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From the Headmaster

Lest We Forget



Our MAGS commemoration of ANZAC Day was brought forward to this final week of Term 1 with the Annual Anzac Assembly yesterday.

Year 9 and 13 students joined Albertians – many wearing military service medals – to acknowledge Anzac Day as a symbol of identity for New Zealanders.

Mount Albert Grammar School's Roll of Honour records the 202 Albertians who have made the ultimate sacrifice in conflicts around the world. That these special Albertians walked the same grounds, assembled in the same Hall and sat in the same classrooms as students of today was not lost on those at the Assembly.

There could be no better induction into MAGS for our Year 9 students. Our newest Albertians are learning they are part of something bigger than themselves – and carry an expectation of continuing the legacy of those who have gone before them.

As the term draws to a close, we can look back on an outstanding year to date. The recent ERO Review has reaffirmed the high quality of learning MAGS is providing for our young people. The return time for the next review is 4 to 5 years – the longest return time possible – and confirms the confidence ERO has in all areas of the school. A full ERO Report will be sent to parents early next term.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the success of this term. We look forward to every student returning safely after the holiday break.

Patrick Drumm

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

Friday, April 13
End of Term 1

Monday, April 30
Start of Term 2



Sport

Registration and trials for summer and winter sports
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Fixtures and results
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Heartfelt speeches at Anzac Service



Yesterday's Anzac Service at MAGS was a time to remember fallen Albertians and all those who have served. Year 9 and 13 students and dignitaries attended the ceremony, which was opened with a haka by Te Puna Whaikōrero by student Niua Pomare-Khanna.

Albertian bagpiper Andrew Wilkie piped in the dignitaries accompanied by Air Training Corps cadets.

The event was also graced with heartfelt speeches by Year 13 History students Liam Milbank, Vena-Rose Manu.

As at every ANZAC Service, the names of 50 fallen Albertians were read aloud.

After the ceremony, Albertians retired to School House for lunch, where Headmaster Patrick Drumm presented with a Prefect's badge to replace the one that was stolen in a burglary a few years ago.

Mr Langton is pictured, at centre, with Board of Trustees Chairman Greg Moyle and Mr Drumm.

For a report on the Anzac Service and a photo gallery, click [here](#)

Prime Minister's history lesson



Year 10 History students will mark this day down as a special one after Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern drc they were using a specially developed resource to study World War I.

Ms Ardern sat in with Social Sciences teacher Toby Powell's class in H7 this morning as four students gav presentations using a resource pack produced by the Ministry of Education that ties in with the commem since Armistice.

The Walking with an Anzac project provides students with a box containing relics that is a clue to a soldie must then research and investigate.

As part of the project, students are encouraged to find personal or local connections to those that fought In front of Ms Ardern, Matthew Batcheler, Matthew Somerville, Cole Hickey and Angus Edwards gave digit the items they had chosen and the stories of the soldiers behind them.

Ms Ardern told the students that Social Studies was one of her favourite subjects at school - along with M a great subject for cultivating an inquiring mind.

She emphasised that following subjects you loved, no matter how impractical they might seem, was the k

School farewells Deputy Principal Catherine Horne

Emotional tributes flowed on Wednesday as staff farewelled Deputy Principal Catherine Horne after 15 years of dedicated service to MAGS.

The influence of Ms Horne, rarely photographed but seen at right, has been felt right across the school as evidenced by the passionate speeches from representatives of Te Pasifika Liaison, senior teachers and the Senior Leadership Team.

They all thanked her for her unwavering support for colleagues and desire to do the best by students, believing none were beyond help.

Colleagues also remarked on her dedication to helping out at and attending extra-curricular activities – barely leaving enough time in her week to attend pub quizzes.

Ms Horne joined the school in 2003 as a Maths teacher – arriving from England after a phone interview for the job.

In her time with MAGS she has served as Dean at various year levels, and has been appointed Assistant HOF Mathematics, Assistant Principal and Deputy Principal – and te everything from educational stats to school traffic cones

Ms Horne says she is taking time out from the education system to consider her future.



Stories behind Annual Dance Concert



Between the Lines Dance Concert was held on Tuesday and Wednesday evening at Epsom's Centennial T. The near-capacity audiences on both nights enjoyed a range of performances, all of which were being assessed against performance standards or choreography.

