



MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Our first term has been full of highlights.

Following on from excellent NCEA and Scholarship results for 2015 our students are focused on taking their learning to the next level. The support from families has been fantastic especially through the mentoring and junior report evenings. We have seen great commitment from our cultural groups in training for their performances and the huge support and appreciation from families and whanau has been so special. The development of our facilities continues. This term we opened the Hodge Learning Commons – a comfortable, flexible learning space for everyone and a place for Year 13 to gather in a learning focused environment. The hockey turf is in the final phase of development and should be ready to go in May. Thank you to everyone who helped with fundraising for this top class facility.

Students are working hard in preparation for the winter season. The school production of Beauty and the Beast will be a treat and many sports teams are training with complete dedication.

We are looking to grow students' capability to plan and take responsibility for managing their learning and their wellbeing. Over the break the primary action for students is to have a rest so that they are refreshed and ready for learning in Term 2. Alongside this, choosing two or three learning topics to review in planned study sessions of fixed duration should complement the 'down time'.

Thank you for your support over the term.

Ki nga taumata

Greg Watson

PRINCIPAL

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR—MARJET POT

The March Board of Trustees meeting was started in the senior common room with a lesson on Learning Capability Time (LCT). The senior common room has been re-fitted over the summer break into an innovative learning environment (ILE).

An innovative learning environment is one that is capable of evolving and adapting as educational practices evolve and change, thus remaining future focused.



Extensive research has proven that students learn best when they are actively involved in decision making, initiating learning, collaborating together and making connections within and across the learning areas. The Ministry of Education expects all new classrooms will be built to an ILE and that schools will plan to change existing rooms to an ILE. Of course this can't happen overnight. The MRGS Board of Trustees has funded some tables and chairs of an ILE design in various classrooms but the senior common room is the first room to be completely refitted.



It doesn't look like the traditional classroom any more as the desks have replaced with tables and chairs of different shapes and sizes. Most of these tables have a white board finish so students can work in groups to write their thoughts and ideas on the table.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the curriculum in the school and it was appropriate that we had a lesson on Learning Capability Time (LCT) in the Innovative Learning Environment.

LCT is held in the afternoon three times a week and replaces what some of you may remember as sustained silent reading.

The Vision for LCT is that all Mount Roskill Grammar students are provided with learning opportunities that support their development of key learning dispositions and transferable skills or competencies that will help them to become successful, lifelong learners who are active and responsible citizens.

Each LCT lesson is a focused teaching and learning opportunity for students to work together as they grow their key capabilities. For example, students are explicitly taught the strategies to be persistent. Other learning areas in LCT are to learn how to effectively and professionally present my skills, qualifications and experience in a CV, or to know what caring and having empathy for others is, or to know how to study in a way that works well for me or to develop ideas about what kind of world I want to live in.

Adjoining the senior common room are the careers and gateway offices which will enable easier access for the senior students to these important staff members who can assist them with their career and pathways planning.

It was very educative session for the Board.

I wish you all a safe holiday,

Marjet Pot

Chairperson MRGS Board of Trustees





2016 ASB Polyfest

On the 16th – 20th March the annual ASB Polyfest took place at the Manukau Sports Bowl. This year, Mount Roskill Grammar had five groups participating; Maori, Samoan, Niuean, Indian, and Tongan. Each group put in many hours of practice and represented our school superbly at the event. We are proud of each groups efforts and would like to say a big thank you to everyone who was involved, from the staff and students to the family and community members that helped make this experience such a memorable and enjoyable event.



MRGS Tongan Culture Group 2016

There were 74 members of MRGS Tongan Cultural group who prepared and performed on Friday 18th at the ASB Polyfest. They were very positive and well behaved. They performed two different faiva (dancing). They did very well and won the first prize for Faha'iula and came second for Lakalaka. Members have learnt and experienced that they have to be positive and persevere in order to achieve a set goal. It is exciting that Level 1, 2 and 3 students will all achieve NCEA credits from what they have done. This years group upheld the good reputation of MRGS, as always being one of the top three schools on the Tongan stage.





