



## From the Headmaster

### A Celebration of Soul



The annual Mount Albert Grammar School Art Show officially opens tonight with the highly popular Gala Night.

The show has become a premier event on the MAGS calendar and continues to cement the place of The Arts in our school.

That innate human need for creative expression is often pronounced in our young people as they attempt to make sense of their place in the world. Youngsters will always find ways to express themselves as they test the boundaries around them.

A quality Arts programme in a school can provide the creative avenue for that expression to be both constructive and positive.

The MAGS Art Show allows MAGS student artists to stand alongside exhibiting artists from across New Zealand. This can only be possible through the expertise and hard work of our Arts staff. This combination of home-grown and national art work ensures the event engages the wider Mount Albert community on a grand scale.

The quality of the Show is a direct reflection of the expertise and work of the Art Show Committee – parents and friends of MAGS who are committed to nurturing the soul of our school.

Thank you to all who have brought this spectacular weekend together. Proceeds from this year's show will allow the MAGS Foundation to enhance the Arts programmes at MAGS and also help to improve general facilities for students in the school.

I encourage everyone to experience the Mount Albert Grammar School Art Show over the weekend.

See you there.

**Patrick Drumm**

## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

#### Friday, August 17

MAGS Art Show Gala Night, 6.30pm. SOLD OUT

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

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

#### Wednesday, August 22 & Thursday, August 23

Arts & Culture photos. For schedule click [here](#)



### Sport

#### Photo Essays



Basketball Junior 1 Girls v Baradene College

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#### Fixtures and results

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## Art Show blessing



This morning, a blessing of the MAGS Art Show was held in the F.W. Gamble Hall in preparation for its opening at 6.30pm tonight.

Kaumatua Hare Paniora and Matua Peter Walters conducted the ceremony to cleanse the hall and prepare it to receive guests.

MAGS Arts Committee chair Lucille Peters and Headmaster Patrick Drumm also spoke about the importance of the show to the school and students – and thanked the tireless volunteers who had brought the show together.

A waiata from Te Puna o Wairaka students (pictured above) concluded the ceremony.

Hundreds of pieces of art by exhibiting artists and students will be on display and for sale over the weekend.

Following the sold-out Gala Night tonight, the Art Show is open on Saturday from 10am-6pm and on Sunday from 10am-3pm, with a cafe on site.

There will be silent auctions for artworks as well as everything from travel experiences to mountain bikes.

And don't forget to vote for your favourite student art work in the People's Choice Award, sponsored by Active Building Management.

Entertainment is also a big part of the MAGS Art Show, and students will be putting on performances throughout the weekend.

Tonight, a string quartet will welcome guests arriving for Gala Night. At 6.30pm, a jazz combo will kick into life.

On Saturday, the schedule is as follows:

11am – Junior Dance Performance Group.

Noon – Abby Irwin – Spoken word – followed by a sketch from performers in the school production *The Green Room*.

1pm – Junior Dance Performance group.

2pm – Tongan Boys Song.

3pm – Tongan Boys Song, then *The Green Room* performers.

4pm Nadine Hidalgo and Hannah Houghton (piano/violin).

5pm – Nadine Hidalgo and Hannah Houghton (piano/violin).

On Sunday:

10am - Piano interlude.

11am – Spoken Word – Takunda Muzondiwa, then The Green Room performers.

Noon – Piano interlude.

1pm – Dance Duet – Lulu Qiu and Allie Hawksworth.

2pm – Funk performance, then The Green Room performers.

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:



## Sir Bryan in Rugby Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Albertian Sir Bryan Williams, who has been inducted into the Rugby Hall of Fame.

Former All Black winger Sir Bryan, who was recently knighted for his services to rugby, is inductee No.141 to the Rugby Hall of Fame.

Sir Bryan hung up his All Black boots in 1978 after 113 appearances but continued to play at regional and club levels, before moving into coaching and administration.

