



# MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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2014**

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Sticking to the plan and finishing strong has been the goal for all of our students as final assessments are being completed.

It has been pleasing to see the determination of many of our senior students to achieve their very best through taking up all of the tutoring opportunities made available. Our year 9 and 10 students have recently completed exams and are looking forward to participating in the wider education programme.

As part of the schools intent to improve facilities we are in the process of upgrading our football field. It is being laser levelled and an irrigation and drainage system will be installed. We expect the new pitch to support the growing strength of football in the school from term 2 next year.

Congratulations to 8 teachers who have gained study grants for 2015. Janice Whitaker-Hall, Judy Insull, Fiona Leigh, Gaylyn Byrne, Lorraine Vickery, David Hithersay, Pauai Afele and Vicki Earl will be funded for some release time to progress their learning in areas such as digital and collaborative learning and computer science.

Enabling students to become capable learners is supported when they see their teachers continuing their professional learning.

## School Donations

Thank you to everyone who has paid the 2014 donation. The money enables us to go the extra mile for students. This year we have focussed on developing our e-learning programme and in term 4 all students have been able to connect their device to the school's wifi network. There are many more steps to take in developing our systems to ensure e-learning is an integral part of the way we do things at MRGS. We would greatly appreciate any further donations to get us across the line for 2014.

Ki nga taumata!

Greg Watson, **PRINCIPAL**



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## SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Once again we celebrated a successful year of achievement at the start of this term as we honoured our senior students. Board Chair Marjet Pot opened the evening with an acknowledgement of the school's continuing fostering of 'powerful learners' followed by the Principal Mr. Watson who spoke of the year's developments and the commitment of our learning community to achievement. The presentations were punctuated by performances from a variety of music groups evidencing the talent of our



Dux—Alice Ng

school. Performances ranged from Concert band pieces, an orchestral rendition of 'Pirates of The Caribbean' to a stirring recessional by our rock band Vertigo. We were privileged to have guests from many institutions to present their awards and scholarships and our local MP Rt Hon. Phil Goff was able to attend straight from a parliamentary vote - to honour a number of our senior achievers and congratulate them on their work this year. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of our two premier scholars . Proxime Accessit Lizanne Gomes and MRGS Dux for 2014 Alice Ng—both of these students in their consistent high achievement and commitment to learning exemplify the vision and qualities of our school. At the end of the evening

Head Prefects, Hayden Couper and Mildred Wong addressed the school and commented on their time at Roskill—their speeches crystallized the service and loyalty they both have given to the school this year. After the ceremony prizewinners and guests enjoyed a light supper in the staffroom where they were able to mingle with teachers and once again share in their achievements.



Unitec Start Award	Joseph Kaufusi	University of Auckland Jubilee Award	Jiantao Shen
Unitec Start Award	Jennifer Mafile'o	University of Auckland Jubilee Award	Angela Zhao
Unitec Partner School Scholarship Award	Mari Isnit	University of Auckland Scholarship	Mildred Wong
University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship	Sandra Mathew	University of Auckland -Academic Excellence Scholarship	Lucy Yan
The AUT - Vice Chancellor's Scholarship	Victoria Mulrennan	Enterprise Foundation Scholarship	Eleanor Mulrennan
University of Auckland Jubilee Award	Stella Kolakalan	Enterprise Foundation Scholarship	Victoria Mulrennan
University of Auckland Jubilee Award	Theodore Loretz	Enterprise Foundation Scholarship	Neha Kohle
University of Auckland Jubilee Award	Alice Ng	Proxime Accessit	Lizanne Gomes
University of Auckland Jubilee Award	Nirosana Satkunarajah	Dux	Alice Ng



### CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD: THE SUCCESSFUL TRADITION CONTINUES..

Once again MRGS is succeeding in the Chemistry Olympiad. In the last two weeks we received the results of the first stage of the 2015 Olympiad selection process.

