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## From the Headmaster

# Uniting Around The Arts



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

The Arts at MAGS have come to the fore this week as we build towards tonight's Gala Evening of the 2019 MAGS Art Show in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

This annual community celebration of the Fine Arts has again been drawn together by a group of hard-working and talented parents, teachers and friends of MAGS.

This weekend we will showcase more than 400 student artworks sitting alongside almost 500 works from community and professional artists.

I encourage you to make the most of this weekend's show to view (and hopefully purchase) the works on offer. Funds raised from the weekend will further support the MAGS Foundation in modernising our Arts programmes and facilities in the school.

Complementing this major event on the school calendar has been the recent success of one of our student performing artists who has returned this week with a Gold medal from the World Hip Hop Championships in Phoenix, Arizona.

Our musicians have also performed with polish at the KBB Music Festival, and our Jazz band won a Silver award at the Auckland School Jazz Band Competition.

And the MAGS Spoken Word team is just one of six poetry slam teams from across Auckland to make it into the final of WORD – The Front Line Grand Slam.

Congratulations and thank you to all who keep this critical part of our school in such good health.

Hoping to see you at school at some stage over the weekend.

## Weekly Notices



## Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

### Wednesday, August 21

Year 10 Drama Academy production, 7.30pm, E9

### Wednesday, August 21 & Thursday August 22

Arts & Cultural Group Photos



## Sport

### Photo Essays



### Football Boys U13 Knockout Cup v Rosmini College

Click [here](#)



### Football Girls 1st XI v Baradene College

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### Fixtures and results

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## Art Show blessing



This morning, the MAGS Art Show was blessed, with Matua Hare Paniora leading the ceremony in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

The blessing acknowledged the mauri (life force) and wairua (spiritual essence) of the exhibits along with the talents of their creators.

Waiata from Te Puna o Wairaka students preceded speeches from Headmaster Patrick Drumm and Art Show Committee chair Sandra Fischer, who both expressed admiration for the student work on display and the efforts of the volunteers to bring the show together. Tonight, the ticketed Gala Evening kicks off at 6.30pm, and then the show is open to the public free of charge on Saturday (10am to 6pm) and Sunday (10am to 2pm), with a pop-up cafe on site.

Money raised from the show will go towards our Artist in Residence programme and other resources that benefit all students at our school.

All the artworks – by students and professional artists – featured in the MAGS Art Show are available for purchase so if you see something you love, you're invited to buy it and take it home at the end of the show.

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## Student performances at the Art Show

This weekend is a true celebration of the Arts at MAGS with student performances throughout the weekend of the Art Show in the F.W. Gamble Hall:

## SATURDAY

11.00am – Tali Afele with Sina and Sam

Gabriel, traditional Samoan song

12.00pm – MAGS Junior Dance

performance group

1.00pm – MAGS Junior Dance

performance group

2.00pm – Tuiaki Fiuloi, singer and musician

2.30pm – Ella Brislen and Marcus Savelio, drama skit

3.15pm – Ella Brislen and Marcus Savelio, drama skit

## SUNDAY

11.00am – MAGS Dance performance group

12.00pm – Ken Naidu, pianist

1.00pm – Tahlia Petersen, singer and winner of Junior MAGS Idol

2.00pm – Cook Island group



## Gold at World Hip Hop Champs



Congratulations to MAGS student Faolan (Manny) Okan (pictured centre), who was part of the Swagganauts dance crew that won the Gold medal in the Varsity Division at the World Hip Hop Dance Championships held in Phoenix, Arizona.

The team, trained by Identity director and Albertian Josh Cesan, won this title against 68 crews from 52 countries. What made the victory even sweeter is that their sister crew, Masque, won the Bronze medal in the same section – a huge feat for one company from a small country.

Josh Cesan says their win was a result of the total commitment and effort that the team members displayed personally and collectively at all stages of training and preparation – always keeping their eye on the goal.

You can see their winning routine [here](#)

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## Jazz Band wins Silver



The MAGS Jazz Band competed in the Auckland School Jazz Band Competition this month and won a Silver award. The band has also been competing in the KBB Music Festival this week (pictured above), with results yet to be announced.

