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From the Headmaster

Show of Unity



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

The MAGS community gathered in great numbers last night in support of our biennial Unity Cultural Concert held at the Dorothy Winstone Centre.

To see our students taking to the stage with such pride and confidence in 'who they are' was very special. The evening was an affirmation of cultural identity and reinforced MAGS as a school for all peoples.

Our student community boasts young people connected to 96 different cultural backgrounds – a diversity that defines the New Zealand of today and the future.

For the best possible learning to occur, a young person must first feel a belonging to their place of learning. Feeling a degree of ownership of their school – being safe in its environment – these are critical precursors to achievement and success.

Celebration of our cultural diversity helps immensely with this process.

Thank you to the staff, students and parents who brought last evening together. Another MAGnificent night for MAGS.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2019 Calendar

Monday, August 5

Peace Week starts

Tuesday, August 6

Future Pathways Expo, 4pm,
MH Building



Sport

Photos Essay



Rugby League 1st XIII v
Otahuhu College

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Fixtures and results

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Sport trials and registrations

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Unity Concert a sell-out success



The 2019 Unity Cultural Concert was held last night at the Dorothy Winstone Centre, Auckland Girls Grammar.

The capacity audience of 750 enthusiastically acknowledged each of the groups and were vocal in their praise of all the performances.

Prefects Darhys Simone and Assina Te Paa-Kolio (pictured below) were wonderful MCs, introducing each of the groups before they performed and having a little fun with the audience while some groups set up.

The evening started with a powerful and disciplined performance by MAGS Kapa Haka, who clearly showed why they were such strong contenders in competition.

This was followed by a beautiful and lyrical performance by the Chinese group, also incorporating a bit of martial arts at one point.

Next was the Niuean group, who looked stunning in their new costumes, and it was lovely to see ex-students and former leaders performing with them. This was followed by a moving duet by Chinese students Kitty and Carl Mu that wowed the audience with its technical expertise and expression.

Then came the very popular Tongan group, again beautifully costumed, colourful and all on stage. They loved performing as much as the audience enjoyed watching.

As a contrast, but with equal colour and energy, the Indian group gave us a quick tour of the many Indian dance styles – cleverly



crafted together into one performance by student leader Maitreyi Jaywant. The Samoan group was next and again a clear crowd favourite. The time they put into their preparation clearly showed as their synchronisation and energy was outstanding. Congratulations to Ms Anisi and student leaders Theresa Anisi, Siana Vagana and Tali Afele. The beautiful lyrical quality of the girls' performance was contrasted by a rousing sasa, and special mention must be made of Ezra Purcell, who was highly entertaining in his role of Fa'aluma.

The final item for the evening was the Cook Island group. Again beautifully costumed and performing with sheer joy showing on their faces at the opportunity to share their culture with us all. Their performance finished with the ever-popular Around the World, and they invited members of the audience to come and perform with them.

Director of Arts Co-curricular Jacqui Cesan said, "All in all, this was an outstanding representation of culture at Mount Albert Grammar and we look forward to an outstanding representation at PolyFest in 2020."

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

Bound for the World Champs



Best of luck to swimmer Brearna Crawford and MAGS Swim Coach Paul Kent as they prepare to join the New Zealand team for the FINA World Junior Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

The pair leave next Tuesday, with NZ sending a team of seven swimmers and three coaches for a 10-day camp in Vienna before competing at the championships, held in Budapest.

Competition starts on August 20 for Brearna, who will be swimming in four events: the 50m, 100m and 200m Breaststroke and the 200m Individual Medley.

Brearna is in good form, having broken the NZ Open short course 100m breaststroke record at a swim meet in Hamilton during the school holidays.

Art Show helpers needed



This year's Art Show Committee is looking forward to welcoming our school and the wider community to another exciting and memorable exhibition.

Would you be able to play a small part in this event? We are looking for a few extra adult helpers over the following dates:

Preparation: Friday 9 Aug, Sat 10 Aug, Sun 11 Aug

Gala evening: Fri 16 Aug, 6pm-10pm

Show assistance: Sat 17 Aug, Sun 18 Aug

Pack up: Sun 18 Aug, 2pm-7pm

This is a friendly and fun event to be involved with and showcases our school at its very best and celebrates the work of both our students and established and emerging New Zealand artists.

Please email Anne at magsfom@gmail.com if you are interested in finding out more about specific dates and times and what you would be doing to help.

