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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 1: Thursday 1st February	-	Friday 13th April
Term 2: Monday 30th April	-	Friday 6th July
Term 3: Monday 23rd July	-	Friday 28th September
Term 4: Monday 15th October	-	Tuesday 18 th December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & TEACHER ONLY DAYS FOR 2018: The school will be closed on these days:

Good Friday	-	30th March (Friday)	in Term 1
Easter Monday	-	2nd April (Monday)	in Term 1
Tuesday after Easter	-	3rd April (Tuesday)	in Term 1
Anzac Day	-	25th April (Wednesday)	in Holidays
MRIS Teacher Only Day	-	1st June (Friday)	in Term 2
Queen's Birthday	-	4th June (Monday)	in Term 2
Labour Day	-	23rd October (Monday)	in Term 4

Dates to Remember:

Year 8 Camp	-	12th - 16th March
Early closing	-	20th March 12:30
Pasifika Fono	-	20th March 6pm - 7:30pm
Learning Workshop for parents	-	28th March 9am -10:30am 6:30pm -8pm

Principal's Report

The year has certainly taken off with a sprint! We welcomed the Education Review Office recently to the school with a heartwarming powhiri. It was a positive time to share with them the great stories of what we are doing as a school. They visited classrooms, spoke with leaders, the Board of Trustees and students. We had great verbal feedback and are looking forward to receiving their written Report.

Thank you for taking the time to come along to 'Meet the Teacher Evening' last month. It was great to meet new families and reconnect with others. Please feel free to make contact with us around any issues or questions that you may have.

This week our Year 8 camp at Motu Moana takes place. Thank you to the families who are involved in supporting this fantastic opportunity. Without your help, it would not be possible. The learning and teamwork from Camp will be built on in classrooms as the year continues.

Thank you for your understanding and support with our decision to cancel the first day of camp due to the weather. The Safety of our students is paramount.

Learning has certainly changed a lot since most of us were at school. Today, students are encouraged to connect what they know already, think about new information in a deeper way and develop their own opinions that they can express, based on evidence. This kind of programme develops the skills that students need not just for now, but the type of thinking that is needed to be successful down the track in NCEA and as a good learner.

Just a reminder that we will be closing for instruction early on Tuesday 20th March. Classes will finish at 12.30pm. This is to allow NZEI Union members to attend a scheduled meeting as part of their upcoming contract negotiations and to discuss the recruitment and retention of teachers in the profession. We are asking that all students leave at 12.30, but they will need a permission slip filled in by you. Letters were sent home earlier this week. Students without permission to leave early will remain at school under supervision, but no teaching will take place.

In a couple of weeks (Wednesday 28th March) we are holding parent workshops to share with you what our literacy and mathematics programmes are like and ways that you can help your child in their learning at home. We will also be sharing our Digital Learning approach and what that looks like for your child. It would be wonderful to have you come along and be part of this. By working together with you we can help your child to really get the most from their learning.

We have a few new, exciting student led initiatives kicking off this year that are being driven by our student leaders. One of them is the establishment of a group called 'Kaiawhina'. The vision of this group is to help foster a positive and caring playground, encouraging inclusion and friendship. A lunchtime 'activity' area is a part of this, as is the fostering friendships with students in the Tennyson Centre. Other aspects will grow to build the vision as it becomes more established.

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Our Building work is continuing on schedule. We are still on track at this point to have it completed by the beginning of Term 3. If you are visiting the school, can you please make sure that you sign in at the administration area first, do not go directly to classrooms. This is part of our school Health and Safety management. Thank you for your support with this.

