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Mt Roskill Intermediate Newsletter

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students

2018 Term Dates:

This year the school will be open for students on the following dates:

Term 3: Monday 23rd July - Friday 28th September
Term 4: Monday 15th October - Tuesday 18th December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS and SCHOOL CLOSURES : The school will be closed on these days:

School early closing - Friday 22nd August at 1pm
Labour Day - 22nd October (Monday) in Term 4

Dates to Remember:

Expo and Open Day - 1st August 9am and 7pm
Munakata visit - 2nd August

Principals Report

Welcome back to Term Three!

We kicked off the term with a special Powhiri for Mrs Tracey Hughes, welcoming her as our new Deputy Principal. We recognise the mana that Mrs Hughes carries and brings with her into this role. We are excited to have her join us as one of our leaders. We are appreciative to Auckland Normal Intermediate School leadership, staff and students and acknowledge the special person that we are receiving from them, into our care.

Aroha mai, aroha atu

Love received demands love returned

We also warmly welcome Ms Katie Ross to the Performing Arts Area. Ms Ross will be job-sharing with Ms Homes.

I would like to congratulate Darin Tapusoa & Andrew Nansen for their fantastic recent achievements in rugby: Auckland Central Bill McLaren Representative team - Runners-up in A.P.S.R.U Bill McLaren Championship 2018

Thank you for your wonderful support of our school Athon last term. This is our main fundraiser for the year. Overall we raised \$17,700. This was a great result.

Next Wednesday 1st August, our School EXPO and Open Day will showcase the many and varied opportunities for prospective families that we have to offer at Mount Roskill Intermediate School. We appreciate the involvement of our wonderful students in this event, highlighting different curriculum and extra-curricular areas. We are looking forward to welcoming current year 6 students to MRI next year. Please see information on page 2.

Next Thursday we will be hosting Students and Staff from Munakata City in Japan for six days. Our sincerest thanks go to the families who have opened their homes to students. Mt Roskill's relationship with Munakata is very important. Over the years many new friendships have been formed and maintained through this exchange programme. Our students will be travelling to Munakata later this term to experience Japanese attractions, culture and schooling system and to try out their Japanese language learning.

This is the time of year where we analyse our school achievement and progress data. This helps us to continue to target and ensure that students are making the most progress possible. It is encouraging to see the great progress evident across the core learning areas. We know that a couple of things help to make the difference in learning, your child specifically knowing what they need to work on (their learning goals) and families being involved in the learning of their children. Thank you for your involvement.

Our school will be closing early at 1:00 pm on Wednesday August 22nd to allow our teachers to attend an important event at Mt Roskill Grammar School. Our school is part of the Puketāpapa Community of Learning (Kāhui Ako). This is a group of six local schools that are working together to raise the achievement and consult on successful transition pathways for all of our students. This meeting will allow all of our teachers to hear and experience the very valuable work we are doing together. There will be speakers and workshops for teachers which will allow them to build stronger networks across our schools to benefit our students.

Later this month a group of students will fly down to Queenstown for our annual Ski-trip where they will spend the week honing their skiing skill at Cardrona. We wish them good weather and exciting learning!

Finally, you will be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. The NZEI Teachers Union is currently in negotiation with the Ministry of Education around the Collective Contract. It is likely that there will be strike action on Wednesday 15th August. I appreciate that this creates inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates. Once we have more information, we will let you know what is happening. As a school we will look to provide skeleton supervision for families who are unable to make alternative care arrangements.

Whaia te matauranga hei oranga mo koutou - Seek after learning for the sake of your well-being

Kristen Walsham
Principal

Expo and Open Day for students enrolling for 2019

Wednesday 1st August 2018

Open Morning 9am—10:30am - (A short presentation by the Principal at 9:20am)

Open Evening: 7pm—8:30pm - (A short presentation by the Principal at 7:20pm)

There will be tours of the school with current students, as well as an EXPO in the hall highlighting the learning and opportunities we offer.