Art Show Gala Evening tickets on sale



Ticket for MAGS Art Show Gala Evening are selling fast.

Art lovers get in quick because this fabulous event sells out every year. So please don't delay purchasing your tickets!

MAGS Art Show Gala Evening
Friday, 16 August 6.30pm-10.00pm.
FW Gamble Hall
Tickets \$50 from [here](#)

Please note: due to alcohol service and venue capacity, the Art Show Gala Evening is adults only. Persons under the age of 18 will not be permitted.

A ticket to our Gala Evening gives you the opportunity to be the first to view – and purchase – artworks from this beautifully curated art show.

Around 1000 artworks are exhibited, including painting, photography, sculpture and objects from more than 120 established and emerging artists from around Aotearoa New Zealand. We also celebrate the artworks of our very talented students.

Your ticket to the Gala Evening includes beverages, delicious canapés and entertainment from talented MAGS musicians and performing artists. Join us for a great night out with friends, exhibiting artists and the MAGS community.

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

All the artworks 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.

The Art Show and sale of artwork continue on Saturday the 17th, 10am to 6pm, and Sunday the 18th of August, 10am to 2pm – free entry. Music and dance performances

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entertain throughout the weekend along with a pop-up café on site.

Follow the [MAGS Art Show Facebook page](#) to keep up to date with progress.

School finishes early next Tuesday

School will finish early – at 2.10pm – next Tuesday, 6 August to accommodate the set-up for the [Future Pathways Expo](#) to be held in the MH Building from 4pm-7pm.

Next Tuesday, the school day will have shortened periods to allow for the early finish.

Students have a blast at Space Camp



Forty one students travelled to Huntsville, Alabama to take part in a NASA Space Camp during the July school holidays, accompanied by teachers Ms Sarnia Slabbert, Mr Matthew Huang, Ms Jenna Bone, Mr Sam Dockery and Mrs Helen Dunham.

The students spent six days as part of the Advanced Space Academy, which simulated all aspects of space exploration including mission simulations, engineering challenges, and advanced physics and aeronautics history presentations – all in NASA's state of the art facilities at the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center.

Even the sleeping headquarters simulated life on the International Space Station, with a zero waste food policy that challenged individuals to adopt an astronaut's lifestyle, and life-sized mission rooms for mission simulation.

Activities included the 1/6th gravity chair and a two-storey high scuba diving Neutral Buoyancy Lab to feel the effect of reduced gravity. There were also programmes for rocket design and launch, robotic engineering, team-building exercises on the high ropes course, and flight simulators. These aspects were later combined into a three-hour simulated mission that tested students' knowledge and teamwork in the aerospace fields.

After graduating from Space Camp, students headed to Florida for activities such as a snorkel trip with the manatees at Crystal River, a visit to the Universal Studios theme park,



and dinner at the iconic Hard Rock Cafe.

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

German scholars



Year 12 student Quinn Burton-Brown (left) has won an all-expenses paid trip to Bogor, Indonesia, to represent NZ in the Asian-Pacific German Olympics that take place from August 10-16. He will face German language challenges such as creating a poster, giving a presentation and rehearsing and performing a piece of theatre.



The competition, run by the Goethe

Institut, began in 2017 and will run every two years, alternating with the Insitut's German Olympiad in Germany, which is being held next year.

Two NZ students will be selected to compete in Germany, with another Year 12 student, David Laxon (right), a candidate.

He was flown to Wellington recently to compete for one of those prized spots.

Both students were selected after nationwide interviews in German under the auspices of the Goethe Institut.

California exchange for Surf Life Savers



A group of 10 MAGS students from Piha SLSC and Tairua SLSC were selected to attend an exchange with Huntington Beach Junior Lifeguards over the July school holidays.

The lifeguards who took part were William Grace, Justin Hemara, Troy Middleton, Ben Gregory, Molly Brittenden, Emily Cameron, Ella Gregory, Eva Williams, Kirsty Gage (all from Piha) and Ward Hope (Tairua).



The group of students fundraised and trained incredibly hard for the trip – on top of their MAGS academic and sports commitments over the past 18 months.

Rajal Middleton, of Surf Life Saving New Zealand, said, "Huntington Beach hosts over 12 million visitors each year and undertakes on average 100 rescues each day! Our young guards were given an incredible learning opportunity, including shadowing senior Huntington Beach Surf Lifeguards.

"The Huntington itinerary included a formal presentation to Huntington Council and attendance at the opening of the Orange Coast College planetarium where the young Kiwi lifeguards blessed the building with a karakia and performed a haka."

