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From the Headmaster

The Real Value of Sport

Weekly
Notices



Key Dates

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Friday, August 24

Premier Basketball Finals:
Girls v Auckland Girls
Grammar, 6pm; Boys v
Rosmini, 7.30pm, North
Shore Events Centre.

Thursday, August 30

Shave For a Cure, Albertian
Quad, 1.30pm

Thursday, August 30 to Saturday, September 1

School production The
Green Room, Centennial
Theatre, click [here](#) for
tickets



Sport

Photo Essays



Rugby League First XIII v
Kelston Boys High, Final
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It is finals and semi-finals time for our MAGS sports teams as the Winter Sports Programmes head into the business-ends of their seasons. Games become high-stakes and sometimes ultra-competitive as the emotional investment 'ramps up' for these sudden-death fixtures. MAGS has a well-earned reputation for sporting excellence, with much of that measured by the silverware bursting from our trophy cabinet. But

Fixtures and results

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there is another side to the MAGS sports person, which was so well captured in a letter I received last week. I'll let these words speak for themselves:

Dear Mr Drumm

I am writing regarding one of your students who competed at the recent NZ Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships in Christchurch. My daughter who is in year 8 is relatively new to orienteering and found herself completely lost in the forest during one of the events which was a very scary experience for her. She asked several people to help her find where she was but they all just kept running and didn't answer. Eventually a big boy ran past and she asked him for help and he stopped and spent the time to tell her where she was so she could find her way. When she finished her race (very late) she told me about this and I thought to myself how thankful I was that this boy had been so kind but she did not know who he was other than that he had a blue shirt on.

At the prizegiving at the end of the event my daughter pointed out the boy to me – he was the captain standing up making a wonderful speech thanking the organisers and his coach after his school (Mt Albert Grammar) had won the top schools prize. I just wanted to let you know of his amazing kindness – he was in the middle of a race himself and no doubt lost some time in order to stop and help my daughter.

I think you should be very proud to have students such as him attending your school – it took far greater strength to stop and help a young girl than it did to race past ignoring her and win at all costs, and showed he is a true leader.

I am sorry I do not know his name but he was the only boy who made a speech. I would be grateful if you could pass our thanks on to him and let him know his kindness did not go unnoticed.

Best regards

And a big thank you again to our MAGS Art Show Committee and all who supported this fantastic event last weekend.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm

Minister of Agriculture backs farm



Minister of Agriculture Damien O'Connor visited ASB MAGS Farm on Wednesday and responded positively to the redevelopment plans that include an Agri-food and Fibre Experience Centre.

The \$12 million Experience Centre will be built on the farm and give students and visitors a world-class experience and educational environment with classrooms, an exhibition space and a seminar area.

Its location in central Auckland provides a unique opportunity to connect urban New Zealand with rural New Zealand, something

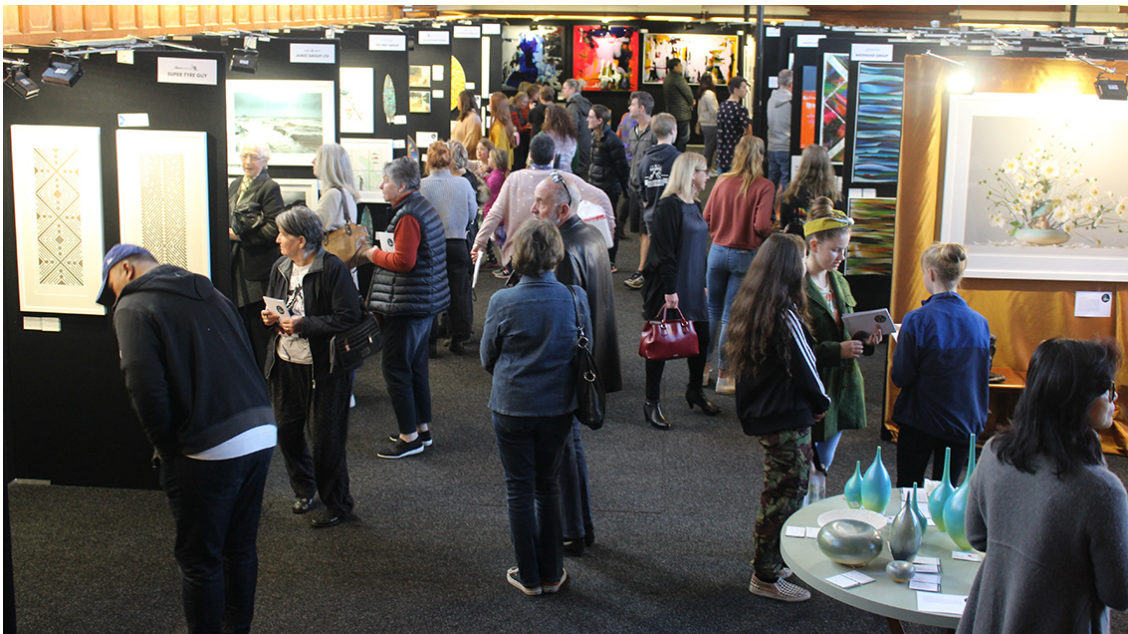
that Mr O'Connor said was vital for the prosperity of the Agri-food and Fibre industries.

