



# MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou



It has been a busy and productive third term characterised as ever by powerful learning and active citizenship in the classroom and in the sporting/ community arena. Our senior students have worked successfully through the final elements of their internal standards and with the recent school examinations have been able to test themselves against the rigors of formal assessment contexts. As they receive feedback from teachers to aid them in

the last weeks of NCEA they will require resilience and application to prepare for the November examinations. In the co-curricular area we have had a successful term- local championship and competition wins in senior football, badminton, hockey and chess matched by a national tournament win in hockey have seen student training and commitment bring due rewards. As a responsible, respectful community we have held successful Health and Peace weeks – the helicopter drop and mufti day events have seen us contributing actively to fundraising. We have hosted a visit by the Prime Minister and Minister for education in which they endorsed our development of innovative learning. Our Mentoring meetings have been advanced with the further growth in the partnership of students, parents and teachers – strengthening each student's ownership of their learning. The last week of this term will see the annual sports awards and a senior report evening before the school closes for the holiday break. The two weeks will be for us all a period to take time with family and friends; it will also be for seniors a chance for some paced study as they work toward examinations but they must make sure that they take time for themselves to re-energise before the final term of the year.

Ki nga taumata!

John Wilkinson, **ACTING PRINCIPAL**

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## MENTORING AND TRACKING

Thank you to all parents of our Year 11 students who attended the Parent Conference recently. You will have been able to have discussions about the progress and achievement your son/daughter has made and should know exactly what number of credits and the quality of those credits they also have at this time. This enables students to know what their next step goals are to ensure they achieve NCEA in 2014. We also appreciate parents and students taking the time to complete the feedback surveys. Overall, both parents and students value the Mentoring conferences.

## PASIFIKA ACHIEVEMENT



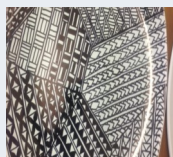
Recently, our Pasifika Senior Leaders led our Pasifika assembly in the Hall. This was the third of our assemblies for the year. Student guest speakers have spoken about their journey through school and how they are now well placed to achieve NCEA Level 1, the tips they think students should follow when preparing for exams and we have been entertained by one of our great Pasifika singers,...Miracle Kitonia and a rap about change/stepping up our game has also been performed.

We thank Mary-Kate Fonua, Krisney Akeimo, Alelu Lealavaa and our MC's Perpetua 'Akau'ola and Oriana Tyrell. We have had fantastic assemblies this year.

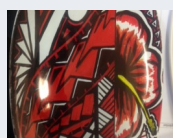
Acknowledgment and thanks to Peter Leilua and Tili Leilua for their guidance and support of our Pasifika senior leaders.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



The process we use to track our student's achievement has ensured we know which of our students across Year's 11, 12 and 13 still have the potential to achieve NCEA with some additional support. A number of these students will be going to Techorium in the next holiday break to learn Computing skills. Following two days of learning each student will have the opportunity to sit an assessment to gain 10 credits at Level 3. Some students will also be undertaking further study with NCEA Campus. This is an organisation who offers additional study help in particular subjects. We hope that with this support more of our students will attain success in the upcoming NCEA examinations.



## WHANAU HUI

20 August was the MRGS Whanau Hui. Invitations were sent out to the Whanau of all of our Māori students. There was an overview of our current Māori achievement, support we offer and programmes that are in place to help our Māori students connect with school, engage and accelerate their achievement. Whanau took up the opportunity for mentoring conversations around the most current data on the achievement of their Tamariki. Tertiary providers helped our students plan their future careers and find out information on courses as well as scholarships and other services provided. We also had a brief introduction to the Māori Academy.

This event was well attended by both students and staff. A big thank you to all staff involved: mentors, SLT, the yr 11 academic deans, Whaea Lee and Whaea Jackie Jade. The feedback from Whanau that attended was very positive and they appreciated that support and advice given.