Year 13 student Eva Williams said, "The exchange was an incredible, life-changing experience. Not only did we have fun learning about the differing processes used in rescues at Huntington Beach, but we also created strong bonds with all the American Junior Guards. Everyone was so kind and welcoming, we all feel like we have another home in California now! We are all counting down the days until our American friends travel to New Zealand and we get to give them a taste of our country and life as a guard at Piha and Tairua beaches in December."

School App update

Subscribers to the School App should have received an alert asking them to update to the new SchoolAppsNZ app. The alert gives you instructions about how to migrate to the new app and it is a couple of easy steps.

You can then uninstall your old dedicated MAGS app.

With the new app, you can search for and add as many schools as you want so you can receive alerts from multiple schools. If you are having trouble with this, click [here](#) to see how.

If you have not updated or don't have the app loaded on your phone, the app

is free from the App Store or Google Play. Search for "SchoolAppsNZ", and load the app on to your phone.

Using the app, parents can instantly access Daily Notices, the Kamar portal, teachers' contact details, and notify the School if your child is absent.

Parents and students can check the School Calendar and sync chosen events with your own Calendar, and choose groups about which you wish to receive alert notifications.



Maths scholar in finals



Year 13 student Minh Nguyen has qualified as one of 15 finalists – out of 1100 participants – in the NZ Senior Maths Competition. As a result, he has won airfares and accommodation to compete in the final in Wellington on Friday, August 16.

The preliminary competition was held over 90 minutes, with 15 MAGS students entered regionally, and consisted of questions from a wide range of senior mathematical topics, requiring a breadth of knowledge and high level of skill.

Minh placed third in the Auckland region which meant he was in the top 15 selected for the final.

Future Pathways Expo

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Note: MAGS 2020 Subject
Option Choices due 22 August.



Term 3 Week 3 Tuesday August 6th : 4.00-7.00pm



Parents and students of all year levels are invited to the Future Pathways Expo, where they can talk to MAGS' faculty heads about courses, and discuss future pathways with representatives of tertiary institutes and training organisations.

The Expo will be held on Tuesday, August 6 from 4pm-7pm in the Maurice Hall Building at Mount Albert Grammar School.

This is a great opportunity to talk to MAGS staff about course selections for 2020 and see what is on offer from more than 50 tertiary institutes and industry providers who will be represented on the night.

Serville's and Cut Above academies will both be doing hair demonstrations on the ground floor of the Expo.

Visit the ASB MAGS Farm stall – enter their competition and talk to one of the external businesses who provide cadetships and training in the primary industry sectors. ASB staff will also be there – so if you are interested in banking, talk to them.

UNITEC are providing a wide variety of interactive displays on the upper level across trades, computing, sport and community. Have a go at the competition being run by their personal trainers and be in to win a prize. And Excel School of Performing Arts is running an impromptu performance competition.

Click [here](#) for a floorplan of stalls at the Expo.

To accommodate the Future Pathways Expo, the school will have shortened periods that day and finish at 2.10pm to allow staff time for set-up.

Peace Week

Next week is Secondary Schools Peace Week when secondary schools all around New Zealand will be undertaking activities around the theme of Peace and Technology.

At MAGS, students will be writing messages on paper doves in the Quad on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday interval and lunchtime. Students (and staff) will be encouraged to write anonymous messages of gratitude to people that will be delivered at Form Time on

Friday and Monday.

Peer Mediators are also organising chalk drawing messages on Wednesday at lunchtime.

The Arts Leaders are running a poster/poem competition for Peace Week, and there will be an open mic event held in the library at lunchtime on Thursday – people can sign up for this at Spoken Word Club or on the day. The Spoken Word group will be performing their poems about peace but other students/teachers are also welcome who have poems to read or who would simply like to listen.

Throughout the week, Peer Mediators will be encouraging students to put their devices down and simply talk and be in the present moment.



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**MAGS
REUNION
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MAGS Old Boys from the class of 1985-1989 are getting together in September, with broadcaster Mark Watson as the MC for the evening.

On the night there will be a MAGS Trivia Quiz, a photo booth, memorial video, prizes, a cash

bar and gourmet finger food.

For more details, click the image above or contact David Tapu at tapz06@hotmail.com

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](#)

Duke of Ed Silver awards



Pictured from left: Flynn Lakeman, Jydee Leonard, Mackenzie Brabant, Claudia Woods, Norah Anderson, Eric Shen, Caitlin Mitchell, Elliott Lawrence, Alex Pullen and Vaibhav Nayyar.

