



# MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

JULY 2016

# NEWSLETTER



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### *Nga mihi nui ki a koutou*

It has been a purposeful and enjoyable school term with much to celebrate. The co-curricular programme has been very strong with great sporting achievements, a superb school show, and our Samoan group continuing to impress.

The school production of Beauty and the Beast was exceptional. It was fantastic to see students and teachers working collaboratively to bring everything together into such a professional and enjoyable show. So many talented students honed their performances to exceed expectations. The music, acting, stage management, and sound and light work all clicked beautifully. Our Director, Emma Gillies, again demonstrated her outstanding capability to bring life to a vision through excellent casting, great teaching and sheer hard work.

Congratulations to our Samoan cultural group who have performed superbly at several public events including the opening for a Warriors game. They have recently been invited to perform at the opening of the new Samoa Consulate building. The celebration will include notable guests including the Prime Minister of Samoa. This is a tremendous recognition of our students.

The term has been filled with many sporting achievements. Our First XI Boys' Football team has had several great results and is firmly in the top four in the Auckland Premier Competition. Congratulations to Esqalade Brown, Summer Kapsin, Harmony Mariner, Lovely Pulotu, Tiana Raftstrand-Smith, and Cheyanne Takau who have been selected to play for the Auckland Under 15 girls' rugby team. A tremendous achievement for the MRGS girls' rugby team who are unbeaten in their competition.

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### FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK—[\*continued from page 1.\*](#)

We farewell Mr Pune and wish him every success as he takes up the prestigious role of Principal of the Secondary Tertiary College at Manukau Institute of Technology. Mr Pune has been a tremendous influence on many students, especially in encouraging Maori and Pasifika students to strive for Excellence grades.

The new Olympic quality hockey turf is being enjoyed by school hockey teams, physical education classes and the wider Auckland hockey community. Thank you to everyone who helped with this project which has significantly enhanced facilities at the school.

Best wishes to everyone for a restful term break.

**Ki nga taumata**

**Greg Watson**  
**PRINCIPAL**

### A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR— MARJET POT

Last week Minister of Education Hekia Parata wrote to me acknowledging the excellent achievement by students at Mt Roskill Grammar School saying: “Their success is a demonstration of the strength of your school’s community, and the quality of work done by your Board of Trustees, school leadership, teaching and support staff, students’ and their families and whānau”.



Working together gives our students the best possible opportunities for achievement. Teachers greatly appreciate working alongside families supporting students in their learning journey. Thank you for your support over this term.

The Minister also notes: “The results being achieved by Mt Roskill Grammar School clearly show the positive impact that great teachers and great schools can have on the achievement of their students”.

One of our goals for the year is that we expect each teacher to have knowledge of the place each learner is at and to use an ever strengthening toolkit to set up the best possible learning experiences. So that achievement is accelerated. Our progress towards our goals is very exciting.

The [letter from the Minister can be found on our website](#) if you wish to read it.

Enjoy the term break.

**Marjet Pot**  
**BOT Chair**

### TEACHER ONLY DAY - MONDAY 25 JULY 2016

All teachers will be learning together professionally on this day therefore students will start school for Term 3 on TUESDAY 26 July 2016.



### 2016 PRODUCTION—BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

The 2016 Production, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, involved over 90 students working together over a range of different production elements - acting, dancing, makeup, costume, stage management and loads more. Our season was in Week 9 when we performed to three full house audiences. We would like to thank the community for their support of the show and their kind words afterwards. We are incredibly proud of the show and have been so impressed by the level of talent here at Mt Roskill Grammar. The Performing Arts Department would like to thank all the staff involved for their commitment to letting our students shine, and congratulate the students involved for an impressively polished show.







### OPENING OF THE NEW HOCKEY TURF

On Saturday 25th May, our new hockey turf was officially opened by Councilor Christine Fletcher QSO. Local M.P. Dr Parmjeet Parmar and Puketapapa Board members were also present. Despite the poor weather conditions a large number of people involved in the fundraising, planning and building of the Olympic standard facility joined in the event.

