



## From the Headmaster

### Review process needs input



The Minister of Education has embarked on an ambitious programme of review across the education sector. At last count, there were 18 reviews underway spanning Early Childhood Education to the Tertiary Education Commission.

Each review has a raft of advisory groups, researchers and facilitators – an extensive and expensive resource hoping to process the feedback from community and education groups.

Arguably the most critical of these reviews involves an evaluation of the current Tomorrow's Schools model, which has underpinned secondary education for the past 30 years.

Despite some commentary to the contrary, this high-trust model has proved immensely successful for a majority of schools in empowering parents and local communities to take ownership and leadership of their schools. A school like MAGS has been able to excel through a shared vision of excellence and success. Leadership from successive Boards of Trustees and school leaders has created a school that is responsive first and foremost to Mount Albert students and their parents. The result is a learning environment of the highest quality – and one which enjoys great confidence across our local community.

There is real concern that the autonomy we enjoy (and the student success it generates) is under threat from the thinking driving the *Tomorrow's Schools* review. Suggestions that more centralised control of schools will bring better outcomes for students are wrong and need to be challenged.

MAGS enjoys a reputation as at least the equal of any school in the country – private or otherwise. That a Decile 7 state school can achieve this position is a celebration of everything promised by the Tomorrow's Schools environment. A centralised 'one size fits all' model delivered from Wellington could never come close to appreciating 'excellence' as we define it at MAGS!

Our future generations of young people deserve the same opportunities for success that current MAGS students enjoy.

## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

#### Monday, August 13

Rugby Girls 10s v One Tree Hill College, MAGS, 4.15pm

#### Friday, August 17

MAGS Art Show Gala Night, 6.30pm

#### Saturday, August 18 & Sunday, August 19

MAGS Art Show, 10am-6pm & 10am-3pm



### Sport

#### Photo Essays



Lacrosse Premier Girls v Mount Roskill Grammar

[Click here](#)



Football Boys 13th Grade Knock Out Cup v Macleans College

[Click here](#)

I encourage you to get involved in the conversation around the future of our schools. You can feed into the review process [here](#)

**Fixtures and results**

[Click here](#)

Have a good weekend.

**Patrick Drumm**

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## Art Show Gala Night tickets selling fast

Tickets are still available but in short supply for the popular Gala Night, which opens the Art Show next Friday, 17 August.

This is an R18 event with nibbles and alcohol being part of the ticket price. Gala Night tickets at \$50 each can be bought [here](#)

This event has sold out each year, and those attending are the first to view the artworks for sale such as the one pictured, *The Garden of Earthly Delights*, by Lucy Eglinton and Emma Bass. Lucy has painted the background and some of the interesting elements onto Emma's wonderful photograph. It is one of the silent auction items.



Both Emma and Lucy have been popular artists individually at previous MAGS Art Shows.

There will also be work by Michel Tuffery, John Papas and Peter Collis, as well as emerging artists and student artworks.

All student works will be assessed by experienced judges John Gow and Balamohan Shingade in their relevant creative field – painting, digital design, photography, moving image and multi-media pottery. There are also teachers awards. All prizes will be noted on display at the Art Show, which runs from August 17-19.

The People's Choice Award will be running again this year, and is sponsored by Active Building Management. Please remember to vote for your favourite student artwork when you visit the show. The student work with the most votes will win a cash prize of \$250.

During the weekend, some of MAGS' talented performing artists and musicians will provide entertainment for people at the event – for more information on when these performances will be, see the MAGS Art Show Facebook page.

Artwork that will feature at the Art Show is showcased on its website [here](#) on Facebook [here](#) and on Instagram [here](#)

The Art Show is grateful to the following sponsors:



## Future Pathways Evening



Hundreds of people turned out to take advantage of the Future Pathways Evening held at MAGS this week.

On Tuesday, parents and students of all year levels were invited to an evening where they could talk to MAGS' faculty heads about courses, and discuss future pathways with a range of representatives from trade bodies to tertiary institutes.

The Maurice Hall Building and Technology Block – where there were hands-on displays – were packed as students and parents sought out information about courses and careers.

More than 50 tertiary institutes and industry providers were represented at the event, which generated lots of positive feedback from the school community.

