

2018
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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:

Labour Day - 22nd October (Monday) in Term 4

Dates to Remember:

Moving Day - Friday 7th September

Principals Report

The year continues to fly by with Spring now officially here. The last few weeks have been action packed.

Our Annual Ski Trip to Queenstown took place last week, with students experiencing fresh snow and amazing weather as they skied Cardrona. This was a great experience for students to learn new skills and experience a unique part of New Zealand.

Throughout this term and last term, our dedicated Netball players, Water Polo teams and school Table Tennis teams have continued to play and represent the school week in and week out in the rain, cold, wind and sunshine. As the playing seasons come to a close, I would like to particularly acknowledge the dedication to training and teamwork that has been evident. I am really proud of the efforts of our teams. A special thank you to the staff and the coaches who make these opportunities possible. The support from parents with encouragement and enthusiasm on the side-lines is appreciated. Thank you.

Our school Speech and Reading competition, judged by Mount Roskill Grammar School English Heads of Departments, was held recently.

The following students are to be congratulated for their achievements:

Year 8 Speech Competition:

1st Nell Dempsey 2nd Bushra Kassem 3rd Kate Kestle

Year 7 Reading Competition Finalists were:

Abubakr Yoosuf, Fatima Asfia, Seanna O'Connor, Troy Rodda, Thrkam Hadi, Asma Ibrahim and Maaiasepi Samuelu.

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Maaiasepi Samuelu R14 2nd Thrkham Hadi Rm12 3rd Asma Ibrahim Rm13

Cross Country success: Congratulations to our students who represented MRI at the recent Central Zone event following our school Cross-Country. Adebabay Tesfaw, Year 8, went onto place 4th overall and Nico McKinlay went on to place 7th in the Year 7 Central Zone race.

Special Congratulations to Andrew Nansen who has been selected to represent Auckland in the Under 13 Rugby Union team to play against four other provincial sides this year. Well done!

Mathex: Congratulations to both our Year 7 and Year 8 Mathex teams for representing MRI in the recent Auckland Mathex Competition.

Science Fair: The Auckland Science Fair was held recently at the Auckland Museum. We are very proud of our budding scientists and the investigations that they have undertaken. Adalia Lobo's project was on baking biscuits with less or alternative sugar and checking the calorie count of each. She won a prize and will attend the prize evening on Monday the 10th September. Also attending the prize giving is Kate Kestle who worked very hard at producing a standard wave in which she could levitate a small item. She was not able to achieve her goal but wrote her project on what she did and the judges were impressed. Baraa Al-Afaghani achieved a Highly Commended with his project on the perception of time passing while engaged in one of two activities. Joshua Yee and Jastej Singh completed a very impressive project on microbe growth and the cleaning products, including natural ones, that keep them at bay. It was amazing to be in such a wonderful space and to be interviewed by scientists, teachers from other schools or industry specialists.

Move Day - The school construction work has now finished and we will be moving into our new classrooms this Friday 7th September. We would really appreciate some help with the moving – so anyone who has some muscle power and has a couple of hours free to help with heavy lifting and moving, please contact the school office for information on phone 620-8508.

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Due to the level of illness over the recent weeks with both staff and students that has impacted on rehearsal times, we have decided to push our Production back until next Term. Our School production, 'Alice Through The Looking Glass' will now take to the stage in week 6 of next Term (Matinee dress rehearsal Monday 19th November, Evening Shows 20-21st November).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ko ia kāhore nei I rapu, tē kitea. He who does not seek will not find.

*Kristen Walsham
Principal*

An Introduction from our new Deputy Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Tracey Hughes and I am the new Deputy Principal here at Mt Roskill Intermediate School.

I have worked in Intermediate schools for a number of years in Auckland. I love working with children of this age and believe it is a special time in a child's life. Intermediate school is a time for the children to try all sorts of things that are on offer before they head off to secondary school. Having taught this age level, I have a good understanding of how this can be a challenging time in a child's life. It is a time of great change for children where they become far more independent and their friends begin to play a much larger role in their lives. I am especially passionate about Intermediate school education and the programmes on offer, believing we should strive to create life learners with a passion for education, giving every child the chance to succeed and reach their academic potential.

In my free time I enjoy spending time with my husband and children. I am a Mum to 2 children, Cole who is in Year 10 at Mt Albert Grammar and Gabi who is in Year 6 at Gladstone primary school, they are pretty active kids who keep me busy.