## ATTENDANCE

As we approach “exam season” it comes into focus how important it is that all students continue to attend every lesson. For many students, internal assessments have taken priority and it is now time to shift into exam mode.

Our year **9 and 10** students have exams in term 4 so this message is equally for them.

We want to ensure that there are no gaps in learning so that students are able to access support from staff – if students aren’t in class or do not complete practice questions/essays/tasks it is difficult to offer productive support. For our senior students in particular this is the time to ensure that they are attending every period so that staff can support their learning and achievement.

**Year 11:** results may influence their options for next year – open more doors.

**Year 12:** the same applies as for year 11 AND applications to tertiary institutions next year will look at their year 12 results as part of their academic picture as they will apply BEFORE level 3 externals examinations.

**Year 13:** sometimes they will need a plan B (or C) for 2015 and beyond. They are at the time of “lasts” and feeling nostalgic, but it is also a time to be excited about the future. Finish the time at school with no regrets.

A reminder that when applying for jobs/study outside of school, or privileges within school, attendance reflects their commitment to being a “successful powerful learner and active responsible citizen”.

**If a student misses roll check and LCT for an unjustified reason it will be recorded on their record as a half day of absence.**

I like to frame things positively but Term 3 roll check and LCT attendance are not good enough. We want students to have attendance data that backs up their individual commitment to learning through good self-management (responsibility) and meeting school expectations (respect for yourself and MRGS).

**Each student is an individual, within a form/core class, within a house, within the school. They need to take individual responsibility to not just meet expectations – exceed them.**

## FROM THE COMPUTING DEPARTMENT

We had a large number of students enter the Australasian Computing Exam this year, and we would like to congratulate Jonathan Khoo Yr 11, on his High Distinction award, presented to him by Mr Wilkinson at assembly.

We have also just entered 4 Year 11 students in the Infomatics Olympiad Programming Competition. Jonathan Khoo, Nathan Heath, Kungeng Wu and Rithvick Murali. This competition requires the entrants to solve mathematical problems with computer programs in a tense 3 hour timeframe. The results will be out in October, so we look forward to seeing how our students have done.



### NIWA AUCKLAND CITY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR 2014

Congratulations to our young scientists and engineers for putting so much work into some great projects over the course of the whole year. Many thanks to the teachers, parents, and others for their motivation and help along the way.

**Vidit Bawa** built a complete 3 phase electric motor from scratch in order to test how increasing magnetic field strength affects power output.

- *Electrodynamics*, 1<sup>st</sup> in Physics
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Photon Factory Award for Technology
- University of Auckland Scientist for a Day Award



**Chantal Deverell** investigated how a series of permanent magnets can be used to accelerate objects across the room

- *Magnetic Linear Accelerator*, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Physics
- University of Auckland Scientist for a Day Award

**Daniel Kathiresan and Alexander Nicholson** compared various techniques, including laser diffraction, for determining sugar content in liquid. Very accurate results that compared well with known values listed on Wikipedia.

- *Sugary Solutions*, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Chemistry
- Bob Briggs Memorial Award for Best Material World Application

**Yasmin Bell and Srishti Toora** compared various techniques, including laser diffraction, for determining sugar content in liquid. Very accurate results that compared well with known values listed on Wikipedia.

- *Sun, SOHO, and Rotation*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earth and Beyond
- Stardome Observatory Award

**Zara Deverell** Made the stickers that can be eaten safely to be used on fruit.

- *Edible Fruit Stickers*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Technology
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Baking Industry Research Trust Award



### Highly Commended Awards

Kevin Chen, *A Splash of Rage*

Sarah Dun, *Quintuple Layer Sunshield*

Harsh Talathi, *The Vanishing Wires*

Ezra Stitt, *How Much Energy is in the Sun's Rays?*

For more details and full results visit the website [Scifair.org.nz](http://Scifair.org.nz)



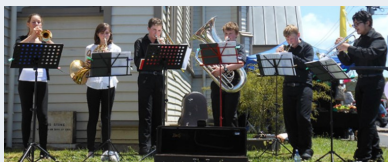




## MUSIC NEWS

### STUDENT SUCCESS

Pearl Lazaro was one of 13 students selected to take part in 'Pao Pao Pao' a series of songwriting/performance workshops for emerging Māori artists. As part of this programme Pearl performed in the Silo Park Matariki celebrations which featured a range of Māori artists, including Whenua Patuwai.