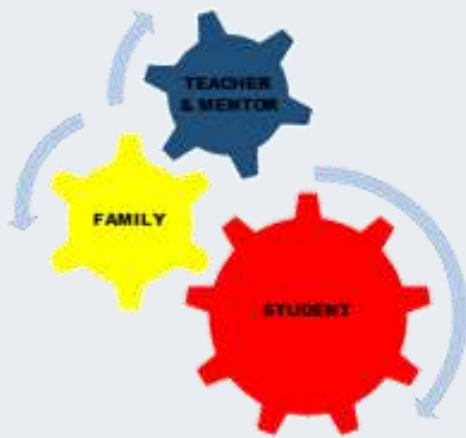
Official speeches were held in the pavilion, then everyone then went down to the turf to watch the ribbon being cut by Councilor Fletcher and BOT Chair, Marjet Pot. An exhibition game was held between past and present MRGS hockey players, followed by the serving of refreshments for all guests back in the pavilion.

Earlier in the term a dawn blessing was held. It is fantastic to see the state-of-the-art playing surface now in use and serving our community after the years of lobbying, planning and fundraising by the school and support from local community groups. This new resource will give MRGS a state-of-the-art premier playing surface and facility which is integral to our pursuit of sporting excellence. It will also provide the Roskill community with a venue for hockey from junior to club and international level. We thank everyone who has helped make the re-development of this facility possible.





### MENTORING (YEARS 11, 12 AND 13)



Thank you to families who attended our senior mentoring conferences on the 21st of June. We appreciate the commitment you have made to working with us to support your child's learning as we provide comprehensive information about their progress and next steps across all subject areas.

For those of you unable to attend on the day, your child's mentor should have been in touch to arrange an alternative time.

As a school we value face to face reporting with students and their families and look forward to seeing our Year 11, 12 and 13 families on Thursday 18th August for our next mentoring conference.

Information regarding appointment times for this conference will be posted over the holiday period. At the next conference we will discuss progress and next steps with a particular focus on options and pathways for 2017, as well as preparation for the NCEA examinations.

### REPORTING (YEARS 9 AND 10)

Face to face reporting is invaluable for both junior and senior students. As we are at the half way point of the year it is essential that you are informed about the progress of our junior students. Our Year 9 and 10 students will bring home a progress report before the end of term outlining their grades for progress, effort, conduct and homework. This report will also provide you with a summary of their academic progress in each subject.

We would like to invite parents/caregivers of (only) Year 9 and 10 students to attend a subject report evening on Tuesday the 9th of August to discuss your child's progress and next steps in these subjects. The access code to make appointments with your child's teachers between 4pm and 7pm will be included on their report.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 9th August so that we can work together to ensure our Year 9 and 10 students have established positive work habits and are able to be supported by you to reach their academic goals.

### MRGS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

You can now follow Mount Roskill Grammar on social media to keep up with the latest news and events. Check out our [facebook page](#) to see more photographs from events that have taken place this term.



[Facebook](#)

<https://goo.gl/hvAPU0>



[Twitter](#)

<https://goo.gl/MW9xts>



[YouTube](#)

<https://goo.gl/uoV0zl>





### SENIOR MARAE TRIP TO ROTORUA

The Senior Marae Trip this year to Te Kuri Marae in Rotorua was an amazing opportunity for all who attended. The trip was open to all of the Senior students who are currently studying Te Reo Maori.

The aim of the trip was to strengthen the schools overarching values of Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga, and to also put into action all of the things the students have learnt while earning credits.

Highlights of the trip were definitely visiting Te Puia Geothermal Centre where students learnt about the history of the area and about Maori carving and weaving. We also enjoyed Tamaki Tours, where we were picked up on a bus along with overseas tourists, took part in a full scale pōwhiri and were fortunate enough to partake in a delicious and authentic underground hangi. The Zorb and Luge were also a few of the more exhilarating things that the students were fortunate enough to take part in.

Overall it was a great trip and we highly recommend that if you are offered a space on this trip next year that you take it!

### PILOT PROGRAMME

The purpose of PILOT (Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow) programme is to create a Pasifika methodology to inspire, engage and develop Pasifika secondary students to make informed decisions about their education and career. The programme has two parts; a day session for students, and an evening session for parents and family members.

