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From the Headmaster

The Ultimate Act of Service



Our annual MAGS Anzac Service held yesterday brought together students, Albertians and members of our wider community to commemorate all New Zealanders who have served in conflicts around the world.

The 202 Albertians who made the ultimate sacrifice were at the centre of our commemorations and the photographs of these young men placed around the school hall brought home the reality of the human loss to our MAGs community – and New Zealand as a whole.

Our MAGS Anzac Service has taken on special significance this year with the news of the cancellation of the traditional service on April 25 at the Mount Albert War Memorial Hall.

Our Kiwi values of respect, tolerance and inclusion – taken for granted as part of our culture – have been tested in recent times. That we live in a safe and secure society can be attributed to the sacrifice of those servicemen and women that we honour at this time. There certainly feels a need to reclaim and re-state this vision for a future New Zealand.

As always, our young people have led the way in affirming the value of diversity in a modern New Zealand. I am proud of the stand they are taking in creating the New Zealand that they want to be part of in the future.

Lest we forget.

Have a safe holiday break.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2019 Calendar

Friday, April 19
Good Friday

Monday, April 22
Easter Monday

Monday, April 29
Term 2 begins



Sport



Photo Essays

Lacrosse Premier Boys v
Rosmini College
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Fixtures and results

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Sport trials and registrations

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Anzac Service reflects on sacrifices



Year 13 History students Daniel Fraser and Hugo Young (pictured above) provided different but equally moving takes on the meaning of Anzac Day in their speeches at Mount Albert Grammar School's Anzac Service Assembly yesterday.

Daniel spoke about the fallen Albertians and the assemblies held to remember them but focused on the most recent Albertian to make the ultimate sacrifice: Lance Corporal Rory Malone, who died in Afghanistan in 2012.

In his [speech](#), Daniel outlined something of Rory Malone's life and his bravery in a firefight with rebels in which he was fatally wounded.



Hugo also spoke about the assemblies during World War II, when Headmaster F.W. Gamble would read out the names of Albertians killed, wounded or missing in action.

In his [speech](#), Hugo focused on the Maadi Roll, which has been framed and was placed in front of the audience. It originated when a group of more than 100 Albertians attended a reunion dinner held in 1943 in the El Maadi Casino, Egypt

after the African campaign. Each attendee signed the roll, which was sent back to MAGS.

This year's service was attended by Year 9 students, Headmaster Mr Patrick Drumm, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Mr Greg Moyle, Major John Liddell, and Albertians Association representative Ms Lisa Oakden. Albertian bagpiper Mr Andrew Wilkie piped dignitaries and Air Training Corps cadets into and from the hall.

The service was followed by an Albertians Luncheon at School House.

For more photos from the service and for some of the luncheon, click [here](#)

Relay for Life tops \$109,000



MAGS is once again the top fundraising team at Relay for Life and has set a new benchmark, with almost \$110,000 raised for the Cancer Society.

At the Auckland Central Relay for Life held at Mount Roskill's Lovelock Track, students and staff ran laps from 3pm on Saturday to 8am on Sunday (18 hours, with the clocks going back at the end of Daylight Saving).

Teacher in charge Alayna Pulham said, "the students did MAGS so proud".

The MAGS team completed 27331 laps of the 400m track, with the top runner being Ben Hellriegel with 220 laps. Other top runners were Izzy Smith (214 laps), Nofolisi Hala (210), Theo Brown (210), Josiah Murphy (206) Liam Baber (200), Lukasz Swain (200) and Nico Stroud (200).

The top fundraisers were Hope Tuitama (\$3005), Eva Williams (\$2080), William Bell-Purchas (\$2065), Sarah Brinck (\$1538) and Ella Sutton (\$1391).

On top of that, 13 students raised over \$1000 and 220 students have already reached their \$200 goal with many others collecting in the last of their money over the next month. The due date for the final amount is May 3 but last year's record total of \$100,000 has already been eclipsed.

For a full report and more photos from the event, click [here](#)

And there is still time to donate [here](#)



Kapa Haka's brilliant effort



In possibly their best ever performance, MAGS' Kapa Haka group placed sixth in Division 1 this year.

After the cancellation of the last day of Polyfest due to the Christchurch shootings, the rescheduled competition was renamed *Te Pou Herenga o Kia Aroha*.

Due to the postponement, this year's campaign consisted of nine weeks' worth of training, including Tuesday and Wednesday practices from 3.45pm-9pm, all-day Waitangi Day and six live-ins from 6.30pm Friday through to 1pm on Sunday.

