

Weekly Newsletter



MOUNT ROSKILL
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

February 2019: Term 1 Week 3

Welcome Lycée Jean XXIII



On Friday, we welcomed a group from Lycée Jean XXIII, our exchange school from the town of Yvetot in Normandy France. Our students are delighted to be hosting friends they made when visiting Yvetot in September last year.

We are honoured that Principal Monsieur Sourice has travelled with the group to support the exchange. The relationship between our schools is very special. We value the learning, friendships, and the tradition. The reciprocal homestay exchanges that we have enjoyed over two decades have resulted in lifelong friendships between teachers and between students.

Last week students from Luoyang in China visited on a short study tour and next week we will be welcoming a group of students from Beijing. We enjoy international exchanges as part of developing understanding of a wide array of perspectives.

Greg Watson, Principal

We look forward to meeting families of new students at our new parent/caregiver evening on **Tuesday 12 February**. It is a fantastic opportunity for you to make a connection with the Deans of your student's House.

The House that your son/daughter is a part of is a "school within a school", providing a range of support for them throughout their time at MRGS. We have a highly effective Deans' team and encourage you to take this opportunity to make a connection with your child's House Dean and meet the Senior Leadership Team and members of the Board of Trustees.



Marjet, BOT chairperson

New Parents/Caregivers Information Evening

Parents of New Students Meeting: Tuesday February 12th at 6.45pm - 8pm in the School Hall.

All parents and caregivers of new students, including Year 9, are invited to a meeting to welcome you and your son/daughter to the school. This meeting will be an opportunity to find out about our organisation, values and the learning opportunities which exist within the school. Tea and coffee available.

The Senior Leadership Team, Deans and members of the BOT will be available from 6.45pm to meet with you prior to the presentation and answer any questions.

2019 Prefects

Congratulations to our Prefect group for 2019. We look forward to working alongside you.

Janice Ah Sam
'Isope 'Akau'ola
Kate Bonnici
Kaitlyn Booth
Akash Boppana
Bianca Bryan
Zubair Ceyddique
Ano Chitando
Parth Desai
Ajit Franklin
Saakshi Hegde
Saimone Helu
Dezil Jojo
Manihera Jonassen

Akash Kanamala
Mele Kaufusi
Charles Keung
Jordan King
Jenice Kuzhikombil
Helen Lee
Maggie Lee
Lute Mafi
Niharika Mandadi
Sarah McKenzie
Tesi Naufahu
Max Noller
Jesse Pikaahu
Angel Potoi

Pranav Rao
Rinesh Rattan
Jessica Rigg
Fahad Shehzad
Mustafa Sheikh
Caleb Simmons
Susan Su
Anna Sue
Lillian Tualau
Ala Vailala
Lauren van Laarhoven-
Hargreaves

Carlton Varela
Christy Varughese
Naomi Vos
Sheng-Ya Wang
Cindy Yuan



2019 Mentoring



Mentoring at Mount Roskill Grammar School is our way of reporting face to face with our families. Mentors, students and families work together in partnership to set goals and support students to be successful with their **academic achievement, co-curricular activities** and **career pathways**.

The mentoring conference in Term One is on **Wednesday March 6th** with appointments between 3:30pm to 7.30pm. Your student's mentor will contact you to make a booking.

Mentors, students and families will reflect on the first 5 weeks of learning and work together to set goals for the year. You will also learn how to access the online **Parent Portal** to get up-to-date information about your student's attendance, results and reports as well as school notices. The session will be 15 minutes.

2019 Year 13 Camp

Year 13 camp returns to Motutapu Island in 2019!

Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

The cost for transport, accommodation, food and activities for the week is \$300. A range of dietary requirements are accommodated.

There are limited places so please pay at accounts as soon as possible.

If families require further information please contact Mr Cornes Russell.Cornes@mrgs.school.nz



Alumni News



[2005] Wallace (Uelese Frost) Mua is the executive chef the Hilton (see link below)

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/seven-sharp/clips/one-man-s-unusual-route-to-becoming-executive-chef-at-a-top-auckland-restaurant>

Rhianon Berry is the NZTE's Trade Commissioner based in Santiago, Chile where she leads the team helping New Zealand business access the Chile, Peru and Bolivian markets.



Please share your alumni news and let others know about our alumni email address:

alumni@mrgs.school.nz

Notice from Auckland Transport

Road maintenance work in Britton Ave (between Dornwell Road to Frost Road). Works start Tuesday 12 February, occurring Monday – Saturday 7am-7pm for approximately two weeks.

A one way detour will be in place, traffic will flow from Dornwell Road.

Pedestrian access will be maintained. Travel safely around the worksite.

MRGS School APP for mobile devices



www.mrgs.school.nz

Smart Phone APP

MRGS has launched a Smartphone App which is called Schoolstream. The app is free and can be downloaded on your phone. Once you have downloaded the App you will be connected with us by selecting the school from their selection menu. This app enables you to have regular news updates, in addition to access to attendance etc.

New School Lunch Service

OUR SCHOOL IS GOING
EAT SMART

Our school canteen service provider, Libelle Group, is teaming up with the Heart Foundation Fuelled4life and BioPak to bring us a Fresh Made approved and eco-friendly packaged menu - Eat Smart.

So what does this mean for us? Eat Smart will be launched at our school and nationwide by the beginning of Term 1, 2019.

It is a nutritionally balanced, value-for-money school tuckshop menu offered throughout the country!

The Eat Smart menu features balanced meals designed by a team of nutritionists for kiwi school kids, so they have the right fuel to learn!

The message is clear:

EAT WELL. DO BETTER.

We are going digital with Txt My Lunch

Txt My Lunch is the solution to giving parents the guarantee that their hungry learner is getting a healthy, balanced meal - all for just \$6. Use Txt My Lunch to send a lunch ticket directly to a student's phone by text!

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