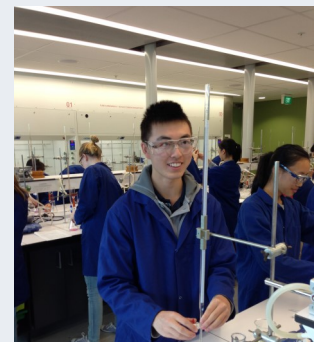
Fourteen students from the school entered and nine of these have been selected for the next stage training group.

A gold certificate places a student in the top 10% nationwide, and a silver in the next 15%. The next 20% received a bronze award. Each of these students will follow a training programme at the start of next year in which they will work on various modules. In early March students will sit a selection examination and from the results of this New Zealand-wide process 25 students will be selected to attend a training camp where a final 4 person team to represent NZ will be chosen. Last year Roskill students, Victor Xie and Mark Yep formed half of the national team and competed successfully in Vietnam returning with Bronze medals for their country. Mark had the top NZ result with the second highest score for his bronze. Roskill not only supplied half of the NZ team of four but also one of our staff



MRGS Chemistry Olympiad Medal Winners		
Nathan	McDougall	Gold
Rayner	Rebello	Silver
Deeksha	Vijayakumar	Bronze
Lily	Li	Bronze
Joyce	Wong	Bronze
Raymond	Wang	Bronze
Vilia	Li	Bronze
Hasnain	Cheena	Bronze
Sai Krupa	Narayana	Bronze

Dr. Stephen McCracken HOD Chemistry was invited by the Olympiad organisation to attend as an observer.

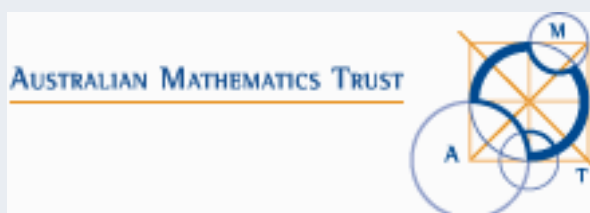


Victor Xie—one of this year's NZ team members

### AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION SUCCESS

Once again Roskill students performed at the highest levels in this year's Australian Mathematics Competition— out of 55 Junior students entering 16 received distinction level awards and year 9 student Harsh Talathi gained a high distinction.

Y9 Distinction winners	Y10 Distinction winners		Y9 High Distinction Winner
Anna Gupta	Juin Ma	Felix Yang	Harsh Talathi
Selena He	Madhulika Ravuri	Naomi Inque-Ratapaksa	
Ellen Peng	Tushar Thakur	Josette Xu	
Natalie Tan	Jahnvi Trivedi		
Sardu Yan			







## CAMPUS MAORI GRADUATION

In late October the three schools of the campus once again held their annual graduation for Maori students. The well-attended evening saw students from each of the schools formally handed over to the next stage of their learning journey. Our Kaumatua Ted Ratana opened the evening with a karakia followed by welcomes from Kristen Walsham MRIS Principal and Jackie-Jade Ruri campus Maori co-ordinator. The first stage of the celebration saw the presentation of awards for achievement and commitment for selected students. In the Grammar School section two prestigious trophies were received by students:



<b><i>Te Iwi Ngaro Trophy—best all-round Maori student</i></b>	<b><i>Solomon Penny</i></b>
<b><i>Mana Taiohi Trophy—leadership in Kapahaka</i></b>	<b><i>Luke Edmonds and Karina Murray</i></b>

The second stage of the evening's events involved the graduation of Maori students from each institution. Year 6 students from the primary school were presented with certificates and taonga by Mr Mike O'Reilly Primary school Principal and then joined the Intermediate group signifying their transition. Year 8 graduating students were then presented by Kristen Walsham before being handed across to the grammar school group. Finally Y13 students were presented with certificates and taonga by Principal Greg Watson and received by the whanau. Each graduation stage was accompanied by a performance from the respective school's kapahaka group and followed by a welcome into their new learning home by a haka of acknowledgement. At the close of the evening all present sang the campus Waiata and, following final speeches, everyone was invited to share kai in the Intermediate courtyard. This marvellous event continues our celebration of the achievement of our Maori students as they transition in their education and life journey.