We are proud of the learning and our environment at MRI. Parents and students can come along and see the exciting learning, sporting and cultural opportunities, facilities and caring environment that our students experience. Enrolment Packs will be available

Sports

Badminton has started this term for 8 weeks in the school gym. Sessions starts on Monday 30th July, Tuesday 31st July and Friday 3rd August. Forms are available at the school office to complete.

The cost for the 8 weeks is \$45.00 for either the Monday, Tuesday or Friday session.

Sports report

Term 2 finished on a high with our Wednesday evening Table Tennis team winning the A Grade competition. A fantastic result. The first games for Term 3 start on August 1.

Big congratulations to Darin Tapusoa and Andrew Nansen who were selected for the Bill McLaren Intermediate Schools Rugby tournament in the holidays. They both played very well and were excellent MRI representatives.

The four Saturday Netball teams have finished the first Championship round and all teams had some very good results. In particular, congratulations to Year 8A team who came first in the A grade and the Year 8B team who came second in the B grade.

Upcoming events in Term 3:

CZ Basketball:	Girls Tuesday 7 August / Boys Wednesday 8 August
CZ Netball:	Friday 10 August
CZ boys Rugby League:	Tuesday 14th August
School Cross Country:	Friday 17th August
Pukekohe Exchange:	Friday 24th August
CZ Cross Country:	Wednesday 29th August
CZ Volleyball:	Girls Tuesday 18 September / Boys Wednesday 19th September

WERO Water Safety Programme

On Thursday 14th June, 42 students were given the opportunity to take part in a water safety programme at the Wero Whitewater Park, Manukau City. They participated in activities that focus on water safety, teamwork, risk-taking and personal excellence. Before getting in the water, students put on wetsuits, life jackets and helmets, they completed a comprehensive safety briefing.

Students experienced the power of water first hand when they had to do a river crossing. Although, the flow of the river looked quite slow the force of the water was extreme, knocking some off their feet.

Once in the boats, students learned how to paddle before rafting down a grade 2 river. However, the highlight of the day was undoubtedly the swimming down the rapids.

Everyone had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed this exciting adventure.

School Reports:

During 2018 each student will receive two full written reports. The reporting opportunities are:

<i>Term 2</i>	Full Written Report, Parent /Teacher Interview — this was held on 3rd July
<i>Term 3</i>	Oral Reporting - Parent or Teacher request
<i>Term 4</i>	Full Written Report. Interview if required

Safety at the School Gate Programme

This term, the Mt Roskill School Cluster (Mt Roskill Primary, Intermediate and Grammar) is participating in Auckland Transport's Safety at the School Gate programme.

Safety at the School Gate is helping to improve safety as well as traffic flow around schools. Parking officers are on patrol outside your child's school this term to observe non-compliant behaviour and issue infringement tickets to those who are not complying with the rules. The agreed approach is "zero tolerance".

Stopping even momentarily to drop off passengers can compromise children's safety. You will get a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway — as well as other vehicle safety offenses.

Please park appropriately to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed. *Please do not bring vehicles into the school grounds to drop off or pick up students.*

Thank you for your cooperation.

Lunch menu

NEW!! Easy lunch orders – Available every day!

Support our school and get a fab fresh lunch! You can easily order and pay for your ezlunch using your “mykindo” family account. Mykindo is a payment portal for a variety of services at schools and clubs. Your mykindo account can be topped up by debit or credit card (fees apply), or by bank transfer, in advance or at the time of purchase.

To get started, create account or log in to your existing mykindo account and add a student at this school.

For help visit support.mykindo.co.nz or call 0800 EZLUNCH 8am to 4pm school days. (Auckland (09) 475 5287)

www.ezlunch.co.nz www.mykindo.co.nz Order **any time before 9am** on the day or schedule in advance.

Lunch will be delivered to school at lunchtime. A percentage of sales goes to school fundraising – easy for you and great for the school!

School Bus from Papatoetoe / Mangere Bridge

Kiwi Coaches runs a school bus from Papatoetoe to both Mt Roskill Grammar and Mt Roskill Intermediate School.

