



MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As seniors are involved in the practice examinations it's pleasing to see that we are on track for excellent achievement in 2015. Thank you to families of year 11 and 12 student who made time to come and 'talk learning' on the mentoring day. The practice exams are essential training for finals. They must be taken seriously. Please continue to support your children in remaining committed to the work that is required. They understand that achieving involves some sacrifice.

There have been many performances to be proud of in recent weeks.

Congratulations to the first XI football team on winning the A1 title and gaining promotion to the 8 team Auckland Premier competition for 2016! The team have been totally focused and shown tenacity and a very positive approach. The girls first XI also had an excellent season coming third in their Auckland A competition.

Congratulations to the Senior Badminton for their Auckland A competition win, the under 15 boys rugby team for winning their competition and the under 14 boys team for making the semi-finals. The girls rugby team had an extra-ordinary season being unbeaten until their loss in the Auckland final.

Our chess players continue to slay all-comers, the string orchestra and concert band produced great results in each gaining bronze medals at the Auckland KBB festival, and the Indian Dance group won the Auckland Desi Dance Off Competition. Congratulations to our Science students who gained excellent results in the recent Auckland Science Fair and thank you to our Science teachers who go the extra mile to make this opportunity available to students.

Best wishes to our group travelling to a unique homestay opportunity in the town of Yvetot in France. We look forward to welcoming the students from Yvetot to Mt Roskill next February.

Our school is brimming with optimistic and positive young people who want to do their best. Thank you for your on-going support.

Sursum!

Greg Watson



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DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER VISITS MRGS

The school was proud recently to host a visit by Rt Hon Bill English, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance who was accompanied by Local National list MP Dr. Parmjeet Parmar. After a welcoming whakatauki and a chance to share morning tea with Senior Staff and prefects, Mr English visited a senior accounting class in the Commerce Department where he spoke of his own background and work as a cabinet minister. He also enjoyed responding to a series of searching financial questions put by the students. After his visit Mr English and his party went on to a luncheon in Sandringham where he and the other guests were entertained by our own 'Bolling Trio' of Aryaman Parulkar, Joyce Wong and Yolande Wang.



PARENTAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

School donations are voluntary and may be tax exempt. The funding provided by the government meets basic education costs. However this funding alone is inadequate to provide the high quality of education expected by our community. Parent contributions greatly increase our ability to provide this.

We are extremely grateful for your on-going support. Last year parental donations assisted the school in providing class sets of tablets and laptops to enable a wider range of students to use these devices as part of their learning. The network filtering and electronic device management system was also upgraded to support on-going access for all students. We are developing the football field to premier level to support our academy and premier football teams. Donations also helped with the running of our afterschool homework centres.

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

The Accounts Office is open from 8.00am to 4.00pm each day. Alternatively you can pay in one of the following ways.

****Via the parent portal link <http://kamarportal.mrgs.school.nz/student/index.php>**

By cheque together with the payment advice to Mount Roskill Grammar School, Frost Road, M.

RoskillPayment via EFTPOS, VISA or MASTERCARD at the School Office by phone or in person between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm

Direct Credit or Internet Banking payment can be made to Account No: 12-3033-0358045-02. Please include your child's Student ID number in the reference column of the bank statement. ****This method is the preferred option**



SCIENCE FAIR 2015 - MRGS AGAIN TAKES HONOURS

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.

Finalists in the MRGS competition earn an entry into the NIWA Auckland City Science and Technology Fair. This year over 220 entries from 23 schools competed with a day of interviews and judging in the categories of technology, earth, space, biology, chemistry and physics. Highly commended entries and category winners can also be awarded special prizes from the Fair sponsors.

MRGS Results for the NIWA Auckland Science and Technology Fair 2015

Student	Project Title	Category	Award
Isaac Bayldon	Louder Under Water	Physical World	Years 9 & 10 Highly Commended
Krishna Chandnani	Water Best When Soft	Material World	Years 9 & 10 Highly Commended
Jack Sun	Stop All That Racket, Get Sound Insulation	Physical World	Years 9 & 10 Highly Commended
Saakshi Hegde	Bubbles And Rainbows	Physical World	Years 9 & 10 <u>1st Place in Physics and Special Prize</u> —Dodd-Walls centre prize for Best Exhibit involving optics
Vinodhini Murali	Organic Herbicide	Living World	Years 9 & 10 <u>1st Place in Biology and Department of Conservation Award</u>
Sheng-Ya Wang	The Effect Of Temperature On Fermentation	Living World	Years 9 & 10 <u>Highly Commended & Baking Industry Special Prize</u>
Kerwyn Bennett	Power Of Suspension	Physical World	Years 9 & 10 <u>Highly Commended & Auckland Transport Special Prize</u>

