and region. This competition administered by the Australian Mathematics Trust, challenges students at all levels to solve thirty mathematical problems in a set time. These problems get progressively more difficult until those at the end which challenge the most gifted students.

Distinction Certificates were awarded to:

Daniel Bai	Cathy Fan	Daniel Kim	Michael Li	Pranav Shetty
Tushar Thakur	Alan Thomas	Jahnvi Trivedi	Alice Wang	Joshua Simmons
Tanaya Sonar	Kungeng Wu	Elisa Yansun	Bo Zhong	

High Distinctions were awarded to:

Josette Xu	Felix Yang	Jonathan Khoo
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SPORTS NEWS

CRICKET

The 1st XI Girls team finished in 1st place in the Premier 2 Competition in Term 1 and sought to have the same success in Term 4. They were moved up a grade and have been playing against the top Girls Cricket schools in Auckland. While they have lost 3 games, all of them have been close and the skills of some of the younger members of the team indicate that the good results will come in future years. Shriya Naidu, current Captain of the team has also been selected for the Auckland Under 21 team, a superb achievement considering she is only 17.

The 1st XI Boys team have played two games in their second half of the season, winning 1 and losing 1. In their game against Papatoetoe they displayed a full team effort by dismissing the opposition for under 130 run including 3 run outs. In reply we chased down the target in under 22 overs. The team lost their next game to Takapuna by 6 wickets, after scoring 219 runs including 88 to Karan Banker (his second half century in as many games) they bowled and fielded too loosely allowing the opposition to easily take the win.



The 2nd XI Boys team have also recorded a win and a loss so far this season. They sit in 4th position in their competition with 2 games to play.

The Junior Boys had an excellent win against Kelston Boys last week. The team bowled incredibly well to dismiss the opposition for only 26 runs. The wicket takers were Josh Simmons with 4 wickets and Ronan Heanaghan and Shehzur Ahmed both with 3 wickets. The team chased down the target with ease in the 6th over without losing a wicket.

VOLLEYBALL

The Boys and Girls Junior Volleyball teams have now finished their season. The Boys team played in the Central Division 3 grade and finished in 3rd place with 5 wins and 3 losses. Thank you to Mr Matila and John Wuatai for coaching this team. The Girls team played in the Central Division 1 grade and finished in 9th position. The team was coached by ex-student Leilani Marshall.

WATERPOLO

The Junior Boys team have had a tough season so far with the results not going their way. They have been training hard at EGGs on Thursday afternoons and many will look to take the step up to the senior team in 2014.

TOUCH

We have one junior boys team entered in the Central B Grade competition. They have played 3 games winning 2 with 1 draw and are currently 1st in their grade. They have 3 weeks of competition left this season.

LACROSSE

The Senior Boys Lacrosse team have finished their season in 6th position in Auckland. It was a very successful season with the team winning 4 games and losing 4 games. In the playoff for 5th/6th positions the team started well and were up 2-0 early in the 1st Quarter. Unfortunately they could not apply enough defensive pressure for the remainder of the game, eventually losing 5-8 to MAGS. Thank you to Mark Freemon for expertly coaching the team and Mrs Bartlett for managing the boys so well.



RUGBY SEVENS

We sent both a Boys and Girls Senior Sevens team to the Auckland Rugby Sevens Competition. The Boys team won 1 game and lost 3 in a tough pool. They lost their Plate Quarter Final to Papatoetoe. The Girls had a successful day and narrowly lost the Cup Quarter Final 12-17 to Edgewater.

ORIENTEERING

We sent 5 teams to the Auckland Secondary School Rogaine Championships held at Shakespeare Regional Park. For all of the teams this was their first ever time competing in a rogaine and they all learned a lot about this new sport. The highlight of the day was Felix Yang and Paul Robinson who finished 11th in the Junior Boys category. Keep any eye out for more Orienteering events in 2014 as they are a great way to challenge the body and mind!

TRAMPOLINING

Madison Smith (GDNB) competed in the New Zealand National Gymsports Championships in October. Her highlight was finishing in 3rd place in the Double Mini Trampoline. She was competing against girls from around New Zealand and Australia and was the youngest international competitor. Well done Maddie.