He attended MAGS from 1963-1967, and was a Prefect and Victor Ludorum in his final year. In addition to starring in the First XV, Sir Bryan also competed in the First XI Cricket team, and in Athletics, where he was a sprint and field champion.

Following a stellar career with the All Blacks, and qualifying as a lawyer, Sir Bryan served as President of the NZ Rugby Union, led the development of Manu Samoa, was Director of Rugby at MAGS and is still involved with the Ponsonby Rugby Club. He will join other 2018 inductees Liza Burgess (Wales), Ronan O’Gara (Ireland), and Pierre Villepreux (France) at a special ceremony in Rugby, England, on 12 September at the home of the Rugby Hall of Fame.

For the full story about Sir Bryan being inducted into the Rugby Hall of Fame, click [here](#)





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## Deadline for course selection

Course selection is well underway using MAGS SchoolPoint and the deadline for choosing subjects is next Thursday, August 23.

Parents can click on this [link](#) which will take you straight into SchoolPoint, then logon using your KAMAR logon details, so that you can see the courses that your child has selected for 2019.

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.

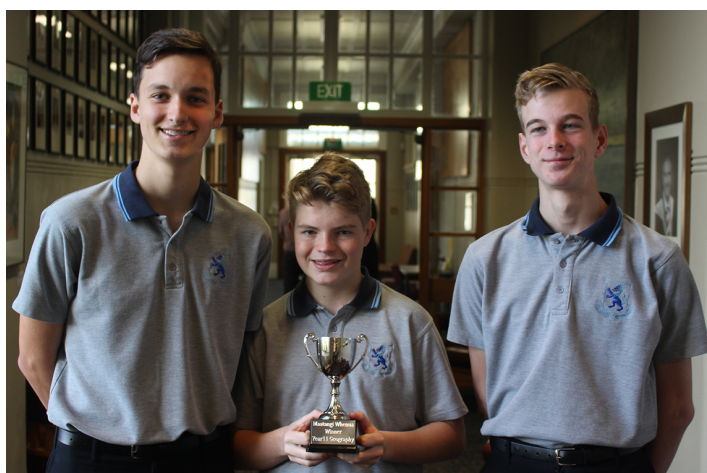
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## Geography students' three-peat



Geography students at MAGS have now won the annual Auckland Geography Teacher's Association Senior Quiz three years in a row. And they have been joined in the three-peat stakes by the Year 11 Geographers, who took out the Auckland Central section of the Maatangi Whenua Quiz for the third consecutive year.

The Auckland Geography Teacher's Association Senior Quiz was held at St



Cuthbert's on Wednesday, August 8, with 21 teams competing, and the pressure was on MAGS as defending champions.

In the end though, the final tally revealed that not only had the MAGS A team (James Inkson, Hugh Malcolm, Hannah Zwalue and Harrison Zheng, who are pictured at top) won by a margin of six points, giving us the trophy for the third year in a row, but also that the MAGS B team (Tom Barrand, Luke Owen, Angus Robinson and Shalin Shah) had held off Takapuna to finish second.

On Tuesday, August 14, it was the turn of the Year 11 Geographers in the Maatangi Whenua Quiz. This is a National competition with rounds held across the country over the next couple of weeks. The Auckland Central section was again at St Cuthbert's, featuring 16 teams from across the area. The quiz has rounds similar to the senior quiz but also includes skills-based rounds such as map reading and response to hazards.

MAGS Team 2 (Ben Batchelor-Cook, Freeman McCall and Aidan Skinner, pictured above right) finished 18 points ahead of the rest of the field. The MAGS Team 1 (Samantha Persson, Meadow Simpson and Katie Hadfield) finished 5th. The team now has to wait to find out how its scores compare with those winners from the other regions.

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

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## Groups win awards at KBB Music Festival



Three MAGS musical groups went to the recent KBB Music Festival and they all came back with awards.

