

June 2019: Week 6, Term 2



From the Principal

The third and final of our three core values that we will be focussing on this term is 'Whanaungatanga'

Whanaungatanga is about the relationships that are built through working together, participating, leading and serving our Roskill community. Being involved in the wider life of the school creates a sense of belonging for our students and supports the strong connections within our community to be built. Through being part of a team or group, each member of the group is strengthened, and when there is teamwork and collaboration, aspirational outcomes can be achieved. At Roskill, strong relationships, and participating in a variety of co-curricular, leadership and sporting opportunities are our aim for every student. The sense of pride from our former students and the connections that remain well beyond graduation is evidence of the whanaungatanga that permeates throughout our school.

We encourage all students to make the most of the wide range of groups and teams that Roskill offer. Building relationships through being involved in the wider life of the school is part of our 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.

- **Whanaungatanga** - demonstrating participation, leadership and service through working with others and making good connections within our community

We look forward to continuing to work with our students to be active participants, throughout all areas of their learning this term.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Janine Tupaea
Acting Principal

MRGS Board of Trustees – BoT Election Update

Kia ora MRGS whānau

This article is about the upcoming trustee elections. The slogan for these elections is

“STEP FORWARD FOR YOUR SCHOOL”

Step forward and think about if you want to be a trustee and step forward and vote for trustees. Trustees are active leaders in our schools. They have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Nominations for the MRGS BoT close on **Friday 7th June**. If you are thinking about becoming a trustee then please contact BoT Chairperson, Marjet Pot or any of the BoT members on the website to find out what is involved in being a Trustee.

The BoT should have a range of skills and people who are committed to work together as a team. These skills could include but not limited to people skills, financial, engineering, leadership or marketing skills. We also need Trustees who represent their community and want to be part of the team which raises educational outcomes for students. Training is provided on what is required of a Trustee to help those people who are new to the role. Parents/caregivers and people in the wider community can be school trustees. We want the MRGS Board to represent the diversity of our school community.

At the MRGS Trustee elections, 5 people are elected onto the BoT which leaves the opportunity to co-opt a further 4 people. This co-option process aims to ensure we have the right skills and cultural diversity around the table to make the decisions required to govern the school. The Principal is a member of the BoT and combined with the staff trustee they bring the educational expertise to the BoT discussions. The student trustee brings a student perspective to the discussions.

People often ask me what the BoT does and so here is a list below of some responsibilities.

- Working with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community
- Setting the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
- Monitoring progress and inform parents on how the school is progressing against its annual targets and on the development of the students
- Deciding how the school's funding will be spent
- Support the development of all staff
- Ensuring the school is a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff, and is inclusive of and caters for students with differing needs
- Overseeing the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

Being a Trustee requires time as there are many meetings and public events which require Trustee presence.

The Trustee elections are the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for your children's education. On **Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm** in the Hodge Learning Commons there is a meet the candidates evening. This is a public meeting so come along and meet the candidates and hear how they will represent the school community.

It is equally as important that you take the time to vote. Your vote counts.

It is preferable that you post your election papers early as the post is often quite unreliable, or drop them off at the school yourself. Best not to give them to your child to bring to school.

Nominations and votes **must be on site at the office by the deadline**, not posted/post dated.

The voting closes on **Friday 21st June**. Please take the time to vote and get your voting papers back to school before the deadline.

Key election dates

7th June 12 noon, nominations close

13th June, Meet the candidates, 7.30pm in the Hodge Learning Commons

21st June, Voting closes

28th June, Candidates informed of outcome

1st July 1730, First new BoT meeting

STEP FORWARD FOR YOUR SCHOOL.

Ngā mihi nui



Marjet Pot, BOT chairperson

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Year 9 Health Presentation

On Tuesday 21 May all Year 9 classes experienced education through a creative theatre workshop, The Smashed Project. This workshop focused on awareness and confidence to make responsible choices around alcohol.

Our year 9s were engaged in a unique way, allowing them to explore the causes and consequences of underage drinking in a safe and motivating learning environment enabling them to make positive choices when faced with peer pressure.



As this was the first time this group presented in NZ we had three of our students joined by Hillary Barry for an interview which appeared on Seven Sharp. **Travis Noa, Jireh Stitt and Joshlyn Iyekepolo** talked from a student's perspective about the issues around alcohol for teenagers.

Dates for your diary

23 May	Team photos (week 4)
24 May	Cultural group photos (week)
29 May	Proposed Teacher Strike Day
3 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
4 June	Open Day, 4-7pm School will close early at 2pm
7 June	BoT Nominations Close at 12noon
12 June	Campus Matariki
13 June	BoT meet the Candidates evening
19 June	Mentoring Conference
21 June	BoT Voting Closes at 12noon



**MOUNT ROSKILL
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 4 June 4-7PM

Tours from Butler Hall
Principal's address at 4pm & 6pm



We look forward to meeting you and
welcoming you to MRGS

PPTA Rolling Strikes

The planned, but not yet officially notified year level rostering home events are as follows:

Tuesday 11 June 2019: Proposed rostering home of Year 10 students

Tuesday 25 June 2019: Proposed rostering home of Year 11 students

Tuesday 2 July 2019: Proposed rostering home of Year 12 students

If and when any of them are officially notified we will inform you as soon as we can. I recognise that this is disruptive for families/whānau and appreciate your understanding.

Mentoring Conference

Wednesday 19 June, 8.30am – 8.00pm

The mentoring programme at Mount Roskill Grammar School is our way of reporting face to face with our families. Each student in year 11, 12 and 13 is allocated a mentor who will meet with families throughout the year to have conversations about their progress, NCEA and next steps.

