

MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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2013**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Connecting with our alumni has made the diamond jubilee very special. It has been a pleasure to meet former students and teachers who cherish their time at the school. Thank you to everyone who contributed to three excellent events – the Sursum Foundation Sports Evening, the Jubilee Day and the Jubilee Dinner. The

leadership of David Lett, John Wilkinson and Nick Tuialii has been notable in organising events.

We have launched fundraising for the redevelopment of the school hockey turf. The vision is for a high quality water based turf with associated pavilion to meet school and community needs. We are working with the Auckland Hockey Association to ensure the facility meets the highest standards. This project is the first step in realising our strategic direction of growing centres of excellence. We have been fortunate to receive \$400k towards the \$1.5 million needed for the turf redevelopment from the Facilities Partnership Fund of the Auckland City Council. Reaching the goal will require a big whole school effort. The sausages were sizzling on the BBQ outside Bunnings on Saturday! Contact information for our fundraising group can be found later in the newsletter.

As I write there are about 30 school days left for our senior students before leaving to sit the NCEA external examinations. With the majority of internal assessment completed the focus is now on preparation for the school exams in week 7. At the same time we are working hard to check the progress of each student to ensure they can achieve the best possible result. Families can help by hearing from your son or daughter their study programme leading up to the week 7 exams. The exam timetable included later in the newsletter will help with this conversation. Additionally families could ask students about their progress towards gaining the NCEA qualification they are seeking. Families can track progress in gaining credits through the parent portal on the school website.



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MRGS FUNDRAISING LAUNCH FOR THE HOCKEY TURF AND SPORTS PAVILION

The fundraising project for the Hockey Turf Redevelopment and the Sports Pavilion was launched as part of The MRGS Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 17th August. The Hockey Turf Redevelopment is a \$1.5 million dollar project to upgrade the turf into a water based turf. Many of you will know that the current turf has undulating surfaces.

The Hockey turf and sports pavilion development is in line with the MRGS strategic plan for 2013-2018 which says that MRGS will develop and promote centres of excellence and develop facilities to promote quality educational experiences.

The Hockey Turf project development subcommittee consists of Auckland Hockey Association, Roskill Eden and Mt Eden Hockey Clubs and MRGS. This group has already been very successful in obtaining \$400,000 from the Auckland Council Central Facility Partnership Committee.

This very generous grant was handed over by Shale Chambers - Chairperson Auckland Council Central Facility Partnership Committee to the MRGS Girls Hockey 1st 11. Thank you Auckland Council for this grant.

At the launch the new fundraising display board complete with its thermometer was on show as was the banner which gives an artist's view of the proposed Hockey turf and sports pavilion. Go along to the Hockey Turf and check it out.

Where to from here? You are all welcome to get involved in fundraising.

We now have \$1.1 million to raise for the turf. MRGS also has plans to build a sports pavilion which will be located between the Hockey turf and the Rugby fields so we have lots of fundraising to do. The MRGS fundraising committee had its first meeting on the 22nd August at the school. If you missed that meeting and still want to get involved please contact Ella Kumar on Ella.Kumar@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or Judith Bingham jcl.air@xtra.co.nz or Marjet Pot on potgull@ihug.co.nz. We aim to make this fundraising fun so contact us and support your children's school.

If you have fabulous ideas for fundraising or know of companies who may wish to sponsor aspects of the turf or sports pavilion then please contact the above people. We would welcome such calls.

If you wish to make a donation to this project please make this direct to the school office or post to

Mt Roskill Grammar School, Frost Rd, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1041

All donations over \$5.00 qualify for the IRD's Donation Tax Credit

These new facilities will be premier facilities which the community will be proud of. They will be a huge asset for the school, the students, the community and Auckland Hockey Association.