Other Finalists

Kaitlyn Booth , Diya Roy, Jessica Rigg Sarah McKenzie, Lauren Van Laarhoven-Hargreaves, Kunj Patel

Biology

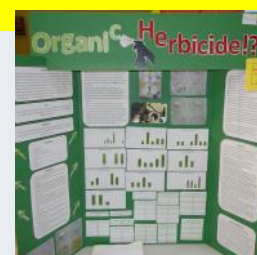
Susan Su, Lovely Pulotu, Nisaa Mirza

Chemistry



From left:

Sheng Ya Wang, Vinodhini Murali, Isaac Bayldon, Krishna Chandnani, Kerwyn Bennett, Sakshi Hegde, Kaitlyn Booth, Nisaa Mirza





BRONZE MEDAL FOR NZ IN INFORMATICS OLYMPIAD

Jonathan Khoo won a bronze medal at the World Informatics (computer programming) Olympiad held in Kazakhstan. A team of 4 New Zealand students attended, and Jonathan was the top performing NZ student. Many of the students have competed at the event for several years, and Jonathan did exceptionally well for his first year of competition. He is looking forward to the challenge of continuing to improve his skills and hopes to go to next year's olympiad.

Mt Roskill Grammar are currently running the examinations for interested Year 12 students who wish to compete in next year's trials for the NZ team.



MRGS MUSICIANS IN LOCAL COMPETITIONS

STAND UP STAND OUT SEMIFINAL QUALIFIERS

The Music Department had an extremely busy week 5 with competitions. Natasha S'au got through to the semifinals of the solo vocals category of the Stand Up Stand Out Competition, and the 13MKM band were called to the semifinals of the bands category. They all represented Mt Roskill Grammar with pride in what was a tough competition.

KBB SUCCESS FOR ORCHESTRA AND CONCERT BAND

The String Orchestra and Concert Band performed in the KBB Festival and their months of hard work resulted in both groups receiving Bronze Awards.

Juhaina Mascarenhas, Bryan Busby, Aryaman Parulkar and Joyce Wong attended the Gala Concert and Awards Ceremony on Saturday 22 August to receive the awards on behalf of Concert Band and String Orchestra. This was a fitting acknowledgement of the outstanding leadership and commitment shown by these 'musical prefects' over their time in the Concert Band and String Orchestra. Along with the other year 13s in both groups they will be sorely missed next year! We would also like to acknowledge Dave Snelling and Glynn Sergeant for directing the String Orchestra, and Tim Atkinson for directing the Concert Band.



Juhaina Mascarenhas, Bryan Busby,
Aryaman Parulkar and Joyce Wong



FOOTBALL 1STXI WINS PROMOTION TO PREMIER GRADE

In their final game of the season the boys' 1stXI football team fought a hard-earned draw with Glendowie to take the A1 grade competition. This first place gives MRGS entry next season to the Premier grade and marks a milestone of ambition for football at Roskill and the success of the coaching/mentoring 'Being Roskill' scheme. The team, with only one loss all season in their competition, were worthy winners—with a total of 35 points one ahead of St Peters who have been their chasing rivals all season. This last tight game provided a nail-biting final 90 minutes for the large crowd gathered on the bank and pitch edges and as the final whistle blew the realization of and jubilation for a return to the premier grade after a 15 year absence was witnessed as crowds sought to congratulate the team members.



LACROSSE REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

In the tradition of Excellence and involvement in sports we congratulate a number of our girls' lacrosse players who received news recently of Provincial representative honours—Kayla Brown, Jenny Chung, Ray Cruz, Anna Greaves, Amrutha Murphy, Emma Thompson, Zaynia Ram, Lauren van Laarhaven-Hargreaves have been named in the Auckland U15 development squad. In addition Bree Johnson is named in the Auckland U15 A team and Kristine Canete will be playing for either U15 team, or U18 development squad as goalie. Most of these girls have only played one season (apart from Bree and Emma), so it is exciting to have them represent Auckland in a National tournament this month.

ROSKILL MUSICIAN WINS AUCKLAND SOLO COMPETITION

Senior student Mark Bingham competed in the Auckland Youth Orchestra's Solo Competition recently and having been selected for the finals went on to win the competition in an evening performance. His entry was in the GEM section of the event—an accompanied piece of less than 10 minutes length. This is another honour for one of our premier musicians.