ROSKILL PAST-STUDENT SHOWS THE WAY IN YOUTH ACTIVISM

Shruthi Vijayakumar—ex MRGS student—co-organised The Plastic Bottle Kayak Expedition which saw 25 young people from all over New Zealand kayaking the Whanganui River in kayaks made of plastic bottles to raise awareness of the need for ethical consumerism. She has hosted a TED talk about her experience and her wish to highlight environmental sustainability. Her talk can be viewed at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uCwg93KrS8&desktop_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D1uCwg93KrS8&app=desktop

Shruthi's journey into youth activism and entrepreneurship began with a trip to Cambodia in 2009 as a World Vision Youth Ambassador, visiting development projects and communicating what she'd learned to her peers back home. In 2010 she became involved with the youth-for-youth charity P3 Foundation, taking on the role of CEO in 2011 and growing P3 from 20 volunteers to a national organization with over 100 volunteers. In 2012 she was selected as a Young Explorer for the Mike Horn Pangaea Project enabling her to explore the Swiss Alps and the Amazon Rainforest on an environmental expedition. She was a semi-finalist for the Young New Zealander of the Year Award. Shruthi recently completed a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Auckland and now works for the Boston Consulting Group.





VISIT OF NZ BOXING CHAMPION TO MRGS



At the start of this term Joseph Parker, national heavyweight boxing champion visited one of our assemblies. He was accompanied by his manager Kevin Barry who also spoke to our students. They reminded us all of the rewards of dedication and application and Joseph encouraged our students with his own story of achievement through goal setting and focussed effort. The visitors met with students informally before the assembly and many were able to have their photo taken in the company of the rising 21 year-old sports star. After his recent title victory he brought with him the championship belt which was also a focus of interest as he answered question in the school gym at lunchtime.

WIZARD OF OZ RECEIVES SHOWDOWN TOP AWARDS

The MRGS production 'Wizard of Oz' nominated in 4 categories of the Showdown Auckland secondary school production competition, gained three top prizes at the awards ceremony this month. The prize for Best Costume Design went to our talented teachers, Ms Gillies, Ms Meyer, Ms Shearer, Ms Hughes, Ms Scrimshaw and Ms Pringle. The prize for Best Female in a Leading role went to our own Grace Usumaki (for her portrayal of Dorothy) and one of the most prestigious awards, Best Director was deservedly won by Ms Gillies—the driving force behind this year's successful show.

All schools in Auckland can enter their performances in the Showdown contest which sends a judging team of experienced theatre practitioners to each show entered and assesses them for the quality of presentation and performance across 23 categories. The aim of the competition is to encourage young performers and foster excellence in the performing arts. Through the composition of the judging panel and the publicity generated by the competition stronger links are built between school programmes and Auckland community theatres. The awards were announced and presented at a sparkling Sky City event. Roskill's success in its first year of entry is an indication of the quality of performing arts at our school and we look forward to future awards in the Showdown competition.



Grace Usumaki receives her award at Sky City.





WIDER EDUCATION YEAR 9 AND 10 - WEDNESDAY 4TH – FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Wider Education (4th – 6th December) is a tradition at MRGS where Year 9 and 10 students have the opportunity to extend their learning outside of the classroom. It is expected that all students participate. Your student has received information about their activity this week. Please return permission forms, health information and full payment as soon as possible. Please contact [L Leman](#) with any questions.



JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING – TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

The **Junior Prize giving** will be held in the Hall at 9-30am on the morning of Tuesday 10th December.

The prize giving is the culmination of the junior school year and all junior students must attend.

Junior students are required to be **in their form room by 9-00 am** for roll call. All students will be escorted by their form teachers to the hall to take their seats at 9-15 am for a 9-30 am start to the ceremony.

Caregivers and family of students are invited to attend and must be seated by 9-15 am in the hall.

We hope that you are able to be present on morning of December 10th to applaud our high achievers, to celebrate the commitment of many junior students to the school community and to enjoy items provided by some of our school music groups.

After the ceremony students will return to their form rooms to receive reports and they will then be dismissed by form teachers to go home for the summer holidays.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM:

As we come towards the end of the year there is an opportunity to sell your uniform using a community based system.

There are small advertising cards available in the Deans' Centre.

Write what you have to sell and your contact number on the card.