Marjet Pot, MRGS Fundraising committee
[Photos courtesy of the Central Leader]





ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION – TERM 3

Classes still to start during this term:

Chinese Yum Cha: Saturday 7 September, 9.30am-12.30pm, 1 morning, \$35 +\$20 ingredients

Cloud Storage for Small Business: Tuesday 3 September, 7-8.30pm, 1 evening, \$20

Indian Cooking: starts Monday 2 September, 7-9pm, 4 evenings, \$70 (includes first night's ingredients)

Mediterranean Cooking: starts Tuesday 3 September, 7-9pm, 4 evenings, \$70 (includes first night's ingredients)

MYOB – Computerised Accounting: Saturday 31 August, 9am-4.30pm, 2 weeks, \$135

Outsourcing Options for Small Business: Tuesday 17 September, 7-8.30pm, 1 evening, \$20

Promotional Video Creation for Small Business: Tuesday 10 September, 1 evening, \$30

Skype for Small Business: Tuesday 24 September, 7-8.30pm, 1 evening, \$20

Think, Shrink and Grow: A "Sorted" Money Seminar: Tuesday 3 September, 7-9pm, 1 evening, \$10

Term 4 classes will start from 21 October. For a full list of classes and further information, see www.mrgs.school.nz, click on "Community Education"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM THREE		TERM FOUR	
August 30	School Holiday	October 14	Start of term Four
September 2—6	Tournament Week	October 23	Campus Maori Graduation
September 6	Junior Reports Issued	October 24	Sports Awards Evening
September 9—17	School Senior Examinations	October 28	Labour Day Holiday
September 19 & 20	Senior Drama Production	October 31	Senior Prizegiving
September 26	Arts/Cultural Awards Evening	November 11	NZQA Examinations Start
September 27	End of Term Three	November 18 & 19	Junior School Examinations
	Senior Interim Reports Issued	November 28	Junior Swimming Carnival
		December 3	NZQA Examinations End
		December 4—6	Wider Education
		December 10	Junior prizegiving; Junior reports Issued
			End of Term Four



THE 60TH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Jubilee event took place on Saturday 17th August and was a successful celebration of the school's first 60 years. Over 350 people attended the morning's events and there was plenty of opportunity for seeing the school and catching up with old friends.

Registered past pupils were arriving from 9.20 for the 10.00 first event and by 9.55 a large crowd gathered in the front left corner of the main field to honour the memory of Bob Laing and his service to the school. Mr Steve Cole – ex teacher of the school and present Headmaster of St Kentigern College spoke warmly of his encounters with Mr Laing and our 1st XV sang and performed a haka as the monumental plaque was unveiled. After this the returning visitors moved towards the hall car park where a powhiri welcomed them with speeches from Mr Watson, Mr Tuailii and student Luke Edmonds. These Whaikorero were answered by a past head boy of the school and other speakers before the crowd moved into the hall for morning tea. Other events of the morning



were the unveiling of the plaque for the Jubilee Avenue of Pohutakawa trees – when Mr Colin Prentice shared a few of his school memories. Also the morning saw the launch of the Turf replacement fundraising project.



Visitors ended their morning and early afternoon with tours around the classrooms to view memorabilia and subject displays before taking the opportunity to be photographed in their decade groups.



In the evening there was a very well-received dinner at Alexandra Park – over 120 people attended this. Our talented student Jazz combo played as the diners assembled and after welcoming speeches they were entertained by the 'Remarkables' a student group formed by the four Ilauaa brothers. During the dinner Khylee Quince – Sursum Trust committee member and ex Deputy Head Prefect of the school – captured the attention of the diners with her recollections of student life at Roskill and a little later Colin

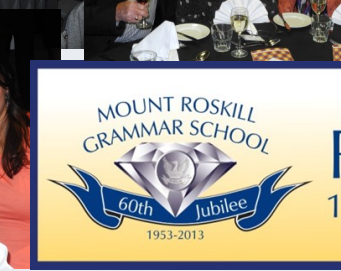


Prentice gave the listeners an interesting and entertaining account of his memories as both a student and principal. The evening was a memorable end to the celebrations and as individuals left they commented on the great day of events and their re-acquaintance with people and places.

[The Following Page has a montage of photos from the day's events]



Reunion 17 August 2013



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REMINDER: - ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Mount Roskill Grammar School



ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

In Zone Enrolments are now being accepted

Out of Zone Enrolments close on September 4th

For information Contact Mrs. K Collins 621-0050

Or check Enrolment and Prospectus links on school website: www.mrgs.school.nz

BLOOD DONATION DAY AT MRGS



The New Zealand Blood Service (NZBS) will be carrying out their annual collection of blood from students aged 16 and over at the school on Thursday 29th August 2013 9.00am – 2.00pm.