SCHOOL BALL 2015

The annual school ball was held at the end of term 2 and as ever the formal occasion allowed senior students to celebrate their year and for many to mark their last year at Roskill with a sparkling social evening. The ball was held at the Ellerslie Convention Centre and the venue was decked in glitter and stars to represent the Vintage Hollywood theme. Guests approached the entrance on a red carpet and many took advantage in typical 'celebrity' style to have their first photo taken there. A buffet dinner was followed by a great night of dancing and there were also the annual awards for popularity and presentation. The student organisers, the year 13 Deans, Mr Gipps and Mr Cornes and a host of others ensured that it was a memorable evening for all who attended.



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING WITH ATHLETE'S FOOT STORE

The school's fundraising relationship with the St Lukes branch of the shoe retailer 'Athlete's Foot' has been productive in its early stages and the first cheque representing the donations made for each purchase at the shop by a student or their family was handed to the school by Kylie Whyte the manager of the store. Some of our Head Prefects and Deputy Principal Mr. Hall accepted what we hope will be the first of many cheques to support the school in its work.







GYMSPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS FOR ROSKILL STUDENTS

In August this term a number of our students competed both individually and in teams as part of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Gymsports Championships. They performed with commitment and expertise achieving some creditable individual and team placings in a national field of competitors.

Bronze Medal Winning Team



New Zealand Secondary Schools Gymsports Championships MRGS Results

Event	Level	Team Result	Individual Placing
	Level 1	3rd place (Bronze Medal) Chelsea Ellis Emily Power Anna Greaves	8 th Anna Greaves 9 th Emily Power 19 th Chelsea Ellis
	Level 2	5th & 7th places Madison Smith Zara Deverell Tayla Dawson Louise Barnes Steffanie Kobayashi-Cox Naomi Vos Kate Bonnici	7 th Madison Smith 17 th Zara Deverell 19 th Tayla Dawson 22 nd Louise Barnes 28 th Steffanie Kobayashi-Cox 32 nd Naomi Vos 35 th Kate Bonnici
	Level 4		8 th Mandie Galea
Rhythmic Gymnastics	Club Level B		5 th Kate Bonnici
Trampoline	Elite Womens		8 th Madison Smith
	A grade Women	2 nd in A grade Zara Deverell Tanika Brown Mandie Galea	
	B Grade Womens		5 th Chelsea Ellis
	C Grade		15 th Saloni Kamble

TWINKLE FOUNDATION AUCTION RAISES MONEY FOR CHILDREN

Thanks to those who donated their time, their money and their voices to the Twinkle prefect (and teacher) auction and especially to Korine Rosario, Saloni Kamble and Pebble Varela for their leadership. We were able to donate \$1300 to the Wilson Home in Takapuna, providing support directly to children with disabilities.





PEACE WEEK: COLLABORATION4PEACE AND THE PEACE SYMPOSIUM 2015

Another exciting **International Peace week** was celebrated at MRGS from August 3rd-7th where the Mediators organised 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 Wednesday, it was "Embracing Diversity and Anti Violence Day" where the hall was full of information stalls from agencies like Rainbow Youth; 'Violence is not ok campaign'; Manalive; Shine; Shakti; Youthline; Youthlaw; RPE; Umma group; The String Movement; as well as student stalls on Amnesty International, PSSP, Body image and Autism support.



Students wore their MRGS uniquely designed peace T-shirts and there was also beautiful music played by the student bands.

On Thursday the Mediators organised a cake stall and raised \$355 for the Peace Foundation.

Some Year 9 students commented on their experience of Peace week saying how much they enjoyed the activities: "I enjoyed everyone getting involved in peace week, standing up for one another". "Everyone was nice, everyone was happy". "Everyone was nice and kind in the class".

On Friday 14th, a group of Mediators attended the **Secondary Schools Peace Symposium** where they presented their awesome assembly presentation "Collaboration of Culture" with a dance competition becoming a collaboration dance. Our Year 9 student '**Isopo 'Akau'ola** delivered a powerful anti-bullying speech in front of 10 other Secondary schools, the Peace Foundation and other peace experts.

A big thank you to the Symposium Mediators **Jon Jon Cowley Lupo, Sanaj Deshpande, Lulu Feng, Mary-Kate Fonua, Katana Fruean, Nancy Gafa, Disha Gomathinayagam, 'Ilaisaane Heilikutonga, Sam Langi, Sammie Lee, Ryan McKee, Caitlin Morgan-Manukau, Sai Krupa Narayana, Inaanuanu Paseka, Natasha Sa'u, Aashna Saxena, Tanaya Sonar, Tonga Vakalahi, Deeksha Vijayakumar, and Kyla Concepcion. You did MRGS proud.**

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!



A GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN FOR ROSKILL BADMINTON TEAM

In an A grade competition of 14 teams, Roskill A1 had an unbeaten season including wins over the top teams from St Peters and Mt Albert, and beat Macleans, 4 games to 2 in the final. It was close and intense, with Roskill gaining the initiative by Hasnain Cheena winning the number one singles 21-20! The team was Hasnain Cheena (captain), Shreshta Dyavadi, Zion Tse, Asif Cheena, and John Seo.



STUDENTS ATTEND INSPIRE 2015 EVENT

Early in the term a group of MRGS students attended the Inspire 2015 event— this annual student leadership event was organized by Fuji Xerox NZ in conjunction with AUT Business School and the Sir Peter Blake Trust.

This was a full day event held at the AUT Business School in Auckland featuring an inspirational line-up of speakers and it brought together over 350 secondary school students from all over the city. The event is designed to recognise and inspire the potential leaders of tomorrow providing them with a unique opportunity to meet and learn from the leaders of today's world.

This year's event focused on providing insights on how young people today can harness a sense of global citizenship in order to deal with some of the pressing environmental and humanitarian issues of our time. The speakers included Sir Ray Avery, Claudia Batten & Nikki Kaye.

One student who attended the day said, "I loved the whole day, I met inspiring people, students and adults. I had a great time, and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The rhythm interactive was great fun, and it was moving to have a whole auditorium full of people working towards a common goal. Thank you so much for the opportunity, I hope to be up on the stage in years to come talking to like-minded people about how I have succeeded in life and hope to inspire the next generation of leaders. But I don't think I would have realised and set this goal without experiencing Inspire 2015."

A special Roskill element was added by the presence of ex-student Josuah Iosefo who led one of the inspirational sessions.



1STXV RETAIN CROWE SHIELD

The rugby 1stXV remain as holders of the Crowe Shield after a convincing 36-21 win over Marcellin College. In 2014, after a five year gap the Rugby Challenge Shield inaugurated by the Crowe family was finally regained by MRGS. The shield competition to honour the rugby rivalry between ourselves and Marcellin college dates back to 1980 and over the years has moved between the two schools as games have been won and lost. It was formally awarded to 1stXV Captain in a school assembly.





ARTS WEEK

Our rich student involvement in the Arts was evident this term with three days of events and experiences showcasing Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Music. On Wednesday of the week Students attended a performance from the Basement Theater group and were able to view an art exhibition as well as seeing screen T-shirt printing demonstrated. On Thursday the Performing Arts Dept with dance displays, Elizabethan and Commedia Dell'arte together with a Bring It On open rehearsal were a focus for the school. Finally on the last day of the week the Music Dept provided a band, vocal groups and the celebrated Jazz Combo to entertain lunchtime audiences in the hall.



HEALTH WEEK ACTIVITIES

Once again the school was involved in Health week activities and a variety of events and opportunities were spread across the week. Daily health facts in notices set key talking points and each day chances for activity and healthy life style choices were on offer. Zumba classes graced the gym at lunchtimes and representatives from the YMCA and the Cameron Pools provided athletic and physical challenges in the school quad area. On the final day various health organizations packed the hall with exhibitions, displays, free samples and healthy advice.





SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

Our annual whole school cross country day was held in week 4 of the term and the weather was kind affording perfect conditions for everyone to be involved in the house competition. Students from all year levels made their way around a local course and earned points for their house. After many showed resilience in completing the course the house placings were as below.

2015 MRGS Cross Country House Placings

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd place	4th Place	5th Place
Rutherford	Hillary	Ngata	Sheppard	Cooper



GIRLS RUGBY PROMISING SEASON

There has been great success in Rugby for MRGS over the past term with many teams vying for places in the finals of their respective competitions. However, the MRGS Girls 10s side have been a revelation this year as they were undefeated in competition games and competed in the final of the Auckland Secondary Schools Girls 10s competition against Tangaroa College. Although they were beaten by Tangaroa despite a strong second half - the girls through their collective hard work on and off the field the side has had a tremendous season and this has further been acknowledged in the selection of 5 of the team for the Auckland Central/West U18 Girls side Toru Arakua, Keikilani Roberts, Malia Logopoa, Maria Fruean & Summer Kapsin, with Kelly Folau on stand by. This is an outstanding achievement for these girls and they have brought pride and success to MRGS and the Rugby community. It is important to acknowledge also the hardwork of parent/coach Tillam Kapsin, the support of Mrs McNaughton, Ms Ma, and current manager Mr Sua. In addition Toru Arakura has also been selected for the Cook Island sevens youth Commonwealth games and the Auckland Vulcan senior woman's league team.