Congratulations also to the student leaders who have been selected as House Captains and Sports Captains for this year;

House Captains are:

Dinahmary Arona, Nell Dempsey, Mahreen Dossa, Aya El Gana, Hina-Arii Framhein, April Hartmann, Kate Kestle, Rynal Kumar, Finn Lavery, Eden Makapatama-Pirini, Shivani Mallacheruvu, Armon Masomi, Julius Nofoa, Niva Obhan, Faapaia Pauli, Caroline Reopoamo, Nihaal Singh, Georgia Smith, Jireh Stitt, Latu Tavake, Ryan Taylor, Akul Thatipamula, Fifita Uhila, Aarian Vermey, Joshua Yee

Sports Captains are:

Khadija Alamin, Rhea Bhonsle, Louis Bulman, Sofia Familara, Heaven-Lee Filoa, Melody Filoa, Tharindu Gamalath, Ezekiel Haunga, Joshlyn Iyekekepolo, Brooklyn Koonwaiyou, Sammi Long, Beatrice Loretz, Arham Marzook, Roma Mauinatu, Ohm Patel, Thus Radhakrishnan, Darin Tapusoa, Adebabaw Tesfaw, Talia Toleafoa, Akash Venkatesan

Please let us know if there is something that your child has achieved that we can acknowledge them. We love to celebrate success!

Later next Term we will be holding our annual 'Arts Week'. If you or anyone you know would like to be involved in taking a group for a special project for the week, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Deputy Principal Mrs Toreka Brain tbrain@mri.school.nz

Kristen Walsham
Principal

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!
What is the most important thing in the world?
It is people! It is people! It is people!

School Reports:

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

<i>Term 1</i>	Open evening - <i>Meet the Teachers and staff was on 15th February</i>
<i>Term 2</i>	Full Written Report, Parent /Teacher Interview
<i>Term 3</i>	Oral Reporting - Parent or Teacher request
<i>Term 4</i>	Full Written Report. Interview if required

Athon 2018

The school "Athon" will take place in Term 2. This is our major fund-raising event of the year. The funds will assist the school in two areas: -

- * *To help fund a new artificial turf area, and*
- * *To fund extra sports programmes and equipment.*

If you are able to assist the school with donations of any prizes for the students who are successful in collecting donations from our school community and families, please contact the school office on 620-8508. Prize donation ideas: - games, clothing, stationery, books, hats, electronic gear, vouchers and other items suitable for 10-14 year olds.

In Term 2 a question sheet will go out to students in week 3, which they are to study in preparation for testing in week 6. During this time, they are encouraged to get sponsorship. After testing, there will 3 weeks to collect money /donations. Prize giving will be held on 6th July – the last day of term!
Your support of this project is really appreciated.

Educational Opportunities for Students at Mt Roskill Intermediate School:

This year students at MRIS have the opportunity to apply for two educational trips.

Ski Trip From the 26th to 31st August, a group of students and staff will travel to Queenstown to experience skiing at Cardrona and Remarkables ski-fields. As well as 4 days skiing there is a day of excursion to Arrowtown Museum, Skyline gondola and luge. The trip will cost \$1880. Application forms are available from the office and need to be returned by 13th March. Students will be interviewed and selected students will be informed.

Japan Trip In September, 18 students and 3 teachers will travel to Japan, staying for approximately 8 days. They will travel to Fukuoka where they will be hosted for four nights in Munakata and also to Tokyo. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$3,800.

Students from Japan will be visiting in mid August and will be hosted by our students for five nights. More information will be available from Mr Berry (Deputy Principal) shortly.

Tennyson Centre News

We have had a solid start to 2018 in our adapted spaces. Room 6 students are in room 6a and room 5 are in the shared kitchen space between the therapist offices and the physio gym. As a result of the relocation our dedicated phone line has been disconnected, please phone the school office on 620-8508. After signing in at the school office, parents can access the Tennyson centre located by the taxi bay, close to the pool and specialist blocks.

We have recently had a successful shared tea. This was a great opportunity to not only get to know our parents, but also understand our students better and build those important whanau relationships that are vital to student learning and development. It was also an opportunity for parents to meet other parents of Tennyson Centre students.

There are many events coming up soon, particularly with Special Olympics athletics on Thursday 15th March and swimming on Wednesday 21st March. On behalf of the Tennyson Centre staff, we look forward to continuing the work with our students and parents throughout 2018!

Bradley Healey (Room 5 Teacher)

Lunch menu

NEW!! Easy lunch orders – Available every day!

Support our school and get a fab fresh lunch! Now 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)

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!

