

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Being at school is one of the best investments young people can make for their future. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success, and increase their career and life options.

It's really pleasing to see that at MRGS the rate of absenteeism from classes has decreased from 9% in term 1 2009 to 5 % in term 1 2010. That is well over 50 more students attending lessons each day. Over the last year we have put in place new systems to ensure that students attend regularly including a new Deans' Centre.



We want to continue working with families to further improve attendance. Our school reports will show how many lessons students have attended in each subject during the reporting period, and we will continue to correspond with families when there are concerns about attendance. We expect junior reports to be issued on Friday 18 June.

While attendance is improving, lateness to school is a significant concern. Your support in ensuring that your son or daughter is at school ready to learn at 8.40 a.m (or 9.17 a.m on Wednesday) is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our Open A netball team who have won their way through into the premier grade for the first time in several years. The team is playing excellent netball under the guidance of their coach Mardia Te Whiu.

I look forward to meeting families at the Junior Report Evening on Thursday 24 June.

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G B Watson  
Principal

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

### Mount Roskill Grammar School Board of Trustees Election 2010

Declaration of Voting in the Election of Parent / Staff Representatives to Board of Trustees

Parent Representatives Valid Votes cast:

Alefosio Dora	168
Gray Peter	225
Horne Anne	238
Kumar Ella	184
Lim Ewe Leong	170
Mulrennan Sue	104
Nory Vijaya	45
Oge Helen	120
Pot Marjet	189
Tohi Lu'isa	102
Tualima Loi	56
Yandall Peter	106
Invalid Votes cast:	2

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Horne Anne	238
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Pot Marjet	189
Kumar Ella	184
Lim Ewe Leong	170

Staff Representative votes cast:

Williams David	106	Elected
Reid Wendy	50	

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**RETURNING OFFICER**

## NEW STAFF THIS TERM

Ms Brenda Meyer, an experienced teacher, has been appointed HOD Performing Arts (LTR) while Mr John Coker has joined Mathematics as an assistant teacher, his first appointment. Ms Mary Jane Walker in English and Ms Olivia Stanley in Physical Education are relieving for the rest of the year; Mr Darren Simpson in English, Ms Gillys Miller in Social Sciences and Ms Sarah Anderson in Guidance are relieving for this term. We are pleased to welcome these additions to our staff and the quality they will add to our pupils' education.

## YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

The west coast beach at Muriwai was the destination for 160 keen Year 13 Geography students. The aim of the day was for students to collect data to enrich their learning of natural processes for AS90701. Armed with oranges, for Long Shore Drift, greasy sticks, for Saltation, pencils for field sketching and colouring pencils because it is Geography after all, the students set off from each end of the study area swapping over briefly at the Dunz cafe for lunch. It was all hands to the pump in the Geography department with all present and some past members brought along to supervise. Special mention goes to Mr Hall proving that old geographers never give in. While the newcomers retreated to the cafe when a typical west coast squall swept in Mr Hall remained at his post on the tip of the Headland with only a flax bush for protection. It was a very positive day and the department is looking forward to seeing the students results.

## ANZAC DAY SERVICE

It was a beautiful Sunday morning on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, as all the Prefects of Mt Roskill were gathered to pay our respects to the fallen soldiers and veterans. We gathered on the corner of May Rd and Denbigh Ave then took part in the march with other schools and organisations and general public, to The May Rd War Memorial. When we arrived at the full Memorial Hall we found our place, then waited for the ceremony to begin. There were many people of the Mt Roskill community including Phill Goff, Jackie Blue, Reverend Mark Johnson, Mt Roskill Rotary Club as well as our very own Mt Roskill Grammar school choir. The procedure flowed smoothly and respectfully from an introduction through to scripture passages read by students from Marcellin College, with hymns and prayers throughout. The lowering and raising of the flag was commemorating and had a great impact on everyone with the brass trumpet playing in the background. Mt Roskill Grammar participated with Head Boy and Girl, Zane Van Lieshout and Helen Edminston, laying of the wreath out of respect to the fallen soldiers from the Mt Roskill school community. By the end of the ceremony, our Prefects gave a hand to whoever needed it in stacking away chairs and helping wherever needed. This was a first for some but certainly not a last as it was very spiritually moving as we paid our respects to those who sacrificed themselves for our freedom.



## SENIOR EXAMINATIONS

These will be held from Thursday 27th May to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. A copy of the timetable for the examinations is included in this newsletter (see the centre pages).

Please note:

- During the six days of the examinations Senior Students (Years 11-13) are only required at school when they have an examination, (for the rest of the time they have study leave).
- Students need to be aware of the time and date of their examinations.
- It is a student's responsibility to be aware of the examination rules and to be present.
- In case of illness a student **MUST** have a medical certificate.
- Late comers will not be allowed into the examination if they arrive more than 15 minutes after the scheduled beginning of the examination. They must report to the Dean's Centre upon arrival.

*Examinations start times:*

**Morning:** 9.15am for 3 hour exams

10.15am for 2 hour exams

At the time designated where the exam is shorter than 2 hours or a practical assessment with more than one sitting

**Afternoon:** 1.00pm for all examinations

*School start times:*

**Thursday 27<sup>nd</sup> May – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June NB: Rotation**

Form Period	8.40	Friday	28 May	<b>2-6</b>
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Period 1	8.50 – 9.50	Tuesday	1 June	<b>3-1</b>
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Interval	9.50 – 10.15
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Period 2	10.15 – 11.15
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Period 3	11.15 – 12.15
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Lunch	12.15 – 1.00
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**N.B.** No assemblies during exam period

**No SSR**

Period 4	1.00 – 2.00
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Period 5	2.00 – 3.00
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**JUNIOR STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL WILL START AT 8.40AM ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE.**

**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY.**

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## MAHURANGI EXCHANGE

This year's exchange took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April with Roskill 180 students heading northward. For the first time ever the Mt Roskill Kapa Haka group lead our party in the Powhiri, beginning proceedings with great passion and dignity. Mr Buckley and Ms Te Whiu had organised the day perfectly even laying on fine weather for the spectators. While the individual match reports follow it is sufficient to say that the games were played in magnificent spirit and while results might not have always gone our way everyone came away greatly rewarded from the experience.