I am loving being here at Mt Roskill Intermediate and am enjoying getting to know all the wonderful children and their families. I hope to meet as many of you as possible in the coming weeks and my door is always open should you wish to pop in for a chat or I can be contacted via email thughes@mri.school.nz.

*Tracey Hughes
Deputy Principal*

Sports

School Cross Country

On 17th August the school held their annual Cross Country. All the students competed well and there were some very exciting finishes. Many of those who finished in the top ten for their Year level group went on to represent the school in the Central Zone Cross Country.

Year 7 Girls

Alla Ali
Kimberley Lin
Briella Tupaea
Santana Matthews
Jessica Huang
Lucy Long
Yusra Mohamed
Naaz Hosseini
Grace Trial

Year 7 Boys

Andre Chan
Nico McKinlay
Romeo Curle
Josh Wadams
Baraa Al-Afaghani
Hemish Parikh
Silas Toala
Cullum Warrin
Khalid Kuddus
Noah Ebdale

Year 8 Girls

April Hartmann
Xindi Xue
Aya El Gana
Alison Wu
Joshlyn Iyekepolo
Rhea Bhonsle
Kate Kestle
Michelle Gu
Charlotte Lai
Nina Paopa

Year 8 Boys

Adebabay Tesfaw
Jireh Stitt
Aisa Ibrahim
Tholfqar Hadi
Louis Bulman
Muadh Mohamed
Essa Lolai
Ahmad Ali
Hafidz Afsandi
Reuben Byrne

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!

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 Reports:

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

<i>Term 3</i>	Oral Reporting - Parent or Teacher request
<i>Term 4</i>	Full Written Report. Interview if required

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:

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| <u>iPhone /iPad iOS</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. From your mobile device go to the App Store and search for School Stream2. Tap the FREE/GET button to the right of the School Stream listing3. Tap the INSTALL button4. Enter your Apple ID and password & tap OK5. Wait for the install icon to change to OPEN, Tap the OPEN button6. You will be prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select OK7. Start typing Mt Roskill Intermediate into the search then SELECT Mt Roskill Intermediate |
| <u>Android / Tablet</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. From your mobile device go to the Play Store and search for School Stream2. Tap the School Stream Listing3. Tap the INSTALL button4. Tap the ACCEPT button5. Wait for the app to install then tap the OPEN button6. Start typing Mt Roskill Intermediate into the search then SELECT Mt Roskill Intermediate7. 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).

Facebook

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

Reminder to Parents

School carpark

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.

Visitors to the school

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.

Tennyson Report

On Thursday 30th August the Tennyson Centre students went forth in their quest to be the best at the Special Olympics Basketball Ribbon day Event. The quest for glory took place at Selwyn College on Kohimarama Road. All of the students competed with an immense amount of pride, huge heart and great sportsmanship, along their intense journey against some very big and athletic students.

Although our quest was not quite a success result wise, we all had a huge amount of fun and participated with great integrity! We now look forward to our last quest in our special Olympics journey in 2018, of Boccia in term 4. Lastly, I would like to say a massive thank you to all staff, especially our coordinator Yashoda Raj and parent support!

Mrs Yashoda Raj (Room 6 Teacher and Tennyson Centre Sports Coordinator)

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.

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



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

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.

FREE SPLASH BREAK-AWAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Runs first week of the school holiday Monday to Thursday 1st - 4th October. 9am to 2:30 daily. Lunch is provided.

Held at Manurewa Pool & Leisure, Franklin Pool & Leisure, Mt Albert Aquatic Centre. Funded by Oranga Tamariki Ministry of Children.

Programme aimed towards children who are 11-17 year olds. The week includes a variety of activities including - water safety, snorkeling, by-stander rescues, swimming skills, safe boating programme, waterpolo and many more aquatic games.

www.watersafe.org.nz

[Register online](https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4493772/SPLASH-Break-Away-October-2018-Registration) <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4493772/SPLASH-Break-Away-October-2018-Registration>

Enquiries: email splash@dpanz.org.nz or phone 09 376 5114.

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.

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

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

Warehouse Stationery Voucher

100 Pah Rd, Royal Oak

All stationery, copy-printing and furniture—15% off—excludes discounted items, prepaid postal and gift cards and prepay top ups. For a voucher phone 021 253 7687 or 624 5916. Voucher is valid only for one time purchase. royaloak@wsprint.co.nz