The Bus starts from Papatoetoe (Old) bus stop on Station Rd opposite the railway station at 7.20am, along Station Rd to Portage Rd and into Bucklands Rd, to Robertson Rd, Favona Rd, Miller Rd, Wallace Rd, around Mangere Mountain to Muir Ave, Yorkton Rise, Kiwi Esplanade, Church Rd and onto the Motorway, off at Hillsborough. We can get off at Queenstown Rd and double back to Royal Oak if required and along Mt Albert Rd.

We use the bus stop on Carr Rd just before the roundabout. We start from this bus stop for the afternoon run and do the run opposite to the above.

If you are interested please contact Kiwicoaches 636 5232 or 021 608 548.

School Stream App

We have replaced the previous App with the School Stream App. Please delete the previous Mt Roskill Intermediate School App. Instructions on how to get the School Stream app on your mobile device are below:

iPhone /iPad iOS

1. From your mobile device go to the App Store and search for School Stream
2. Tap the FREE/GET button to the right of the School Stream listing
3. Tap the INSTALL button
4. Enter your Apple ID and password & tap OK
5. Wait for the install icon to change to OPEN, Tap the OPEN button
6. You will be prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select OK
7. Start typing Mt Roskill Intermediate into the search then SELECT Mt Roskill Intermediate

Android / Tablet

1. From your mobile device go to the Play Store and search for School Stream
2. Tap the School Stream Listing
3. Tap the INSTALL button
4. Tap the ACCEPT button
5. Wait for the app to install then tap the OPEN button
6. Start typing Mt Roskill Intermediate into the search then SELECT Mt Roskill Intermediate
7. Tap the DONE button in the top left.

School Costs:

The Board of Trustees has endeavoured to keep the school costs as low as possible. We are only able to keep the School Donation (\$125.00) at this level because of the support of our community. The School Donation assists with materials for Specialist classes (e.g. food, wood etc) that your child uses as well as ongoing purchasing and repair of items such as P.E. equipment.

This year we will be sending out a request for the donation each term. The total cost is \$125.00 for the year. If you would like to make staggered donations, please contact the office and individual arrangements will be made. Payments can be made monthly throughout the year and receipts are issued each time. We welcome payments (or part payments) direct into our bank account —12 3043 0245466 00. Any payment must show — child's name, room number and a brief description (i.e. Donation).

Tennyson Report

Art Week for Tennyson Centre students always brings out their latent creativity and allows them the freedom to dabble with their chosen medium. Teacher Mr Bradley Healey showed our classes a new concept of making a jigsaw. Students found colourful pictures they liked and each student copied parts of the picture on to cut out squares using crayons and blending colours of their drawn pieces. The squares were then 'placed' back together again, effectively creating an asymmetrical jigsaw of the original picture with quite striking and interesting results.

Two of our students, Divyansh and Quilynn participated in the Maori art group. They worked on making a range of beautiful Maori craft including string art flax weaving and Tukuruku designs with great support from their fellow students.



Facebook

Please check out our Mt Roskill Intermediate school account on facebook for photos and other information.

A Reminder to all Parents

For the safety of our students, please do not come into the school carpark to drop off or pick up your child. It is dangerous for students walking in and out of school and there is also potential for damage to vehicles in the carpark, due to the congestion.


We encourage parents to ask their child to walk down the street where you can safely park and wait for your child. During bad weather, students are advised to bring a rain jacket and umbrella to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