Mark Bingham's composition entitled "Fragments of Messages From the Time of the Great War" was performed by himself and his sister Ellen in a brass ensemble from several schools during the WWI commemorations at the Auckland Museum.

Se Joo Han is one of only four New Zealand Korean students selected by audition to compete in KPOP Star in October. - (Korean Version of X - Factor)

### ROCKQUEST

Vertigo made it through to the regional finals of Rockquest this year. They gave an outstanding performance amidst tough competition!



### KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Valentines String Orchestra who gained a Bronze Award and Concert Band a Silver award at the recent KBB Music Festival. This is an outstanding result in a competition that featured many groups from around Auckland playing at an extremely high level. Well done to the students who put in many hours of hard work at rehearsals and also at the music camp earlier this year. It is very rewarding to see how much both groups have developed this year musically, and also to see the student leadership within each ensemble. Thank you also to the directors of each group – Mr Snelling and Mr Sergeant in String Orchestra, and Mr Atkinson and Mr Darragh in Concert Band for their hard work this year.



### STAND UP STAND OUT TALENT QUEST

Congratulations to Vertigo who made it through to the finals of the SUSO band category and gave a strong performance in front of a packed crowd at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau on 29th August. Pearl Lazaro performed her own original song in the solo vocals category of SUSO and was selected to go through to the semifinals where she gave another stunning performance.

### VISIT TO MT ROSKILL INTERMEDIATE

On Thursday 18th September the String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Brass Ensembles performed at the year 8 assembly as part of the MERGE initiative between the schools. The music teachers on the Campus have been working to strengthen the links between the Primary, Intermediate and Grammar Schools, and to encourage participation in ensembles. The Grammar students performed well for the enthusiastic year 8s who particularly enjoyed the 'audience participation' in one of the Brass En-





### SELF-HELP COUNSELLING PAGE LAUNCH:

Here at Mt Roskill Grammar we have the largest Mediation service in the country. We take pride in being able to guide all students to find solutions to their problems, and to resolve conflicts that exist between friends. However, we understand that there will always be students who are facing these conflicts, be it, in school, between friends or in their family, and want to seek help but do not want to talk to anyone about it. So, that is why a group of mediator students, in collaboration with the Counselling Department, have launched our very first Self-Help Counselling Page on Ilearn.

The aim of the page is to enable students at Roskill to be more easily able to access useful information relating to their health and well-being. It does this by providing students with a relevant resource collection, which they can access through the comfort of their own home online. Our school's first ever Self-Help Ilearn page regarding individual health and well-being therefore gives independence back to the students who use it. One is able to navigate through each of the tabs (Feeling down? Bullying/Cyberbullying etc.) to learn more about health in general, as well as where to find effective support if one needs it.

The Self-Help Counselling page is still a 'work in progress' project. If anyone has any suggestions or comments (any are welcome!), please contact Donna at Student Services. Alternatively, any of our students Kevin Chow, Hugh Huang, Diana Qiu and Melody Ting can be approached as well.



### 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. More information about all activities and camps will be sent out this term.