If you require any further information please call 0800 GIVEBLOOD or visit www.nzblood.co.nz

INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAY

We are looking for caring Kiwi homestays to take students in 2014. Families need to provide students with their own room, bed, desk, lamp and heating in winter, along with 3 meals a day.

If you are interested in becoming a homestay parent and live close to the school, please fill in the homestay application forms on our website www.mrgs.school.nz/international or contact Sandra Flessak in the main office.

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION

The International Department recently took our new International students on an Orientation of Auckland. Students were taken by school van and private car to the top of Mt Eden, followed by the Maori concert at the Museum, the Winter Gardens at the Domain, Bastion Point, lunch at Mission Bay followed by a quick look at One Tree Hill. The students were very impressed with the beauty of Auckland, and especially the newborn lambs at One Tree



Hill. The highlight for many was writing words in their own language in rocks at One Tree Hill.

Students had the chance to make new friends and learn more about the new city they have come to.





INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD SUCCESS



Cindy Ou Y13 has achieved international success by winning a bronze medal in the 45th annual Chemistry Olympiad. The event took place over the recent holiday break and Cindy was a member of a strong New Zealand Team which as a group was awarded the bronze medal status. The Olympiad, held this year in Moscow, brought together secondary and high school student teams from all over the world to exhibit their expertise in Chemistry.

Cindy gained her place in the national team after taking part in selection rounds and finally a training group here in New Zealand where the final team of three were chosen from over 30 of our country's top Chemistry scholars. The selection is based upon performance in a selection tests and assumes knowledge of only Year 12 (NCEA Level 2) Chemistry.

Cindy joins a long list of MRGS national team members and medal winners in this prestigious competition. In seven of the last ten years Roskill students have gained places in the New Zealand Chemistry Olympiad team.

AUSTRALASIAN COMPUTING EXAMINATION—HIGH DISTINCTION ACHIEVEMENT

Two MRGS students performed at the highest level in the recent Australasian Computing Examination. Jonathan Khoo, Year 10, gained a High Distinction with 40/45 and achieving in the Top 1% of New Zealand and the Pacific Region. Nathan McDougall, Year 11 gained a Distinction with 36/45 and achieving in the Top 5% in New Zealand and the Pacific Region.



MOUNT ROSKILL WINS THE INAUGURAL NZ ASSOCIATION OF LANGUAGE TEACHERS TROPHY

The school was recently awarded the NZALT trophy for the top school in NZ in the Language Perfect World Championships. Last year more than 100,000 students across the world competed in the cyber-battle to become the world champion of languages, and this year that figure reached over 200,000. This year, for the first time, students in New Zealand were competing for the chance to win the NZALT / Language Perfect Top School in New Zealand Trophy. Mt. Roskill students answered 1.3 million questions correctly during the 10 days of the competition, with over 200 students involved, and as a result were the



winner of the trophy. The trophy was presented to the school at an assembly by Martin East NZALT president who in congratulation said; "This is an excellent achievement for Mt. Roskill, and an excellent celebration both of the value and importance of language learning in today's world and of Mt. Roskill students' levels of knowledge and expertise in languages other than English."





STORYLINES FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE AT AOTEA CENTRE BY PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS

On Sunday the 18th of August, thirteen Year 12 and 13 students performed a devised drama at the annual Storylines Festival at the Aotea Centre. The free family-friendly event attracts thousands of people from all over Auckland to meet their favourite children's authors and participate in activities

that promote reading for families.



The students performed their piece, *The House that Jack Built* (inspired by Gavin Bishop's book) twice in the space of an hour for large crowds. In the style of physical theatre, the piece aimed to show the development of the relationship between Maori and Pakeha since the colonial period. The author

watched our performance and gave a talk afterwards, expressing that he had seen many professional performances of his book, but that "this was the most intelligent interpretation he had seen." The Performing Arts Department are proud of the hard work the students put into this performance and would like to congratulate them on their professional performance ethic at the festival.