MRGS Niuean Culture Group 2016

MRGS have not had a Niuean culture group representing the school at Polyfest for 12 years. After much discussion between Mr Tuialii, Lynnie Leilona (tutor) and the Niuean community it was agreed that a group would be entered this year. Practices for group leaders started late 2015 over the holiday period and then students were asked to sign up with practices starting in week one of Term 1, 2016. Practices were held daily c/o Mt Roskill Intermediate School gym, Saturday's c/o Wesley Int School hall and then for last few weeks before Polyfest c/o MRGS quad area.

The majority of the 23x student group are of Niuean descent with a few Samoan students as well. They were well led by group leaders Thornton Taufelila and Ana Laufoli plus well tutored by Lynnie Leilona, and accompanied by musicians Afa Laufoli, Minnie Polima and Morrison Fakaigo Ikaposi. The additional Parent support also needs to be acknowledged (Taufelila, Laufoli, Fakaigo and Vaisele families) as does Mr Tuialii, Mr Pune and Ms Atchison.

As a lead up to Polyfest the group was invited to perform at Mt Roskill Intermediate School and Wesley Intermediate School whole school assemblies. We'd like to extend a big thankyou to these schools for inviting us to perform and for the use of their facilities for practices. We are part of a wider school community so it was a great example of collaboration at its best. After a 12 year absence from the Polyfest stage our expectations were to have fun and represent MRGS, ourselves and families with pride.

The group far exceeded our expectations and proudly achieved the following:

- 1st place Olden
- 1st place Exit
- 2nd place Meke
- 2nd place Costume
- 3rd place Modern

Awarded the 'Koli mo e Lologo he Vaha Tuai' trophy

On behalf of all the students (listed below), tutor, musicians, parents and supporters we'd like to say a big thankyou to everyone who have supported the group. MRGS is back and rocking on the Niuean Polyfest stage!

Lynnie Leilona (tutor) / **Russell Su'a** (teacher in charge)

MRGS Niuean Culture Group 2016 (as at 30/3/16)

Boys

Thornton Taufelila 12HSBV
Corban Taufelila 9HREW
Jerry Tafea 13HMAZ
Rhicky Tafea 13HREW
Dornell Ikaposi 13CAFL
Jon Maluavia 10SGRN
Devante Brennan 12HRSG
Nisi Polima Isaia 9HNGO
Akuila Fakatoumafi 10RKKT
Antonio Filemone 9SSRG
Joey Noue 9SMCS

Girls

Ana Laufoli 12HMAN
Krisney Akeimo 13HGYC
Lovely Oka Uaisele 11RKKT
Maggie Akeimo 11CJNW
Vaimoana Tuitavake 11HMAN
Olivia Vaisele Fakatoumafi 10SLYN
Siutaisa Palu 9HRSG
Neigalo Lavea 9RKKT
Victoria Polima 12HRNK
Bianca Bryan 10NBGV
Tanya Bryan 12CCAV
Prigette Halalova 13SLYN

Tutor: Lynnie Leilona

Musicians:

Afa Laufoli
Minnie Polima
Morrison Fakaigo Ikaposi

Supporters:

Malia Taufelila
Tala Taufelia
Tessa Laufoli
Afako Laufoli
Tukisifa Fakaigo
Avia Fakaigo
Taka Vaisele
Heilala Vaisele



Excellence Awards

Our annual Excellence Awards Evening took place on Thursday 10th March. The event allows students and their families to proudly mark their examination achievements at NCEA and Scholarship. It was a marvelous evening and a number of past students took the time away from varsity to accept our acclaim including two of our Outstanding New Zealand Scholars - **Arun Ravindran** and **Zi Yuan Tee**.



STUDENTS WITH EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT AT LEVEL 3

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

STUDENTS WITH EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT AT LEVEL 2

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



STUDENTS WITH EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT AT LEVEL 1

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

Opening of the Hodge Learning Commons

As part of the development of our Facilities, the H block downstairs area, previously Senior Common Room has undergone a renovation. The facility was re-opened this term as the 'Hodge Learning Commons'. This renovated area will provide a learning hub that can be used by classes and also houses the pathways offices for the school. This is in addition to being a place where Year 13 can share their intervals and lunchtimes.