For help – visit support.mykindo.co.nz or tel. 09-475 5287 term time 8am-4pm.

www.ezlunch.co.nz www.mykindo.co.nz

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.

School Bus from Papatoetoe / Mangere Bridge

Kiwi Coaches has started 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:

This a great way to stay in touch via your iPhone/iPad, etc.

- iPhone /iPad iOS
1. From your mobile device go to the App Store 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
 6. Tap the OPEN button
 7. You will be prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select OK
 8. 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 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 of items such as P.E. equipment.

This year we will be sending out a request for the donation in March. 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).

Uniforms:

We are proud of our new school uniform and appreciate the support of parents in ensuring that the correct uniform is worn.

We strongly recommend the wearing of the correct sun hat and/or sunscreen in summer. Regulation caps can be purchased from the school office - (\$7). Sports shoes are not to be worn with the day uniform; they may be worn for sports and physical education.

For girls required to wear a head scarf for religious reasons, the plain white scarf is available at the office for \$12.50.

Sports update

In the last few weeks we have had students represent the school in Tennis and Swimming at Central Zone tournaments. Everyone participated with enthusiasm and played really well.

We have also started the Girls and Boys Cricket Blitz competitions and after school Table Tennis.

Water polo training is starting soon and we are looking forward to another great season.

Netball trials have just been completed and it was great to see so many students come along to try out for the Saturday netball teams. This year two Year 7 and two Year 8 teams will be participating in the Saturday netball competition starting next term. A huge thanks to the parents who have volunteered to give up their time to coach three of the teams.

Our Boys cricket team has played the first two matches in their pool. The first saw us lose to St. Peters, then we had a good win over Ponsonby Intermediate. Two of our batsman had a particularly good day: Ohm Patel scoring 32 and 46 not out and Arya Suddala getting 16 and 30 not out.

Last week we had the school swimming sports and many students took part in this. On March 7th a group of students went to CZ swimming and there were some very good results. **In particular, huge congratulations to Andre Chan who has been selected to swim in the Inter Zone swimming competition next month. This is a fantastic achievement.**

Stephanie McCallum and Alan Davies
Sports Co-ordinators

Swimming Results 2018

Held at Mt Roskill Grammar
on 27 February 2018



<u>Event</u>	<u>Name - Girls</u>	<u>Rm</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Name - Boys</u>	<u>Rm</u>	<u>House</u>
66m Free <u>Jnr</u>	Briella Tupaea	11	Kauri	Andre Chan	7	Kowhai
	Italiah Filiga	1	Rata	Jinitha Hewa	9	Kowhai
	Seanna O'Connor	11	Rata	Nico McKinlay	11	Kowhai
Snr	Talia Toleafoa	29	Kauri	Daniel Greenaway	21	Kauri
	Renee Liao	26	Kowhai	Caleb Enjoy	24	Kowhai
	Kate Kestle	24	Rata	Isaac Ngai	30	Rata
33m Free <u>Jnr</u>	Briella Tupaea	11	Kauri	Andre Chan	7	Kowhai
	Italiah Filiga	1	Rata	Jinitha Hewa	9	Kowhai
	Grace Trial	8	Rimu	Lucian Reedy	11	Kauri
Snr	Talia Toleafoa	29	Kauri	Armon Masoni	25	Kowhai
	Renee Liao 2=	26	Kowhai	Jordan Mace	26	Rata
	Mika O'Neill 2 =	26	Rata	Anshul Anand	22	Rata
100m Free <u>Open</u>	Renee Liao	27	Kowhai	Andre Chan	7	Kowhai
	Aarian Vermey	29	Kowhai	Lucian Reedy	11	Kauri
	Kate Kestle	24	Rata	Jinitha Hewa	9	Kowhai
33m Back <u>Jnr</u>	Briella Tupaea	11	Kauri	Andre Chan	7	Kowhai
	Krishna Shah	2	Kauri	Nico McKinlay	11	Kowhai
	Sinduju Pidugu	7	Kowhai	Jinitha Hewa	9	Kowhai
Snr	Renee Liao	26	Kowhai	Jordan Mace	26	Rata
	Alana Thompson	27	Rimu	Aariz Mohammed	24	Kowhai
	Mika O'Neill	26	Rata	William Stacey	24	Rimu
33m Br'st <u>Jnr</u>	Grace Trial	8	Rimu	Andre Chan	11	Kowhai
	Seanna O'Connor	11	Rata	Jacob Wrack	11	Kowhai
	Briella Tupaea	11	Kauri	Juan Micutuan	11	Kauri
Snr	Talia Toleafoa	29	Kauri	Jordan Mace	26	Rata
	Harper Alley 2=	27	Kauri	Isaac Ngai	30	Rata
	Janet Liu 2=	27	Kowhai	Daniel Greenaway	21	Kauri
33m B'Fly	Aarian Vermey	29	Kowhai	Andre Chan	11	Kowhai
	Kate Kestle	24	Rata	Jinitha Hewa	9	Kowhai
	Grace Trial	8	Rimu	Lucian Reedy	11	Kauri
Class Relays	Yr 7	11	Yr 8	29		
		9		27		
		7		26		
House Relays					1 st	Kowhai
					2 nd	Kauri
					3 rd	Rata
					4 th	Rimu

