# Newsletter



## Newsletter Week 2, Term 2

It has been a pleasure to observe our students start Term 2 with purpose and pride.

Last week we introduced our three core values which form our Roskill Way.

Throughout this term we will be continuing to focus on exploring each of these values in more depth with our student body.

This first value we will be focussing on is 'Tūmanakotanga'

Tūmanakotanga was evident on our school field on Saturday when our 1st XI Football team played against Mt Albert Grammar in the Auckland Premier Football League. 'Tūmanako' translates to hope or to wish for. Many players who made up Saturday's squad had been aspiring to be a member of our 1st XI Football team, and collectively the team had been aspiring to be back in the Premier competition.

These students have demonstrated a growth mindset, as they believed that they could improve, and understood that with increased effort they would get stronger. They are an example that committing time and effort leads to higher achievement. Throughout many points in the game the team demonstrated excellence, resulting in a very pleasing 5-3 win. The field was lined with supporters who were filled with Roskill pride.

We look forward to continuing to watch the learning, commitment and resilience of all our winter sports teams, and that they all continue to grow throughout the season.

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

• **Tūmanakotanga** - demonstrating aspiration, high expectations and excellence, through a growth mindset, creativity, commitment and resilience

Nāku noa, nā



Janine Tupaea
Acting Principal

## MRGS Board of Trustees

As Term 2 begins it is exciting to consider the learning that our winter teams will do this season. Not only will they demonstrate tūmanakotanga - aspiration, high expectations and excellence, they will do so as a team!

It has been a privilege to stand on the sideline of MRGS sports' events and to see the spirit of sport being enacted by our students. It is noted when you celebrate a win in a dignified way, acknowledging the other team and your supporters. It is noted you reach down to pull up an opposition player who has fallen or when you acknowledge the other team doing something well.

It has also been a privilege to be in the audience of many school events and showcases of art, music, cultural groups and performing arts. At these shows teamwork is also apparent, supporting each other to be the best you can be and reaching "to the heights" – each reaching to your own heights.

Whatever your "season" looks like take a moment to look around and appreciate those who supported you to get to where you are, and consider how you can, in turn, support your peers – that's the Roskill Way.



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### Dates for your diary

8-10 May	NZQA fee collection (week 2)
15 May	Campus Fia Fia night
17 May	Class photos (week 3)
23 May	Team photos (week 4)
24 May	Cultural group photos (week)
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 students have epitomised this value:

Abhishek Ravichandran won 1st place in an international dance competition on the weekend of 27 – 28 April. He competed at the Cleveland Thyagaraja 2019
Bharatanatyam Competition in the Advanced Category. He was given the music at 6.45pm the night before he had to perform and had to choreograph an eight minute





piece to perform at 9.30am the following day. He performed with a live orchestra he had never rehearsed with. He is pictured with some of the judges.

Jeremy Hand was selected for the New Zealand Under 18 Lacrosse team which travelled to play Australia.





**Levi Ahlquist, Bronson Aramoana** and **Deylone Tohilima** had a fantastic opportunity to attend Mau rākau (Taiaha) wananga on Mokoia Island during the holidays.





## Surf Camp

At the end of last term, 60 year 11 PE students travelled to the remote Tawharanui Regional Park to experience camping, surfing and to understand the importance of safety in outdoor education activities. The camp was based around 3 surfing lessons over the 3 days.



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#### Uniform

As the weather gets colder a reminder that students are expected to wear school jackets or jumpers to and from school. If you need to fundraise to buy a jacket or jumper you can see Mr McGirr in admin.

#### 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



#### Malcolm Hicks [2005]

Malcolm Hicks has posted a world championships qualifying time in just his second marathon in Dusseldorf, coming second with a time of 2hr 13min 51sec.

He has two national cross-country titles and a sub-4min mile under his belt as well as a full time job as an engineer in London.

Representing New Zealand at the Tokyo Olympics 2020 is his next goal.

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### Roskill stories

If you have Roskill stories about the success of current or past pupils, please share to <a href="mailto:alumni@mrgs.school.nz">alumni@mrgs.school.nz</a> or message the MRGS Facebook page.