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Mt Roskill Intermediate Newsletter

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students

2019 Term Dates:

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

Term 1:	Thursday 7 th February	-	Friday 12 th April
Term 2:	Monday 29 th April	-	Friday 5 th July
Term 3:	Monday 22 nd July	-	Friday 27 th September
Term 4:	Monday 14 th October	-	Friday 20 th December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR 2019: The school will be closed on these days:

Good Friday	-	19 th April (Friday)	in holidays
Easter Monday	-	22 nd April (Monday)	in holidays
Tuesday after Easter	-	23 rd April (Tuesday)	in holidays
Anzac Day	-	25 th April (Thursday)	in holidays
Queen's Birthday	-	3 rd June (Monday)	in Term 2
Labour Day	-	28 th October (Monday)	in Term 4

Dates to Remember:

Year 8 Camp	-	11 th –15 th March
Whanau Hui	-	Wednesday 20 th March 6:30—7pm
Open Day/EXPO	-	Tuesday 30 th July

Principal's Report

The year has certainly taken off with a sprint!

Thank you for taking the time to come along to our recent 'Meet the Teacher Evening' and Learning Conversation parent/teacher/student meetings held this week. It was great to meet new families and reconnect with others. Please feel free to make contact with your child's teacher with any issues or questions that you may have and the progress against your child's goals.

Next 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. Please check the information you will have received about your child's drop off times and pick up times, as these change throughout the week depending on the activities they have.

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.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs Margaret Gaiqui, Director of the Tennyson Centre, is retiring after many years of service at the end of Term 1. Not only was Mrs Gaiqui a foundation pupil of Mt Roskill Intermediate School, but she has served our school and community for over 30 years. Mrs Gaiqui's last day will be Wednesday 3rd of April. An afternoon tea celebration will take place on Wednesday 10th April at 3.30pm. The Centre will continue to run as usual with Mrs Tracey Hughes, Deputy Principal, having oversight.

Our first Whanau Hui for our Maori community will be held in Ahuru Mowai (next to the Food Technology Room) on Wednesday 20th March from 6.30-7.30pm. We look forward to you joining us.

Later next Term we'll 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

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

Kristen Walsham
Principal

*Ko te Pae Tawhiti, Whaia kia Tatu,
Ko te Pae Tata, Whakamaua kia Tina
Reach for distant goals, so they seem close for you to grasp,
But hold fast to those that are close to you, so you can attain them*

Board of Trustees Report

Welcome to 2019 at MRI! A special welcome to all families of our new Year 7 students – we trust that your children are settling in well to their new school environment.

As mentioned at our Powhiri at the beginning of this year our school's over-arching goal is "For our Students to Thrive". We want all our students to grow lots, do well, embrace the many opportunities provided, and enjoy their time here. We hope that this will be what your children experience this year - please do not hesitate to be in contact with your child's teacher if you have concerns about anything that may be hindering their ability to thrive.

Having completed the refurbishment of our main classroom block last year, removed two pre-fab classrooms which were in very poor condition, and also replaced all classroom furniture, we will now begin planning for future building upgrade work.

This month consultation meetings are being held around the country on the review of the current governance, management and administration structures for all schools. There are some sweeping changes proposed. You can visit <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/> and under Tomorrows Schools you can find a summary of the proposals, the full report and also submit feedback through an on-line survey. If you are interested in attending one of the consultation meetings with representatives from our Board please contact Deputy Principal, Ross Berry for details.

2019 is also the year for the triennial Board of Trustees elections. For those who have an interest in standing, it is a good idea to find out more about the role by speaking with the Board Chairperson, Roger Deverell (Ph. 626-3166) or any of the other current Board members. We also suggest you attend one or more of the BOT meetings between now and when nominations close on the 24 May.

Meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month – a full list of meeting dates for 2019 is available on the school website.

The present Board of Trustees' members are:-

Chairperson: Mr R. Deverell
Principal: Mrs K. Walsham
Secretary: Mr R. Berry
Staff Trustee: Mrs M. Levy
Members: Mr J. Bruce, Mrs N. Baker, Mr Y. Al-Afaghani, Mrs A. D'Costa, Mrs K. Martin

Kia Ora Tatou Katoa,
MRI Board of Trustees

School Reports:

During 2019 each student will receive two full written reports and parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's learning on two occasions..