The Jazz Band won a Silver Award – to go with the Silver they won at the Auckland Jazz Festival the weekend before – while the Chamber Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra both collected Bronze Awards.

At KBB, the Jazz Band performed a variety of well known Jazz pieces, plus a student song that MAGS' Jazz Director arranged for the group.

The Chamber Orchestra performed four pieces, including the original piece *Balkan Dance* by Emma Moon. Some music directors have asked for permission to perform her piece with their orchestras.

And the Symphony Orchestra performed a variety of pieces including one New Zealand piece.

For more photos click [here](#)

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## Invitation to MAGS Rūnanga hui

***'Ki te kāhore he whakakitenga ka ngaro te iwi'***

*'Without foresight or vision the people will be lost'*

The MAGS Rūnanga would like to invite you to a hui (gathering) so that together we can talk about what success looks like for Māori students at MAGS.

We understand the importance of foresight and vision to support Māori achievement and success at MAGS, and as part of that we want to capture your aspirations for your child's achievement at MAGS.

Please come and share your views as we seek to develop our Māori Strategic Plan (2018-2022) and ongoing community engagement strategies. We have also invited our future MAGS whānau from our local feeder primary and intermediate schools to attend.

Please feel free to share this invitation through your networks to encourage as many whānau members to come along. A light supper will also be provided. Please RSVP via e-mail to [nabsolum@mags.school.nz](mailto:nabsolum@mags.school.nz).

**Date:** Tuesday, 4 September, 2018

**Time:** 7-9pm

**Venue:** Maurice Hall Building, Mount Albert Grammar School (located at the front of the school, adjacent to the main building)

We really look forward to seeing you there, mauri ora!

Nāku iti nei,

Whāea Tui Gallagher

Chairperson, MAGS Rūnanga

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## Latonya Lole debuts as sports reporter



On Tuesday, Latonya Lole turned in a polished performance as the ANZ Junior Netball Reporter for the Silver Ferns squad announcement.

Latonya, pictured above interviewing Silver Fern Katrina Grant, filmed a video segment for ANZ Sports Scene, which is hosted on the NZ Herald website. She was part of the media scrum, interviewing new and experienced members of the squad.

Latonya, who was recently named one of the top U15 Netball players in the country, met sports presenter and personality Laura McGoldrick beforehand and benefitted from some interviewing tips before the event.

To see Latonya's video segment, click [here](#)

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## Presentation earns scholarship

Ellen Zhang has won the Federated Farmers' Gold Scholarship as a result of her presentation at the Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards. Her presentation, *The Answer is Smaller Than You Think – Nanotechnology*, won her the \$5000 scholarship awarded by Federated Farmers to the student who presents the best and most creative science and technology based solution(s) for the primary sector. The awarding of the scholarship means Ellen will also deliver her presentation at the National Finals of the Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards in Wellington on Thursday, 6 September – along with MAGS students Shalin Shah and Germain Hellriegel-White, who are competing at the finals.

And she will join Shalin and Germain as participants in the Governor General's Young Science Leaders Forum on Friday, 7 September.



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## Geography trip to Rotorua





Last week, 59 Year 13 Geography students went to Rotorua to investigate 'Tourism Development' as part of the Level 3 NCEA study of a 'Cultural Process'.

The trip comprised visits to attractions such as Te Puia, Agrodome, the Mitai Maori Village Experience and the Skyline Gondola and Luge.

In addition, the group experienced behind-the-scenes tours and specialist speakers from the Rotorua Museum and industry operators.

HoF Social Science Christine Cato said, "A fantastic time was had by both students and staff, and we look forward to the impact of the trip being reflected in excellent written responses in the external exams."

