



MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Our students are demonstrating their development as successful powerful learners though their academic achievements, their drive to take command of their learning and some outstanding results in the co-curricular life of the school.

The recent mentoring conferences saw students leading reporting on their learning, outlining successes, 'work ons' and action plans. Also with the term 3 subject entry examinations coming up it's great to see forward planning and a resolve to achieve well.

Our school community's recognition of International Peace Week and Health Week has provided excellent activities during the school day and opportunities for students to develop their thinking and approach to life issues.

There have been outstanding successes in Music with the Boys' Chorus winning the Auckland title, and the Boys Quartet coming runners up in Auckland. These groups will now travel to the national competition in Wellington. Our two large ensembles performed with class at the KBB festival alongside another 4000 participants. The bronze medal gained by the String Orchestra and the silver medal gained by the Concert Band are deserved recognition for the on-going focus and hard work of these groups. Congratulations to Mr Snelling, Mr Atkinson, and Mr Darragh on gaining such good outcomes with these groups.

Equally there has been significant success in sport. The under 15 girls rugby sevens team convincingly won the Auckland title, and the

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senior girls ten aside rugby team also won the Auckland title. The 1st XV won the Auckland 1B plate, winning their last 6 games in a row. They played high quality disciplined rugby to win the final by a wide margin. The 1stXI boys football team gained a best ever result for the school coming third in Auckland Premier competition beating traditional football powerhouses including Mt Albert, Auckland Grammar and Westlake along the way. They reached the semi-final of the Auckland knockout cup and will play in the premier nationals competition next week. It's great to see depth developing with the 13th grade football team also reaching the Auckland knockout cup semi-finals. The girls' football team had a strong season finishing mid table after being promoted to the premier 2 competition. The girls' lacrosse team gained an excellent third placing in the Auckland tournament, and the boys' lacrosse team has started its season in the premier competition with wins over Mt Albert Grammar and Auckland Grammar. We are proud of the efforts of our teams, coaches and managers throughout this season.

We look forward to our teams representing the school with pride in their forthcoming national tournament competitions.

Ki nga taumata

Greg Watson
PRINCIPAL

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR— MARJET POT

There are many ways to measure success at a school. Achievement in cultural and arts, sports, participation, individual or collective achievement, enjoyment and fun and friendships are just some of the measures of success.

The Ministry of Education analyses school leaver data on behalf of schools. This is comprehensive data on academic achievement and whether students attend a tertiary institution and how long students stay at school. These are important measurements of how well a school is achieving.

The 2015 data shows that MRGS continues to improve its performance from the previous year. This data is compared against the data for all school leavers in NZ.

Put simply, if a school provides excellent teachers with engaging educational programmes then students are more likely to stay at school for longer as they like being there. Below is the data for retention of students to age 17yrs.



Retention of students at school to	MRGS	National Data
Maori	96.2%	69.8%
Pasifika	88.7%	82.5%
All Leavers	94.5%	83.9%

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The MoE has set a target that 85% of all students are to achieve NCEA Level 2.

The table below shows this data for the past three years. In all areas MRGS tracks higher than the national data and has steadily improved over the past three years.

The school is very focused and on tracking to raise this achievement data for the Maori and Pasifika groups for 2016.

Ethnic group	2013	2014	2015	National data
Maori	65.2%	69.6%	80.8%	62.2%
Pasifika	75.9%	75.0%	80.4%	73.4%
All leavers	82.8%	85.7%	87.5%	79.1%

The MoE data is also able to provide the number of students who go onto tertiary education and those students who go into employment from leaving school. This data is only available up to the 2014 year (it takes a while for the MoE to gather this information from the many different sources).

The table below shows where our students go after leaving school in 2014.

Ethnic group	2014 Not enrolled in tertiary education	2014 Foundation qual including NCEA or equivalent	2014 National/NZ cer- tificates, Diplomas, non degree	2014 University bache- lors degree or higher
MRGS Maori	47.8%	21.7%	17.4%	13.0%
MRGS Pasifika	43.3%	24.0%	22.1%	10.6%
MRGS All leavers	23.1%	11.4%	18.7%	46.7%
NZ Maori	50.1%	26.2%	11.9%	11.9%
NZ Pasifika	43.4%	20.9%	16.6%	19.1%
NZ All leavers	39.0%	16.0%	12.7%	32.4%

This table can be summarised as more of the MRGS students go to tertiary education in comparison to the national leavers data.