## PEACE WEEK 2014: WINNER OF PEACE SONG COMPETITION!

Another exciting International Peace week was celebrated at MRGS during August 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> where the Mediators organized many activities for



students to enjoy: peace assembly presentations; random acts of kindness; peace quote competitions; face painting; the wearing of white ribbons for peace; painted peace banners and t-shirts. On Thursday, it was "Embracing Diversity and Anti Violence Day" where the hall was full of information stalls from the Pasifika Project; Rainbow Youth; 'Violence is not ok campaign'; Manalive; Shine; The String Movement; as well as student stalls on Amnesty International, PSSP, and Body image. There was also beautiful music playing from all the music bands.

On Friday, the Mediators marched for peace around Mt Roskill community with the releasing of white balloons at the end.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, a group of Mediators attended the Secondary Schools Peace Symposium where they won first prize with their original Peace song "Stand as One" written by Pebble Varela, Vilia Li and Maia Morgan-Hampson, singing with Natasha Sa'u, Srishaa Iyer, Jon Jon Cowley Lupo, Tangiia Enjoy, Conor Ferencz, Mary-Kate Fonua, 'Ilaisaane Heilikutonga and Joshua Simmons. Sejoo Han danced and Joyce Wong, Yvette Raju and Vilia Li played the piano, flute and violin. Abel (Apelu Lealavaa) delivered an outstanding spoken word with June Tofa playing piano. Both presentations received a standing ovation from the audience. Congratulations to all of you! A special thank you to Parneet Kohli, Caitlin Morgan-Manukau and Chris Godber who were in the original song recording for the competition.

Peace week is a student driven and student owned campaign where all the Mediators collaborate together in a positive way to make a difference to our MRGS community.

A BIG Thank you to all the Mediators who worked so hard to make International Peace Week such an enjoyable week!





## CHESS



In 2014, our chess team has been building on successes of prior years by continuing to dominate both the regional and national competitions. This year two of our junior teams qualified for the Auckland Secondary Schools Junior Chess Championship. Over three days teams battled until our junior 1 team emerged triumphant, ahead of Auckland Grammar School by just  $\frac{1}{2}$  a point. Congratulations to the team of Cathy Fan, Max Wu, Elvin Zhang, Daniel Morrin and Yashasvigiri Gosai. Our Junior 2 team was well ahead of Auckland Grammar 2, showing the strength

and depth of our chess talent.

Our girls team won the Auckland Girls Secondary School Championship, defeating Westlake Girls High School by 1 point. Three of the team are still in year 9 and 10, so we look forward to keeping this trophy for many years. We



## NOHO MARAE - MARAE TRIP TO ROTORUA

From the 25th of August to the 28th the Senior Māori students received an amazing opportunity to live and breathe the life on a marae. We were split into our groups in which we stayed in for the whole of the trip and set out to begin our journey. We stopped off at 2 beautiful places, one being Taupiri where we sang Te Aroha as the first stepping stone to earning our credits for NCEA. The second place being Turangawaewae Marae where we explored and were amazed at the stunning architecture.

Over the next 4 days we visited other cultural attractions Such as Te Puia, Whakarewarewa and Tamaki Village, at both places we gained further knowledge on the traditions of the Māori culture and watched some amazing performances of one of the most well known love stories and himene(hymn) Pōkarekare ana. Not only did we further our learning in Rotorua, we also had a lot of fun. We got the chance to go on the gondola rides and luge and had a relaxing evening at the thermal pools. Throughout the week we worked on whanaungatanga and manaakitanga, which brought us as a group and a family closer together, and none of this would have been possible if it wasn't for our amazing tutors/teachers Whaea Lee Tawhai and Whaea Jackie-Jade Ruri along with her mum Whaea Rangi Ruri who let us stay on her familys' personal marae known as "Te Kuri". A big thank you to all the teacher helpers for your amazing efforts on keeping us on track.