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## Arts update for Term 3

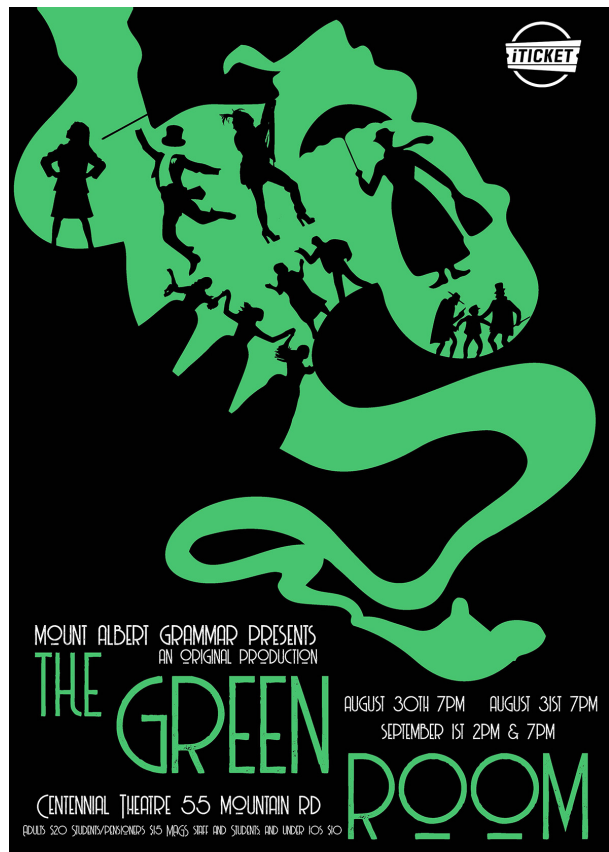
MAGS presents its first full-length production – *The Green Room* – a musical theatre adventure devised by students to be staged at Centennial Theatre, AGS, from 30 August to 1 September. Retiring musical theatre director Steven Stark has reached the end of a long career, but his final show has disappointed 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 us for a heart-warming and hip-swinging tale about the young, the old, and everyone in between.

For tickets, click [here](#)

In Week 10, on Monday, September 24, the annual Junior Bytes concert presents the very best of Junior Dance, Drama and Music and announces the Junior Arts Awardees.

On Tuesday, September 25, the senior students will also have an opportunity to share the best of 2018, and 2018 Arts Lions will be presented.





## A gun crew in Italy



Sergeant Albert Dodds was at MAGS from 1922 to 1924. MAGS' Archivist Brian Murphy said that in the first image Sergeant Dodds is at the back on the right, and is pictured with his 25-pounder gun crew at Castel Frentano, Italy, on December 12, 1943.

The second photograph is of the gun crew in action. The images were taken by an Army public relations officer, and simply identified as 2NZE because more specific identification was against regulations.

The triangular badge is that of the 6th New Zealand Field Regiment. The Imperial State Crown surmounts an artillery piece. The motto translates as *The right and the glory lead*. The items, and others, were a gift of Mrs Audry Thompson-Davies, sister of Albert Dodds, in October 2000, 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

### Teams into business end of the season



MAGS' sports team are getting into must-win territory with plenty of quarter-finals, semifinals and finals coming up in the next week or so.

The Junior Boys and Girls Basketball teams were involved in semis today at the North Shore Events Centre, while the Premier Basketball teams will be at the same venue tonight for their semis, with the Girls playing at 6pm and the Boys at 7.30pm.

Also tonight, the Football Boys First XI are playing away to St Peter's College at 6pm.

Tomorrow at ANC at 11.30am, the Netball Premiers have a must-win game against Westlake Girls High School to go through to the final.

Also on Saturday, four Rugby teams are into quarter-finals: the U15s, U14s, 5th Grade and 6th Grade.

On Monday at 4.15pm, the Rugby Girls 10s play Mount Roskill Grammar on the Sir B.G. Williams



Field in the final of their competition. The 10s side beat One Tree Hill College 41-15 in their [semifinal](#) (pictured top) at MAGS on Monday. Goals by Hamesh Govind and Cooper Taylor gave the Hockey Boys U15A a 2-0 win over St Kentigern in their semifinal on Monday. They now face Kings College at Kings in the final this coming Monday at 6.05pm.