### Basketball U19 Girls

**Team:** Lita Vatuvei, Theresa Vi, Sera Waqa, Lucille Downe, Carnera Frost, Palu Malu, Leilani Marshall, Imran Salad, Tenisha Teura, Renae Toelau. The game got off to a passionate start with both teams confronting each other head on. Lita Vatuvei was quickly nicknamed "The Champion" with her efforts throughout the match, providing a solid block and scoring 10 of Roskill's 36 points. Sera Waqa also took her shots at the basket scoring 8 more points. Theresa Vi took the chances of several key interceptions. Mr. Buckley provided some imperative coaching throughout the game. The teamwork and spirit of the Roskill team remained strong throughout as they fought valiantly against Mahurangi. The team got some interesting support through the chanting of the boys' basketball team. In the end Roskill sadly lost 40-36.



### Boys Under-19 Basketball

**Team:** William Fonua, Awot Hailemichael, Yueh-Ha Lai, Kevin Lam, Jamal Mohamed, Tata Nyunt, Jason Ou, Tony Pruksanunt, Parveer Singh, Josh Wilson. The under-19 boys basketball team went into the match confident and well prepared. Their intensive training showed in the opening quarters, where they extended their lead to over 10 points. Mt Roskill fought hard to keep this lead, with Josh Wilson and Tata Nyunt providing strong leadership and good play. The Mahurangi team proved to be a challenge for Mt Roskill and they had to work hard to stay on top. Unfortunately, Mahurangi kept nibbling away at our lead before overtaking us in the fourth quarter to end the match 51-47 to Mahurangi College. Teacher in charge- Mr C. Buckley.

### Netball Intermediate 1

**Team:** Louann Campos, Florence Fialua, Teukialupe Havea, Nancy Hoeter, Imasha Kumarawansa, Kristal Manase, Temalisi Piutau, Telesia Sevele, Esther Usumaki. Teacher in charge- Ms. A. Harvie. One of the first games of the day, the Intermediate Girl's netball team worked hard to open the overall innings in Mt Roskill's favour. The girls put up a strong fight against Mahurangi, keeping the opposition on their toes throughout the game. Proficient passing and solid attack and defence helped the girls to a close finish, which went Mahurangi's way with a closing score of 19-17.





## Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI Soccer

**Team:** Ahmad Alshamsi, Enes Cenkci, Devneel Chand, Caleb Deverell, Naweed Faghiyar, Kris Gounder, Jacky Lin, Metia Lisati, Paudel Aalok, Aakash Rai, Omar Sawaiz, Ameer Sing, Ben Speedy, Masillan Veejian, Anfernee Yee, Teacher in charge- Mr A. Rankin. After the loss of the girls 1<sup>st</sup> eleven soccer team to Mahurangi, the boys



were determined to do better in their match. Although the game started sluggishly in the first half, Mt Roskill scored the opening goal thanks to Devneel Chand. Mahurangi made several close attempts but none quite entered the net. In the second half, both teams picked up their game, especially their offence, with Ben Speedy skilfully marking the opposition. Strong defence and fantastic work by all the players ensured that the three goals by Mt Roskill went unanswered, with a final score of 3-0 to Mt Roskill.

## 1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys Hockey

From the first whistle the 1<sup>st</sup> XI hockey boys began to dominate the Mahurangi side. Within the first five minutes Roskill had scored and not long after had scored once more. However, playing as a new team, Mahurangi managed to score a goal after half time, bringing the final score to 2-1 to Roskill. Exceptional play from the entire team. Goal scorers were Vishal Patel and Eshan Taio. Special thanks goes to Mr Hays our coach, for organising the team, and Year 13 students Jaiman Patel, Kiran Ramji and Aditya Verma for having an awesome last ever exchange.

## 1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls Hockey

Mount Roskill First eleven girls put on a great performance against Mahurangi College on Wednesday. Our annual exchange is always tough and this year was no exception! After being un-prepared due to a very hasty time change we took a hit and were down 4 - nil in the first ten minutes. Once everyone was all fired up, it was time to fight back and show everyone why we are the first eleven. By the end of the first half we had managed to work together and get the ball in the back of the goal. With a final score of 6 - 4 to Mahurangi, we were very proud of our game, how well we pulled together as a team, our goal scorers Amelia, Alana and Michelle(2) and how, right to the last whistle, there was no sign of giving up.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 2		
<b>May</b>	Thursday 27 – Thursday 3 June	<b>Senior Exams</b>
<b>June</b>	Friday 4	<b>School Holiday</b>
	Monday 7	<b>Queen's Birthday</b>
	Thursday 10	Junior Options Exams
	Friday 18	Junior Reports Issued
	Thursday 24	Junior Report Evening
<b>July</b>	Friday 2	<b>END OF TERM 2</b>
	Saturday 3	School Ball

TERM DATES 2010		
<b>Term 3</b>	Tuesday 20 July	Friday 24 September
	(Monday 19 July ) <b>(Teacher only Day)</b>	
	Wednesday 21 July	Senior Report Evening
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 11 October	Friday 10 December

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