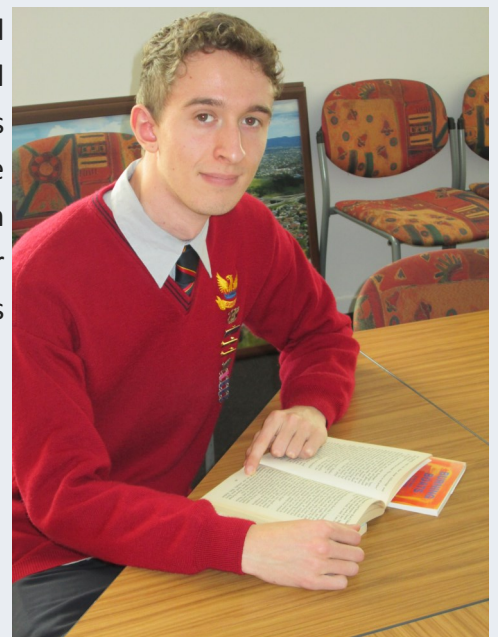
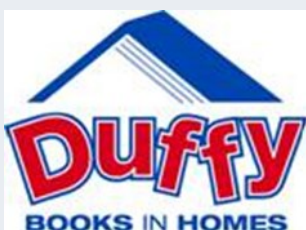


STUDENT 'HIGHLY COMMENDED' IN AUT JAPANESE SPEECH COMPETITION

Senior student Eu Sam Tan competing recently in the Year 12 Category of this annual Japanese Speech Competition received a "Highly Commended" prize in his category.

SENIOR STUDENTS PROMOTE READING AT WAIKOWHAI PRIMARY SCHOOL

Three of our Year 13 students, Yashveendra Krishna, Erin Steel and Jordan Lapwood recently spoke at Waikowhai Primary's School Leaders' Assembly as part of the Duff Foundations Book in Homes programme. They spoke to the young students about their own love of reading, their hobbies and goals and the connection between success and reading in their own lives. These annual visits of our seniors to the local school promote the message of the Duffy Books in Homes "It's Cool to Read" and "It's Cool to Achieve".





INTERNATIONAL PEACE WEEK: ACTION4PEACE

The Mediators once again helped MRGS celebrate International Peace week during the 5-9th August by providing a number of exciting activities: 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 the Human Rights Commission, Rainbow Youth, ‘Violence is not ok campaign’ and Shine; as well as stalls on Body image, disability awareness; the student’s ‘Working For Change’



antiviolence project; and peace crane making. 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.

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.



GATEWAY PROGRAMME UPDATE

We are now in the final stages of students out on placements for the MRGS Gateway programme for 2013.

As a result of our Gateway placements this year, several of our students have made a significant impression with their employers and have been offered part time employment positions or the opportunity to volunteer on a regular basis. Students have got jobs at Redwood Engineering, McDonalds, and The Warehouse to name a few. Well done to all of our students who have successfully completed their placements and secured positions. Many of our students have successfully gained their Customer Services Award as well as gaining NCEA credits as part of their placement.

In early September we are holding a 2 day combined Health & Safety and First Aid course for our Gateway students. Students will come away from this training with their First Aid Certificate and NCEA credits – a fantastic qualification to have and looks great on a CV!

If you are a business and would like to offer a life changing work experience opportunity for a year 13 student in your company in 2014 or you have any questions regarding the programme, we would love to hear from you!!

Please contact gateway@mrgs.school.nz





SPORTS UPDATE

Term 3 has been exciting as well as busy for the Sports Department with most winter sports finishing their competitions well. There have been highlights in many sports this season. Well done to everyone for participating to a high standard and upholding an excellent level of sportsmanship and fair play during their games.

BASKETBALL

The highlight in Boys Basketball this season was the Under 17 A team who finished their season in 3rd position in the Central competition. Superbly coached by Mr Buckley, the team went through the regular season unbeaten with outstanding performances by Teiko Fonua in particular. In the finals competition they suffered a couple of close losses to Marcellin and One Tree Hill.

FOOTBALL

The 1st XI Girls team had their best season in many years playing in the Central Senior A Under 19 competition. They went through the regular season with 6 wins from 9 games and scoring a whopping 31 goals. In the finals series they beat Kelston Girls in the quarter finals and narrowly lost their semi final to Epsom Girls, despite playing their best game of the season. The girls have been coached by Mr Morris and Mr Cluely, both giving up their own time to come in and share their expertise with the team.

The 2nd XI Girls and 3rd XI Girls teams played in the same grade this year and both had great seasons. The 2nd XI Girls coached by Miss Thomas, finished in 2nd position and only conceded 3 goals all season. The 3rd XI Girls team coached by Hayden Couper, a Year 12 student, had a great start to the season however they eventually lost a couple of close matches to finish 6th.