Year 13 Camp

Pictures from Year 13 camp, held during Week 4 on Motutapu Island.



Board of Trustees Triennial Elections

Nominations are invited for the election of **five (5) parent representatives** to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Thursday 19 May 2016 and may be accompanied by a signed candidates' statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

An evening for prospective candidates to speak to voters will be on **Thursday 26 May 2016 at 7.30pm** in the Hodge Learning Commons.

Voting closes at noon on Thursday 2 June 2016.

Calling for Board of Trustee nominations by Thursday 5 May 2016

Voting papers sent by Tuesday 24 May 2016

Voting day by Thursday 2 June 2016

Count votes Wednesday 8 June 2016

New Board takes office Thursday 9 June 2016

Beverley Wong
Returning Officer



Year 11 Art trip to Corban Estate Art Centre

On Thursday 31st March, the entire Year 11 cohort of Art students went to Corban Estate Art Centre for an all day Art workshop. Students spent the day designing, planning and making paper body adornment. The body adornment is for a 4 credit internal art assessment. Students are working on their assignment in class until the end of the term, but the intensive full day workshop gave them the opportunity work collegially to share and refine their ideas with friends across both classes. There was a great atmosphere throughout the day, students were positive, focused and productive the entire time.

At the end of the day, after a full on day of creating, we had time to get some fresh air and check out the fantastic graffiti street art at Corbans, before getting on the bus back to Roskill.



Apirana Taylor Visit

On March 12, poet and author Apirana Taylor visited the school. Year 9 students were treated to a poetry recital of some of his most notable works, such as Rat-at-tat-tat and Sad Joke on a Marae.

A group of 25 senior students sat down with Taylor for a writing workshop, where they explored the power of words and were able to craft their own poetry using some of his techniques. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to see writing in action.





Visit to Dominion Road School for Book Week

On Monday, March 21st, a group of prefects visited Dominion Road School as part of book week. Here, they read to students from their favourite picture books. Our students enjoyed visiting the primary school, as many of them had gone to Dominion Road School in the past. The children also enjoyed having the older students read to them, and were full of questions about the chosen books. It was a great success all round and wonderful to see reading enjoyed across the community.

Cooking for the Community

Recently a Year 11 Food and Hospitality class prepared a two course evening meal for families staying at Ronald McDonald House. The class prepared the meal over two days and catered for 120 people. The menu included baked marinated chicken drumsticks, fish bites, felafels, garlic rolls and a selection of salads. Dessert was apple and blackberry crumble and custard.

A group of students were lucky enough to go to Ronald McDonald House to serve the meal and represent our school. They got first-hand experience of catering service. It was an enjoyable experience that they would love to do again.



Pop-Up Globe Visit

In late March the Year 11 and 12 Drama classes went back in time to Elizabethan England - to the Pop Up Globe! This structure is the first of its kind in the world – an exact replica, pop-up, temporary reconstruction of the second Globe Theatre in London. Year 12 Drama have been studying Shakespeare for the first two internals and the workshop we were treated to was so helpful for their learning. Rita, our workshop leader, taught us about the history of the building, Elizabethan theatre, and we even got to perform on the stage in Shakespearean style. It's been so great to have this resource available to us this year and it has made our students so much more passionate in learning about the great Bard and his works. Towards the end of the term, we returned to the Globe again to see a production of Romeo and Juliet.





Junior Futsal

The Mt Roskill Grammar Junior Futsal team, representing the top players from the MRGS Year 9 and 10 Football Academies, finished 9th at the 21-team national tournament in Wellington last week (Week 10). Hopes were high heading into the tournament after a good pre-season that included a 5-2 away victory over last year's national runners up, Hamilton Boys High.

Despite the boys' high level of futsal knowledge, they struggled to apply it consistently under opposition pressure. St Thomas of Canterbury deservedly won the tournament as a result of superior technique and game intelligence. Mt Roskill's best moment of the tournament was their game against St Thomas where they almost matched the eventual champions, trailing 3-2 with a few minutes to play before eventually falling 5-2.