**"ki te kotahi te kākahu ka whati, ki te kāpuia e kore e whati"**

*When reeds stand alone they are vulnerable, but bound together,  
they are unbreakable*

Maia Hampson-Morgan







### TOURNAMENT WEEK GIRLS HOCKEY

The 1st XI Hockey Girls and Boys both had very successful winter tournaments this year. The Boys travelled to Ngatea to play their games and they progressed through their pool games and preliminary finals unbeaten and beat Havelock North 2-1 in the final. The team was well coached by Mr Hays and Keshav Vedire. Well done to those boys, especially the large group of Year 13 students who played their last games for Mt Roskil. The Girls team played their tournament in Pukekohe and fared well in Pool play, having a goal difference of +18 after 3 games. In their semi-final the team came up against some tough opposition from Wellington Girls College and lost 1-2. Despite the result in this game they played off for 3rd place the next day and held their heads high with a comprehensive win. The team was coached by Jimmy Grant, our Hockey Manager and Auckland Men's Coach as well as Jignesh Keshoor, a current member of the Auckland Men's Team. Both Boys and Girls team will move up a grade for their Winter Tournaments next year.

### TOURNAMENT WEEK FOOTBALL BOYS

The 1st XI Football Boys played their tournament in Papakura and more than held their own against quality opposition. After a shock loss in the first game they won their next four games including beating St Peter's from Auckland, a team that currently plays in the grade above us. The team once again displayed excellent team work and fair play for the whole tournament. They finished in 6th place after having to play St Peter's again in their final match, this time the result did not go our way. The team was coached by Mr Chellew and managed by Mr Buckley. The 1st XI Football Girls travelled to Rotorua for their tournament and performed admirably. Despite not many of the score lines going their way they scored some cracking goals and never lost any game by more than two goals – this included the eventual tournament winners. The team was coached by Mr Morris and Jason Cluely and managed by Miss Thomas.

### TOURNAMENT WEEK RUGBY LEAGUE

The 1st XIII Rugby League team played in Papakura in the National competition. They played 5 games in the week, winning two of them. The competition is seen as the breeding ground for young talent to push for higher honours and scouts from most NRL teams are in attendance. The team was coached by Mr Taunga, Mr Leilua and Mr Mohenoa and managed by Ms Tokley.





## TOURNAMENT WEEK TABLE TENNIS

For the first time ever Mt Roskill entered the New Zealand Secondary Schools Table Tennis competition. The gruelling schedule had them playing games from 9.00am until 6.00pm and was a good introduction for the boys to how tournaments are run. Mr Yau coached the teams and commented on the huge improvement they made to their skills, knowledge and tactical awareness. Our top team was awarded silver medals for the runner-up of Boys C-grade. Felix Yang of MRGS 2 was awarded a certificate as the Consolation Plate winner in the individual competition.

## TOURNAMENT WEEK NETBALL

Our Premier Netball team played in the Upper North Island Secondary School competition in Waitakere. With over 100 teams competing the skills on show were impressive and the intensity high. Their results fluctuated each day, with a pattern of two wins/two losses continuing for four days. On the final day they were able to bring all of the lessons learned from the week together to beat Onehunga (for the second time in the tournament) and Katikati to finish in 25th place in B Grade. This puts them well inside the top half of schools playing in the North Island. The team was coached by Kylie Leota and Miss Willcox and managed by Ms Te Whiu.

## BADMINTON REPORT

Roskill A1 confirmed Victory in the Auckland A grade Badminton competition on Friday and we brought the trophy back with us.

Last year the team was fifth and the three returning players were suitably focused on doing much better this year. The team won 11 out of 12 Matches with 61 games won and only 11 lost. They easily beat the top teams from Lynfield, Mt Albert, ACG Parnell and St Peters.

Not only is our Badminton squad very successful, we had four team members headhunted for Auckland Representative teams. Mark Yep our number one, has been selected for the Auckland U19 number one team. Hasnain Cheena and Neha Kohle are in the Auckland U19 number two team and Shrestha Dyvardi is in the Auckland U17 number two team. This selection in Auckland Representative teams is reward for their consistent effort and skills. During the season we only needed to use substitute players three times with both John Seo and McGregor Small winning matches for the team.