However, MAGS has been informed that all three of its classical groups – Symphony, Concert and Chamber – received an award in the KBB Music Festival, and these awards are expected to be announced tomorrow.

You can see photos of the MAGS bands in action at KBB [here](#)

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## Spoken Word team makes final

The MAGS Spoken Word team has seen off tough competition in Auckland-wide regional heats and semi-finals to be just one of six teams to contest the final of the WORD – The Front Line poetry slam event.

The MAGS team competing on September 14 at the Auckland Town Hall is Abby Irwin, Vaibhav Nayar, Takunda Muzondiwa and Matilda Clack.

Tickets (priced at \$15-\$20) for WORD – The Front Line Grand Slam have gone on sale [here](#). They sell out every year and they sell out fast, so if you plan to come and support the MAGS crew, please make sure to get a ticket as soon as possible.

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## Celebrating 20 years of girls at MAGS



MAGS is planning a cocktail party for female Albertians on Friday, September 27 to celebrate 20 years of girls at the school.

We'd like you to join us for a celebration and a commemoration of this significant event in our school's history.

Please register your interest by signing up to our Girls Alumni database [here](#) and share this link with your old school friends and classmates.

More details about the event and a formal invitation will be issued soon.

Please share this far and wide with your friends and classmates. The school will be celebrating 100 years in 2022 and we hope to

build our database of alumni so we can celebrate with as many of you as possible and at other alumni events over the coming three years.

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## Young Farmer winner inspires students



Young Farmer of the Year winner James Robertson visited the ASB MAGS Farm on Wednesday to share his experiences and wisdom with Year 12 Agribusiness students and members of the Teen Ag Group.

James, who is based in Auckland with Fonterra, was the youngest ever winner of the iconic competition at age 22 earlier this year. He came up through Teen Ag at Hamilton Boys High and was part of the team that won the Teen Ag Grand Final.

He studied AgriCommerce at Massey University and was involved in the organisation of its Young Farmers club while there.

Since graduating he has continued that involvement with Young Farmers and said it was his dream to win Young Farmer of the Year. He made it a reality by working hard: honing his practical and theoretical skills, and becoming comfortable with public speaking.

With so many niche areas in the primary sector, he urged the students to investigate the sort of scholarships open to them and apply for them. With scholarships and summer farming jobs, he had come out of Massey debt-free.

He also advised the students to develop networks through Young Farmers, sport or other clubs as these would not only help to advance their careers but also give them a support network and a sense of connection.

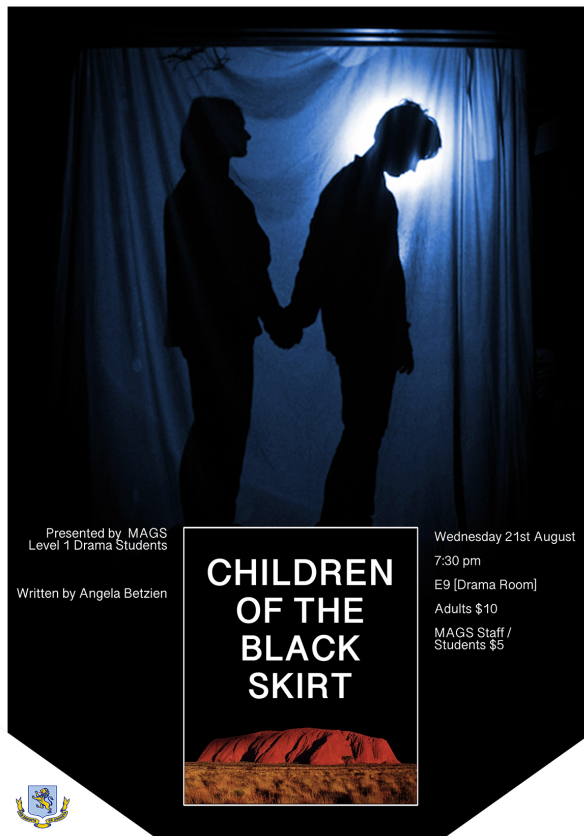
As a boy off a Waikato dairy farm, he found his Young Farmers contacts invaluable when he moved to Auckland to work for Fonterra.