For more photos from the evening, click [here](#)

## Peace Week celebrated



Students celebrated Secondary Schools Peace Week with activities such as writing messages of gratitude, creating chalk drawings in the Quad, and by planting a tree on the ASB MAGS Farm.

MAGS joined more than 150 schools around New Zealand in celebrating peace in their school community.

MAGS' Peer Mediators – some of them pictured above with Guidance Counsellor Marianne Wilson – organise the week as an extension of their work as Peace Ambassadors in the school, which involves facilitating respectful relationships among their peers.

The week also acts as a commemoration of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This year's theme was *Protect Our Planet*, and the planting of a pohutukawa on the farm yesterday was a perfect example of that.

Prefect and Peer Mediator Fatima Imran came up with the idea, and Farm Experience Centre Development manager Peter Brice secured a donated pohutukawa from Rainbow Nurseries. The tree – the first to be planted on the farm as part of Peace Week – will provide shade and shelter for the stock and will bear a plaque. It is envisaged that more plantings will happen during Peace Week and the driveway up to the farm buildings will eventually be an avenue of trees.

On Monday and Tuesday, students were invited to write messages of gratitude, thanks, appreciation and peace to students and teachers on paper doves, which were handed out on Wednesday.

Also on Tuesday, students turned the Quad into a sea of colourful and peaceful messages with



their chalk drawings, while yesterday there was a spoken word Poetry Slam with messages of peace in the Library.

For more photos from Peace Week, click [here](#)

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## Hip Hop World Championships success



As of today, at the Hip Hop International World Dance Championships in Phoenix, Arizona, the Swagganauts (with MAGS students Tai Hemana, Faolan Okan, William Tuarae and Remy Sutton) have qualified in 6th place in the semis of the Varsity division and have made the finals. Their sister crew Masque is in 4th going into finals.

Director of Arts Co-curricular Jacqui Cesan said, "This is a fabulous result for two teams from the same company to make the final eight out of 68 crews from 50 countries."

In the Megacrew division, YungID (the boys as above and Amelia Worsley) are currently sitting in 6th position going into the semis.

The finals will be livestreamed (from 1.30pm on Sunday, 12 August) and can be watched [here](#). You can also download the Hip Hop International app to stay informed.

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## Tickets on sale for The Green Room

Tickets are now available for the student devised, full-length musical theatre production *The Green Room* at Centennial Theatre, AGS, from 30 August to 1 September.

Retiring musical theatre director Steven Stark has reached the end of a long career, but his final show has disappointed his fans in ways he couldn't predict. When his proteges find a box of his old props, Stark and his crew are sent back on a mystical journey through Stark's memory to "The

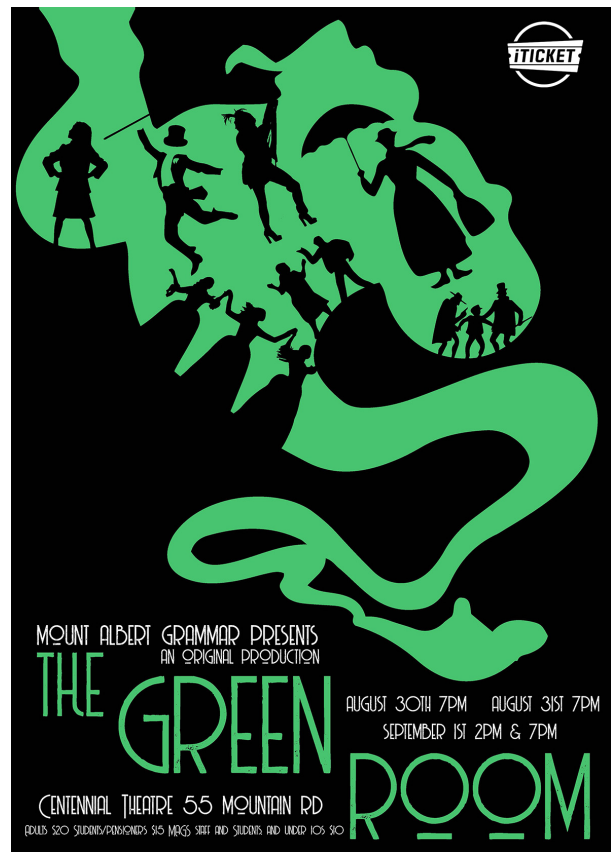
Green Room”, a world where his past musical characters have come to life to teach him a lesson or two. Join MAGS' performers for a heart-warming and hip-swinging tale about the young, the old, and everyone in between. For tickets, click [here](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 22 & 23:** Year 11 Drama students will present their production.