The students pictured above have achieved their Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award through completion of the four sections of service, skill, physical activity and adventurous journey over a minimum period of six months.

The Duke of Edinburgh international award scheme challenges young people to achieve through persistence, voluntary participation, leadership and challenge to the individual. Be it giving time to an organisation once a week over six months or tramping through the Kaimai Ranges, all these students have met and overcome personal challenges along the way.

School Ball photos online



Photos from the Mount Albert Grammar School Ball 2019 can now be viewed [here](#) on the website of White Door Event Photography.

There is also a highlights video [here](#)

The School Ball was held at the Cordis Hotel, Auckland City on Friday, July 5.

The theme this year was The Great Gatsby. The venue was decorated in a lavish array of black, white and gold. The Ball Committee managed to present a spectacular entrance featuring black fairy light curtains and red carpet with a border of plinths, gold candles and fresh flower arrangements. Inside the ballroom, the tables were all decorated to theme. NZDJ provided the music along with our school band featuring Himadri Podder – Guitar and Vocals, Amelia Worsley – Vocals, Inoke Halaholo – Drums, Caitlin Grobler – Bass, and William Kung – Lead Guitar.

And there were the traditional prizes handed out as voted for by the students:

King – Matthew Knowles, Queen – Jamila Chen, Cutest Couple – Charlotte Barrand and Germain Hellriegel-White, Sisterhood – Claudia Zwalu  and Lauren Zwalu , Bromance – Max Dunshea and Shrivaneel Prakash, Best Dressed Male – Karkeat Low and Darhys Simone, Best Dressed Female – Zahra Dowsett, Best Dancer – Moanekah Va'ai.

Ball organiser Mrs Natasha Phyn said, "It was a wonderful event and all of the providers were highly complimentary of the MAGS students."

University of Auckland Future Student Evening

The University of Auckland is holding a Future Student Evening at its Central Auckland campus on Tuesday, 13 August, starting at 6pm.

The evening, held in the Sir Owen G Glenn Building, is an opportunity for parents and students to hear about what the University of Auckland has to offer.

There will be presentations and an expo where attendees can speak with staff from each of the faculties alongside representatives from the university's Scholarships, Accommodation, 360 International, Career Development and Employability Services, Tertiary Foundation Certificate and UniBound teams.

You can find out more about the event and register [here](#)



Sports update

Karate medal haul

During the school holidays, Eva Wadsworth, in Year 10, won three national karate medals.

At the New Zealand National Secondary Schools Karate Championship she won Silver (Kata, Female Under 16 – Intermediate Level), and at the New Zealand National Karate Championship she won Bronze – (Kata, Female 14/15 years – Intermediate Level) and Silver (Kumite, Female 14/15 years Under 47kg – Intermediate Combined).



Girls Lacrosse runners-up



MAGS Premier Girls Lacrosse team finished runners-up again to their old foes Epsom Girls Grammar in the Division One Final before the school holidays.

The game was played in atrocious conditions, with strong wind and heavy rain, and despite a half-time team huddle under a tarpaulin (pictured above), MAGS could not get the better of EGGS, who prevailed 14-3.

Upcoming Premier Sport



Come along and support the Rugby League 1st XIII as they try to sign off the Auckland competition in style next Wednesday when they play at home in a 3rd/4th playoff against

Westlake Boys High at 4pm. Last time the two sides met, MAGS won 32-6.

Tonight, the Premier Girls Basketball team has a bye while the Premier Boys play at home against Macleans College at 6pm. The two teams are in action against Rangitoto College at home on Monday, with the Girls playing at 6pm and the Boys playing at 7.30pm.

Also tonight, the Football Boys 1st XI are away to Auckland Grammar at 6pm.

Tomorrow, the Netball Premiers play St Kentigern College at the Auckland Netball Centre at 9.30am.

Also tomorrow, the Rugby 1st XV take on Kelston Boys on the Sir BG Williams Field at 2.30pm.

The Rugby Girls 10s have a game away to Mt Roskill Grammar on Monday at 4.15pm.

On Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI play Diocesan Girls at Dilworth at 4pm and the Hockey Boys 1st XI play Long Bay at Harbour 2 at 6.20pm

On Thursday, the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Howick College at Mt Roskill Grammar at 5pm.

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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