The Junior Boys team had a positive season in the 13B Central grade. They played the majority of the year against strong Football schools such as MAGS and AGS and competed well. They only lost 2 games throughout the whole season and many of these boys will be pushing for places in the Football Academy next year. The team was coached by two student coaches, Ravindra Prasad and Sunil Penumarthy and staff member Mr Green.



LACROSSE

We started our first Girls Lacrosse team this year who were coached by Ms Leman and Year 13 student Vaughan Thompson. The team played in the second division and came 8th overall. They also entered the Auckland Secondary School one day competition and came 8th as well. The stand out performer for the team was Kaaj Pala who picked the game up this year and is a natural goal scorer.



HOCKEY

Undoubtedly the top performance this year from our Hockey teams has come from the Under 15 Girls. Once again they have gone through the season in the top grade for their age group and shown that Mount Roskill Grammar teams can compete with the best and win. Needing a win against Diocesan they could only manage a 0-0 draw which meant that they finished second, the same result as last year. They went through the season with no losses and only conceded 6 goals, the lowest in the competition. The team was coached by Barry Bryan.



RUGBY

There were two highlights this year in Rugby, the 1st XV making the Championship grade and coming within a whisker of making the semi finals. The second outstanding achievement came from the Girls 10 -a-side team who only lost 2 games all season. Toru Arakura was a revelation for the team, scoring at least two tries per game and leading the team well from the First Five position.

The 1st XV came within one point of making the semi finals of the 1B competition and lived to rue a couple of games early in the season that cost them much needed points later on. Coached by Mr Overton, Mr McGibbon and Mr Stephenson and with Mr Hall as manager the team were well supported on and off the field. They now have a great launching pad for an assault on the competition next year and hopefully going at least one step further.

RUGBY LEAGUE



It is fair to say the team started the season slowly, losing many games by close margins to teams that they should have beaten. The coach, Mr Taunga was frequently seen pulling his hair out with frustration, however, the team finally started showing their promise and qualified in the Bowl section. They played some excellent Rugby League and managed to come from 4th position to make the final. The final was played at Mt Smart No. 2 and the team trailed 0-14 early in the second half.

Suddenly the team burst into life scoring three quick tries, however they could not convert any of them, meaning they lost 12-14 to James Cook. Congratulations to the team for persevering through a string of losses to make the best of their final few games and nearly steal the Bowl. Thank you to Mr Taunga and Ms Tokley for their coaching and management of the team.

BADMINTON

This year we had over 20 teams competing in the Auckland competition during Term 2. The organisation of all teams is handled superbly by Mr Dix who also spends several nights at Auckland Badminton looking after teams. The Tuesday and Wednesday Girls teams won their competitions and the A Team who play on Friday nights have done enough to get themselves back in the top level of Auckland competition next year.



NETBALL

The Netball season is drawing to a close with most teams not performing to their potential despite having some strong individuals in each team. The two Academy teams have played some good Netball, with the Year 9 team leading the way and teaching the older girls that having a good attitude and regularly attending training directly impacts on the results you get on a Saturday game. The Academy teams have been well coached this year by Miss Willcox and Ms Te Whiu.

CROSS COUNTRY

The annual school Cross Country took place on a sunny and hot Thursday afternoon in Week 4. The event went back to being a full school compulsory activity with Year 13's even required to run the 3.2km course around the local streets. All students who crossed the line earned points towards their House and the contributed towards the overall standings. The next newsletter will feature the winners from each age group and any records that were broken. Congratulations to everyone who took part and well done on the excellent House spirit on display throughout the event.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Term 2 has had three competitions played between the Houses, Netball, Volleyball and Touch. All of the competitions were limited to Junior students only with the aim of getting them more involved in their House. Yellow House won the Netball, Orange House won the Volleyball and Blue House won the Touch competitions. The current standings after 6 events are: Orange in 5th place, Red and Blue 3rd, Green 2nd and Yellow in 1st. With 4 events remaining this year the shield is far from being decided.

TOURNAMENT WEEK

This year we are sending four teams away on their annual tournaments that take place in the first week of September. All the best to the 1st XI Boys and Girls Football teams, Under 19A Boys Basketball team and the Premier Netball team with their competitions in Auckland and Hamilton.