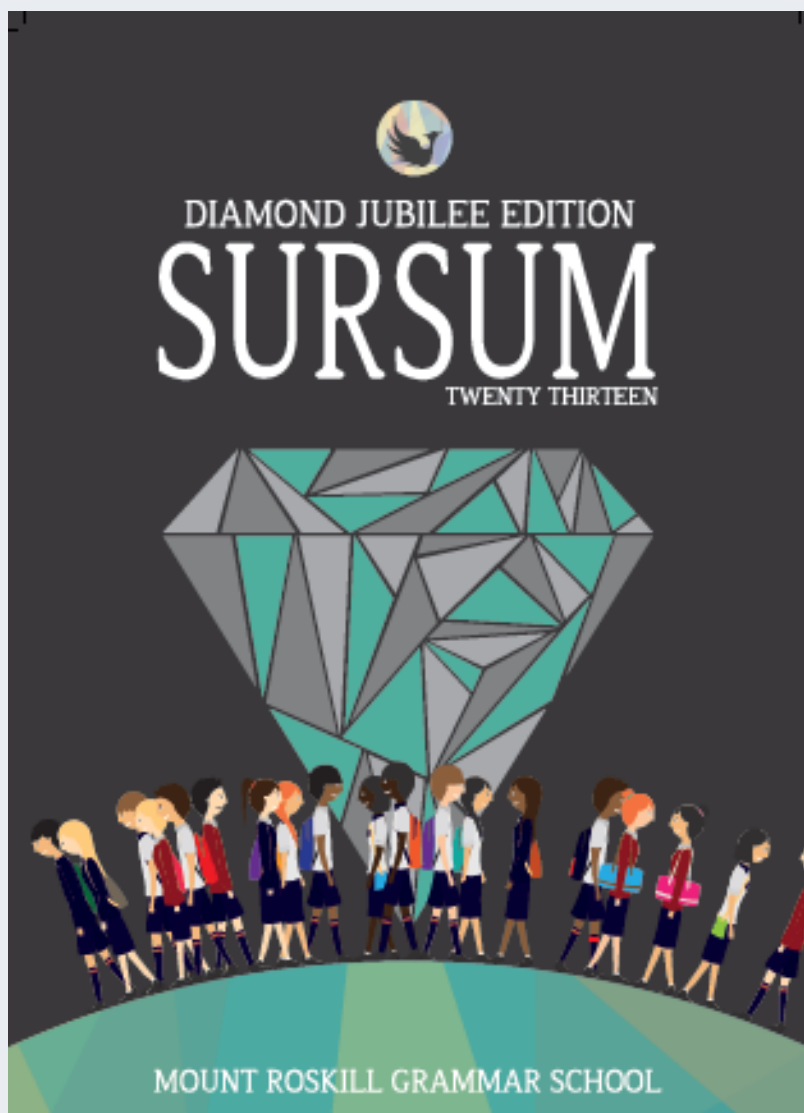
The card will be placed in the Deans' Centre window by a designated prefect.

The cards will be removed after three weeks.

This is a community run initiative and the school is not responsible for any handling of money.



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!!*



TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT HOSTS EXHIBITION OF STUDENT WORK



The Technology students at MRGS would like to warmly invite you to our 2013 Techxhibition.

Thursday 21st November
5.30 – 7.00 (Fashion show at 6.00)
Senior Common Room, MRGS

Showcasing student work from
Electronics, Multi-Materials, Fashion,
and Product and Spatial Design.

Refreshments Provided.

SAFE PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL CAMPUS

Park safely and keep our kids safe

Our school is participating in Auckland Transport's 'Safety at the School Gate' programme. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk.

Parking officers will be on patrol outside the school this term and will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally.

The agreed approach is 'zero tolerance' – There will be no warnings issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway – or for any other vehicle safety offence.



Please park legally
to keep our
children safe and
to avoid being
ticketed.

Fines for illegal parking include:

- Parked on the footpath or grass verge/ berm \$40
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- Parked within 6m either side of an unmarked bus stop \$40
- Parked within a marked bus stop \$60
- Parked within 0.5m of a fire hydrant with no one in the car legally capable of moving it \$60
- Parked within a designated bus lane, transit or cycle lane \$60
- Parked on a clearway \$60
- Double parked \$60
- Inconsiderate parking to other road users, including pedestrians \$60
- Parked on or within 6m of an intersection \$60
- Parked on a pedestrian crossing \$60
- Parked on a broken yellow line \$60

These parking offences are detailed in the New Zealand Road Code.

Thank you for your cooperation.