Four other teams have won their Badminton competitions and the two still playing are currently undefeated. All of our players supported each other during key matches against Kings, Grammar, Epsom and Macleans.



Overall it has been a good year for Roskill Badminton with 4 other teams winning their competitions. Individual player depth is being developed for next year.

**Leadership:** Mark Yep 13YFTZ.

**School Champions:** Mark Yep, Shrestha Dyavadi.





## GRATITUDE AND REMEMBRANCE- THEO LORETZ' VISIT TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM

On the 11-26 July the French minister of defence M. Arif, presented and shared histories to a group of predominantly French language students. Out of this grew the Young Ambassadors tour. This tour was a collaboration between the French and NZ ministry of defence. A group of eleven year 13 students from around the country were chosen to go to France and Belgium to commemorate the centenary of WW1.

Some of the highlights of the visit were:

- The best seats in the house for Bastille day celebrations
- Visits to sites of famous battles including the battle of the Somme
- Touring through the underground quarries build by New Zealander WW1 soldiers in a small town called Arras (complete with NZ city street names)
- Learning about our shared history and being immersed in the French culture
- Visiting the War memorial sites, museums and cemeteries and experiencing first-hand the impact of the war on our two countries
- A visit to the Menin Gates (Belgium) where traffic is stopped daily to host a wreath laying memorial and play the last stand.
- Visiting the massive memorial in Le Quesnoy, its big statue of a Māori warrior and the Rue Des All Blacks



The group also spent 5 days in Paris, where they got to spend some time being tourists and participating in the culture that they have been studying for 5 years.

The most touching experience of the visit, that had the biggest impact was the visit to Belgium's Flanders fields Museum. This is an interactive place. The experience helped the students make connections to the people involved in the war, their feelings and personal experiences. Along with this the visit to the largest WW1 cemetery, Tyne Cot in Belgium, was overwhelming and made all of the students wonder why wars happen.

Each member of the team also worked on their own project that grew out of the tour. Theo's focus is the spiritual and psychological aspects of the war, insights that we have gained from it. He has followed the career of a NZ Chaplain from Petone, who went to war to look after the injured soldiers. He was killed by an explosion while giving sacrament to the fallen. In a memorial in Messines, Belgium, Theo found a picture of the chaplain priest which would have been taken the day before he was killed. A touching link to an event across the other side of the world whose impact on NZ was so wide spread.







## 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
- ♦ Pak N Save Royal Oak
- ♦ Huckleberry Farms Royal Oak
- ♦ Scentre Group (operator of Westfield)
- ♦ 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**



## MRGS STUDENTS AT THE KARATE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two of our students, Tamana and Tamayul Zamani, attended the skif karate world championship competition in 2012 in Sydney Australia. Competing against 14-15 year old students Tamara won a bronze medal and Tamayul won a 6th placing in her age category of 12-13 years.



Since this competition they have competed successfully in many tournaments and won multiple national championships.

We are proud of their achievements at this world championship level and wish them all the best for their 2015 competitions.

## 2014 LANGUAGE WORD PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

We have a special award which follows on from the 2014 Languages Perfect World Championships.



At the end of the competition, 10 Gold Medal students were selected at random to be eligible to apply for a Scholarship to the overseas country whose language they are studying at school.

The Organisation behind these International Homestay Awards is the New Zealand Institute of International Understanding (NZIIU).

After the selection process, there were only 4 awards nationwide.

We are thrilled to announce that Brian Liu, of 11 OMOR, has been awarded a \$4,000 scholarship to live and study in France for 3 months at the beginning of next year.

Congratulations to Brian Liu and we wish him all the best for this amazing and life-changing experience.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ERO OFFICE

The Education Review Office (ERO) publishes a series of five booklets for parents and caregivers.