ADVENTURE RACING TEAM

The MRGS Adventure Racing Team were involved in a range of activities around Auckland that were a combination of Outdoor Pursuits in an Amazing Race style competition. First task was to navigate to Western Springs for some Orienteering. Next up was Mountain biking around an Urban Track followed by some cycling challenges. They then had to get to the Onehunga Lagoon where Kayaking, problem solving and navigation were combined for a difficult challenge which luckily did not involve anyone falling in as the water was freezing. The most difficult challenge was kayaking across the lagoon wearing a bucket as a



hat not only was a little difficult but also it did not make much of a fashion statement. The day concluded with a session Rock Climbing at Clip and Climb. The challenge was to climb as many walls as possible in 40mins. It was a fantastic day and they managed to finish as the second Girls Team in Auckland and 10th out of the 20 teams that took part.



New Zealand Secondary Schools Gymsports Competition Success

MRGS had a team of 8 representatives in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Gymsports Competition which was held on the 10th and 11th August at Bruce Pulman Park Counties. All our athletes performed exceptionally well. They can feel proud of the great effort and commitment to training.

Results

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS New Zealand Secondary Schools



<u>Womens Level 1</u> 3 rd place in teams event : India Horgan, Liberty Moot, Rachel Bickerton	<u>Womens Level 2</u> 25 th Amy Harris	<u>Womens Level 4</u> 4 th place Mandie Galea <u>Womens Level 5</u> 12 th Tanika Brown
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TRAMPOLINE New Zealand Secondary Schools

<u>Womens C Grade</u> 3 rd : India Horgan 5 th : Chelsea Ellis 6 th : Rachel Bickerton	<u>Womens B Grade</u> 5 th : Mandie Galea	<u>Trampoline Team event</u> 5 th : India Horgan, Chelsea Ellis, Rachel Bickerton, Mandie Galea
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MUSIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES

Our music students have been busy this term with competitions and various events. In early August we took bands and vocal groups from our senior music classes to the heats of the Stand Up Stand Out Competition. Congratulations to the vocal quartet *The Unbreakablez*, and bands *Jazz Combo* and *Fruit Salad* who made it through to the finals of the Stand Up Stand Out Competition! The finals are held on Thursday 29 August, 6:30pm at the Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau.

As part of the MRGS 60th Jubilee Celebrations on 17 August, the music department were delighted to showcase a range of music groups and students including: jazz guitarist Ryan Grbich, the Ilaua brothers' group *The Unbreakablez*, members of String Orchestra, and Jazz Combo.



Last week String Orchestra and Concert Band both gave well-prepared performances at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Parnell on 21 August as part of the KBB Music Festival. The String Orchestra were awarded a commended, and the Concert Band a bronze award. Also as part of the Festival, four of our students were selected to take part in the KBB Honours Orchestra which performed *Jupiter* from *The Planets* by Holst. The four students are Lizanne Gomes, Cindy Ou, Aryaman Parulkar and Joyce Wong.

Early in the term we held our first String Orchestra and Concert Band Camp at the Motu Moana Scout Camp in Blockhouse Bay. The students worked hard in rehearsals taken by Mr Atkinson, Miss Steedman and Mr Sergeant, and performed a well-received concert at the end for their parents.

Aminiasi Latu, who gained an APO flute scholarship this year, will be performing with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra at their Kiwi Capers concert on 28 August in the Auckland Town Hall.

As always it is a pleasure to see students developing their performance confidence and musicianship.



SCHOOL SENIOR EXAMINATIONS: TERM 3, 9-17 SEPTEMBER, 2013

- Morning exams will begin at 9.00 am
- Afternoon exams will begin at 1.00pm
- Students who have exam clashes need to check the exam clash instruction sheet which is displayed around our school. A copy has also been placed on the website at http://www.mrgs.school.nz/curriculum/school_exams.aspx Each student's form teacher has a final copy of the exam timetable up on their classroom walls for reference.
- Students should direct any queries they have about their subject exams to their class teacher in the first instance. HOD's of subjects will also be able to advise students.

Ms Thomas is the Deputy Principal overseeing the school examinations and students can see her for queries that they have.