Roskill's final record was 3 wins and 3 losses. The boys made big gains compared to last year which was their first year playing at the national futsal tournament. This year they beat Onslow 8-2 (lost 10-0 last year) and lost to Wellington College narrowly 4-3 (lost 10-1 last year).

With more experience to apply their knowledge, future years will bring more success for both junior and senior futsal sides. The current group of Year 8 players coming through (Auckland champions in 2015) show a lot of promise, while next year's senior team (made up of the graduating Year 10s from this year) will feature two players from Santos FC in Brazil to bolster the ranks and provide great role-modelling for the boys. Exchanges with St Thomas and Wellington sides are also on the horizon for this year.

Y12 APY Lake Pupuke trip

12APY went to Lake Pupuke to give the sports of Windsurfing and Paddleboarding a try. It was a new experience for most of the class and it was great that everyone gave it a go. The weather was a challenge; not enough wind in the morning and too much in the afternoon. There was just as much time spent falling into the lake as standing on the boards but as the day wore on the level of success increased. There was plenty of fun and laughter and most importantly, plenty of learning and thinking around the aspects of safety involved in the activity which the class was currently learning.



First XI Boys Football

Our First XI Boys Football team is looking forward to competing in the Auckland Secondary School Premier League for the first time in 15 years, having won the A2 and the A1 championships in consecutive years and suffering only two league losses during that time. They are coached by former MRGS student Maksim Manko, who played professional football in Argentina and Costa Rica for a number of years.

The core of this year's team will be a group of seven players returning to Year 14 who have been together since starting in the MRGS Junior Football Academy four years ago. The 1st 11 is the flagship team of the Being Roskill programme but this is just the tip of the iceberg. Below it is a thriving football programme covering not only MRGS players but neighbouring primary and intermediate schools. Futsal, Brazilian 5-a-side indoor football, is at the heart of this 'engine room' of player development. The U12s/Year 8 Academy are Auckland champions and all junior teams benefit from the yearly visit of a coach from Santos FC, one of Brazil's and the world's top professional clubs.

The programme has appeared twice in The New Zealand Herald, twice on Radio NZ with Kim Hill and also formed a part of Metro Magazine's 'Best Schools' profile on MRGS. Its strong media presence has largely been down to its vision to create a family-like culture, achieved through everything from summer holiday training, to a documentary series and a video-based news series on its YouTube channel. With over 300 people attending 1st 11 home games, the programme is set for even more visibility this year with its entrance to the Premier League.

The vision to support and extend players' literacy and thinking skills got a huge boost with the development of the new MRGS Junior Curriculum, which allocated dedicated timetable time to do this. The new generation of Being Roskill players coming through will no doubt benefit from this.

The return of seven of last year's 1st X1 brings the total number of Year 14 students at the school this year to twelve. Over the years, a significant number of students have returned to Year 14 at MRGS to strengthen their learning. This is particularly helpful in a school where many capable students have English as a second language. The extra year enables the gains made in literacy to be fully realised in cementing learning across the curriculum.

The returning 1st X1 players are to be commended for being prepared to invest another year in furthering their football skills with the chance that some could turn it into their profession. Each young man is prepared to take a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to pursue the possibility of gaining tertiary scholarships at overseas universities, bringing possibilities of entering semi-professional or

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professional football, and with it the certainty of gaining strong academic qualifications. There are few opportunities in New Zealand for young men to convert their football skills into a professional career.

The two leaders of the programme are testament to this possibility. Director of Football Callum Christopher secured a US\$30,000 football scholarship to study in a USA college while 1st 11 Head Coach Maksim Manko played professionally – both are former MRGS students.

Football at Roskill is opening learning and career pathways through motivating our students to compete with and against the best.