The Minister, pictured above talking to students and at right with Experience Centre Development Manager Peter Brice, had a tour of the farm and took time to talk to Agriculture students about the future of the industry and answered their questions before enjoying morning tea with them.

For more about the visit, click [here](#)



Art Show enjoys outstanding support



While organisers are thrilled with the sales figures and crowds at the MAGS Art Show and expect a record result, a final tally of proceeds is still a fortnight away.

Once again, the volunteers who coordinate and stage the show produced a spectacular event, with a flood of positive feedback back from the MAGS community and wider public. Art work from exhibiting artists and students was snapped up, and Gala Night on Friday was sold out.



On Saturday and Sunday, crowds of people enjoyed the displays of art, relaxed with food and drinks at the cafe, and were entertained by student performers.

Funds raised from the show go back into the school, paying for the artist in residence programmes and school infrastructure.

The People's Choice Award was hotly contested at the MAGS Art Show this year; so much so that there was a three-way tie for the best student work of art as voted by the public.

So, the award – sponsored by Active Building Management – goes to Allie Hawsworth (You Are Black), Jessica Gurnsey (Kingfisher) and Willa Meikle (Colour Blind).

All student works were assessed by experienced judges John Gow and Balamohan Shingade in their relevant creative field – painting, digital design, photography, moving image and multi-media pottery. Winners of the various categories will be announced at Assembly next week.

For a video wrap-up of the Art Show courtesy of Steve King at Corporate Media, click [here](#), for photos from Gala Night, click [here](#) and for more Art Show photos, click [here](#)

The Art Show is grateful to the following sponsors:



Get your Green Room tickets now

Starting next Thursday, MAGS presents its first full-length production – *The Green Room* – a musical theatre adventure devised by students to be staged at Centennial Theatre.

Students have been busy rehearsing as well as popping into the MAGS Art Show last weekend to perform sketches as part of a marketing campaign for the show.

The show, which runs Thursday to Saturday at 7pm with a 2pm matinee on Saturday as well, revolves around retiring musical theatre director Steven Stark, who 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](#)



Shave for a Cure next Thursday



Next Thursday lunchtime, some brave students and teachers will line up in the Albertian Quad to have their hair shaved off for charity.

Rumour has it that teachers Greg Cave, Aubrey Coup, Max Denisov, Shaun Bailey, Joe Cavanagh and Theo van Zyl will sacrifice their locks as part of Shave for a Cure, the annual fundraiser for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand.

MAGS takes part each year, and volunteers gather sponsors ahead of the big day – so dig deep for the students and teachers taking part.

Pictured above are some of last year's volunteers, including teachers Ms Henrieta Kajanova, Mr Malcolm Nuttall and Mr Michael Collins, who raised more than \$7300.

Tough Guy/Gal Challenge



Helensville was the destination yesterday for 12PE Performance classes competing in the 2018 Tough Guy/Gal Challenge for their practical performance assessment.

The students had been training hard and had devised a training programme leading up to the event. Some students who trained well found the challenge fun and posted strong times.

Most notable was Genevieve Ryan, who was third overall for the Senior Female 6km category. A few students who struggled to stay committed to their training programmes found the run tough,



but on reflection have realised that hard work does actually pay off.

The course conditions on the day certainly lived up to the event expectations with heavy rain drenching the course for the past couple of weeks, making for tough, muddy terrain and some slippery obstacles. But the sun did finally come out to play just prior to the starting gun. All of the students were exceptional on the trip and a really positive experience was enjoyed by all.

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.

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

MAGS belt bags for sale



MAGS-branded belt bags are available in the Uniform Shop as part of an initiative by a group of Year 13 Business students called MAGS Packs.

Their business plan was to expand the stock at the Uniform Shop in an innovative way and they thought MAGS-branded belt bags would be a good option.

They sourced the product online and had it embroidered with the MAGS lettering by their mentor Blair Dawkins, of Score Sportswear.