Reminders:

All visitors to the school **must** report to the Office. Interview appointments are to be booked through the office and **not** directly with the classroom teacher.

Absence / Absenteeism: Student absences should either be:-

- A) telephoned to the office (620-8508) as early as possible by a parent, or
- B) emailed to admin@mri.school.nz with your child's name, room number and reason for your child's absence, or,
- C) through the Mt Roskill Intermediate School Stream app. (*information on page 3*)

For your convenience there is an answer phone for those who need to ring when there would be no one in the office. Unexplained absences in excess of 2 days will be followed up by a senior staff member on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Stationery:

Stationery can be purchased from the school office before school each day.

School Carparks:

Parents, please do **not** drive into the school grounds to drop off children in the morning or when collecting them in the afternoon. The driveways get very congested and there is a strong possibility that a student could be injured. Please park in the street.

Bicycles:

Cycle helmets are compulsory and must be worn by students riding bicycles to and from school. Bicycles are locked in the cycle sheds each day. Cycle locks **must** be used for individual cycles. The Board of Trustees does not accept responsibility for bicycles and suggest that they are insured by the owners' family.

Interruption to Programmes:

Please be aware that students work to a tight timetable to fit in a balanced programme of learning in all New Zealand Curriculum areas. We prefer that you do not withdraw your child unnecessarily from school during the day — for example: for appointments, visits to relatives, meeting family at the airport, shopping, lunch or baby-sitting, etc.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Three Kings School 140th Jubilee Celebration Friday 6th April

Three Kings school is 140 years old and we're celebrating a rich history. The school will be open from 10am to 7:30pm to enable you to walk through the school (share memories and view photos and memorabilia that will be displayed in the school library area. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available through the day.

You are cordially invited to attend an assembly at 11:30am to 12:30pm. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to share with the students and staff at the school field from 12:30pm-1:30pm. Registrations are not required.

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

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.

Three Kings United Football



2018 Registrations are now open
Register online www.threekings.org.nz

Football for every level starting 5 years old to over 40's - boys and girls, men and women, competitive and social. phone 6254834 or email admin@threekings.org.nz

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

At Kip McGrath we help students for lower fees and guarantee 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.

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 on how to get started call Callum on 021 2999 560 or Auckland 09 947 6656 Classes - Monday at Mt Roskill Intermediate school.

Waterlea School Summer Festival 2018

Friday 23rd March 4:30pm—7:30pm

Waterlea School, 17 House Ave, Mangere Bridge

The Waterlea Summer Festival is a fabulous family event, a great chance to enjoy the last of summer. Come along to enjoy delicious food, hilarious kids' games, lovely local craft stalls, a full schedule of entertainment and bouncy castles. It'll be heaps of fun for all ages. Entry by gold coin donation.



This term iHub (Intermediate version of Skids) will be running an after school care at Mt Roskill Intermediate. For any queries ring Hazel and 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