Year 13 Applied Physical Education - Bush Survival Camp

On Friday 8th April, Mr Horne and Mr Gabriel took the Year 13 APY class out to Mr Horne's section in Waimauku for a Bush Survival camp. As part of the trip the students had to complete the assessment criteria of building a shelter wholly from natural materials and sleep in it for the night. The assessment also requires them to light fires in damp conditions, make an animal trap and create a water purification device. The students were paired off and had three hours to make the best shelters that they could before tucking into a BBQ dinner, campfire and marshmallows. Tepou and Maria serenaded us with great music and we had a fantastic time. At 5.00am the rain began but the shelters held up well and everyone survived! Thank you to the helpers involved - Mr Gabriel, Alana Miller and Mr Purvis.

Sports Carnival

On Tuesday 12 April we held our annual sports carnival. This afternoon saw the whole school out supporting their respective houses, while students and teachers competed in events such as relays and tug of war. Each house also performed their house chant. Congratulations to Sheppard and Ngata houses who placed first equal in the points on the day.





Peer Mediation Service 2016

The MRGS Peer Mediation Service is going from strength to strength with nearly 180 students applying each year to be trained. In March, 114 new Mediators were trained by the Peace Foundation which involves learning effective communication and conflict resolution skills. A further 33 Advanced students received a whole days training from the Peace Foundation and 8 LEADR adult Mediators, many of them being lawyers. These Adults Mediators spent the whole day coaching our students to be more confident Mediators. Advanced Mediators have also received advanced training from Youthlaw (Youth Rights & Responsibilities) and Brainwave Trust (How violence effects the developing brain). Rainbow Youth will be training them next term.

The role of the Mediator is to be an ambassador of social justice helping MRGS to be a safer, kinder, more respectful place to be. An anonymous survey reports evidence that suggests that Mediators feel more confident and connected to school, experiencing a stronger sense of belonging and have positive visions for themselves for the future. They enjoy helping others and being a part of the bigger picture of creating community peace.

Daniel Pegado (Mediator of the Year 2008) who visited this year's advanced training says that " Mediation kept him coming to school and has changed his life".

For more information please read MRGS Mediation Service article in the latest Peace Foundation magazine Mediation Works (page 5).

http://www.peace.net.nz/system/files/mediationworks_2015_summer_edition.pdf





Ta Moko Drama Trip

The Year 13 Drama class went to The Basement Theatre in Week 6 (term 1) to see the incredible Dance-Drama-Spoken word hybrid performance of Ta Moko, performed and devised by students of the Pacific Institute of Performing Arts. Mt Roskill Grammar is enjoying a fabulous relationship with The Basement this year as a partnership school – the patrons of the theatre provide free transport and tickets to shows for our students in order to allow MRGS students to see local talent for free. The performance was a moving performance about identity and culture, and although it was unsure how much the Drama students would read into the Dance component of the performance, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and students felt a real personal connection to the story of the performance. We would like to thank PIPA and The Basement for this incredible opportunity and cannot wait for future performances courtesy of the generous Basement Theatre.



Year 12 Photography Trip

On Tuesday March 22 the Year 12 Photography students completed a field trip to Cornwall Park and the One Tree Hill summit to create photographs for their AS 2.2 Landscape assignment. The objective of the assignment is for students to demonstrate understanding of the conventions of landscape photography by looking at a range of different exemplars and to use these conventions in their own work. We started photographing at the Greenlane end of the park, walked up to the summit where more photographs were taken, then walked down the Manukau Road side of the mountain to the Star Dome Observatory. It was a busy day and the students are now downloading their images and working on them in Photoshop in preparation for the approaching deadline.





Learning Capability Time

This year Learning Capability Time has become a formal teaching and learning time with lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays in term one and a shift to one lesson on Thursdays for term 2. LCT supports students to further develop **key learning dispositions and transferable skills or competencies** that will help them to become **successful, lifelong learners who are active and responsible citizens**. We have covered a range of topics this term under the theme of 'Our Place'. Students learnt about things such as where to find help at school, the history of Puketapapa (Mount Roskill), the New Zealanders our five Houses are named after and what our School values of Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Excellence, Respect and Responsibility look like in different contexts.

Students have been encouraged to work in mixed year level groups in LCT and there has been a strong push for seniors to take up leadership roles within their form class and to share their experience and knowledge with our junior students in a Tuakana/Teina type model. We look forward to the learning we will be doing alongside our students next term in LCT with a theme of 'Participating and Contributing'.