Ten Year 12 students attended the programme on the 15th June. Ten of our Year 13 students attended the programme in Term 1. Coming up, there will be a programme for Year 11 students to attend on the 18th August, and lastly one for Year 10 students held on the 13th October, during the first week of Term 4.

The recent PILOT programme was a fantastic experience for all who attended. Guest speaker, Falanipo, talked about life at university and how important it is to pursue what you want to be. He also shared some of the challenges he had faced. Students learnt how to prepare themselves for the future, and left feeling motivated and committed to achieving their goals for the future.



## INDEPENDENT RESEARCH SHOWS OUTSTANDING RESULTS FOR MRGS PEER MEDIATION SERVICE 2016

The research project: *Leadership through Peer Mediation (LtPM): Assessing its Impact in Nine Secondary Schools throughout the Auckland Region* by Unitec Dr Helene Connor and Peace Foundation researcher Leo Buccahan has found overwhelming positive effects of the programme on students, teachers and school environments. Over 56% of the research respondents were from MRGS which is indicative of the success of the LtPM programme in the school.



Principals, school coordinators, teachers, current LtPM Peer Mediators, former LtPM Peer Mediators and students who had used the LtPM peer mediation service were overwhelmingly positive about the set of skills students learnt around peaceful conflict resolution. The following quotes from student LtPM mediators exemplify the impact of learning skills around peaceful conflict resolution:

*"Being a mediator definitely allowed me to develop the skills I needed to improve my relations with the people around me. I feel like not very many people are conscious of the importance of skills like reflective listening, rapport building and using "I" statements, especially in daily situations. Safe to say, I definitely learned a lot being an LtPM mediator at MRGS, especially since I was able to mentor younger mediators as well."*

*"All the skills taught in the training are life-long skills and I only wish everyone was taught this at school."*

*"The Peer Mediation training and programme contributes significantly to student wellbeing! It creates belonging, connectedness and social responsibility"*

The research found that the majority of the respondents felt LtPM was of benefit to the culture of the school. LtPM was viewed as being helpful in improving relationships within the student population and appeared to reduce bullying, creating a safer environment.

Current and former LtPM Peer Mediators overwhelmingly found their peer mediation training and experience impacted positively on their lives both at school and beyond the school. A number of the comments mention improved relationships with family and friends and feeling more confident to tackle conflict when it arises. Former LtPM Peer Mediators commented on the usefulness of the training in their jobs or when they went onto tertiary study.

*"I use the skills I've learnt in my personal life all the time. As a trainee doctor, being able to build rapport and understand different personality types has been invaluable. I still reference my peer mediation training when we have professional and communication skills assessments!"*

The Research Report recommends that a case study of Mount Roskill Grammar School be undertaken as the results of the Survey Monkey survey, clearly identified this school as a 'stand-out' success regarding the implementation of the LtPM programme. A case study would help identify some of the underpinning reasons for the success of the programme and why it has been so stringently supported by staff and students alike.

*'Students are the agents of change, you give them the responsibility and they will fly with it!'*

-Donna Hourigan-Johnston, LtPM School Coordinator, Mount Roskill Grammar School, (Peace Foundation, 2015).



### PEER MENTORSHIP TRAINING 2016

On Sunday 19th June and Monday 20th June, 35 Mediators were trained by Julie McCracken in peer mentorship skills. This engaging and interactive training included goal setting, problem solving, rapport building, communication skills, and learning how to think outside the square. A great time was had by all students and now these Peer Mentors are available to support younger students one-to-one. So if any student would like some support or mentoring from an older student please contact Donna Hourigan-Johnston at Student Services.

A big thank you to Julie McCracken for the wonderful training and to Louise Fisher and Peter Maher for their generous donation to cover costs.

### INTERNATIONAL PEACE WEEK

International Peace Week is coming up on the 8th-12th August with the Peer Mediators already organising many exciting peace activities for MRGS. These include assembly presentations, peace t-shirts, peace banners, a peace march, an anti-violence and embracing diversity stall day, peace badge making, chalking peace messages, random acts of kindness, face painting, and the wearing of white ribbons.

Make sure you are involved in spreading the messages of peace and kindness to all.

A year 9 student from last year stated: "I love peace week because people show that they care about each other and are kind to one another."