	EXAMINATION TIMETABLE						
AM	Mon 9 Sept	Tues 10 Sept	Wed 11 Sept	Thurs 12 Sept	Fri 13 Sept	Mon 16 Sept	Tues 17 Sept
Y 13	Accounting Accounting Beg Catering & Hosp. French	Geography Schol. Statistics	Design Food & Hospitality History Physics (pract.1)	APY Chemistry	Classics Sports Science Schol. Calculus	Statistics Mathematics 3	DVC Japanese Perf. Music Photography Fabrics
Y 12	Business Practice Health Media Studies Electronics	Drama DVC French Japanese Te Reo Māori	Geography Economics Mathematics 1	Accounting Food & Hospitality History Photography	Early Childhood Education Food & Hospitality Physics	APY Biology 12AC5	Comput. Skills Painting
Y 11	English EA1 & EA2	Food & Hospitality History Music	Mathematics 1001MAT	Economics Multi-materials	Science 1001SCI	Accounting Perf. Music	MCAT (9-10.30) PE 2nd opp. 11am.
PM	Mon 9 Sept	Tues 10 Sept	Wed 11 Sept	Thurs 12 Sept	Fri 13 Sept	Mon 16 Sept	Tues 17 Sept
Y 13	Calculus Mathematics 2	Biology Computing Drama	Economics Economics Beg Tourism Physics (pract. 2) Schol. Biology	English EA1 & EA2	Business Pract. Dance ICT Painting Schol. English	Physics Computing Skills	Te Reo Māori Media Studies Music Electronics Multi-materials Schol. Chem.
Y 12	Mathematics A Calculus Statistics Mathematics 2	Chemistry Fabrics	English EA1 & EA2	Classics ESL Perf. Music	Music Multi-materials Tourism	Dance Horticulture	Design Computing Sports Science
Y 11	Computing Drama	DVC ESL Media Studies	Dance French Health Japanese Te Reo Māori	Geography ICT	Electronics	Art Fabrics	Sports Science



HEALTH WEEK EVENTS

A very successful week of events were held to promote Health and wellbeing at the school. Zumba classes were held at lunchtimes and on the final Friday a healthy breakfast was held for all year 9s in the hall— promoting the importance of a good breakfast to start the day. At lunchtime on the same day a Health Expo took place in the hall and representatives from a wide range of outside community health and welfare groups and organisations presented displays for students to view and take part in.



INSPIRE EVENT—NEW ZEALAND LEADERSHIP WEEK



A group of nine student leaders from the school recently attended the Inspire 2013 event held on Red Socks Day . The event organized by Fuji Xerox, AUT Business School and The Sir Peter Blake Trust brought together 350 secondary student leaders from over 45 Auckland schools to listen to and meet with 9 inspirational Kiwi leaders. Those speaking at the event included Hamish Carter who won an Olympic Gold Medal in 2004 ,Mike Allsop who climbed Mt Everest unguided in 2007 and Sam Johnson who organised The Student Volunteer Army after the Christchurch Earthquakes in 2010

and 2011. Each speaker gave their own inspiration and shared the passion that drove them to achieve their goals and not give up as they were faced with obstacles. Key ideas that ran through each of the speaker's half hour talks were setting targets that would be a challenge to reach, focussing with a positive attitude and planning so that you could achieve anything you are passionate about. The inspirational encounters have equipped our young leaders with new skills and a desire to follow through their dreams and achieve in their various school endeavours.

HEAD PREFECT TAKES PART IN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Hannah Yang represented the Roskill constituency in this year's Youth Parliament held in Wellington. The once-in-three-year event brings together students from all over New Zealand to take part in a parliamentary debates and gain first hand knowledge of the political processes of the Beehive. Hannah was chosen by local MP Rt Hon Phil Goff to travel to Wellington and represent her community. During their stay in the capital the students debated in the parliamentary chamber and also took part in Select Committee hearing scenarios.





MENTORING UPDATE

We have recently sent a short survey out via email to parents asking for feedback about our Mentoring programme. We hope you will complete this survey and return this to us to ensure we can use your feedback to inform our Mentoring programme for next year.

We have also asked some of our Year 11 and 12 students to complete a survey. This will also help us design our Mentoring programme for 2014.

For this term, we have provided our mentors (teachers) with your child's tracking sheet and have provided time on the 2nd and 3rd of September for a conversation between your child and their mentor to take place.

The Parent Mentoring Conference will occur on the 17th October 2013 from 1.30pm and an invitation will be sent out at a later date for this. We hope you will note this date in your diary now to ensure you can attend this important final conference.