Auckland Athletics Championships

Five students from MRGS qualified for this year's Auckland Athletics Championships, held at Mt Smart Stadium on the 23rd March. All students represented the school well. The placings were as follows:

Nathan Sands 5th in the 3000m and 16th in the 1500m (Junior Boys)

Euan McDougall DQ in the 3000m walk

Malu Howard 8th in the Javelin (Intermediate Boys)

Eisley Brown 6th in the 400m and 8th in the 200m (Intermediate Boys)

Joshua Simmons 9th in the High Jump and 10th in the Long Jump (Senior Boys)



Chalk Art Day

This term Chalk Day once again transformed our quad. There was a rainbow of positive and thought provoking messages, and some beautiful art works too. After an initial set up, the work organically grows, as students passing by are invited to participate, adding their own ideas and colours to the ever growing mural. A total of 60 pavement chalks were used up by the end of interval!

The event is led by the Live for Tomorrow group, who promote mental health and well-being. L4T also encourage help seeking behaviours, and work towards the destigmatisation of mental health issues.





Student Engagement

An increasing number of students are getting to period 1 on time. Thank you to families who ensure their son/daughter arrives at school before 9am.

While we have spent time in Term 1 focusing on supporting students to arrive to period 1 on time you will understand that it is vital students attend all classes on time. We have therefore implemented the "4 minute" to class expectation across all periods including Learning Capability Time.

We want each student to gain the best experience from each lesson and therefore arriving to class on time ensures learning is not disrupted and that the learning time can be maximised.



Year 12 Geography Mount Tongariro Trip

This year, students from the Year 12 Geography classes travelled down to Mount Tongariro, to study the natural and cultural environment around this mountain. Hiking up hills and over bridges to waterfalls, rivers and lakes. On these walks we got to see the different plants and areas around the base of the mountain, which helps now that we are back at school studying the actual environment. As well as the hikes, we also were able to go white water rafting down the Mount Tongariro River which has about 60 rapids. This was an amazing experience to be able to have on this trip. We also had a fair amount of free time which meant we were able to bond with our classmates and get to know each other better. Overall this was a great trip, for both education and social experiences.

Orienteering

We had 11 students competing in the Auckland Sprint Series finals on Saturday 9th April. This was split over two events in Epsom and Albany. The highlight was Felix Yang coming 5th in Auckland. Congratulations to all of the students for competing at the top level in Auckland.

Rowing

Two students represented our school in Rowing at the Maadi Cup, the major secondary school event of the year. Matthew Carey (RKRA) made it through to the 5th in the repechage, and Ayla Hawthorne (SGRN) came 2nd in the C Final, essentially 14th in New Zealand at her age group.

Sam Low Barista Visit

This term the Y12 FHS class were visited by ex-student Sam Low, who left MRGS at the end of 2009 to begin training as a chef through a Sky City apprenticeship. However, his passion for coffee making and latte art prevailed and he branched out into the barista arena. He has won numerous awards over the last few years both nationally and internationally in both espresso coffee beverages and latte art. This year he has once more been crowned Barista Champion/Specialty Coffee and he will be off to Dublin soon to compete in the world championship event. Sam now lives and works in Melbourne, but he has always kept in touch with the Food and Hospitality Dept. and has always been generous with popping in and assist us with the coffee course.





Softball

During week 10 of this term MRGS entered 11 boys into the North Island Division Two Softball Championship being held at Prince Edward Park in Papakura. The team was a real mix of characters with a number of junior students and 1st XI cricket players being pulled in to help make up the team. Under the captaincy of Junior Black Sox player Jordan Tahana, the team played eight games in three days and managed to go through the round robin undefeated, picking up some big scalps in Hamilton Boys and Gisborne Boys high schools. The MRGS boys moved into the final to play a very capable St Johns College team. After trailing for four innings the boys fought back to gain an 8-7 lead going into the bottom of the 7th innings. With three outs needed, the cricket boys playing in the outfield took two amazing catches, one of which was caught bare handed in a last second dive. The last out was taken by Jordan Tahana with a strike out to secure the match and the tournament for MRGS. Congratulations to these boys for their effort and achievement and also to Jordan Tahana for receiving a tournament MVP award.