The BoT role is to govern our learning community to ensure that it continues to produce powerful, successful learners.

The BoT is pleased to report the continuing improvement of the educational outcomes, retention and school leavers data over the past years.

Since the last Board elections we have co-opted Don McKenzie, and two previous BoT members- Vijay Parulkar and Grant Power, back onto the Board.

Board meetings are public meetings and all members of the school community are welcome to attend them. Please check the Board meeting calendar on the website for the meeting timetable.

Board members are available for members of the school community to contact us. The contact details are also on the website.

Marjet Pot, BOT Chair

Chairperson MRGS Board of Trustees



NEW STAFF JOINING OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

This term we have welcomed Deputy Principal Nicole Peterson to our senior leadership team. Mrs Peterson has wide experience in supporting and enhancing effective teaching through leading professional development, mentoring and teacher appraisal. Most recently she has held teacher development roles with the Westmount schools and Team Solutions at Auckland University. Previously she was HoD in Technology at Massey High School and at Westlake Boys High School. She has a Master's degree in Education from Auckland University and has written and contributed extensively on bullying and on parental engagement in their child's learning.



Mrs Peterson has taken up responsibility for teaching and learning, and for Ngata House alongside Mrs Leigh and Mr Ferguson. It's tremendous to have such a capable educator join our team.



At the beginning of 2017 we will welcome Desmond Pemerika to our senior leadership team in a Deputy Principal role. Mr Pemerika has strong connections with the Mt Roskill area where he grew up and is currently Deputy Principal at Michael Park School in Ellerslie. Mr Pemerika has taught Science at Auckland Grammar and Avondale College where he was a school Dean. He has led initiatives that have resulted in significant improvement in student achievement while at Michael Park School. He holds Masters degrees in Management from Massey University and in Education from Auckland University. He is a strong sportsman and currently coaches representative age group basketball. We look forward to Mr Pemerika joining our team at the start of next year.

MENTORING

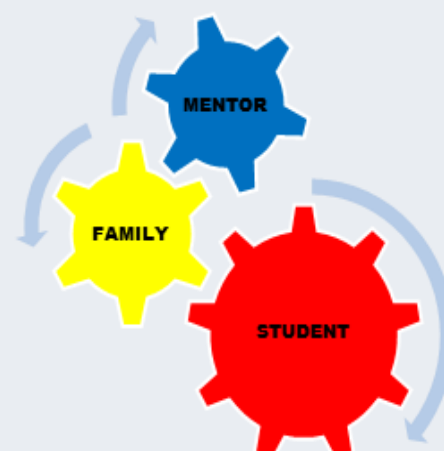
As a school we value face to face reporting with students and families and the mentoring conference on Thursday 18 August was again well attended.

We also appreciate the effort made by both staff and families to rearrange these meetings where necessary.

This was the last conference with families this year, however, students will continue to be supported by their mentor as they approach the MRGS subject entry examinations and the NZQA external examinations.

Information regarding support provided through additional homework centres and holiday programmes will be sent out via email shortly.

We look forward to your continued involvement with the mentoring programme next year as we work together to help our students achieve their goals.





MERGE CAMPUS MUSIC CONCERT

The annual campus concert, held on Wednesday 10 August, between the Mt Roskill Campus schools was once again a resounding success. MRPS students in brightly coloured bursts of national dress, music students from MRI and MRGS, and hundreds of proud parents and onlookers gathered in the MRGS Butler Hall in great expectation. The concert opened in a chorus of song with combined campus items "Te Aroha" and "Ko Matou". The programme then expanded to include pieces from MRPS choir, ukulele group and band, from MRI – the choir, band and orchestra, and from MRGS – the string orchestra, concert band, Y9 bands, jazz combo and the hotly anticipated return of the Barbershop chorus. Students across all groups gave accomplished, inspiring, performances – and the finale "I'm a Believer" was a real crowd pleaser! All the hard work by music teachers across the three schools was evident, not only in the highly enthusiastic way the students sang and played, but also in capturing that essence of fun and enjoyment for those who were watching! Thank you to all involved – it truly was a celebration of community and diversity through music.