All year levels presented group dance performances – these ranged in genre from cultural dances such as Gumbo to contemporary, musical theatre and Hip Hop.

Year 12 and 13 students' choreographies, all inspired by a story were of a high standard, and it was gratifying for junior students in these – a valuable experience for their future in Dance.

Dance at Mt Albert Grammar continues to grow in popularity both for students and audiences, and the new students involved in the concert participated with commitment and energy.

At the end of the evening a presentation was made to resigning Deputy Principal Catherine Horne to acknowledge her contribution to the Arts at MAGS. Over the 15 years Ms Horne has been at MAGS she has attended and supported all of the students who will be missed by the students.

Thank go to the Arts Leaders and Prefects for their management of the concerts, and the teachers who were involved.

For any inquiries regarding Arts co curricular events or groups, please contact Jacqui Cesan (Director Arts) at jcesan@mags.school.nz 09 846 2044 x 8226

Farm awards inspirational



Pictured above from left: Esther Hancock, HoD Agriculture and Horticulture, Year 13 Agribusiness students Hamish Holst and Fatima Imran, and student teacher Madeline Box. They were at the Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

Attending the Ballance Farm Environment Awards was an inspirational and rewarding experience for four MAGS representatives.

Esther Hancock, HoD Agriculture and Horticulture, said she and Year 13 Agribusiness students Hamish Holst and Fatima Imran, as well as her student teacher Madeline Box from Wisconsin River Falls, were invited to attend the Auckland region awards.

Ms Hancock said, "I was lucky enough to be sat next to the eventual winner Steve Dills.

"It was very inspirational and we met up with a few old friends and made a few new farming friends. We came away armed with enough glossy brochures for the whole of Year 13. The souvenir brochures showcase all the diverse Auckland Region finalists and will be an excellent resource for the Environmental Impact achievement standard the students will be working on in Term 2. She added: "Steve Dills has offered to host a group of agriculture students to gain some practical experience on a realistically sized farm."

Sports update

Black Cap for footballer Sarpreet Singh

Albertian Sarpreet Singh (2013-2015) was awarded his Black Cap today at a special Football Assembly to celebrate his debut for the All Whites.

Sarpreet, pictured right with Headmaster Patrick Drumm, plays for the Wellington Phoenix in the A-League, and was the 19th Albertian footballer to win international honours.

Fellow Phoenix footballer and Albertian Oli Sail, pictured below, was also at the presentation, and gave a speech about the importance of resilience.

It's a subject Oli knows a lot about, having had to bide his time before making his debut for the Phoenix and the All Whites.

He told the Football Assembly that you had to work hard to achieve your dreams but hard work alone was never a guarantee of success. Self-belief and resilience were key assets in sports.



Gold and Silver for Luke Clements at NISS Champs



Congratulations to Luke Clements, pictured left, who won the Junior Boys 1500m and ran the Junior Boys 3000m at the North Island Secondary Schools Championships at Cooks (Hannah Houghton claimed a bronze in the Senior Girls 3000m and came 8th in the Senior

Broncos prove popular visitors



Brisbane Broncos fans were out in force today as the NRL team conducted a light training run on the No. 1 Field b against the Warriors tomorrow night.

One of their biggest fans is our Pasifika Liaison, Mr Apisaloma Taulapiu, pictured left with Broncos legend 'Alfie' L: the coaching staff.

After their run, the Broncos mingled with fans and signed autographs before heading off for a recovery session at

Successes at Orienteering Sprint Series

Mitchell Cooper, pictured right, and Daniel Carroll, at left, finished second and third respectively in the Intermediate Boys division of AKSS Orienteering Sprint Series Championships held at Macleans College and Unitec on Saturday.

MAGS had many other top 10 finishers in their grades.

Junior Girls: Molly McGowan – 9th; Junior Boys: Sam Taylor Sinclair – 5th, Thomas Aish – 6th; Intermediate Girls: Theané van Zyl – 7th; Jydee Leonard – 9th; Intermediate Boys: Aidan Skinner - 7th, Luca Eastwood - 9th, Seth Dean - 10th; Senior Boys: Thomas Brendolise – 5th, Adam Bateman – 8th.



Sports trials and registrations



Students are encouraged to register for sports teams and trials taking place in Term 1. Sports seeking registrations include Tennis, Basketball, Rugby and Lacrosse.

[Click here for the registration forms](#)

General notices

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