NZQA Fess Collection 2016

All Year 10 accelerated students and all senior students must pay their NZQA Fees (compulsory) to the accounts office between Wednesday 18th May – Friday 20th May. These fees must be paid so that any credits a student achieves through either Unit or Achievement Standard assessments will be recorded on a student's record of learning. If not paid, the credits will not be released to the student.



The Fee for the majority of students will be \$76.70. However financial assistance is available to students whose parents/guardians receive a Work and Income Benefit or have a Community Services Card.

Financial assistance forms can be collected from the front office, accounts office or from Mr Parratt in the Commerce Department next to H6.

Sheppard House—Relay for Life

Sheppard House had the privilege of participating in this years South Auckland Relay for Life in support of the Auckland Cancer Society. It was an amazing experience filled with laughter and the forming of new friendships. There were 14 students who participated and over \$2000 was raised. Relay for Life gave us the opportunity to raise awareness and give back to the community and the Auckland Cancer Society for all their hard work as well as honoring those who are survivors and fighters of cancer. Sheppard House plan to make this an annual event and would love to see more students getting involved.





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



KEEPING IN TOUCH—IMPORTANT CONTACTS AT SCHOOL

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

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

CONTACT DETAILS

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

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

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates 2016

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

TERM TWO EVENTS

May 20	NZQA Fees due	May 25	Campus Fia Fia Night, Mt Roskill Intermediate School
May 30	Blood Donor Day	June 3	School Holiday
June 6	Queens Birthday	June 8	Campus Matariki Celebration
June 21	Mentoring Conference Day—Year 11-13 students	June 28	School Production begins
June 30	Open Day	July 6	In Zone enrolment interviews 4-8pm

Cycle Way Development

Auckland Transport (AT) will soon commence work on Mt Roskill Safe Route construction (shared path - cycleway and footpath). The project provides a connection to Keith Hay Park and to Waikowhai Park by utilising existing open spaces and streets to improve and enhance public experiences and enjoyment through this network. During the school holidays, street parking will permanently be removed along Somerset Rd, restricted pedestrian/cyclist access available, and a new 3metre shared path constructed





MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Term 2 - 2016: April – July

Phone (09) 621 0051 Email: Com.Ed@mrgs.school.nz

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

1st week of School Holidays: Closed | 2nd week of School Holidays: Open 10am-1pm (Mon-Fri)

Extra Enrolment Night: Wed, 11 May, 6-8pm (if you can't come to the office during the day)

MONDAY – starts 16 May 7-9pm unless stated

Alexander Technique *6.45-8.15pm	5 wks	\$80
Ballroom & Latin Dancing Begg *6.30-7.30pm	6 wks	\$59
Basic Car Maintenance & Repairs	6 wks	\$95
Furniture Making & Design *6-9pm	7 wks	\$145+
Indian Curries	4 wks	\$72+
MSExcel: Essentials *20 June, M-W, 6.30-8.30pm	3days	\$42
MSWord: Essentials *13 June, M-W, 6.30-8.30pm	3days	\$42
Painting With Oils, *6.30-8.30pm	7 wks	\$95+
Rock n Roll, Waltz & Swing *7.30-8.30pm	6 wks	\$59
Sign Language (NZSL) – Beginners 1B	7 wks	\$70
SpeechWorks (Public Speaking) *6.30-9pm	5 wks	\$195
Welding for Beginners *6.30-8.30pm	6 wks	\$207+
Yoga – Prenatal *6.45-8.15pm (bring mat)	7 wks	\$76
Yoga *6.45-8.15pm (bring mat)	9 wks	\$88
Zumba *7-8pm	7 wks	\$50