- How is my child doing? – Questions to ask at school
- Your child's education – Learning opportunities in New Zealand
- School trustees – Helping you ask the right questions
- Effective teaching – What's happening in my child's classroom?
- From education to employment – Questions to ask at school

They want to find out how useful the information is to parents, how the booklets can be improved, and if parents would prefer to receive the information in a different way.

They are starting with a survey of *How is my child doing?* To take part in the survey go to [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz) – Featured Publications. The survey runs until the end of September and only takes a few minutes to complete.



## Mt ROSKILL DIWALI CELEBRATION

**17TH OCTOBER 2014**

Puketapapa community and local schools celebrated their first Puketapapa (Mt Roskill) DIWALI in 2013.

Diwali is a significant event amongst the Indian population and celebrated all over New Zealand with all ethnicities. This year the Diwali celebration in Mt Roskill will be held on the Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014.



If you would like to participate in a performance, have a food or arts and crafts stall or help organise 2014 Diwali in Puketapapa (Mt Roskill) please contact Ella Kumar on 09 629 0660 or 021 0477642. This is an opportunity to be part of a great annual local event and help with fundraising for a great community project. The funds raised from this event will go towards the Mt Roskill Water base Hockey Turf project.

Come along and enjoy a great night, students performing then you all can enjoy the garba night, this is a cultural dance everyone can participate in, or sit and watch, enjoy the festive traditional foods at the food stall and check out other cultural stalls.

6.30pm onwards food stall will be open, cultural stalls, 7.00pm performances, 8.00pm Garba begins.

- Tickets cost: \$5.00 per person and children under 5 free,
- Every entry ticket has a chance to win a door prize.

**Save this date...MRGS Senior Prizegiving 2014. Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 6pm. Butler Hall. More information to come next term.**

## IN ZONE ENROLMENTS

All in zone enrolments that are received from Mount Roskill Intermediate and Waikowhai Intermediate students by 4.30pm **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** go in the draw for a \$350 uniform voucher and one of four stationery packs.





## 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

**School Holiday Coverage at the Health Centre** – There will be nursing cover for 25 hours each week over the school holidays at the Health Centre for the students. If you think a doctor will be needed you will need to take them to their own doctor if they are needing more extensive investigations.

**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.

## SORE THROAT CLINICS

If you're in Auckland or Porirua and your child is Māori or Pacific, is aged 4 and above, and has a sore throat, they can have it checked at one of these free sore throat clinics.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/sore-throat/sore-throat-clinics>

If you have any questions about this email please contact the Ministry of Health Web Team at [info@health.govt.nz](mailto:info@health.govt.nz)



## 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 2014/2015

Term	First Day of term	Last Day of term
Term 4	Monday 13th October	Tuesday 9th December
Term 1 2015	New Students— 29th January	Thursday 2nd April

## TERM 4 — EVENTS

TERM FOUR			
October 21	Campus Māori Gradua-	November 7- December 2	NZQA and Scholarship Examinations
October 22	School Cross Country	November 17- 18	Junior Examinations
October 23	Arts & Cultural Awards	December 3-5	Wider Education
October 27	Labour Day (School Holiday)	December 9	Junior Prizegiving
October 30	Senior Prizegiving	December 9	End of Term Four
October 31	Senior Reports Issued		

## 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 is joining 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 EVENTS—HOCKEY TURF APPEAL

### ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP SCHEME TO SUPPORT MRGS

As part of our fundraising scheme MRGS is offering the community the opportunity to order Auckland Entertainment Books . These popular membership books offer purchasers a wide range of discounts on restaurants, shopping and entertainment. There are also a limited number of digital memberships available which offer extra benefits. By purchasing one of these books you support our school's fund-raising

If you would like to order and pay for an Entertainment Book on line please follow this link

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/957q50>

Or



scan the QR image  
with your  
smartphone



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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.



**Kip McGrath Education Centre**

**First Floor,**

**8 Carr Road, Mt Roskill**

**Tel 09 6250229**