## SPORTS AWARDS EVENING

At the end of last term the school held the Sports Awards evening to celebrate the accomplishments of Roskill students in their sports co-curricular endeavor. The evening was attended by players, coaches, teachers and parent/caregivers who warmly applauded the range of achievement evidenced by each presentation. As the audience gathered they were entertained by projected photos of every code this year and were treated to remembered highlights for many teams. The guest presenter was Black Sticks player Arun Panchia who took part in a question and answer session with Director of Sport Mr Horne, and shared his international and recent Olympic experience with the audience before being asked to present a number of our awards. School colours for leadership and participation were presented throughout the evening together with a range of trophies and the event culminated in the announcement of the major awards for top sports players and teams. In the final top individual presentations Sportswoman of the year was Keren Smith for her outstanding athleticism in a range of codes including representing Auckland and New Zealand in trampolining. Sportsman of the Year award was given to Santosh Singh for his inspiring leadership of the championship winning 1st XI football team. Once the formal events of the evening were over, award winners and guests enjoyed dessert together and had time for further congratulations and photographs.

<b>Staff Coaching Award</b>	<b>Mr. Kelsey Hays</b>	<b>Best All-Round Sportswoman</b>	<b>Martha Havea</b>
<b>The Robert Laing Trophy</b>	<b>Junior Kasiano</b>	<b>Best All-Round Sportsman</b>	<b>'Otumaka Mausia</b>
<b>The Natrass family Trophy</b>	<b>Victoria Mulrennan</b>	<b>Sportswoman of the Year</b>	<b>Madison Smith</b>
<b>MRGS Boys Team of the Year</b>	<b>Hockey 1st XI</b>	<b>Sportsman of the Year</b>	<b>Santosh Singh</b>
<b>MRGS Girls Team of the Year</b>	<b>Hockey 1st XI</b>		







## ARTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS EVENING

For the second year the school's Arts and Cultural community came together recently to celebrate a year's commitment and achievement. The evening saw the presentation of colours awards, certificates and trophies across the range of co-curricular artistry at Roskill. The marvelous spectacle of Polyfest, the joyously entertaining 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', the musical talent of the Campus Concert and KBB festival and also the 'Stand Up Stand Out' competition were all reflected in the parade of prizewinners. Each segment of the evening was bracketed by performances which epitomized the strength of arts and culture in our community. Our Concert Band opened proceedings with a duet of



arrangements including 'Appalachian Morning', a little later the Kapa Haka group performed 'Emiinaka ana' to herald the award of outstanding classroom effort certificates. At the half-way point of the evening a group performed a devised drama piece which evocatively captured human dilemmas. Subsequently we were entertained by an item from the Indian Dance group and finally the jazz combo played out the evening as all award winners and guests moved off for a supper together and further sharing of the year's performance memories.

<b>PFA Leadership Award</b>	<b>Victoria Mulrennan</b>	<b>Raewyn Winny Award</b>	<b>Praveen Krishna</b>
<b>PFA Co-curricular Contribu-</b>	<b>Eleanor Mulrennan</b>	<b>Bryss Trophy for Leadership</b>	<b>Lizanne Gomes</b>
		<b>Composition Cup</b>	<b>Mark Bingham</b>

## JUNIOR CURRICULUM REVIEW

Our work has been continuing to progress and the following will be in place for 2015:

- Chinese will be offered at Year 9
- Performing Arts-Dance and Drama-will be offered at Year 9
- All Year 9 students will learn one Technology and one Arts subject
- Academy programmes in Football, Rugby, Robotics, Maori and Hockey will be introduced at Year 9

These are exciting times for us and we look forward to updating you as more information becomes available.



## PEER SEXUALITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME



Congratulations to our Peer Sexuality Support Team on winning the 2014 Auckland District Health Board "Team Dynamic Award"! The team consists of Loraine Brown, Kavish Dharan, Joseph Madsen, Hasiba Zareh, Solomon Penny, Junior Kasiano and Conor Ferencz .