TUESDAY – starts 17 May 7-9pm unless stated

Badminton *6.45-8.45pm	7 wks	\$86
Bollywood Dancing *8-9pm	7 wks	\$70
Computer Networking: Intro	4 wks	\$80
Floristry - Beginners to Intermediate	7 wks	\$95+
Picture Framing	7 wks	\$98+
Salsa, Merengue & Bachata *6.30-7.30pm	6 wks	\$59
Sign Language (NZSL) – Beginners 1A	7 wks	\$70
SpeechWorks (Public Speaking) *6.30-9pm	5 wks	\$195
Spin Bikes *6-7pm	7 wks	\$62
Step *7-8pm	7 wks	\$60
Welding-Beginners *6.30-8.30pm	6 wks	\$207+
Woodwork & Furniture Restoration *6.45-9pm	7 wks	\$97+
Yoga *6.45-8.15pm (Bring mat)	8 wks	\$76

WEDNESDAY – starts 18 May 7-9pm unless stated

Advanced Car Maintenance & Repairs	6 wks	\$119+
Aerobics – Pump *7-8pm	7 wks	\$52
Cake Decorating: Novelty & Cup Cakes	7 wks	\$95+
Fantastic Italian Starters *15 June 6-9pm	1 day	\$40
French for Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
German for Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
Indoor Soccer *starts 4 May 7.30-9pm	10wks	\$95
Italian Cooking	3 wks	\$69+
Mandarin-Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
MS Office: Intro *starts 11 May 6.30-8.30pm	5 wks	\$70
Multi-media Print *starts 1 June	3 wks	\$92+
Pasta Making Workshop *8 June 6-9pm	1 day	\$40
Pilates *6.30-7.30pm	7 wks	\$67
Spanish for Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
SpeechWorks (Public Speaking) *6.30-9pm	5 wks	\$195
Stencil Art & Screen Printing – Intro	2 wks	\$68+
Woodwork-Beg (new students) *6.45-9pm	8 wks	\$107+
Woodwork-Int (returning) *starts 25 May 6.45-9pm	7 wks	\$97+
Yoga *starts 4 May 6.45-8.15pm	10wks	\$95

GUITAR – starts Thursday & Friday 19 & 20 May

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

SATURDAY

Basic Home Maintenance *11 Jun, 9.30am-1.30pm	1 day	\$50
Chinese Yum Char *11 Jun, 9.30am-12.30pm	1 day	\$55
Hearty German Soups & Bread *18 Jun, 10am-2pm	1 day	\$45
MS Powerpt: Essentials *11 Jun, 9.30am-4.30pm	1 day	\$50
MSPublisher: Essentials *18 Jun, 9.30am-4.30pm	1 day	\$50
MYOB: Intro *11+18 Jun, 9am-4.30pm	2 days	\$137
Watercolour Painting *11 Jun, 10am-3pm	1 day	\$95+

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Non-residents pay 30% extra on advertised fee.

DAY TIME ESOL CLASSES:

Absolute Beginners Kick Start Class (1 week) Starts Tues 26 April

1 week only from 26–29 April (Tuesday–Friday) 9am-2pm.

This class is for those who are absolute beginners - who would like a little more preparation before starting the Day-time Beginners Class.

Conversational English & Grammar Starts Monday, 2 May

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

We have 3 levels / courses that you can enrol for:

- Level 1: Beginner/ Elementary
- Level 2: Pre-Intermediate
- Level 3: Intermediate/ High Intermediate

*Textbook: There is a prescribed textbook for each level. Students can buy their own or borrow (for \$10 + refundable deposit). Details on request.

Speaking & Pronunciation: Pre-Int Plus Starts Monday, 9 May

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

IELTS Exam Preparation: Academic & General Starts Tues, 3 May

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

EVENING ESOL CLASSES:

General English Classes – ESOL Starts Monday, 16 May

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

- Level 1: Beginners/ Elementary
- Level 2: Pre-Intermediate
- Level 3: Intermediate/High Intermediate

Writing Skills Starts Monday, 16 May

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

Speaking and Pronunciation Starts Tuesday, 17 May

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

Advanced English Starts Tuesday, 17 May

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

IELTS Preparation Starts Tuesday, 17 May

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

Speaking in Public Starts Wednesday, 22 June

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

Enjoying Modern Fiction Starts Monday, 16 May

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

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

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

- Phone on 621 0051 with your credit card details

- At our office: Eftpos is available

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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