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## Year 10 Drama Academy production

Next Wednesday, Year 10 Drama Academy students will be staging the gothic fairytale *Children of the Black Skirt* in E9 at 7.30pm.

In this play, lost children discover an abandoned orphanage and learn a history of Australia through the spirits of children who have lived there, from convict times, through to World



War Two, the Stolen Generations and beyond.

Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 for MAGS staff and students on the door.

## Crepes galore



Year 10 French students had added incentive to practise their language skills yesterday when Catherine Boles, of Crepes Creations, dropped in on class to serve up crepes and galettes.

Students had several choices of sweet or savoury fillings and had to make their orders in

French – a practical lesson with great rewards.

Catherine, a native of France, was expertly filling orders and whipping up crepes and galettes (the savoury version) for classes during the day.



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## Shave for a Cure nets \$9000 and counting ...



Last week's Shave for A Cure event has raised more than \$9000 so far for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand – and there is still time to donate.

About 20 brave students and one staff member – Commerce teacher Stuart Halstead –



sacrificed their locks on Thursday and Friday to raise money for the cause.

The Interact Committee chaired by Sarah Sherlock (pictured above, with hair) had a goal of raising \$4000 for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand but easily smashed that target and the total has now hit \$9000.

MAGS has been holding a Shave for a Cure event for many years now and it is hugely popular.

You can sponsor a student or teacher and donate to the cause [here](#)

For more pictures from the event, click [here](#)

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## MAGS students at Model UN

Four students got to work on their diplomatic and tactical skills when they attended the NZ Model United Nations in Wellington last month.

Henri Blakeley, Isaiah Nin, Cyrus Meredith Melhuish and Nicodemus Smith were among about 300 attendees.

The conference consisted of workshops in which they looked at various diplomatic tactics, but also other skills like an ethics workshop mainly focused around tools that diplomats and politicians use. There were various guest

speakers as well as meetings and committees to simulate those in the UN such as those of the Security Council and Human Rights Council.

Henri Blakeley received a scholarship place to attend the conference funded by the German Embassy of New Zealand. He is pictured with the Acting German ambassador to New Zealand, Dr Timo Bauer-Savage.

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## Senior Course Selection for 2020

Students who are in Years 11, 12 & 13 next year have until next Thursday, August 22 to make their course selections for 2020.

Letters have been sent out to parents and students about course selections, which are done online through [SchoolPoint](#)

If you are having problems with the process, there is some helpful information [here](#)

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## Survival skills to the fore



As part of a Bushcraft unit, Year 12 Outdoor Education students participated in an overnight SOS Survival Course in a native forest block near Muriwai. The course focused on the essentials of survival (protection, location, water, food) and gave the students a practical insight into some basic survival skills. The main highlights were cooking for themselves on a fire that they prepared and lit, and building a natural shelter to sleep under for a night. For the students, it was a unique and enjoyable experience.



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## Arts and Cultural Group photos schedule



Arts and Cultural Group photos for 2019 will be taken next Wednesday, August 21 and Thursday, August 22.

Click [here](#) for the schedule and instructions.

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## Enrolments for 2020

To assist with planning for 2020, in-zone applications should be submitted by the last day of Term 3 – 27 September, 2019.

And the Mount Albert Grammar School Board of Trustees has approved a limited number of out-of-zone enrolments for 2020.

Applications for out-of-zone enrolments must be received by Wednesday, 4 September, 2019. Should a ballot be required for out-of-zone enrolments, this will occur Wednesday, 11 September, 2019.

You can find more enrolment information [here](#)

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## Sports update

### NZ Trampolining selections

Two students and one Albertian have been selected for the New Zealand Trampolining team to travel to the World Age Group Competitions in Tokyo, Japan from December 5-8. James Dougal will compete in the 15-16 Yrs Individual and Synchro Pairs, while Jack Jones will compete in the 15-16 Yrs Double-Mini Trampoline. Albertian Kate Nicholson will compete in the 17-21 Yrs Individual and Synchro Pairs.