Congratulations to Josette Xu, Ioanata Cowley-Lupo, Mary-Kate Fonua, Erin Newton and Sanaj Deshpande on being selected to be trained in 2015.

## PEACE AWARDS SUCCESS

At the annual Peace Awards ceremony in September a number of our students were honoured for their contributions to Peace week and peace activities throughout the year. Diana Qiu won the Auckland City Youth Peace award for all her peace activities over the last 3 years. The official citation for the award refers to: *'her outstanding devotion to peace building within her school and wider community; for being an ambassador of social justice, peer mediator and mentor; and for being active and enthusiastic leader in many peace-related events.'*

Stephen Njoto won best NZ peace artworks for the 13-19 year old category, with Azra Banu being runner up. Yolande Wang and Vinnie Law won peoples choice award for peace artworks. The work of all these students is testament to their active and responsible citizenship.



## NEW FEATURE—FROM DAYS GONE BY:

### 1953-56:

- Sports every Tuesday afternoon, and military drill for the boys and hobby clubs for the girls every Thursday.
- School concerts held first at the Capitol Theatre in Dominion Rd, and later at the Town Hall

From Reminiscences of a Foundation Student – Patricia Williams (nee Joseph) in 1977 MRGS Magazine



## HOD PERFORMING ARTS GAINS 'MOST INSPIRING TEACHER AWARD'



Ms. Meyer HOD Performing Arts gained 2nd place in the Warehouse Stationery 'Most Inspiring Teacher' Competition. Students in Auckland were asked to nominate teachers who they saw as inspiring in their school. A number of performing arts and other students nominated Ms Meyer for her tireless work this year and in previous years in promoting and inspiring student effort and performance. This year particularly she was a driving force behind the 'resurrection' of the school production—when it seemed that early plans

for a show faltered she led the students in developing and producing 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory' at short notice and turned out a sold-out extended run of marvelous entertainment. At a school assembly representatives of Warehouse stationery presented Ms. Meyer with her award and a host of warehouse products - electronic and stationery. The school also received in recognition of her achievement a \$500 voucher for use at the store.

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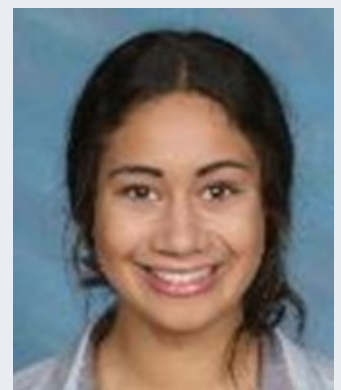


Recognising teachers  
that go the extra mile

## HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION FOR ROSKILL PLAYER

Year 12 student and 1stXI Girls Hockey player Tiana Tuialii has been selected to play for the Samoan Senior Womens Hockey Team in their upcoming games in Fiji in early December. This selection is recognition of her skills and caps a successful year in which with her Roskill team she achieved 1st equal place in the Auckland Open A grade.

Tiana's selection is a proud honour for her family and she follows in the international representative footsteps of her uncle Fiti who played for the Western Samoa rugby team.







## TECHXIBITION

The Technology Departments' recent Techxibition is set to become an annual event at Mount Roskill Grammar School. Led by Fashion Technology teacher Kathryn Shearer the event pulls together examples of senior student work from across the Technology subjects in a celebration of student learning. A selection of beautiful pieces of furniture including desks, shelving units, coffee tables, deck chairs and picnic tables, as well as sturdy yet portable Natural Disaster Kits designed to contain food, tools and first aid items that would be required in the wake of a natural disaster were on display from the Materials classes. Electronics showcased their ever-popular amplifiers which played student friendly music, as well as a range of digital, sensor controlled clocks and selected year 13 projects. Fashion Technology showed off student design work alongside hanging garments and put on a fashion show in which the work of our year 11, 12 and 13 fashion designers was modelled. In the show we saw a selection of chic knit tops styled with full length skirts and leggings as well as stand-out garments including a Tudor style Halloween costume, a shirt dress with cut-out details at the shoulders and a sleeveless plaid shirt with feature dome closures. Design and Visual Communication displayed a range of top level portfolio and CAD work from year 12 and 13 students, showcasing the impressive design thinking, ideation and presentation that senior students are producing in Spatial and Product design contexts. From the Technology department we would like to extend our thanks to everyone involved in the organisation and set up of our exhibition and to those who came along and showed support for our students. We are proud of the learning journeys our students have taken this year and the impressive products that are a result of this. We hope to see you all at our Techxibition in 2015!



## SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS AT JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

### At MRGS we are Active Responsible Citizens:

Please consider those less fortunate over the upcoming holiday season. At Junior Prizegiving we will be presenting gifts and food to the Salvation Army to distribute in the Mt Roskill community. Please bring donations of toys and/or non-perishable food stuffs to the main office. If you have wrapped the gift please put a tag on regarding the age the toy would suit. Thank you in advance for your care of our wider Roskill community.





### FUJI XEROX NEXT GENERATION LEADER PROGRAMME

Deputy Head Prefect Praveen Krishna has taken part this year in the Fuji Xerox Next Generation Leaders Programme—which has been designed for high achieving secondary students who have exemplary leadership skills, to help them become future leaders of New Zealand. During the programme Praveen and the other 28 students from across the country have been working on purposeful acts of leadership projects mentored by Calum Revfem, Chairman of the Enviro Cjchallenge Trust. The programme has been in three



stages through the year and each stage has featured action-orientated tasks and activities that provided a great learning platform for the students, giving them practical skills for becoming future leaders in their communities. With the help of Business partners the programme also offered a unique opportunity for an in-depth look into the real working environments of different career paths that interested the students. The final event of the programme took place in October and was developed in partnership with the Sir Peter Blake Trust. The day was packed with student presentations, an outstanding leadership development workshop and a graduation ceremony. Praveen graduated with the other students and now joins the strong alumni base which has grown to 70 graduates since the programme launched in 2012.



### OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATION

At the end of the year we are asking Year 13 leavers to consider donating their old school uniform to the school. This year everyone who donates uniform will go into a draw to win Itunes and Countdown vouchers. The donated uniform is used to either give or lend to students when their uniform is damaged during the day, left at home, lost or stolen, left in a friend's locker or they simply need a jumper to keep warm. Senior and Junior uniform is wanted and anything that students no longer need would be much appreciated, this includes PE gear. Please drop it off to the Deans Centre and if you would like to be included in the prize draw, please ensure you provide your name and contact details when you donate.





## MENTORING AND TRACKING 2015

Thank you to parents and students who submitted feedback through the email opportunity or at the Conference. This information gives us a platform to work from for improvement for next year. Next year both Year 11 and 12 students will have Mentoring support. We are currently working through the next steps to progress this programme with our staff and will keep you informed.

## SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A range of additional learning opportunities have been offered for our senior students during this term culminating in many students coming into school in their study week before the NCEA exams started to do revision work. It has been heartening to see the commitment of our students who want to excel and the dedication from our staff to strengthen the learning partnership that they have with our learners.

## Computing Department News

Jonathan Khoo is to be congratulated on his success in gaining a gold medal in the Informatics Olympiad. It is a 3 hour computer programming competition, with over 275 students entered from NZ, Australia and Singapore. Jonathan is the first New Zealander to win a gold medal, and came third overall with 278 points out of 300. He has been invited to attend the summer training camp for the NZ Olympiad team and if selected will head to Kazakhstan next August.