Next Wednesday, the Rugby League First XIII play their final against Kelston Boys High at Mt Smart Stadium, with kick-off at 7pm. Free entry for MAGS students in full uniform, \$2 otherwise.

On Tuesday, the Boys Football First XI beat Westlake Boys 5-1 in the Knock Out Cup [quarter-final](#) (pictured above right) to set up a semi with Sacred Heart College. The Football Boys U13s & U15s are also into the Knockout Cup semis.

The Boys First XI Hockey won their semi on Wednesday against St Peter's College 2-1, to go into the final next week.

The Junior Girls Football went to a penalty shoot-out against St Kentigern in their semi on Wednesday, coming out on top 4-2 to advance to the final.

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



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## Hockey Girls lose semi on strokes



Last night, MAGS Hockey Girls' First XI lost 4-3 on strokes to Diocesan in their semifinal after the game was tied 1-1 at fulltime.

The MAGS Girls played with a new structure and used it to find space. Shots were fired in on goal but MAGS couldn't latch on to any rebounds.

The MAGS defence was strong, and the marking was tight. Finally, MAGS worked around the goalie, with Shivani Unka being on the post to slot a simple goal.

The second half saw the same intensity and pressure from both teams. The MAGS Girls

continued to try their passing, but Dio had some momentum, which saw them score a penalty corner that was slotted past the 'keeper.

When it came to strokes, goalie Rosie Veldkemp tried to psych out the Dio attackers but MAGS ended up losing 4-3. They now play for 3rd or 4th next week.

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## Pair selected for NZ Football U17s





Congratulations to Footballers Hayden Aish (left) and Luca Taylor, who have been selected to play for the New Zealand U17 Men's Team in the World Cup qualifiers to be held in the Solomon Islands from 9 September to 22 September. They might also take part in a pre-camp to be held in Auckland from 3 September to 5 September.



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## MAGS Sports Black Cap applications open

Applications are now open for a MAGS Sports Black Cap.

To qualify:

- You must have represented New Zealand between the 25th October, 2017 and the 24th September, 2018.
- You must have played in a game/sport.
- Non-playing or paper teams do not count.

Applications close 25 September, 2018.

Any queries, please email [sports@mags.school.nz](mailto:sports@mags.school.nz)

A formal photo of all Black Cap recipients will be taken at School on Wednesday, 24 October, 2018 at 1.30pm in the School Hall.

The Black Cap will be presented at the Sports Dinner on Wednesday, 24 October, 2018 at Alexandra Park from 6pm. Ticket information will be published later in Term 3.

To download the application for a MAGS Sports Black Cap, click [here](#)



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## Top players at league finals



Two MAGS students picked up Player of the Match awards at the Auckland Rugby League Championship Finals at Mt Smart stadium over the weekend.

The awards went to Jeremiah Schuster, who was in the winning Richmond U18s side, and Moanekah Va'ai, who was playing for Richmond's U17 Girls side that was just beaten by Otara in the final.

Sam Kamu captained the Richmond U18s to victory – 24-10 over Otahuhu – and Elijah Ieriko, Nela Tau'fo'ou, Jarell Lokenitama and Charlie Leota were also in the side.

## Underwater Hockey national team pick



Premier Underwater Hockey player Nicholas Sykes has been selected for the Underwater Hockey NZ Under 19 Men's Team.

This team will be competing in the Trans Tasman Underwater Hockey tournament in October. Nick is heavily involved in MAGS Underwater Hockey, captaining the Premier team and coaching the Junior Open team.

He also was selected in the Tournament Team during the Regional Secondary Schools Underwater Hockey Tournament.

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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 (incl GST) 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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## 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

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