### LIVE FOR TOMORROW

Live for Tomorrow student leaders attended a training day this term, meeting students from other schools and sharing ideas on how to put together great events. After a successful bake sale this term where they sold cakes and positivity, they are ready to go with their next initiative, 'What Helped?' early next term. The leaders will collect stories about what our students have found difficult in their life, and also, 'What Helped'. These stories will then be displayed on brightly coloured papers to form a rainbow, allowing all students to walk past, stop, and read the messages that offer hope for their own hard times. A beautiful combination for what Live for Tomorrow are wanting in our school; the realisation that it's normal to have struggles at times, but there are ways through, and people who can help.







### MUSIC CAMP



On Friday 17 June, the Concert Band and String Orchestra piled into a bus and headed off to Camp Maynard in Albany for a training weekend. The main purpose of the weekend was to rehearse the music in preparation for the KBB Festival in August; but in-between rehearsals with Mr Atkinson, Mr Darragh, Mr Snelling and Ms Dekker, there was plenty of team bonding around the campfire, during the fiercely competitive quiz night (led by quiz master Miss Cakebread) and throughout the highly animated games of 'spoons' at break times. The weekend culminated in a concert for the families that demonstrated the impressive musical progress made by both groups.

Comments from some of the students who attended:



"Music camp was a great opportunity to bond with my fellow musicians."

"Everyone helped out with food prep and cleaning up, there was a good atmosphere."

"We had more time to work on the music so we improved a lot! We sounded so much better in the final concert compared to the first practice at camp!"



"The final concert was good and it was cool to see the other group's work."

Highlights for students include: Tai Chi in the morning, pizza dinner on the first night, singing by the campfire, burning marshmallows, and playing 'Happy Birthday' for Ms Dekker!



### YEAR 11 JAPANESE RESTAURANT TRIP

On Tuesday 28th June, 12 Year 11 Japanese students headed on a highly adventurous trip to にしきレストラン (Nishiki Restaurant). Aside from minor mishaps, the class were deeply appreciative for the chance to taste a very wide range of Japanese food, which included sushi, squid, octopus, miso, rice, green tea, tempura, chips and ice-cream. Needless to say, it was exceedingly to our taste and we lamented over protest of our stomachs in keeping us from eating more. A thousand thanks to the amazing Miss Kojima on behalf of the class for organising this dinner.





## BODY IMAGE LEADERS TEACH YEAR 10 HEALTH CLASSES

Everybody experiences different messages about body image in different ways. There are many influences that can impact how we feel about the way we look. The media has a significant effect over the way students can feel about themselves. This term the Body Image Leaders (BILs) had the opportunity to go into health classrooms to share their knowledge with Year 10 students. Students were supported by Year 10 Health teachers in leading one hour sessions with a powerpoint and activities aimed to stimulate thinking in our Year 10s about healthy body image and the way the media in particular, can influence us in a negative way.



BILs also deliver key messages about the School Ball with the aim that everyone can feel great about their individual sense of style and have fun on the night.

The Body Image Leaders in Schools programme is a youth development, peer education programme that is student run and supported at MRGS by our Counselling Department.

Body image leaders receive training in health promotion planning, skills and tools, critical media literacy, understanding body-safe environments, mindfulness and gender stereotypes, inequalities and representations.

BILs aim to contribute to our safe school environment by encouraging students to report appearance based bullying and by developing in students more respect for body diversity. To enquire about the programme please contact our Student Services Department.

## YEAR 9 SPEECH COMPETITION

Eight of our Year 9 students took to the stage on 6th July to compete in the Year 9 Speech Final. Standing tall in front of more than 300 other students, they delivered persuasive speeches that were moving, challenging and entertaining. Special mention goes to Aditi Anand and Pranayam Lal for their outstanding performances, and congratulations to Huthaifa Ibrahim for winning the competition with his speech on why "School kills creativity!"

Well done to all Year 9s who prepared and delivered a speech this term during their English classes. We would like to thank Mr Simpson for organising the event.