## WIDER EDUCATION FOR JUNIOR STUDENTS TERM 4

Wider Education (3rd–5th December, Week 9) is a school tradition at MRGS. It is an opportunity for Year 9 and 10 students to take their learning outside the classroom. They will learn new skills, make new friends and develop as individuals whilst having fun! Year 9's will have a series of day trips and activities to choose from, while Year 10's are encouraged to attend overnight camps. The main camp for Year 10 students is at CYC Ngaruawahia this year with activities such as archery, swimming, water and mud slides, kayaking, and much more. There are also smaller camps and day trips as well as girls only options. Attending a camp or trip is compulsory for all students and there are fundraising opportunities available.







## MRGS E-LEARNING



The school ran a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) trial with selected classes in term three this year. Feedback from this trial was very positive. The potential for improved learning outcomes for students has led us to widen the trial group. **This term all Year 9 and Year 10 students are able to bring an internet capable device to school** to enhance their learning. This trial will run from Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup> through to Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December.

- ◆ Anytime, anywhere access to class resources, support and extension activities through 'iLearn';
- ◆ The ability to develop “digital” folders, portfolios and e-books for their classes; (that can't be lost, and never need replacing) through the use of 'My Portfolio', Google apps and office 365.
- ◆ Greater ability to communicate with teachers, parents and peers to support their learning through instant access to their student e-mail and other online tools;
- ◆ Anytime, anywhere safe access to unlimited resources and information on the internet;
- ◆ The ability to draft, redraft and publish their work at the click of a button;
- ◆ Allowing students to become active participants in their learning, students who manage themselves and are responsible digital citizens.

We are planning to roll out student BYOD to all students in 2015. During term 1 next year we will be issuing access codes and Google Drive accounts to all students starting with Year 10, then the Senior students (Yr11 – 13) and finally our new Year 9 students on the completion of their full digital citizenship course.



## DIWALI NIGHT FUNDRAISER—THANK YOU

The Mt Roskill Campus and community celebrated the "Festival of Lights" Diwali fundraiser night on the 17th October 2014 to help raise funds for the Mt Roskill water-base hockey turf project.

The event involved many talented students and community performances, cultural foods, henna application, cultural arts and crafts and clothing stalls.

*We would like to thank you all for supporting the event and we hope you can support our sponsors.*

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India Gate Restaurant

Roops Takeaways

New World, Stoddard road

The Red Warehouse - Stoddard Road

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Precious Beauty Parlour

Mt Smart Superette - Pravin Keshoor

Mt Roskill Junior Sports Academy

Sports First

Vanita Patel

Dhanu Bhikha

Kaveendra Krishna

*thank you*

*Ella Kumar*

*Fundraising Committee*





## 1<sup>ST</sup> XI BOYS FOOTBALL FUNDRAISING

In August 2014 a raffle was held to raise funds for the team to attend Tournament Week in Papatoetoe. Approximately \$1,300 was raised.

Congratulations to all the winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: C80 blue diamonds – Vanessa.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: D64 orange hearts – Joanne.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: A50 green hearts – Shiu

### THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF:

- ♦ Countdown Three Kings
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- ♦ Huckleberry Farms Royal Oak
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- ♦ Cityfitness Newmarket
- ♦ Wild Wheat Specialty Breads
- ♦ Orvieto Cafe Mt Eden
- ♦ Better Butchers of Mt Eden



Thank you also to the parents and the team for their time and effort spent on this fund raiser.



**Royal Oak**



**Mt Albert**





## CLOSURE OF ERNIE PINCHES FOOTBRIDGE

Ernie Pinches Footbridge which runs across the motorway will be closed for four months from the end of September to undertake essential widening works as part of the Waterview Connection.

The bridge is being extended to allow for the addition of an extra northbound lane between Dominion Road and Maioro Street. One pier will be completely removed and another replaced with a cable stay pylon. 22M of the existing bridge deck will also be replaced.

The bridge will be closed during these works, however the footpath on the western side will remain open. Pedestrians are recommended to use an alternative route via the Maioro Street interchange into Stoddard Road as shown in the photo below.

### SUGGESTED DETOUR ROUTE



## SCHOOL HEALTH CENTRE

**Doctor's Clinic** – The Health Centre has a doctor available to see the students for 12 hours a week during term times. The consultations are free and sometimes there is a small charge for scripts.