Seventy two students trialled for the group; 50 made the performing team and 15 were reserves.

HoF Te Puna o Wairaka Waimirirangi Paul said, "Overall, we placed sixth out of

13 groups in Division 1, and roughly 52 groups across all three divisions at the competition. We were only five points away from fifth place. This is the best overall aggregate placing MAGS has received, to my knowledge.

"Overall, the comments received from the judges were very positive and some even implied that they thought we would qualify for nationals. However, such is the fate of a competition this tight! The students, wider whānau and us, the tutors, were all extremely proud and happy with the outcome and look forward to next year's campaign."



Dancers excel at Rhythm & Ritual



The annual MAGS dance concert was held this week on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Centennial Theatre at AGS.

Over 200 dance students performed at *Rhythm & Ritual*, with all items being for assessment either for performance or choreography credits.

The evening opened with a teaser from the MAGS Megacrew, who will defend their national title at the HHINZ Megaschools competition next Wednesday, April 17, at Vodafone Events Centre. All dancers in the concerts were inspired by a ritual or celebration, and the variety of styles, cultural influences and themes were broad and clearly appreciated by the near-capacity audiences on both evenings.

HOD Dance Samantha French was extremely proud of the standard achieved by all students and particularly referenced the amount of hard work that had been put in by them all, with many students giving up time on evenings and weekends to ensure they achieved their personal best.

Thanks must be made to the Arts Prefects, MAGS Prefects, Arts Committee and Arts Administrator Martin Sykes' amazing organisation and support, and also to those staff who gave up their evenings to assist at the concerts.

For more photos, click [here](#)



Takunda Muzondiwa takes out Sheilah Winn



At the Auckland Central Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition, Takunda Muzondiwa (pictured above) won the top individual award and earned direct entry into the National Shakespeare Schools Production.

These workshops are held in Wellington during the

September/October holidays, and

from these 20 students are chosen to go to the Globe Theatre in England for two weeks.

Two MAGS groups performed at Sheilah Winn. There was a 15-minute scene directed by Logan Allomes from *Merchant of Venice* (pictured right) with Germaine Hellriegel-White as The Duke, Takunda as Shylock, Ella Brislan as Portia, Lara Chuo as Gratiano, and Giles Paton-Simpson as Antonio.

Drama teacher Jessica Rigold said, "This was a strong piece with everyone handling the text very confidently which is one of the key skills the judges are looking for. I was sitting close to one of the judges and he was nodding in agreement every time Takunda and Ella spoke."

The second piece was a five-minute scene from *Romeo and Juliet* (pictured below) directed by Sarah Norman and Ruby Taylor Sinclair. It was a comedic physical theatre piece aimed at showing the pointlessness of the classic battle between the Capulets and the Montagues.

Ms Rigold said, "It was a brilliant comic scene with everyone handling the timing perfectly and being fully committed to the physical theatre. I overheard one of the judges saying he had not seen anything that original for a long time. I had hope for the most original interpretation prize but possibly because it was a comedic take on a serious tragic scene it did not win."

The cast was Maddison Bencich, Kareena Naran, Max Cumberpatch, Imogen King, Cade Stevens, David Laxon, Jorjia Stevens, Finn de Lange and Ella Brislan as the stage manager (on stage throughout).

Ms Rigold added, "I was really impressed with the work of these two groups and their directors. They have gone flat out throughout the term rehearsing in every available piece of spare time, including before and after school. It has been all their own work with an absolute minimum of teacher oversight. Both groups were polished in their scenes, their total work ethic and commitment, and their ensemble approach."





Isaiah Papali'i awarded Black Cap



Talented rugby league player Isaiah Papali'i was presented with his MAGS Black Cap on Monday following his debut for the Kiwis Rugby League side last year. Isaiah started at MAGS in 2012 as a Year 9 student. He was a member of the Rugby Academy and U14 rugby team and in Year 10 was in the Colts team that won the National

U15 tournament.

By 2014 he was a member of the 1st XV and had won two Gold medals at the Oceania Power Lifting Championships in New Caledonia. In 2015 Isaiah went on to sign with the Warriors and was a member of the NZ U18 Kiwis team, all while still at school and playing 1st XV. In 2016 he was a member of the successful MAGS 1st XV that won the Auckland title and then went on to win the National Secondary Schools Rugby title. He also played for the Junior Warriors in the NRL U20s competition that same year and played for the Junior Kiwis.