## HOUSE SPORT RESULTS

This term we had two inter-house sport competitions; basketball in week 2, and junior volleyball held in week 9. The results are as follows:

Basketball:	Junior Volleyball:
1st Sheppard	1st Sheppard
2nd Hillary	2nd Cooper
3rd= Ngata	3rd Hillary
Cooper	4th Rutherford
5th Rutherford	5th Ngata

With the points from these competitions added to the points that were accumulated in Term 1, Sheppard house is currently in the lead for House Sport with 540 points. In second place is Hillary on 400, third is Cooper on 380, fourth is Ngata on 320, with Rutherford in fifth place on 220 points.



### HEALTHY SANDWICH DAY

On the 8th of June our School Health Council ran a very successful event at Lunchtime called 'Healthy Sandwich Day'.

For a gold coin donation, students could line up outside the senior common room and proceed down the 'subway' sandwich line, choosing from a wide range of healthy and delicious sandwich fillings, all served up by our Student Health Council. We promoted the importance of a healthy lunch and how easy it is to create something nutritious and cost-effective. We were fortunate to receive amazing sponsorship from Countdown and the Aussie Butcher which kept our costs low and maximised our potential for fundraising. Money raised is going towards health promotion in our school. This was a true community event; not only did our sponsorship come from local businesses, but we also had the privilege of having people help out. A special thanks to Damien and Andrew from Countdown Mt Roskill, and Wendy from Youthline who jumped right in with the students and served up the yummy lunches. Thanks also to Paul from The Aussie Butcher, and Countdown Mt Roskill and Countdown Three Kings for their incredible donations to our event. To the students who bought a sandwich, we trust you enjoyed it and look forward to seeing you at our next event; Health Week, running from the 15th-19th of August.



### STUDENTS FROM A REFUGEE BACKGROUND

This year we were able to take 23 students to the annual Careers Expo held at the Auckland Show Grounds. The students were not quite sure what to expect as they have never attended one in the past. All of them came away with great information about their options for career pathways with also a new outlook on the various study options that are available outside of the larger Universities and Polytechnics.

Eleven young men of refugee background have been selected to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award programme delivered through Blue Light. Their journey began with an overnight tramping camp around Piha. The feedback we have received from both students and Blue Light staff is that it was an amazing experience and the boys were very well behaved.

On the 3rd of June 2016 we held our first Refugee Background Parent Information Evening. We had families, community leaders and representatives from UMMA Trust and the Ministry of Education attend. One of the outcomes of the meeting was having an open discussion on how to connect better with our families of refugee background with some great insights offered by everyone there. The first of many meetings to come.





### AKSS GYMSPORTS

We had a team of 18 competing recently at AKSS at Bruce Pulman park. Great results, Awesome team!

#### Auckland champs

#### Trampoline:

- Shivesh Lal, 1st C grade Men - Gold Medal
- Chelsea Ellis, 16th B grade womens
- Nikisha Ali, 11th C grade womens
- Victoria Medina Villapol, 15th C grade womens

#### RESULTS GYMSPORTS

#### Level 1 Artistic Womens Individual:

- 2nd Chelsea Ellis - Silver medal
- 3rd Anna Greaves - Bronze medal
- Kaitlyn Booth 5th

- Dhavni Patel 7th
- Wai Yan Relph 10th
- Isabella Fong 10th
- Rebecca Zhou 14th
- Jazmine Gurau 14th
- Nidhi Vijayanarasimhan 16th

#### TEAMS:

- 1st in Level 1 teams, Kaitlyn Booth, Chelsea Ellis, Nidhi Vijayanarasimhan, Anna Greaves - Gold medals each
- 2nd in Level 2 teams, (Kate, Naomi, Zara, Steffanie)

#### Mt. Roskill Grammar School Individual:

- Zara Deverell 6th
- Kate Bonnici 7th
- Steffanie Kobayashi 10th
- Naomi Vos 15th







## MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL COMMUNITY EDUCATION

### Term 3 - 2016 (July – September)

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Office Hours: Mon-Thu: 9.30am-2.30pm | Fri: 9.30am-12pm | 2nd wk of Sch Hols: Mon-Fri: 10am-1pm

Can't come to our office during the day? Our Office is open for late night enrolment on Wed, 27 July, 6-8pm!