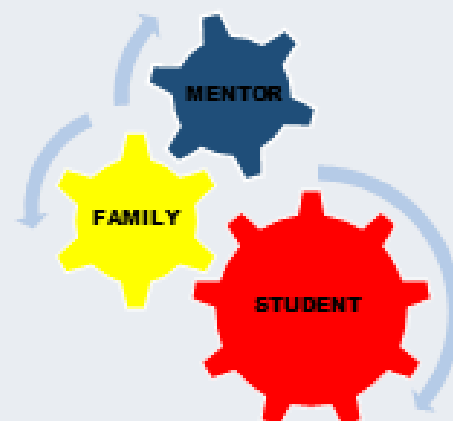


MENTORING

Our vision for mentoring at MRGS in 2015 was to continue to ensure success in progress and achievement through a powerful learning culture and to strengthen partnerships with our community.

The term two conference enabled students to imbed their goals (academic, attendance and co-curricular) and reflect on their progress.

The term three conference created an even clearer focus on progress towards these goals, preparing for examinations and not only looking towards future pathways but also options selection for next year and beyond.



The feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive; face to face reporting through mentoring provides strategies that support an holistic approach to engagement and learning across all subjects.

Thanks to the staff, students and families who have continued to strengthen our mentoring programme this year. We look forward to welcoming more students and families to the mentoring programme in 2016.

SENIOR SUBJECT REPORT NIGHT

Tuesday 22nd of September – Year 11, 12 and 13 students reflect on their MRGS examination results as they look towards the NZQA external examinations.

NZQA examination timetable
[2015 NCEA Examination Timetable](#)

or

Check the NCEA & Scholarship exam timetable on your smartphone at:
[timetable.nzqa.govt.nz >](http://timetable.nzqa.govt.nz)

SCHOOL UNIFORM—CHANGE TO HEAD SCARVES

We wish to inform the community that the school will be in a transition period from Term 3 with regard to designated head scarves as we are changing the colour of our head scarf from white to black as requested by our Muslim school community. It is expected that it will be fully implemented by Term 4 of 2015. Any concerns please contact Deputy Principal—[Mr T.Pune](#) .

SLINGSHOT ‘BETTER SCHOOLS’ PROGRAMME

We are now part of this wonderful programme whereby Slingshot customers can choose to have a percentage of their monthly bill donated to the school. Each month, Slingshot will send us the money to use as we see fit. How big that donation is depends on you! If you'd like this easy and pain free way to contribute please go to call 0800 89 7733 and speak to one of their friendly customer helpers.

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BYOD INFORMATION EVENING – THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 6-7.30PM

On the 17th September the school is holding a BYOD information evening in the school library from 6pm-7.30pm. This evening is to inform parents of our optional BYOD programme which seeks to take education and learning to a whole new level that will both excite and stimulate students in their academic pursuits. We look forward to talking with you with about our BYOD programme during this evening.

If you are intending to attend please confirm this in an e-mail by 15th September at the latest
With your name, students name – and total number attending

To Xanthe.Sulzberger@mrgs.school.nz



BYOD Information Evening

WHEN

**September 17th
6-7.30pm**

WHERE

Library

Come and learn more about how BYOD will benefit your child's learning.

*RSVP to Xanthe Sulzberger by the 15th September at
Xanthe.sulzberger@mrgs.school.nz*





DIWALI CELEBRATION



CELEBRATE DIWALI 2015
for all of Puketapapa (Mt. ROSKILL)

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**MT. ROSKILL
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*Come Along & Enjoy Dance Performances, Garba,
Raffles, Cultural Stalls & Henna Application*

DIWALI 2015















Date: Friday 30th October 2015
Time: 6:30 PM Food & Stalls Open
 7:00 PM Performances
 8:00 PM Garba
Venue: Mt Roskill Grammar School Hall,
 Frost Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland
Tickets: Mt. Roskill Grammar School Office


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DESI DANCE COMPETITION SUCCESS FOR SECOND YEAR RUNNING



The annually organized Desi International High School Dance Off was held recently and MRGS achieved significant results. The dance performances are a fusion of Indian traditional, Bollywood, Hip-Hop and also some European Dancing styles. The school's group consisted of 16 students and after the judging was completed they were placed first in the competition. An additional prize was also given to Chernade Prasad who was named as the best female dancer. It was a successful and enjoyable evening for all the students involved.





CORNER OF CHINESE CULTURE

This article continues the news about our **Corner of Chinese Culture**. The aim of this group is to provide students with an Experience in Chinese Culture, including Chinese Movie Discovery, Chinese Calligraphy and Paper Cutting, Chinese Kongfu, Chinese Tea Art, Chinese Dance and etc. The aim is that these activities can help students gain an initial and/or insightful experience of Chinese culture.