BARBERSHOP CHORUS SUCCESS

The Barbershop Quartet "Truly Roskill" comprised of Jezaniah Sasagi, Paula Ilaua, Kavish Dharan and Sione Leakehe, along with the Barbershop Chorus, competed in the Regional Young Singers in Harmony Pan Pacific Competition last holidays. The quartet placed 2nd in Auckland and the Barbershop Chorus placed 1st in Auckland in the Regional Young Singers in Harmony Pan Pacific Competition. This means that they have qualified for Nationals. Well done to the group of 19 boys for their efforts and to Mr Tim Chan for his leadership of the group.



Nationals are to be held in Porirua on the 14th and 15th of September. To help cover travel and accommodation costs, a Give a Little page has been set up by Mr Chan. If you would like to donate to the group, you can find the Give a Little page here:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/mounttroskillbarbershop>



KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL SUCCESS

At the KBB Music Festival during week 4, our Chamber Orchestra gained a Bronze and the Concert Band received a Silver award in a tough competition involving over 4000 students. Deeksha Vijayakumar, Ellen Peng and Thea Dickson performed in the Honours Concert Band. Our student ambassadors were noticed for their initiative and our groups for their general demeanor – we were nominated for the Peter Goddard award for a group that epitomises the spirit of the festival.





YEAR 10 OPTIONS SELECTION EVENING

Thank you to the families who attended this evening supporting options selection for our year 10 students as they head into a full NCEA course next year. The evening provided an opportunity for families to hear about courses, pathways and to speak with HODs in person.

There will also be an NCEA evening at the start of next year, led by our NZQA Principal's nominee Mr Gavin Parratt. Date to be confirmed.

JUNIOR REPORT EVENING

It was great to see a large number of families attending the junior report evening. This was one of two opportunities throughout this year for the families of junior students to meet with teachers face to face – a valuable conversation to establish your child's progress and next steps as they scaffold their learning in the junior school to prepare for the senior school.

SENIOR REPORT EVENING

In addition to our year-long mentoring programme for senior students we also offer an opportunity on **Thursday 22 September** for parents/caregivers to meet with subject teachers prior to the term three holidays. This holiday period is best utilised as a study break for the NZQA examinations and the completion of portfolio subjects.

On the evening it is expected that the year 11, 12 and 13 students will also attend in order to gain further explicit advice as to how they should approach both their study and the examinations.



INTERNATIONAL PEACE WEEK: "DIALOGUE FOR PEACE"

The Mediators once again helped MRGS celebrate International Peace week during the 8th – 12th August by providing a number of exciting activities: peace assembly presentation; random acts of kindness; peace quote competitions; face painting; peace badge making; 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 Hodge Commons was full of information stalls from outside agencies like Manalive, SHINE, RPE, Youthline, Fonua Ola, plus student run stalls on 'Violence is not ok campaign'; PSSP, Amnesty, Live4Tomorrow, BILS, Skittles, Refugee awareness, Crane making and Peace Badge making. There was also beautiful music and singing playing outside.

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. They are very active and vocal about the importance of peaceful, respectful, inclusive relationships within Mt Roskill Grammar and its wider community.

A big thank you to all you wonderful Mediators!





AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Australian Mathematics Competition was held on Thursday 28th July. Over 60 interested and talented students sat the competition. It was a 75 minute long competition with 30 questions and was held in many countries such as Australia, Fiji and Singapore. We will get the results sometime around week 3-4 next term, just before senior students go on their study leave.

In preparation for the competition, there were weekly practice lessons. These were so popular this year that we ran two after school lessons. We eagerly look forward to seeing if all the hard work has paid off.






EDUCATION PERFECT MATHS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2016 marked the first year that Mount Roskill Grammar School participated in this competition. The results were outstanding. Our students answered 97,726 questions to earn 80,144 points, spending 1,179 hours learning over one week.

MRGS was 1st in NZ for the 1000-2500 students category out of 23 schools, 3rd overall in NZ out of 212 schools, and 13th overall out of 921 schools globally.