MONDAY – starts 1 Aug 7-9pm unless stated		
Alexander Technique *6.45-8.15pm	5 wks	\$80
Ballroom & Latin Dancing Begg *6.30-7.30pm	6 wks	\$59
Basic Car Maintenance & Repairs	6 wks	\$95
Furniture Making & Design *6-9pm	7 wks	\$145+
MSExcel *5 Sept, M-W, 6.30-8.30pm	3days	\$42
MSWord *29 Aug, M-W, 6.30-8.30pm	3days	\$42
Painting With Oils *6.30-8.30pm	7 wks	\$95+
Pattern Making Advanced	7 wks	110+
Rock n Roll, Waltz & Swing *7.30-8.30pm	6 wks	\$59
Sign Language (NZSL) – Beginners 1B	7 wks	\$70
SpeechWorks (Public Speaking) *6.30-9pm	5 wks	\$195
Welding for Beginners *6.30-8.30pm	6 wks	\$207+
Yoga – Prenatal *6.45-8.15pm (bring mat)	7 wks	\$76
Yoga *25 July, 6.45-8.15pm (bring mat)	9 wks	\$88
Zumba *7-8pm	7 wks	\$50

TUESDAY – starts 2 Aug 7-9pm unless stated		
Badminton *6.45-8.45pm	7 wks	\$86
Bollywood Dancing *8-9pm	7 wks	\$70
Computer Networking: Intro	4 wks	\$80
Dressmaking Beginners *6.30-9pm	7 wks	\$99+
Floristry - Beginners-Intermediate *starts 10 Aug	7 wks	\$95+
Picture Framing	7 wks	\$98+
Salsa, Merengue & Bachata *6.30-7.30pm	6 wks	\$59
Sign Language (NZSL) – Beginners 1A	7 wks	\$70
SpeechWorks (Public Speaking) *6.30-9pm	5 wks	\$195
Spin Bikes *6-7pm	7 wks	\$62
Step *7-8pm	7 wks	\$60
Thai Cooking *9 Aug	4 wks	\$69+
Welding-Beginners *6.30-8.30pm	6 wks	\$207+
Woodwork & Furniture Restoration *6.45-9pm	7 wks	\$97+
Yoga *6.30-8pm (Bring mat)	8 wks	\$76

WEDNESDAY – starts 3 Aug 7-9pm unless stated		
Advanced Car Maintenance & Repairs	6 wks	\$119+
Aerobics – Pump *7-8pm	7 wks	\$52
Cake Decorating: Novelty & Cup Cakes	7 wks	\$95+
Dressmaking Intermediate *6.30-9pm	7 wks	\$99+
Fantastic Italian Starters *starts 31 Aug 6-9pm	1 day	\$40
French for Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
German for Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
Indoor Soccer *27 July, 7.30-9pm	9 wks	\$86
Italian Cooking	3 wks	\$69+
Mandarin-Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
MSOffice: Intro *27 July, 6.30-8.30pm	5 wks	\$70
Multi-media Print *17 Aug	3 wks	\$92+
Pasta Making Workshop *24 Aug 6-9pm	1 day	\$40
Pilates *6.30-7.30pm	7 wks	\$67
Spanish for Beginners & Travellers	7 wks	\$98
SpeechWorks (Public Speaking) *6.30-9pm	5 wks	\$195
Stencil Art & Screen Printing - Intro	2 wks	\$68+
Woodwork-Beg (new students) *6.45-9pm	8 wks	\$107+
Woodwork-Int (returning) *10 Aug 6.45-9pm	7 wks	\$97+
Yoga *27 July, 6.45-8.15pm	9 wks	\$86

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 4 & 5 Aug		
Guitar Beginners (Thursday) *6-7pm	7 wks	\$77+
Guitar Intermediate (Thursday) *7-8pm	7 wks	\$77+
Guitar High Intermediate (Friday) *6-7pm	7 wks	\$77+
Guitar Advanced (Friday) *7-8pm	7 wks	\$77+
Dressmaking Beginners *6.30-9pm	7 wks	\$99+