**September 24:** The annual Junior Bytes concert presents the very best of Junior Dance, Drama and Music and announces the Junior Arts Awardees.

**September 25:** At Arts Alive, the senior students will also have an opportunity to share the best of 2018, and 2018 Arts Lions will be presented.



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## Sports reporter Latonya Lole

Recently named as one of the top U15 Netball players in the country (see story below), Latonya Lole will have a different netball experience next Tuesday after being chosen as the ANZ Junior Netball Reporter for the Silver Ferns squad announcement.

Latonya tried out for the role and organisers loved her confidence and charisma on camera.

So she will be interviewing Silver Ferns players while filming a video segment for ANZ Sports Scene, which is hosted on the NZ Herald website.

Earlier in the day, she will be invited into the live radio broadcast on The Hits to meet sports presenter and personality Laura McGoldrick.

After getting some tips from Laura about interviewing and having her hair and make-up done, Latonya will be off to the The Heritage hotel for the Silver Ferns squad announcement.

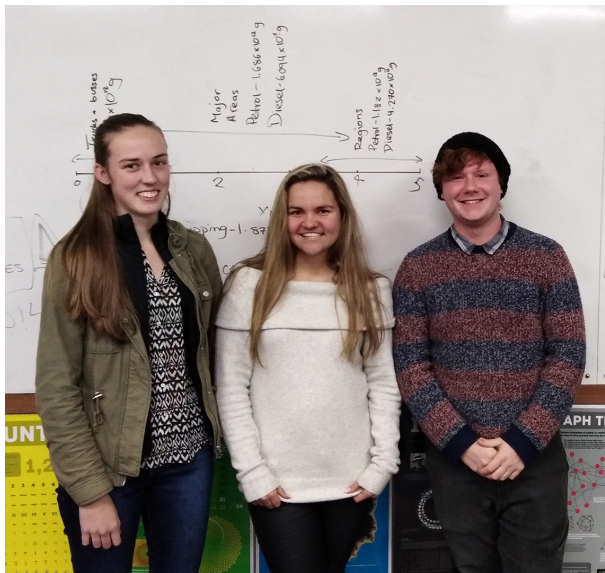


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## Engineering a solution

Last weekend, MAGS had nine teams of three or four students competing in the NZ Engineering Science Competition.

The top team across New Zealand will win over \$5000, signifying the prestige of this



solutions with the other groups."

The teams are now waiting on the judges' decisions, expected in early November.

competition.

Each group used mathematical modelling, their broad science knowledge and quick-fire research to devise a solution to the open-ended problem: *How many tonnes of carbon emissions could be saved over a lifetime if New Zealand switched to an electric vehicle fleet?*

Mathematics teacher Michael Walden said, "Our students had from 10am until 6pm to prepare approximately 10 pages of work, yet many of the teams' responses exhibited high quality work despite the time pressure.

"They thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and at 6:01pm were found excitedly discussing their

## Set sail in December

Since 2016, Mount Albert Grammar School has offered a multi-day sailing trip in December for Year 11s on Sir Peter Blake's round the world yacht Steinlager 2. Depending on the weather, multi-day trips can take a group to the outer islands of the Hauraki Gulf, Great Barrier Island, Great Mercury Island, Poor Knights or up as far as the Bay of Islands. A multi-day trip will provide students with opportunities to strengthen skills in leadership, teamwork, communication, determination, courage, and respect. Due to the popularity of the trip, we are now able to offer the opportunity for a second boat: Lion New Zealand.

Additional to sailing, activities such as tramping, mountain biking, kayaking, fishing, rafting and snorkelling can be incorporated. The group will learn all about life on board a round the world yacht, cooking and eating in

the same way as our famous New Zealand sailors. The crew will share stories and experiences about Sir Peter Blake and his teams, and the history of the vessel they are sailing on.

The four-day trip takes place from Thursday, 13 December to Sunday, 16 December.