Outstanding effort was made by Huthaifa Ibrahim and Jordan King who were respectively 6th and 9th in NZ, 27th and 38th worldwide and gained Elite Awards (10000 + points).

A total of 23 awards will be presented to students:

<div><div>2</div><div></div><div>Elite Awards (10000 pts)</div></div> <div><div>5</div><div></div><div>Gold Awards (3000 pts)</div></div> <div><div>2</div><div></div><div>Silver Awards (2000 pts)</div></div> <div><div>4</div><div></div><div>Bronze Awards (1000 pts)</div></div> <div><div>10</div><div></div><div>Credit Awards (500 pts)</div></div>		Name	Score			
	Elite	Huthaifa Ibrahim	10444	Bronze	Jason Zhou	1000
	Elite	Jordan King	10052	Bronze	Samal Krishna	1000
	Gold	Zoe Fuller	7116	Credit	Lillian Huo	645
	Gold	Jordan Fuller	5001	Credit	Victor Chitando	623
	Gold	Janita Fuller	5000	Credit	Chantel Tengere	595
	Gold	Akash Boppana	3395	Credit	Christina Zhang	539
	Gold	Niharika Mandadi	3130	Credit	Henry Qian	535
	Silver	Garima Panta	2492	Credit	Joel Castelino	518
	Silver	Ashleen Lau	2253	Credit	Kirushni Suthakaran	514
	Bronze	Afnan Sayyed	1541	Credit	Jenice Kuzhikombil	507
	Bronze	Shirley Chan	1268	Credit	Andrew Zhong	504
				Credit	Saimone Helu	501

SHORT TERM INTERNATIONAL GROUP VISIT FROM JAPAN

In July we welcomed a group of 13 students and three teachers from Yokohama, Japan. The purpose of their trip was to experience NZ culture, to learn about NZ schools and to improve their English. The students stayed in homestays for two weeks, went to ESOL classes some of the time and were also helped by Junior Ambassadors who took them to their own Year 9 or Year 10 class. The students had a great time and the Junior Ambassadors did a wonderful job of looking after them.





THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME

The Years 11-13 Drama classes went to Q Theatre on the 11th of August to see Auckland Theatre Company's production of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' by the playwright Simon Stephens. The Year 13 class had performed sections of the script earlier in the year and have been preparing to answer their external exams using information from this production. All year levels really enjoyed the show and were particularly impressed by the main role of Christopher, who was played by a recent Toi Whakaari graduate. The lighting, set and projection system was also a real highlight. This week (on the 17th of August) the Year 13s enjoyed a workshop with Auckland Theatre Company which unpacked the production in more detail in preparation for their exams.



'ORANGUTAN' PERFORMANCE

The Years 11-13 Drama classes enjoyed the in-school production of 'Orangutan' performed and written by Alice Canton, the current playwright-in-residence of the Basement Theatre. Our partnership with the Basement Theatre means that our students will enjoy up to three free shows in a year, including any cost of transport. This show was particularly impressive, as the entire show was about an orangutan in a cage, a by-product of the effects of deforestation. Canton used mask to create the character, as well as using the experience she gained working in Bali under a well-known mask expert. We are most grateful to the Basement for their generosity in bringing this work to our school.



EXCEL SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

Excel School of Performing Arts performed in Butler Hall on Friday the 12th of August in order to showcase the school and its programmes to our students. The show consisted of singing, dancing and acting and it was fantastic. Many students scored free tickets to see their evening performance at Auckland Girls Grammar, and this show was even more impressive. It was a joy to have Sophie Galea (alumni 2013) back performing on the Butler Hall stage, and to see another Mt Roskill Grammar students enjoying success in the Performing Arts.





COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT NEWS FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS

During Term 2 the counselling team ran 'Manaakitanga Anti-Harassment' workshops with all Year 9 classes. Students received strong messages about the culture of respect and belonging in our school.

All reports of harassment, mocking and bullying are taken seriously and are dealt with in a restorative, thorough manner. The identity of the informants can be kept confidential. Both students and parents can report harassment through a private message on our Facebook page ("mrgrs counselling"), or by talking to, or emailing a Counsellor or a Dean.