Thank you for your continued support with our mentoring programme.

Julie Small, Deputy Principal (on behalf of the Mentoring Lead Team)

"TRY A CRAFT DAY" – FREE FAMILY EVENT!

Celebrate the diverse cultures in Puketepapa and try something new at the "Try a Craft Day"! Saturday, 7 September 2013

Craft activities:

- **Raranga flax weaving** - Practise your weaving skills under the leadership of master weaver Marafetu Smith
- **Floral Design with an Eastern influence** - Learn about some of the meanings inherent in Eastern floral design and create your own simple floral work.
- **Tivavae Quilting (Cook Island patchwork)** - Ever wanted to make your own tivavae? Kaututu Mataora will show you how to cut a paper pattern and start making your own tivavae cushion.
- **Tongan Tapa** - Vaioletti Taupeaafa heads the well-known Tapa group, Langafononua, who will demonstrate how easy it is to make your own pattern (kupesi) to decorate your tapa (ngatu).
- **Heena**- Also known as Mehendi ("staining oneself"), this is a decorative and symbolic form of art from India. In this workshop, learn how to apply Heena with simple patterns.
- **Rangouli** - Is a form of bright, decorative folk art from India typically made in living rooms and courtyard floors during Hindu festivals. This is to create a sacred, welcoming area for the Hindu deities, using ancient symbols. The patterns are usually made with coloured rice, dry flour, coloured sand or even flower petals. In this workshop, learn to make some simple patterns with coloured powder.
- **Cook Island Crochet Flowers** - Using embroidery cotton and florist wire, make a flower to wear in your hair with Koraura Smith from the Cook Islands.
- **Domestic crafts** - Marlyne Jackson is a practicing artist and will create a playful work to share with you incorporating everyday domestic craft items.

Two sessions will be held for each craft :

- 1-2.30pm
- 2.40-4pm.

Enrolments are essential as spaces are limited in each session. To enrol, please call the Community Education Office on 621 0051, or email jennifer.carson@mrgs.school.nz. Please choose just one craft activity for each session.

This is a free family event. Please note: all children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.





ROSKILL RUGBY PLAYERS SELECTED FOR AUCKLAND SQUAD

Two of our 1st XV players T J Fa'alogo and Amos Pogia have been selected as backs in the 2013 Auckland U18 Divisional Rugby Squad. This is a fitting regional recognition of their work in the team this year and their commitment to the school and their sport.

TRIP OF A LIFETIME—TURKEY AND ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS



Last term two school staff, Mrs Allen and Mrs Roper together with two senior students Helen Wyeth and Hayden Couper were part of a touring party which journeyed to Turkey and in the highlight of its trip attended the dawn Anzac day services at Gallipoli. At the commemorative events they listened to the speeches and joined the international dignitaries for breakfast. Their

trip into Turkey allowed them to visit the sights and sounds of Istanbul—the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque in addition to witnessing the marvellous Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman architecture of the capital and its surrounding towns. On a number of occasions they were hosted by families of past and present Roskill Turkish students and enjoyed the hospitality and welcome of the country. It was a wonderfully educational experience which brought all those on the trip into contact with the mix of Europe and Asia that the area affords its visitors.



WIDER EDUCATION FOR JUNIOR STUDENTS TERM 4

Wider Education (4th – 6th December) is a 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 while 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 an overnight excursion or camp. Opportunities for Year 10 students range from camp at Totara Springs in Matamata, a camp and surf trip at Tawharanui, and a camp at Tiritiri Matangi in the Hauraki Gulf. More information about all activities and camps has been sent out early in Term Three.





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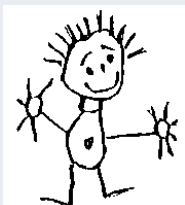
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BEING ROSKILL—SEASON TWO

Season Two of Being Roskill - the documentary mini-series which follows the fortunes of the 1st XI soccer/football team on and off the field - is currently in production. Episode One was released on Tuesday July 2nd. It is available to view on YouTube. The first trailer for Season Two is also now out. You can find the trailer by searching on YouTube for 'Being Roskill Season Two Trailer'. Season Two takes the series in a new direction by chronicling the unique bond the team have forged with 916, and also the mentoring and academic program the team is embarking on.