Isaiah re-signed with the Warriors and has become familiar to us all as a Warriors second rower who has had a major impact on the game. Isaiah has had a total of three years in the Junior Kiwis, captaining the side in 2018. He also represented Samoa in rugby league in 2018.

Isaiah debuted for the Kiwis league team last November, featuring in a resounding 34-0 win against England, including kicking the final conversion.



Assessment Guide and Schedule for 2019

Mount Albert Grammar School



The Guide for Students and Parents to the Assessment Procedures and Regulations for Internally Assessed Standards 2019

Internal Assessment Procedures fall under the auspices of the
Principal's Nominee (PN)

Be the Best you can be, Aim High, Aim for Excellence

Please click [here](#) for the 2019 Assessment Guide, which outlines the rules around Internal Assessments.

Students' Assessment Schedules are available on the School's website via the Kamar Portal under 'Reports'.

Login to the KAMAR Portal, go to 'Results' then select 'Reports' and look for 'Assessment Statements 2019'.

Harp player on board



Symphony Orchestra conductor Leo Jaffrey was confronted with a new challenge when harp player Lucy Makinson joined the group this year. Mr Jaffrey, who studies composition, said incorporating a harp player added another layer of complexity but Lucy was integrating well with the other players. It's a new challenge for Lucy, too, as the Year 10 student has played with harp orchestras before but not a symphony orchestra.

Lucy, who plays a harp made by a boatbuilder friend of her father, joined the orchestra this year because she wants to take music in Year 11.

This year, the orchestra is working on *Ancient Echoes of Time*, *Cole Porter Classics*, *Star Wars Epic*, *Shenandoah*, *The Magnificent Seven* and *Romeo and Juliet Overture* for the annual music concert and the KBB Music Festival.

Tertiary education seminars and planning



The Careers Department has released its schedule for the year for presentations by tertiary educations and course planning seminars. There will also be a presentation about careers in the the NZ Defence Force. You can see the schedule [here](#)

The Careers Department has also launched its own Facebook page where students and parents can find out more about future pathways.

The page is regularly updated and has information about available jobs, tertiary education providers, seminars, trades opportunities and much much more.

To keep up with the play in a fast-moving job market, click [here](#) and like their page to receive regular updates.

MAGS seeks landscaping advice

Mount Albert Grammar School is looking for a parent or local who is willing to provide expert advice about some areas of the school that need landscaping or re-planting. Specifically, the school needs some guidance about what type of low-maintenance plants would suit an area of the school that needs re-planting and advice about easy-care, attractive plants for planter boxes.

If you can help, please contact Business Manager Debbie Forsyth business@mags.school.nz

Sports update

Debut weightlifting win

Congratulations to Liam Leef, who entered and won his first competition in the 81kg category at last weekend's first round of the 2019 OWA Secondary Schools weightlifting competition.

Lifting through injury, Liam managed an easy 55kg snatch and a 88kg clean and jerk, which gave him 1st place, beating Auckland Grammar School.

Round two takes place on June 29 at Gillies Avenue Weightlifting Gym.



MAGS girls among national champs



Isabel Morley and Emily Grindley joined forces with Albertians Georgia Carter and Rachel Adams to help the Auckland Women's Premier team win the National Tournament in Cambridge.

Auckland beat the Waikato A team 8-7 in the final.

Year 9s' Mystics experience

Last Sunday, some Year 9 Netball Academy girls were lucky enough to be part of an experience with the Mystics netball team.

The girls attended a Mystics training, met the players, decorated their changing room and

then watched their game against the Tactix later that day.

The girls also watched the Beko game beforehand involving three Albertians – Crystal Maro, Elle Temu and Maddy Gordon. It was a great experience for the girls to see a future pathway.



General notices

Market Days at Alberton wrap up this month with the final market for the season taking place on Sunday, 14 April.

If you haven't experienced the atmosphere of these quaint days out in the garden, don't miss your last chance until next Spring.

Stalls specialising in homemade & handmade food products will be on site, as well as a boutique plant nursery and makers of unique handcrafted goods. Tempting options for brunch or lunch will be on offer and Alberton's tearoom will be open for business.

In two free workshops at 11am and 12.30pm, the Compost Collective will present an introduction to traditional composting, worm farms and bokashi. Participants who register on the day or in advance will receive \$40 off their system of choice.

NZ Gardener magazine editor-at-large Lynda Hallinan will also be around with copies of her new book *Damson: from Hedgrow to Harvest* and answers to all your gardening questions.



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