Four emotional resiliency building groups called "Travellers" started last term. We are proud to continue running this excellent 16-hour University of Auckland programme designed specifically for Year 9 students. Each group has just 10-12 students. Participation is voluntary, but we strongly encourage our students to join if they receive an invitation. For further information, please check the school website.

Four counsellors are available to work with your child. We are all members of the New Zealand association of Counsellors, and our services are confidential, unless there is an imminent risk to safety.

All our contact details are on the school website under Student Services. We welcome you contacting us with concerns about your teenager!



YEAR 9 - PETIT DÉJEUNER FRANÇAIS

On Wednesday 17th August, a large number of Year 9 French pupils enjoyed a "petit déjeuner français" (French breakfast). The morning started with some Year 10 French pupils helping to set up two classrooms as well as organising who was going to serve the following items: "un croissant", "un pain au chocolat" and "un chocolat chaud".

Queues started to form and everyone was eager to eat the very large size French pastries and drink at least two hot chocolates (without spilling it on the floor!). Pupils had to order in French – easy – "un croissant, s'il vous plait". It was a great way to start the day. Pupils caught up with their friends and tried to finish eating everything. Some of them needed to finish the pastries later as they were full.

At about 8.45 we had spot prizes and pupils won all sorts of items (recently imported from France by Monsieur McAlpine) which included: CDs of French music, Eiffel Tower key rings, "J'adore l'école" rulers, a "Paris" pencil case, French fountain pens, French bookmarks and French Football Federation key rings.

The morning was "FORMIDABLE!", or could be described with the new MRGS invented word of "FormiTable"!

Merci les élèves et Merci les professeurs.





TRIP TO THE AUCKLAND FOOD SHOW

On Friday 29 July, senior students from 12FHS23, 13FHS23 and 13CHS3 had a well-earned day out at the Auckland Food Show held at the ASB Showgrounds in Epsom. The students experienced a wide variety of foods, beverages and cooking techniques demonstrated over the course of the day.

It was a stimulating and exciting environment filled with a very diverse range of foods. From the moment we walked in the door it was food, food, food! Every stall had a sample to give away for free! Students were able to sample food and beverages that otherwise they may not have had the opportunity to try.

As a special treat we were able to see some of New Zealand top chef's in action in the special cooking demonstrations set up in one of the three giant food halls.

The atmosphere was electric with thousands of people there to indulge themselves in this rather unique culinary experience. All the students seemed to thoroughly enjoy their day and the staff were extremely proud of their mature and exemplary behaviour.



LEARNING TO MAKE SUSHI

On Tuesday 16th August, one of the Year 9 Japanese classes went to A2 to make sushi. First of all we gathered all the ingredients together (which were prepared before we came in the room) and put them on the tables. After that, we followed what Miss Kojima taught us a few lessons before. We placed the nori sheet (sea weed) on the sushi mat, left two centimeters, and filled the rest of the nori sheet with sushi rice. We then placed our fillings on the rice. We wet the two centimeters left of the nori sheet and rolled the sushi with the special mat.

Once we finished we took our rolls of sushi to the front of the room, put them on a chopping board and cut them into pieces. We enjoyed our sushi and it was a fun experience. In my opinion we should do more sushi activities.

Michelle Ibram 9NHRB



DIVERSITY DAY

Mt Roskill Grammar was excited to be invited to the Unitec Leadership Diversity Day on Wednesday 10th August this year. We took 10 Year 12 students who were welcomed into the wharenui with a powhiri and then spent the day listening to guest speakers about their religion and how they related to climate change, refugees and leadership.



It was a great experience to be able to attend an event that boasted such a bright and talented group of young leaders, including MRGS student Athulya Rathnayake, who spoke on Buddhism. During the day we were able to interact with a large number of other Auckland schools and learn about religions in a deeper and different way than before. We learnt that we all share the same principles in life whether we are Hindu, Christian or Jewish. To be a leader it is important to understand perspectives of those from different walks of life and this event has now equipped us with this understanding.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS PEACE SYMPOSIUM 2016



On Friday 19th August 22 MRGS mediators and one Year 9 student attended the 12th Secondary Schools Peace Symposium organised by the Peace Foundation. 120 students represented 10 schools, all of which presented information about their schools Peer Mediation Service and Peace week activities. The student's presentations were exciting and inspirational, with many creative ideas on how to bring peace to school communities. Other peace speakers included the Right Honourable Phil Goff MP for Mt Roskill, Giant Killa (Songwriter/ musician/ actor), and Cam Calkoen.