For more details click [here](#) and if you have any questions, email [cgoff@mags.school.nz](mailto:cgoff@mags.school.nz) or collect an expression of interest form from Miss Goff in the Physical Education Department.



## New course selection tool launched

To help students with course selection and academic pathways for 2019, MAGS has launched online tool SchoolPoint.

SchoolPoint is run through the Student Portal on the MAGS website. You log in to [SchoolPoint](#) using your normal MAGS log-in.

Students will then be able to view all of the courses available for their next timetable year level, see descriptions, entry requirements, prerequisites and credit information.

For current Year 11 and 12 students, results in the Term 3 exams will be used to confirm entry into courses in 2019.

Those students who do not achieve pre-requisites in the Term 3 exams but go on to achieve the necessary results in the external exams will only gain entry to a course if there is room.

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## Lost trophy returned



The trophy pictured is for the School House Gymnastic Championship presented by Dr J. Aiken Paterson in 1933.

The 1975 winner took it to England, where it was made. It was not returned until July 2017.

The hallmarks show it is sterling silver, and that it was made by Aidie Brothers, Birmingham in 1931.

You can see more of the school's history in the archives [here](#)

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## Out-of-zone ballot

Out-of-zone enrolment applications for 2019 must be in before the ballot closes at 4pm on Wednesday, 5 September, 2018 for Priority 2 students – that is, for siblings of current students at MAGS, a current student being one that is attending in 2019.

Because of the pressure on the school roll, only Priority 2 applications are eligible for the ballot.

The ballot will be conducted on Wednesday, 12 September, 2018.

For more information, click [here](#)

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## Sports update



## Netballer picked for NZ team



Addi Albert-Jones, pictured above, has been named in the 14-strong New Zealand Secondary Schools team to play the Australian and England U17 sides.

The team will travel to Canberra in October to play the internationals.

New Zealand Secondary Schools coach Mary-Jane Araroa said the squad had impressed during performances at the National Development Camp in January as well as the National Age Group Championships in July.

Addi was part of the winning Auckland U19 team at Nationals during the July school holidays – along with fellow MAGS students Maine-Crystal Maro, Ruby Young and Halaevalu Toutaiolepo – and she was also named in the U19 Tournament Team.

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## Netball Tournament Team selections

Among the many MAGS players who represented their clubs at Netball's National Age Group Championships, four were selected for tournament teams.

Latonya Lole, playing for U15 winners Auckland, and Bethan Grant, playing for Waitakere, were both selected for the U15 Tournament Team and named as Midcourt Players of the Tournament. Addi Albert-Jones, as mentioned above, was named in the U19 Tournament Team.

Joining Latonya in the winning Auckland side were MAGS students Dellwyn Fiso, Wairui Roberts, Melenaite Tuamoheloa and Renata Tusani.

Carleece Hurt-Pickering, playing for Mangere Otahuhu, was selected for the U15 B Grade Tournament Team.

For a list of MAGS players and their results at Nationals, click [here](#)

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## League team through to final



The MAGS First XIII Rugby League side has been through a few trials and tribulations this year, and with one round to go in the regular season there was only a small mathematical chance that the team could make the top four to go through and play the semifinals. Team manager Daniel Lynch said, "Fortunately for the team, Southern Cross lost to Pakuranga, which opened the door for our boys, through points differential, to compete in a semi-final against an unbeaten St Paul's team."

Mr Lynch said there was an upbeat feel to the pre-game warm-up and positivity among the players when they faced St Paul's College on Wednesday at Victoria Park.

"Having friends and supporters slowly trickle in helped encourage the boys as well. The game started off with a bang and was a real arm wrestle, however MAGS drew first blood,

with a try to Lani Graham-Taufa on the righthand side. St Paul's hit back a few minutes later with a try of their own, and fortunately before halftime MAGS extended their lead to 10-4 through a try to Jeremiah Schuster."

Mr Lynch added, "In the second half, it was still a tussle, as we knew that St Paul's weren't going to roll over, and some tough defence along with some good set pieces created space on the edges to get two more converted tries from out wide; the final score being 22-4.

"The boys were absolutely ecstatic and got to celebrate with their friends and family afterwards, but not before thanking their supporters for coming down to watch."

The final will be against Kelston Boys High at Mt Smart Stadium on Wednesday, 22 August, with kick-off at 7pm.