SATURDAY		
Basic Home Maintenance *3 Sept, 9.30am-1.30pm	1 day	\$50
Sushi *10 Sept, 9.30am-12.30pm	1 day	\$55
Sourdough Bread *3 Sept, 10am-2pm	1 day	\$55
MS Powerpt: Essentials *3 Sept, 9.30am-4.30pm	1 day	\$50
MSPublisher: Essentials *10 Sept, 9.30am-4.30pm	1 day	\$50
MYOB: Intro *3 + 10 Sept, 9am-4.30pm	2 days	\$137
Watercolour Painting *3 Sept, 10am-3pm	1 day	\$95+

## ENGLISH:

(Non-residents pay 30% extra for all ESOL Classes)

DAY TIME ESOL CLASSES:		
<b>English for Absolute Beginners (Kick Start)</b> Starts: Monday, 18 July 5 days (Mon – Fri from 9am-1pm) Good preparation before starting Daytime Level 1 Beginners	1 wk	\$120
<b>Conversational English &amp; Grammar</b> Starts: Monday, 25 July 3 days pw (Mon, Wed & Fri 9.15am-12.15pm) We have 3 levels / courses that you can enrol for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level 1: Beginner/ Elementary</li> <li>Level 2: Pre-Intermediate</li> <li>Level 3: Intermediate/High Intermediate</li> </ul> Textbook: Students can buy / borrow (for \$10+ deposit refundable deposit). Details on request.	9 wks	\$360
<b>Speaking &amp; Pronunciation: Pre-Int Plus</b> Starts: Monday, 1 August 2 days pw (Mon & Wed 12.30-2pm)	8 wks	\$95
<b>IELTS Exam Preparation: Academic &amp; General</b> Starts: Tuesday, 26 July 2 days pw (Tue & Thu 9.15-11.15am)	9 wks	\$240

EVENING ESOL CLASSES:		
<b>ESOL General English Classes</b> Starts: 1 August 2 nights pw (Mon & Wed 6.40-9pm) We have 3 Levels / Courses that you can enrol for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level 1: Beginner/ Elementary</li> <li>Level 2: Pre-Intermediate</li> <li>Level 3: Intermediate/High Intermediate</li> </ul>	7 wks	\$99
<b>Advanced English</b> Starts: Tue 2 Aug 1 night pw (Tue 6.40-9pm)	7 wks	\$50
<b>Speaking &amp; Pronunciation</b> Starts: Tue 2 Aug 1 night pw (Tue 6.40-9pm)	7 wks	\$50
<b>Writing Skills</b> Starts: Mon 1 Aug 1 night pw (Mon 6.40-9pm)	7 wks	\$85
<b>IELTS Exam Preparation: Academic &amp; General</b> Starts: Tue 2 Aug 2 nights pw (Tue & Thu 6.40-9pm)	7 wks	\$170
<b>Speaking in Public</b> Starts: Wed 7 Sept 1 nights pw (Wed 6.30-9pm)	3 wks	\$120
<b>Enjoying Modern Fiction</b> Starts: Mon 1 Aug 1 nights pw (Mon 7-9pm)	6 wks	\$65

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

HOW TO ENROL: - Email [Com.Ed@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:Com.Ed@mrgs.school.nz)  
- Phone on 621 0051 with your credit card details  
- Eftpos is available at our Office

We are open for late night enrolment on Wednesday, 27 July from 6-8pm  
(FOR MORE INFORMATION... PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE!)



## 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](mailto: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

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH—IMPORTANT CONTACTS AT SCHOOL

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

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

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

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



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates 2016

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

### TERM THREE EVENTS

July 25	Teacher only day	August 4	Subject Choice Evening 6.30 pm
August 8-12	International Peace Week	August 9	Junior Report Evening 4-7 pm
August 10	Campus Music Concert 6.30 pm	August 15-19	Health Week
August 18	Mentoring Conferences for Year 11, 12, and 13	August 24	Campus Hui
August 26	School Holiday	August 29	Tournament week
September 8-20	Subject Entry Examinations for senior students	September 22	Senior Subject Report Evening



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## WE'RE AN ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOL

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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## SCHOOL SPONSORS

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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#### SPONSORSHIP OF GIRLS 1ST XI FOOTBALL TEAM

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

We greatly value the commitment our sponsors show and their willingness to enable Excellence at Roskill.

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