Our very own MRGS students did Mt Roskill Grammar proud showing their original anti-bullying video, Fai'ana Vea (Year 9) delivering her fantastic speech on 'The Effects of Judgement' and everyone singing the Bob Marley song 'One Love'. Well done to Jonjon Cowley- Lupo, Mary-Kate Fonua, Nancy Gafa, Zane Chaudhry, Paula Ilaua, Ashanth Kumar, Brian Liu, Eileen Makasini, Ashleen Prasad, Bhavisha Punja, Janna Rana, Wai Kei Relph, Ojas Shukla, Halyn Smith, Melody Ting, David Tuifua, Siosaia Tuitupou, Fai'ana Vea, Shiyang Xu, Tasnim Yassin Ismail, Azra Banu, Natascha Bates and Ash Chaudhary for their wonderful presentation.

A big thank you to the Peace Foundation for giving our students such an amazing opportunity!



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION TRIP

At the beginning of term 3 we welcomed 34 new International students of different ages and English ability to Mt Roskill Grammar. They have come from Germany, Italy, Brazil, China and Japan. Some of these students are here for just one or two terms and others are here long term. As part of their orientation we had a talk about safety and culture in NZ, what education at our school is like and where to get help. We also gave them a campus tour. In their second week we take them on a trip to different sites in Auckland to get to know them, help them make friends, and show what a beautiful city we live in. This time we went to Mt Eden summit, Auckland Museum (including the Maori cultural show), the Winter Gardens and then to Sylvia Park.



LIVE FOR TOMORROW

At the start of Term 3 began, Live for Tomorrow students began unfolding their next initiative. Dressed in their cool new T-shirts they invited students to answer a couple of questions on papers that were all the colours of the rainbow. Each paper allowed the students to write about a difficulty they have faced, and to describe what, or who, helped them through that hard time. The results have been incredible with students sharing deeply and honestly about their struggles. The event came together during Peace Week and Health week, when the Live for Tomorrow leaders gathered up all the papers and pinned them onto cloth in a giant rainbow formation. Some responses to the initiative were:

"It's actually encouraging because it makes you feel you are not alone"

"It's good letting it out"

"You realise, reading this, that anyone and anything can help you get through"





NEW ZEALAND TAEKWONDO REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Year 13 student Srikar Masanam for his success in Taekwondo. Srikar, who took up learning Taekwondo ten years ago, has been selected as a member of the New Zealand team to participate in the World Taekwondo Federation (WTO) Junior World Taekwondo Kyorugi Championships later in the year. The matches are scheduled to be held in Burnaby, Canada from November 16 to 22, 2016.

You can read more about Srikar here:

<http://www.indiannewslink.co.nz/our-young-taekwondo-hero-for-canada/>



WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL VICTORY

Congratulations to Sebastian Filipe who was a part of the New Zealand team that won first place in The Country Cup tournament. The competition ran over two days and included seven teams, with New Zealand being the only invitational team.

New Zealand played six games on Saturday, winning five and losing one. The game they lost was their very first game in the tournament against Illawarra (Sydney). Illawarra has taken out the Country Cup tournament for the last six years and has been undefeated throughout the whole competition. Semis and finals were played on day two. New Zealand won their semis and headed into the finals against the undefeated team. The final was an intense, nail-biting game to watch!

GYMNASTICS SUCCESSES

Well done to the following students who gained medals at the New Zealand Secondary Schools competition.

