

April 2019: Term 2 Week 1

Welcome back

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome back from the holiday break. We trust that all of our students are well rested following a busy Term 1.

Thank you to our prefect group who represented us with pride at the Onehunga service on ANZAC day. It was an honour for us to also have Bianca Bryan deliver the Ode in te reo Māori during the service.

During Term 1 as a follow on from our Strategic Planning process the Board of Trustees, staff, and student council took part in discussions to review the structure and number of our school values. As a result of these discussions, a decision was made to simplify the structure and to focus on three core values which sit beneath our motto 'Sursum - to the heights'. Together, the motto and values form 'The Roskill Way'.



The Roskill Way

At Mount Roskill Grammar School, we take pride in performing in a way that brings credit to our school, our community and ourselves.

We encourage a sense of belonging and caring for each person in our whānau, and we endeavour to reach "to the heights". These ideals are underpinned, enhanced and enriched by the values of:

- **Manaakitanga** - demonstrating respect and responsibility by uplifting the mana of each person, through empathy, tolerance and celebration of diversity
- **Whanaungatanga** - demonstrating participation, leadership and service through working with others and making good connections within our community
- **Tūmanakotanga** - demonstrating aspiration, high expectations and excellence, through a growth mindset, creativity, commitment and resilience

We look forward to acknowledging and celebrating students who have excelled in one or more of these values, through the presentation of values badges at the end of this term.

Ngā manaakitanga - with best wishes for the term ahead.



Janine Tupaea
Acting Principal

MRGS Board of Trustees

It is a privilege serving on the Mount Roskill Grammar School Board of Trustees. Now is the time for members of our school community to consider standing for the Board of Trustees.

If you are thinking about being a trustee but don't know what is involved then please contact the Board Chairperson, Marjet Pot, email marjetpot@gmail.com or any of the current trustees whose contact details are on the website.

It is a good idea to come along to a BoT meeting to find out what we do. We have two Board meetings before nominations close. These are on the 6th May and the 27th May and start at 5.30 pm and are held in the conference room.

Please let the Board Chairperson know that you want to come to a meeting, Marjet Pot, email marjetpot@gmail.com.

All meetings are open to the public and if we know we are having members of the public attend then we can put aside some time to chat with you.

At MRGS the triennial Board of Trustee elections will be held on **June 21st 2019**.

Please see the key dates below which lead up to the elections:

- **Nominations close at noon on Friday 7th June.**
- Voting papers will be sent to all caregivers on the school roll by Wednesday 12th June.
- Voting closes on the Friday 21st June.
- The new Board takes office Friday 28th June.



Marjet Pot, BOT chairperson
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ANZAC Day: Lest we forget



Dates for your diary

29 April	Start of Term 2
8-10 May	NZQA fee collection (week 2)
17 May	Class photos (week 3)
3 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
4 June	Open Day
12 June	Campus Matariki
19 June	Mentoring Conference

Tūmanakotanga

This value shows the demonstration of aspiration, high expectations and excellence, through a growth mindset, creativity, commitment and resilience. The following student has epitomised this value:

Jiordyn Taimana is heading to the HHI Worlds in Phoenix Arizona to represent New Zealand having placed:

- 1st in NZ Varsity division as a member of Swagganauts
- 2nd in NZ Mega Crew division as a member of Yung ID

We wish him and his crews well.



Also at HHI Worlds, alumni Myke Davis Hoeft & Avneil Mohan part of a trio Projekt, placed 3rd in Mini Crew division.

Student Safety

Please ensure that when you collect your child from school that you are always parked safely and aware of all students. We have students from our school and students from the primary and intermediate who may not be as easy to see. Stopping on yellow lines is not legal or safe.

Learning Support

Every **Wednesday from 3.20pm-5.30pm** in Learning Extension (L3) we are running a **homework centre** that we are calling **"Catch Up"**.

"Catch Up" can be used when it suits for students to drop in and get the help they need in an array of subjects with teacher support. This is a great way to get one on one help from teachers or work with friends to help each other in a friendly environment. Come with questions!

"Kai time"

"Kai Time" (Breakfast Club) is up and running **Monday- Friday in Learning Extension (L3) 7.50am-8.50am** to support our students/your children to have the energy to get the most out of their learning.

We would like to acknowledge Sanitarium, Fonterra and the Ministry of Social Development who provide us with the kai for "Kai Time".

Alumni News



Clint (Clinton) Randell [2003] studied at AUT and is currently a successful radio presenter on the morning line-up of Dom, Meg and Randell at The Edge radio station.

The Edge team won Best Music Breakfast Show in 2017 and the 'Blackie' Award, named after Kevin Black, for a 'golden moment in radio' in 2018, both at the New Zealand Radio Awards.

He has acted in telefeatures *The Kick* and *Venus & Mars*, and placed 8th in the third season of *NZ Idol*.

You can currently see him competing on *Dancing with the Stars* supporting the charity "Refresh".

Roskill stories

If you have Roskill stories about the success of current or past pupils, please share to alumni@mrqs.school.nz or message the MRGS Facebook page.