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## Xterra Race Five



Race Five of the Xterra Winter Trail series took place last Sunday at Riverhead Forest.

As the week leading up to the event had been full of rain and hail, the conditions were muddy and slippery. All runners had fun navigating the massive mud puddles and sliding down clay banks. Individual Placings: Holly Bannister, 7th (Short Course); Sonali Mistry, 19th (Short Course); Ella Mitchell, 25th (Short Course); Jacob Bannister, 7th (Short Course); Bryn Williams, 10th (Short Course); Oliver Bulman, 3rd (Mid Course).

The last race of the series is on September 1 at the Hunua Ranges.

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## Tough fight at Auckland Badminton



At the Auckland Badminton Individual & Doubles Championships this week, MAGS' top Badminton players came up against some tough competition.

Jacob Wolf, in the Junior Boys Singles, faced representative players and one won of his three matches, while Alicia Fong and Katy Wolf (pictured above) in the Senior Girls Doubles faced similar sort of competition and won two of their four matches.

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## Huge medal haul at Swimming Champs

MAGS had a team of 19 swimmers compete at the Individual Champs on August 11, and they put up some great results with a total of 33 medals.

This is an indication that the team is looking strong for the New Zealand Secondary Schools (NZSS) championships later in the term. Most of the school's club swimmers will continue to build towards NZSS with the Auckland Short Course Champs on August 22-24.

### Girls

#### 14-15 years old

Edie Ancell: 3 x Gold (50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 100 Individual Medley), Silver (200m Freestyle); Isla Marsh: Gold (200m Butterfly), Bronze (100m Butterfly); Lara Grozev: Silver (200m Individual Medley), 2 x Bronze (100m Breaststroke, 200m Backstroke); Lucy Woodall: Bronze (100m Backstroke)

### **16 and over**

Vasilina Shipilova: 4 x Gold (100m Breaststroke, 100m Individual Medley, 200m Breaststroke, 200m Individual Medley); Eva Williams: 2 x Gold (100m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke), Silver (50m Freestyle), Bronze (100m Freestyle); Emily Cameron: Gold (200m Backstroke), Silver (100m Backstroke), Bronze (200m Individual Medley); Rebecca Blanco: Bronze (100m Breaststroke)

### **Boys**

#### **13 and under**

Hunter Dobson: 2 x Silver (100m Backstroke, 200m Backstroke); Tito Tipi: Bronze (50m Freestyle)

#### **14-15**

Bowen Crawford: Gold (200m Breaststroke), Bronze (100m Individual Medley); Quin Walden: 2 x Bronze (100m Backstroke, 200m Backstroke); Justin Hemara: Bronze (50m Freestyle); Carwin Li: Bronze (100m Butterfly)

#### **16 and over**

James Bilton: 2 x Bronze (50m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly)



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## **Young Sportsperson of the Year nominations**

Nominations are now open for College Sport Auckland's Young Sportsperson of the Year (YSPOTY) Awards, which have been held since 1991 to celebrate the outstanding sporting achievements of Auckland secondary school students. Nominations close September 9. The 29th Annual YSPOTY Awards will be held Thursday, 14 November at 6.30pm at Eden Park to recognise outstanding achievement across a wide range of sports. Click [here](#) for the nomination form and to find out more.

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## **Upcoming Premier Sport**



Tomorrow morning, the Netball Premiers face a tough game against Epsom Girls at the Auckland Netball Centre at 11.30am. At midday, the Football Boys 1st XI also have a challenging fixture: away to St Kentigern College.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 10s play Avondale College in a semi-final on the Sir BG Williams Field at 4.15pm.

On Tuesday, MAGS will be sending a contingent to contest the Auckland Road Running Championships at Pulman Park, Takanini.

At 4pm on Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI are away to Westlake Girls. On the same day, the Hockey Boys 1st XI are away to Mt Roskill Grammar in a 3rd/4th playoff at 5pm.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Premier Girls take part in the One Day Championships at Avondale Racecourse. And the Hockey Girls 1st XI are scheduled to play the same day but their game is yet to be confirmed.

Fixtures and results on the MAGS website are regularly updated. For this week's, click [here](#) and for next week's, click [here](#)



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