CCC is well supported by professionals and teachers from Auckland and our local schools. On 8th of May, professional Calligraphy and Kongfu Performers who came from the Chinese New Settlers Service Trust offered CCC learners opportunities in learning Chinese Calligraphy, paper cutting and Kongfu training. CCC also has invited our teachers with expertise in performing arts, music and vocal training to be judges during the Competition of 'Corner of Chinese Culture Has Got Talent'.

CCC activities are fun. From 8th of May, Corner of Chinese Culture has been organising a great variety of activities weekly to engage our young learners who participated voluntarily. Students have taken great interests in Taichi, Chinese Tea Tasting, Chopstick Use, paper flower pattern cutting, and other cultural-related activities. They were highly engaged because there are competitions, games, and prize draws.

CCC also runs a series of activities relating to Cultural Festivals based on the Lunar Calendar. On 19th of June, CCC hosted a lunch time session to remember our famous Chinese Poet Qu Yuan for Dragon Boat Festival. Four of our teachers participated and helped with the Question and Answer Prize Draw after watching the video of Legend of Qu Yuan. Students had the opportunity to taste Zongzi for the first time. CCC is going to host another cultural celebration in the upcoming Moon Festival at the end of September.

The student attendance rate has been on the rise. They are recruiting students with talents in leading and organising activities, in the hope that CCC will be student-centred and student-run in the near future.



From Days Gone By:

1974:

"No-one can deny the gap between parents and their children. The mental stress put on children today is affecting their lives and relationships with their parents and adults."

"The adults of today can't understand or even try to understand the younger generations views and problems. They seem to think that they are right and that they are the only people that have problems"

"What we need now, before it is too late, is better communication and for parents to take more interest in their children". By Kay Dixon

From 1974 MRGS Magazine



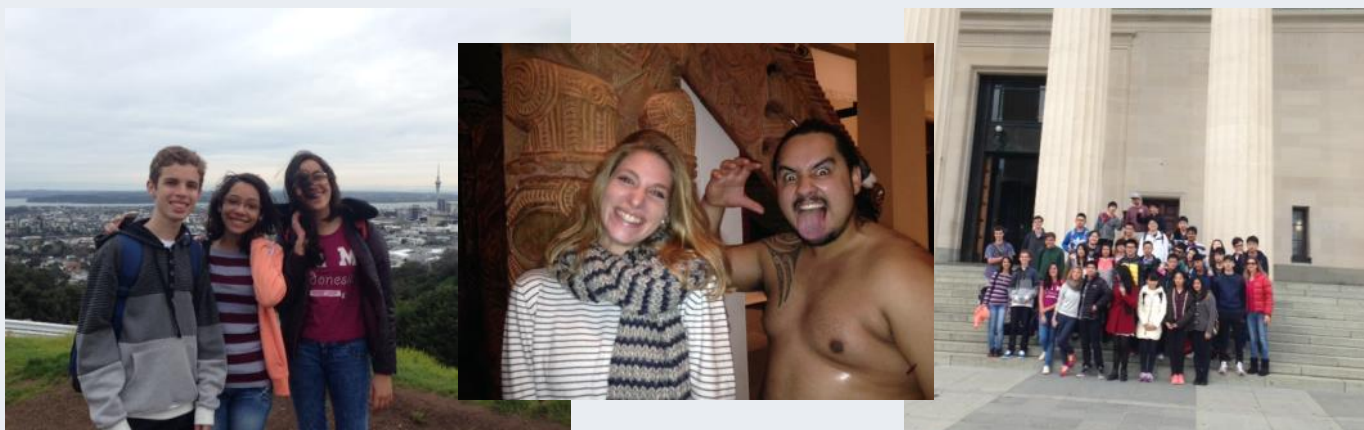
STUDENT PERFORMERS' SUCCESS IN 'BRING IT ON' EVENT

On Saturday 5th September, a passionate and talented group of 28 students represented Mount Roskill Grammar at this years 'Bring It On' dance competition. After two terms of hard work rehearsing after school, weekends and during school holidays the team of dancers lead by Shaden Smith, Randy Sjafrie and Tyler Nicholas, under the amazing guidance of Miss Aitchison and Miss Gamble, achieved fantastic success with a third place in the Auckland competition. A well-deserved recognition of the group's tireless efforts.



SHORT TERM INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STAYS

This term we welcomed 30 new international students to MRGS from China, Japan, India, Italy, China and Brazil. As part of their orientation we did a safety talk with them one day and then took them on trip to familiarise them with Auckland and enable them to make friends. They visited Mt Eden, the Museum (including the cultural show), the winter gardens and Sylvia Park.





'SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE' - A STUDENT'S TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Year 12 student Joshua Simmons recounts his experience of a Sprit of Adventure voyage.