<i>Term 1</i>	Learning Conversations - Parent/student/teacher 6th & 7th March
<i>Term 2</i>	Full Written Report - Friday 5th July
<i>Term 3</i>	Learning Conversations; - 7th and 8th August
<i>Term 4</i>	Full written report , 17th December

Year 8 Camp 11th -15th March

2019 Outdoor Education camp for Year 8 students will be held next week from 11th to 15th March. Camp is an important part of the Outdoor Education curriculum and we hope all students will attend.

The camps are to be held at Motu Moana Scout Camp in Green Bay and at off site bases around Auckland. The cost for the week activities will be \$170.00. Payment for camp should have now been paid. If you have not completed payment, payments can be made to the office or through the school bank account 12 3043 0245466 00. Please show child's name, room no. and a brief description (ie. Camp). A receipt will be issued.

Consent and Medical forms should have been returned to school. Please contact the office if you can help on any of the days during Camp week.

School Stream App

This is a great way to stay in touch via your smart iphone / tablet with easy access to school newsletters, website, upcoming events etc. 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 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 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.

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.

Warm Pacific Greetings

MRIS are very proud of the programmes they have in place to develop leadership skills in our students. Aside from having Sports Captains, House Captains, Class Councillors, Librarians etc... at MRIS we also have Pasifika Young Leaders.

My name is Tiva Aleki and I am a Sports Captain and one of several proud Pasifika Young Leaders. Our Leadership team consists of a group of youth with roots across the Pacific. We meet once a week to work with our Deputy Principal, Mrs T Brain and Roskill Campus Liaison Officer, Mr P Leilua.

In this group our goal is to develop good leaders within our families, school and community. We want to encourage all students, but in particular, our Pasifika students, to have a Growth Mindset and aim high in school, to Strive, Seek and Find new ways of making our Pasifika profile a positive one and erase any negative perspectives about our Pacific people.

Also in this group we are taught to show the school values (CaRe2- Care, Respect and Responsibility) and to encourage others. We are able to show these values by caring for our learning and prioritising our school work, respecting our teachers and peers, and taking responsibility in the actions we display around the school.

In our school we believe in setting I.S.M.A.R.T (Inspiring, Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic/Relevant, Timely) goals. It is important for everyone - not just our Pasifika people... to set their own I.S.M.A.R.T goals.

So as one of your Sport Captains and proud PYL, I believe that every trial in life is filled up with decisions that are tough. I also believe that in order to get to where you want to go - you have to set goals and work hard towards it. It all starts with a Growth Mindset! So let's continue to be diligent as we work towards our goals! Thank you.

Tiva Aleki, Rm 24

Lunch menu

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!

Sports

Cricket Update

The Boys' Cricket team have had one pool match so far, against Balmoral on Monday. Balmoral batted really well and made 149 in 20 overs. Mt Roskill struggled to keep up with the required run rate and were 103- 6 at the end of the match. Arya made 19, Harshit 18, Muhammed 16 and Jordan a quick fire 14. We still have matches against Ponsonby, Blockhouse Bay and Northcote once Camp is over.

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).

Athon

Our annual major fund raising event - a General-Knowledge – Athon, will be held in Term 2. Information about this will come out in May. We will be looking to acknowledge those students who are particularly successful in this by awarding prizes to the top individuals and classes.

If you know of sources that could donate prizes for our Athon, please contact our school office.

Educational Opportunities for Students at Mt Roskill Intermediate School:

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

Ski Trip At the end of August 18 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 \$1800.00. Application forms need to be handed in by 15th March.

Japan Trip In November 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 early August and will be hosted by our students for five nights. More information will be available from Mr Berry (Deputy Principal) shortly.

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 office@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 2*)

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 Bus from Papatoetoe / Mangere Bridge

Kiwi Coaches has a school bus running 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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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, Contact Paul or Jenny on 620 1277.

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 phone:

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 09-972 2215 / 021-188 7250.

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.



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 on 275-3458 or 0800 900 754 or email george@skids.co.nz