TRAMPOLINE—Shivesh Lal 1st C grade Men Gold Medal

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS—Level 1 1st Anna Greaves Gold medal

Team MRGS 2nd Silver Medal (Anna, Chantal, Kaitlyn and Isabella)

Level 2 Team MRGS 3rd Bronze medal (Kate, Naomi, Zara and Steffanie)



QMB-MAURICE WILKINS CENTRE BIOLOGY TEACHER DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to David Hithersay on being successful in his application for the 2016 QMB-Maurice Wilkins Centre biology teacher development scholarship. As a scholarship recipient, David will be attending the Molecular Biology Conference which is being held in Queenstown over the 30th-31st August. The scholarship covers travel and meeting costs. There was a high calibre of applicants for the scholarship so well done to David for being chosen.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONS

Mount Roskill Grammar beat Mount Albert's top team, six games to nil, to win the A Grade Reserve competition. Sakhsham Arora won his singles 21-17, John Seo won 21-16, Asif Cheena won 21-17, and McGregor Small then won the number one singles 21-19. If MRGS had lost one game we would not have won the grade, so it was an excellent show of determination and focus by all players and our best result of the season. This is the third year in a row that MRGS has won this division and we must be building a strong case for inclusion into the top grade next year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates 2016

Term 3	Monday 25th July	Friday 23rd September
Term 4	Monday 10th October	Friday 9th December

TERM THREE EVENTS

August 29— September 2	Tournament week	August 29— September 2	Consent Awareness week
September 8-20	Subject Entry Exams	September 22	Senior Subject Report Evening
September 23	End of Term 3		

TERM FOUR EVENTS

October 10	Start of Term 4	October 13	Arts Awards
October 18	Sports Awards	October 20	Campus Maori Graduation



MRGS FAMILY AND FRIENDS GROUP



The MRGS Family and Friends are working together to help the school in whatever way we can. The on-going input that we provide is for the benefit of the students and to provide the best learning environment possible. We organise fundraising events and are available to assist the school in any way that they may require. Take a look at the Fundraising page on the school website to see the fundraising events and opportunities currently underway <http://www.mrgs.school.nz/ourschool/fundraising.aspx>

If you are willing to assist us please return the completed form to the School Office or e-mail a copy to Judith Bingham: jcl.air@xtra.co.nz.

Your Name _____ Email _____

Phone Number day _____ evening _____

If you have a child/children at the School:

Students Name _____ Year: ____ Form Class: _____

_____ Year: ____ Form Class: _____

Do you have another connection to the School eg Past pupil: _____

I would like to help as a volunteer (tick those that interest you):

.....Run a Fundraising Event eg _____

.....Help at a Fundraising Event

.....Provide Baking/Food for an Event, or for Fundraising

.....Assist a student as a reader/writer in an exam

.....Join the Family & Friends Group

.....Utilise your fundraising experience eg _____

.....In Other Ways _____

I would like to help financially (tick those that interest you):

.....Donate a book needed by the Library

.....My business may be able to provide goods or services to assist with fundraising eg _____



KEEPING IN TOUCH—IMPORTANT CONTACTS AT SCHOOL

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

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

CONTACT DETAILS

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

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

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



BUZZTHEPEOPLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

If you are happy to complete the occasional on-line survey this would be a great way to help the school fundraise. Founded in 2004, Buzzthepeople is an Auckland based Research Company. To date over \$448,000 has been raised for charities, schools and other groups registered with them.



Parents, students, ex-students and supporters of the school living anywhere in New Zealand are able to register. You would receive on average one or two roughly 10 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 to the school 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 this link to register.

<http://www.buzzthepeople.co.nz/helpfundraise.aspx?s=0609B55C>



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We have registered as an ANZ Olympic School which provides us with resources and rewards to inspire our school community.

If you're looking to take out a home or business loan, simply provide the name of our school when speaking with an ANZ representative. When your loan is drawn down, we will receive credits to spend at the ANZ Awards Centre on items like sporting equipment and computers.

To discuss an ANZ home or business loan, visit your local ANZ branch, or call a Home Loan Specialist on 0800 269 4663 or a Business Specialist on 0800 269 249.



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The school is pleased to have the financial sponsorship of a number of local businesses. Their financial support enables students at Roskill to take part in the full co-curricular life of the school. Sponsorship in many cases is directed at particular teams and/or certain events – it provides support for kit, equipment and also on occasion's expenses for attendance at tournament events.

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Any business or organisation wishing to offer sponsorship to the school - please contact Mr [Ben Horne](#) - Director of Sports.