"During the term 1 school holidays and a week of term 2, I was fortunate to take part in a 10 day youth development voyage 'The Spirit of Adventure'.

The Spirit of Adventure trust allows 40 kids from across New Zealand (i.e. trainees) from age 15 to 19 to spend up to 10 days on a sailing boat; to build confidence, resilience, the ability to break out of our comfort zones, to go to places you wouldn't in your regular life, and learn how to sail the ship with others.

I was dropped off early at Auckland Harbour and I boarded the Spirit, knowing that I wouldn't see my family for 10 days. At first the idea was daunting since I hadn't been away from home for any longer than 4 days, but also exciting, knowing I was going on this trip not just to holiday, but to develop as a person. I knew nobody on the ship, so I made the effort to meet some of the people onboard, and to think that the 40 of us plus crew were going to be living together for the following 10 days.



The first few days were focused on getting to know each other. They allowed me to make some really good friends from across New Zealand and it was then that I knew I was going to have a lot of fun.

We were split into 4 groups of 10, each group was assigned a section of the ship, where we would learn about the sails on that part of the ship, the ropes and what does what.

On the 3rd day, we were able to sail over to Great Barrier Island, a place with the most amazing scenery. We had a few days there, with a day tramp, a swim in the natural hot pools at the end, then a barbeque and bonfire on the beach. The day was definitely one of the highlights of the trip.

Every morning we rose at 6:30am then warmed up and jumped into the water for our morning swim. The first morning was quite cold, but eventually I got used to it. The accommodation consisted of two cabins which each had 21 people, and we ate in a cabin towards the back of the boat during each meal. Each day a group would be serving each meal for the day, and the food was pretty good. Every morning, our groups cleaned our section of the boat so that everything was clean for the day.

I feel like I have so much more to say about what I did, and I could go on for a while. This trip gave me the opportunity to take the time to grow as a person, as I was able to put myself out there and do things with people whom I hadn't met before. I was able to gain a lot more confidence, and it gave me the chance to refocus for school and wider life. This is an opportunity that I would like to thank Mrs Bennett HOD P.E. for giving me, and this could be something that others might be interested in.

I think it's fair to say that this voyage was one of those life experiences that I simply won't forget, and with all the friends I made, it was amazing. I had the time of my life, and maybe in the coming years that could be you."



MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Term 4: October – December 2015

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

Extra Enrolment Night: Wednesday, 14 October 6-8pm

MONDAY – starts 19 Oct 7-9pm unless stated

Alexander Technique *6.45-8.15pm	5 wks	\$80
Ballroom & Latin Dancing – Begs *7-8pm	6 wks	\$57
Basic Car Maintenance & Repairs	6 wks	\$90
Computer Repairs & Maintenance: Intro	4 wks	\$79
Computer R&M: Advd *from 23 Nov 6.30-9pm	3 wks	\$75
Furniture Making & Design *8-9pm	7 wks	\$145+
Painting With Oils *materials needed	7 wks	\$95+
Pattern Making (Drafting) - Advanced	7 wks	\$110+
Sign Language (NZSL) – Beginners 1B	7 wks	\$70
Thai Cooking	4 wks	\$59+
Toastmasters (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	\$67
Yoga *6.45-8.15pm (bring mat)	7 wks	\$67
Zumba *730-830pm	7 wks	\$50

TUESDAY – starts 20 Oct 7-9pm unless stated

Badminton *6.30-8.30pm	7 wks	\$86
Bollywood Dancing *7.35-8.35pm	7 wks	\$70
Building a Website with Weebly *7-8.30pm	2 wks	\$40
Dressmaking for Beginners *630-9pm (FULL)	7 wks	\$97+
Floristry - Beginners to Intermediate	7 wks	\$95+
Google Docs, Sheets & Slides *starts 3 Nov	1 wk	\$28
Home Renovation *6.30-8.30pm	3 wks	\$59
Indian Curries *starts 3 Nov	3 wks	\$72+
Indoor Soccer: Mixed *6.45-8.15pm	8 wks	\$76
Intro to Social Media *starts 10 Nov	3 wks	\$70
Picture Framing	7 wks	\$98+
Sign Language (NZSL) – Beginners 1A	7 wks	\$70
Spin Bikes *6.30-7.30pm	7 wks	\$60
Tennis *6-8pm (own racquet required)	6 wks	\$78
Welding-Beginners *6.30-8.30pm	6 wks	\$207+
Woodwork & Furniture Restoration *645-9pm	7 wks	\$97+
Yoga *6.45-8.15pm (Bring mat)	8 wks	\$76