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**Xterra team still out in front**



Over recent weeks, races 3 and 4 of the Xterra Trail Series have been held, with the MAGS team holding on to first place.

Race Three was held in the misty Hunua Ranges at the beginning of the term break and Race Four at the beautiful Waiuku Forest last week.

Both races offered some fantastic bush trails, river crossings and spectacular mud puddles. The MAGS runners are continuing to put in an awesome effort in all the race distances and many are still washing mud out of their race gear.

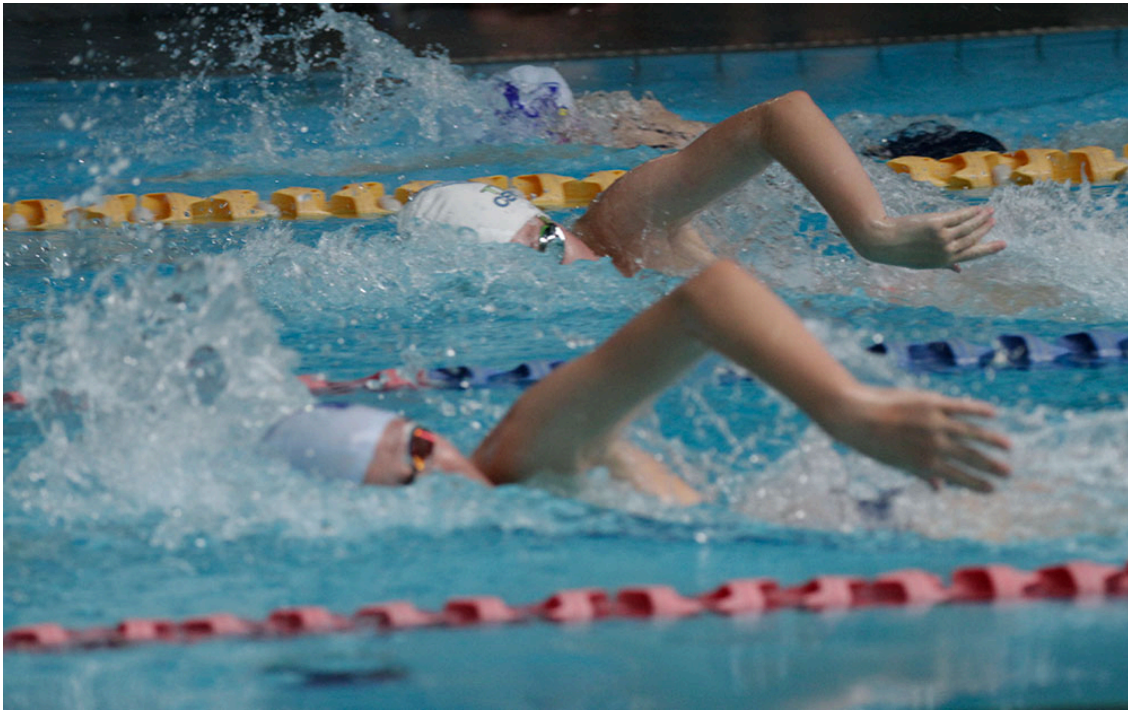
The next race is on Sunday, 19 August at Totara Park.

**Individual Placings at Hunua:** 4<sup>th</sup> Ayleigh Loomes (Short course), 5<sup>th</sup> Ella Mitchell (Short course), 2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver Bulman (Mid course), 4<sup>th</sup> Liam Grozev (Mid course), 5<sup>th</sup> Hasan Pathan (Mid course), 1<sup>st</sup> Harry Thurman (Long course), 2<sup>nd</sup> Liam Thompson (Long course).

**Individual Placings at Waiuku:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sonali Mistry (Short course), 4<sup>th</sup> Holly Bannister (Short course), 5<sup>th</sup> John Stirling (Short course).

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## Girls swimmers top team at Auckland Champs



At the College Sport Auckland Individual Championships held at the weekend, MAGS' Girls swimmers came out on top as a team.

Their overall combined points were a massive 225 points ahead of second-placed Rangitoto College at the West Wave Aquatic Centre.

The Boys team came in a respectable third overall, just 17 points behind Auckland Grammar School and 58 points behind winners Rangitoto College.