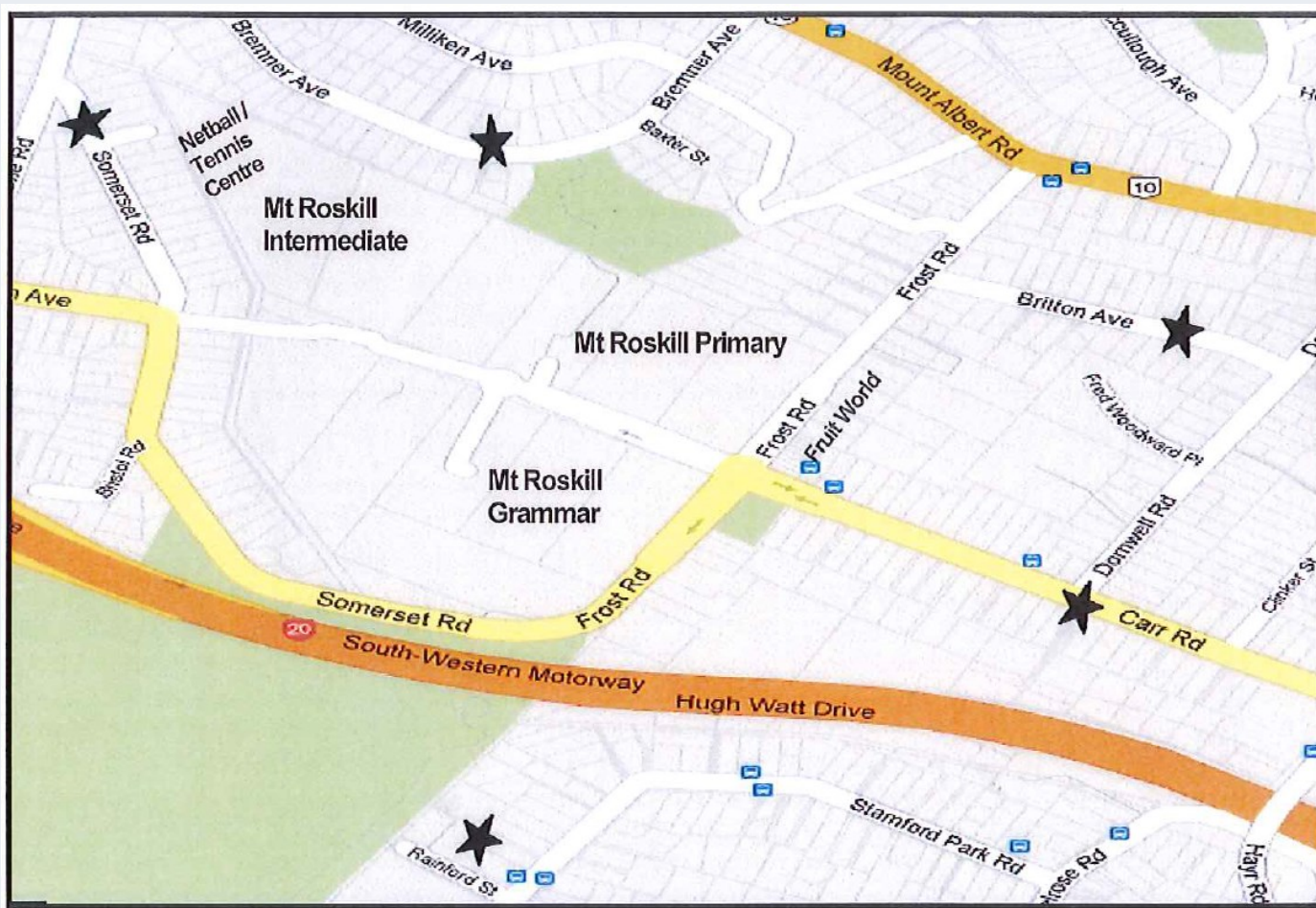
PICK UP AND DROP OFF INFORMATION FOR CAMPUS SCHOOLS

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.





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]



JUNIOR MUSIC PERFORMANCE EVENING 28TH NOVEMBER

The Music department is hosting a Junior Music Evening on Thursday 28 November. The performances start at 6.30pm, and will showcase the wide range of junior music groups we have in the department - featuring woodwind & brass ensembles, some bands and vocal items. We welcome families and friends along to join us in celebrating the musical success of our junior students.





SPONSORSHIP FOR ROSKILL SPORTS TEAM

The MRGS Girls 1st XI Football team is proudly sponsored by the following businesses :-

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