WEDNESDAY – starts 21 Oct 7-9pm unless stated

Aerobics – Pump *7-8pm	7 wks	\$52
Cake Decorating: Novelty & Cup Cakes	7 wks	\$95+
Chinese - Mandarin-Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
Dressmaking - Intermediate *630-9pm	7 wks	\$97+
French for Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
Indoor Soccer *starts 14 Oct *7.30-9pm	8 wks	\$76
Italian Cooking *starts 18 Nov	3 wks	\$59+
Mediterranean Cooking *starts 28 Oct	3 wks	\$59+
Pilates *6.30-7.30pm	7 wks	\$67
Small Engine Repairs	6 wks	\$95+
Spanish for Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
SpeechWorks (Public Speaking) * 6.30-9pm	5 wks	\$195
Stencil Art – Advanced *starts 4 Nov	3 wks	\$92+
Stencil Art & Screen Printing - Intro	2 wks	\$66+
Woodwork (return students) *28 Oct 645-9pm	7 wks	\$97+
Woodwork-Beg(new students)*21 Oct 645-9pm	8 wks	\$107+
Yoga *starts 14 Oct 6.45-8.15pm	9 wks	\$86

GUITAR CLASSES – starts 22 & 23 Oct as stated (own guitar required)

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

SATURDAY – as stated

MYOB: Intro *14 Nov 9am-4.30pm	2 wks	\$137
Pasta Making Workshop *21 Nov 10am-2pm	1 day	\$55
Yum Char, *14 Nov 9.30am-12.30pm	1 day	\$55

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Non-residents pay 30% extra on advertised fee.

DAY TIME CLASSES

*Conversational English & Grammar. Starts 12 Oct

3 days per wk: Mon, Wed, Fri 9.15am -12.15pm. 9 weeks, \$360

Level 1: Beginner/ Elementary

Level 2: Pre-Intermediate

Level 3: Intermediate/ High Intermediate

*Speaking & Pronunciation: Pre-Int Plus. Starts 19 Oct

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

*IELTS Exam Preparation – Academic & General. Starts 13 Oct

2 days per week: Tues & Thurs, 9.15-11.15am. 9 weeks, \$240

EVENING CLASSES:

*General English Classes – ESOL Starts 19 Oct

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

Level 1: Beginners/ Elementary

Level 2: Pre-Intermediate

Level 2: Intermediate/High Intermediate

*Advanced English. Starts 20 Oct

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

*Speaking and Pronunciation. Starts 20 Oct

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

*Speaking in Public. Starts 11 Nov

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

*Writing Skills Starts 19 Oct

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

*IELTS Preparation. Starts 20 Oct

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

*Enjoying Modern Fiction. Starts 19 Oct

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

PLEASE NOTE:

1) "+" after a price indicates further materials / costs involved.

2) You must be a minimum of 16 years to enrol in all classes.

HOW TO ENROL:

- At our office: Eftpos is available (please complete form)
- Phone on 621 0051 with your credit card details (no forms required)
- Email Com.Ed@mrgs.school.nz
- Download an enrolment form from www.mrgs.school.nz, and click on "Community Education."

Please check our website for more information.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates 2015

Term	First Day of term	Last Day of term
Term 4	Monday 12th October	Tuesday 8th December

TERM THREE EVENTS

Sept 8 - 16	School Senior Examinations	Sept 21 & 23	Year 12 Drama Production 'Wheeler's Luck'
Sept 17	BYOD Evening meeting	Sept 24	Sports Awards Evening
Sept 22	Senior Subject Report Evening	Sept 25	End of Term Three

TERM FOUR EVENTS

Oct 12	Start of Term Four	Oct 29	Senior Prizegiving
Oct 14	2016 Enrolment Interview Evening	Nov 3 and 5	2016 Enrolment Interview Evenings
Oct 15	Arts and Cultural Awards	Nov 6	NZQA Examinations Start
Oct 21	Maori Graduation	Nov 11	2016 Enrolment Interview Evening
Oct 26	Labour Day Holiday	Nov 12 and 13	Junior School Examinations

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To keep up to date with all aspects of our fundraising—follow the website link

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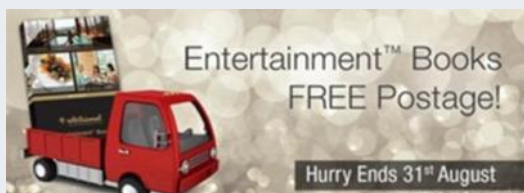
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If you are happy to complete the occasional on-line survey this would be a great way to help the school fundraise. Founded in 2004, Buzzthepeople is an Auckland based Research Company. To date over \$437,000 has been raised for charities, schools and 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>



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Mount Roskill Grammar School also would like to thank Pak' n Save Royal Oak for their sponsorship of the Girls 1st XI Football Team this year



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