S p e c i a l i s a t i o n T e r m 2 A w a r d s	<u>Food Technology</u> <u>Mr R. Burton</u> Merit Stars: Rm 9 Antacia D'Costa Rm24 Shania D'Mello Rm29 Nell Dempsey Jireh Stitt Rm25 Racey Ferris Rm24 Ayesha Ibrahim Rm26 Renee Liao Yani Luo Rm7 Rhea Mehta Nadeea Shariff Rm10 Vaine Rennie-Apairoa Attainment Cups: Rm24 Mahreen Dossa Rm26 Hina-Arii Framhein Rm29 April Hartmann Rm25 Aya Loumachi Rm 9 Mahesha Nadakandage Rm 7 Caitlin Niva Rm10 Shreya Reddy	<u>Science</u> <u>Mrs M. Levy</u> Merit Stars: Tennyson Centre Emmanuel Haydn Rm 2 Abubakr Yoosuf Rm8 Kavin Nathoo Rm13 Asma Ibrahim Rm19 Bushra Kassem Rm22 Sudiksha Ravooru Attainment Cups: Tennyson Centre Xiao Ying Yang Rm2 Krishna Shah Rm8 Aryan Walimbe Rm13 Kevin Dai Rm19 Karthikeyan Manorajah Rm21 Khizra Marghoob & Kristina King Rm22 Arwa Laxmidhar	<u>Hard Materials & Technology</u> <u>Mr A. Davies</u> Merit Stars: Rm14 Sheryl Cheng Rm30 Valerie Deligero Rm12 Angel Isaac Rm27 Vrishank Patlolla Rm28 Haniya Sayyed Rm1 Adi Verma Rm11 Benjamin Wong Attainment Cups: Rm28 Nadia Fatima Rm27 Samya Gupta Rm12 Jessica Huang Rm30 Grace Kang Rm 1 Adalia Lobo Rm14 Alena Thankachan Rm29 Grace Wallace Rm11 Alan Zhang	<u>Performing Arts</u> <u>Ms C. Holmes</u> Merit Stars: Rm7 Tuscan Cummings Rm 2 Anne Fonua Rm13 Laylah Lolohea Rm25 Divya Prakash Rm29 Caroline Reopoamo Rm28 Hope Vahaakolo Attainment Cups: Rm 8 Alia Ali Rm12 Ming Bi Rm27 Tharindu Gamalath Rm30 Joyeal Jude Nixon Rm 2 Aaron Lobo Rm24 Faapaia Pauli

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lion Budokan Karate International

Lion Budokan Karate International holds classes for age 6 years and above on Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30pm to 7.15pm at Mt Roskill Intermediate.
Enrolments are open now! To enrol now or for more information call admin@budokan.co.nz 09-9722215 / 021-1887250.

 This term iHub (Intermediate version of Skids) will be running an after school care at Mt Roskill Primary.
For any queries ring Hazel or George at 275- 3458 or 0800 900 754

You can also email us at george@skids.co.nz

ASB Bank Supporting success in your school. If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school: \$500. If you would like more details - please contact the school 620-8508

Kip McGrath After-school tuition 75 Carr Rd, Mt Roskill

At **Kip McGrath** we help students for lower fees and guaranteed improvement or your money back.

For more information on how we can help your child, holiday lessons, dyslexia screening or a free no obligation assessment, Phone Paul or Jenny on 620 1277.

Girls Rugby

Auckland Rugby proudly presents - U13 girls club rugby series! An opportunity for junior girls to develop their rugby skills and play. Series kicks off on Wednesday 1st August at Sir Barry Curtis Park 4pm-6pm

Contact us for your local club: Central—Tidah Leaupepe 0210582527. info@aucklandrugby.co.nz

Piano and Keyboard Lessons

Learn to play the piano or keyboard at **Mt Roskill Intermediate**

Individual lessons are available after school and last for half an hour. The cost is \$30.00 per lesson (one lesson per week).

For enquiries or bookings please ring: *Mrs Glenda Gordon 817-3498*

KARATE

GKR Karate has non-contact classes for all ages 5 and up. Karate is based on self defence and is great for discipline, focus, and fitness! Our classes are fun for the whole family.

For more information call Callum on 021 2999 560 or Auckland 09 947 6656 Classes - Monday at Mt Roskill Intermediate school.

Winstone Park Tennis Club 17 Akarana Ave, Mt Roskill

Juniors at Winstone Park — Winter Tennis Term 3
Sharpen your skills or just learn new ones over the winter and be ready for the summer season.

Junior tennis from 4pm (4yr to 11yr), 5pm (12yr to 14yr), 6pm (15yr to 18yr) 1 hour session.

8 weeks \$75.00 Just turn up on the day. For further details contact: juniors@winstoneparktennis.co.nz

Mud Monster Mud Rush at Massey University Albany

8th & 9th September \$35 (late fees apply)

This event is for children, families and anyone seeking a fun challenge. For those who love mud, you will be tested on a muddy obstacle course with a few messy surprises along the way.

For more information please visit: www.mudmonstermudrush.co.nz