### 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.



## 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](mailto:admin@mrgs.school.nz) detailing the person you wish to contact in your subject line.

Your child's <b>Academic Programme</b>			
<b>Academic Deans</b>			
Year 9	Mrs F. Burns	Year 13	Mr R. Cornes
Year 10	Mr K Hays		Ms. N. Wilcox
Years 11 and 12	Mrs M. Brightmore Mrs S Singh		
Your child's relationships with students and staff— <b>Pastoral welfare</b>			
<b>House Deans— (Head of Deans = Mr D. Williams)</b>			
<b>Blue House</b>	Mrs S. Cave Mr. G Taunga	<b>Orange House</b>	Ms F Leigh Mr D Garraway
<b>Red House</b>	Ms M Cranch Mr A Ferguson	<b>Yellow House</b>	Mr C Chellew Mr R Subramaniyan
<b>Green House</b>	Mr D Williams Mr D Mc Gerty		
Your child's <b>attendance</b>			
Attendance Officer	Mrs E. Hyland		
Your child's <b>emotional welfare</b>	<b>Guidance Team</b>	Head of Guidance	Mrs M Hoogendoorn
Your child's <b>health</b>	<b>Nursing Team</b>	Receptionist Student Services	Ms J Pace
<b>Wider Issues of Concern</b>	<b>Deputy Principals</b>		
Blue House	Mr K Hall		
Red House	Mrs J Small		
Green House	Ms K Collins		
Orange House	Mr A Gipps		
Yellow House	Ms K Thomas		

## 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](mailto: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 2015

Term	First Day of term	Last Day of term
Term 1	School Admin Office opens 15th January New Students— 29th January ALL STUDENTS 30th January	Thursday 2nd April
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 4 — EVENTS

TERM FOUR			
November 10	NZQA Examinations start	December 3-5	Wider Education
December 2	NZQA Examinations end	December 9	Junior Prizegiving End of Term 4
		December 17	School Admin Office Closes

## PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION

Thank you to families who have paid their donation. Your support really makes a big difference! Last year voluntary parental donations assisted the school in providing a wide range of equipment including specialist sports equipment for Physical Education and a data projector for the school hall. The data projector is proving to be excellent for a range of student meetings and also for performing arts groups.

This year following the huge upgrade of our ICT network with ultrafast broadband and wireless capability we are wanting to provide class sets of laptops and tablets (computers on wheels) to a wider range of classes. Pilot programmes last year were very successful. We would also like to complete Phase 2 of the hall projector system which includes cameras and an improved sound system to enhance student performances. Donations also help with the running of our afterschool homework centres.

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

Parents can now access their students fees information through the school website kamar portal, by entering student user name and password. Parental contributions can be made via the DPS System using credit cards or by contacting our Accounts department on **621 0050 extension 755**. Direct credit facilities area available. Parental donations are tax deductible.





## ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS

Our school campus has joined with Auckland Transport to support their campaign of Safety at the School Gate—which encourages road users to be responsible

and reinforces this with transport warden patrols outside the school gates.



## 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.

## Park safely outside schools

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help protect our children and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put our kids at risk.

This term parking officers will be on patrol outside your school to issue tickets to those who are illegally parked.

### Fines for illegal parking include:

• Parked on the footpath or grass verge/ berm	\$40
• Parked across or within 1m of a vehicle entrance	\$40
• 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



## MRGS FUNDRAISING

**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>

# THREE KINGS

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# DENTAL CENTRE



**FREE TREATMENT FOR ENROLLED ADOLESCENTS**

**FREE ACC TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS UNDER 18**

**ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT (BRACES)**

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**OPEN 6 DAYS**

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



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### SPONSOR FOR 1ST XI GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM

We are pleased to announce that **Kip McGrath Mount Roskill** are sponsoring the uniforms of our Premier girls hockey team this coming season. We are grateful for the support to assist our development of excellence in the sport.



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