Booking a time with your student's mentor:

Book online: Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

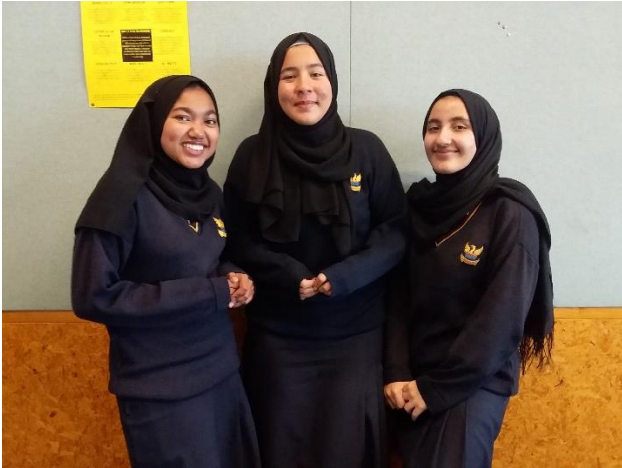
1. Enter the code **fugqv**
2. Enter your details
3. Select your student's mentor from the list

Please note that bookings will be open on Wednesday 5th June.

An email with further information will be sent to all families of senior students.

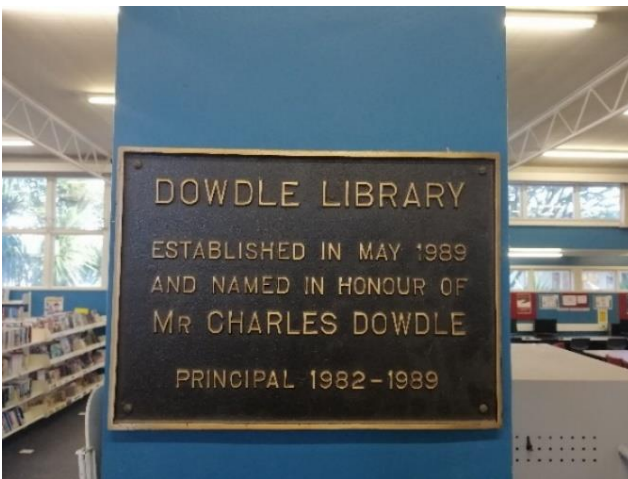
WORD – The Front Line

MRGS sent two teams to compete in Word – The Front Line, a poetry slam with the purpose of engaging and growing the potential of our future leaders. Both teams performed well in front of a large audience at The Auckland Performing Arts Centre, with one team winning through to the next stage of the competition. Congratulations to **Fateecka Farook, Sarah Shawish, Fatema Al-Ali and Mouhaab Boulares**, who are off to Slam Camp in June.



<http://www.actioneducation.co.nz/information.html>

Library 30th Birthday



The Dowdle Library celebrating it's 30th birthday by running a "guess how many books in the library? competition

Peer Mediation Training: “Students Helping Students”

Over the last few months, (March- May) 115 new Mediators have been trained by the Peace Foundation learning the important skills of how to resolve everyday conflict in a constructive way. These life skills of open communication, relationship building and ‘listening to understand’ are part of MRGS’ s culture and values of manaakitanga and whanaungtanga - respect, kindness, understanding diversity and aroha for everyone.

60 Advanced Mediators attended further mediation training from Human Rights activist Julie Watson on “Developing positive Race Relations”; SHINE on the effects of violence and how to be an active bystander; Rainbow Youth on embracing sexual and gender diversity; and the Peace Foundation along with LEADR Lawyer Mediators on advanced mediation skills.

Student voice: “I really loved hearing how everyone used mediation in their day to day lives and jobs, and it made me realise how useful mediation is”.

“A lot of conflict arises amongst teens and I can see myself using these skills when I’m with my friends in normal day to day conversation”

“Mediation can help resolve conflict without violence”.

Our Peer Mediation Service is about students helping students. Mediators are ‘Ambassadors of Social Justice’, standing up against harassment, bullying, inequality and exclusion, supporting students to get the help they need. They provide confidential help to their peers informally in the school environment, or formally in the mediation room at Student Services.

If you are experiencing conflict or being harassed, and would rather speak with an older student, please contact us at Student Services. Confidentiality assured.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday 16th & Monday 17th June: Peer Mentorship Training for 40 Mediator

Wednesday 26th June: Peace Symposium with UNITEC, the Peace Foundation, and other schools for 30 Mediators

August 5th- 9th: International Peace Week

Te rangimarie me te aroha.



Consent Awareness Week

Week 5 was Mount Roskill Grammar School's fourth "Consent Awareness Week" run by the Peer Sexuality Support Programme team.

During this week, we raise awareness about the New Zealand law and sexual consent. Consent is needed before you can have sexual contact with someone else. Consent is a free agreement between people, and cannot be coerced, pressured and forced. Consent can be withdrawn at any time.



To be able to give consent, you need to be 16 and over and clear minded (not drunk or under the influence of drugs).

It is the older person's responsibility to ensure the person they are with is 16 or older. This law exists to protect young people from being exploited by older people.

Alumni News



Zane Van Leishout [2010]

Zane continues to be selected for the NZ Black Sox Softball team. His achievements include; 2017 ISF Men's Worlds Champions with the Black Sox. Winning club nationals for Ramblers 2017-2018 season. NZ men's emerging player of the year 2016.

He is soon to be involved in the Challenge Cup 2019.

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.

Official schools scarf now in stock - \$30.

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.



Roskill Stories

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