The team is now preparing for the upcoming NZ Secondary School Championships in September.

**Results from the weekend:** Brearna Crawford, 80 points, 4 Gold; Eva Williams, 73 points, 3 Gold; Michael Chapman, 73 points, 2 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze; Vasilina Shipilova (C), 73 points, 2 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze; Emily Cameron, 69 points, 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze; Bowen Crawford, 69 points, 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze; Eddie Ancell, 68 points, 2 Gold, 1 Silver; Tony Tua-Tagaloa, 68 points, 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze; Lucy Woodall, 66 points, 1 Gold, 2 Bronze; Isla Marsh, 62 points, 1 Gold, 1 Bronze; Mena Ren-Fritzke, 56 points, best result 4<sup>th</sup>; Joseph Nathan, 41 points, best result 5<sup>th</sup>; James Dennett, 16 points, 1 Bronze; Mathew Oberdries, 37 points, best result 6<sup>th</sup>.

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## Sports Dinner sponsors sought

MAGS' Sports Dinner is coming up on October 24 at Alexandra Park, and table sponsors are being sought to help to reduce the costs for students who are attending.

Sponsorship of a table costs \$500 for a dinner that all MAGS' top sporting teams are invited to and which will have Cam Calkoen, pictured right, as guest speaker.

Mr Calkoen, who was born with cerebral palsy, has forged a career as an inspirational speaker after refusing to let his illness get in the way of his dreams.

If you would like to sponsor a table, please contact Director of Sport Allie Wright [AllieWright@mags.school.nz](mailto:AllieWright@mags.school.nz)



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## Lacrosse Premiers third at regionals



The Premier Girls Lacrosse team finished third in the Regional Division 1 tournament on Wednesday at College Rifles.

They started with a hard first game, losing to their old-time rivals Epsom Girls Grammar, who went on to win the tournament with no goals scored against them.

The girls then faced Avondale College and after a 2-all half time score went on to win 6-3. The next game saw them face an on-form Mt Roskill Grammar side and despite some awesome defence MAGS lost 4-7.

The next game was a must-win, and MAGS came out firing against Diocesan, winning 6-0.

The win took them into a semi-final – once again playing Mt Roskill Grammar in a close-fought loss: 2-4.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> playoff against Avondale, MAGS kept their heads up for the final game and claimed third place with a 7-6 win.

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## Results this week



On Monday, the Rugby Girls 10s cruised into the semifinals of their competition with a 36-5 win over Otahuhu College. They play One Tree Hill College at MAGS next Monday at 4.15pm for a chance to go through to the final – so get along and support the Girls! The Football Girls First XI played Baradene on Wednesday, going down 1-0. The Hockey Girls First XI

played Howick College yesterday with Chantel Young scoring two goals and Maisy Simpson another in a 3-0 win that takes them into the semifinals.

Howick allowed MAGS plenty of space, and the girls put the ball to work. Within the first five minutes Maisy Simpson slotted a straight shot straight past the 'keeper with a superb hit. This awoke the opposition, but still the hunger was there among the MAGS girls. Chantel Young went from defending in her circle, and making the tackle, to get in front of the play to draw the goalie out and sweep a shot straight into the back of the net. Halftime 2-0.

The second half was great preparation for the tournament, as the opposition turned to using their body, but the MAGS girls kept back wave upon wave of attack. The final goal saw Maisy Simpson show strength, and dragging skills, to get past defenders before hitting a great reverse shot at goal, to be touched over the goal line by Chantel Young.

The Hockey Boys 1st XI played Avondale on Wednesday and drew 4-4.

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## Premier games this weekend

This evening, the fourth-placed Football Boys First XI are up against fifth-placed Auckland Grammar away at 5.30pm.

Both Premier Basketball teams play at Auckland Grammar School this evening, with the Girls up against Auckland Girls Grammar at 6pm, and the Boys playing Auckland Grammar at 7.30pm.

Playing at ANC tomorrow at 11.30am, the Netball Premiers take on Baradene.

For more fixtures and results, click [here](#)



## Sports trials and registrations



Students are encouraged to register for sports teams and trials taking place in Term 3.

[Click here for the registration forms](#)

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## General notices

**Drowning Prevention Auckland**

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**October 2018**

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