The bags retail for \$20 each with the group sharing the income equally except for 15 per cent of the profits going to the Uniform Shop.

Genesis of the Art Show



Last weekend's Art Show was the fifth of its kind.

The first was in 2014, but before that there was an annual Art Auction of student works. The auctions were conducted by auctioneers from Anne Duncan Real Estate. The image above is of the ticket from the last of these events.

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

Enrolments for 2019

To assist with planning for 2019, MAGS would appreciate it if in-zone applications were submitted by 1 October, 2018.

Click [here](#) for the enrolment process.

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](#)

Sports update

National archery champion

Lauren Emirali has won Gold at the 47th Archery New Zealand National Indoor Championships held at Trusts Arena, Henderson last weekend.

The Year 10 student was competing in the Recurve Intermediate Girls Division.

Lauren has been shooting for four years for Mountain Green Archery Club on the summit of Mt Albert. She practises four or five times a week, shooting 500-plus arrows weekly.

She has also represented MAGS, coming first in the College Sports Competition Match Play held at Auckland Archery Club in April.

Lauren holds the New Zealand record for Indoor Intermediate Girls (since July 2018) with a score of 528. The previous record was 511 and had stood since August 2016.

She is aiming to shoot in the Archery New Zealand National (outdoor) Championships held in Auckland in January next year and the World

Indoor Champs to be held in Wellington in April.

Her goal is to be selected to compete for NZ at Trans Tasman 2019.

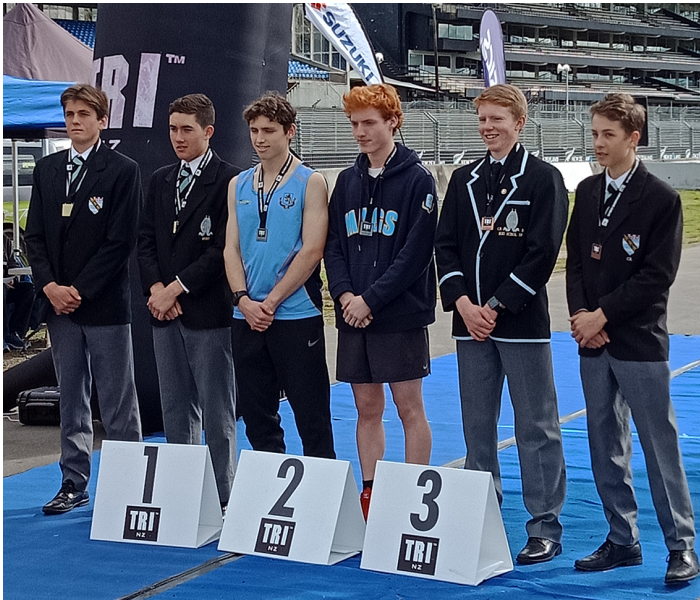
Archery is a rapidly growing sport, and students who would like to get involve can get in touch with Mountain Green Archery Club – www.mgac.co.nz



Duathlon Silver at nationals

The Mount Albert Grammar School team of Liam Thompson and Connor Roulston (pictured left, at centre) won the Silver medal at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Duathlon Championships held at Pukekohe Race track last Sunday in a time of 49:54.

The race, which consisted of a 4.5km run, 17km bike ride and a 2.25km run, was won by Wanganui Collegiate.



Two Road Running titles



Hannah Houghton and a six-strong Junior Girls team have won Gold at the Auckland Road Running Championships at Pulman Park in Takanini.

The change of date for this event – to Tuesday this week – worked out well for MAGS with a team of 23 athletes entering – up from just three athletes in 2017.

Hannah won the Senior Girls event run over 4km, while the Junior Girls triumphed over 3km. And Luke Clements picked up a Bronze in the Junior Boys event over 4km. The medallists are pictured above.

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

Champions in their debut season



In their debut season, the Rugby Girls 10s swept all before them to become champions for 2018.

They won every game during the season, and beat Mount Roskill Grammar 37-17 on Monday in the final on the Sir B.G. Williams Field after leading 17-5 at halftime.

After conceding an early try, MAGS clicked into gear – scoring tries from deep in their own half in a fast and open game.

After sealing the win, the Girls thanked supporters, and their hard-working coaches and managers before being presented with their winner's medals and trophy by Headmaster Patrick Drumm.

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



Hockey Boys U15s win final

A goal from Cooper Taylor 18 minutes from time was enough to give the Hockey Boys U15 the win in their final against Kings College on Monday.

The goal came from a penalty corner and after that the team stayed composed to ensure the 1-0 win.

With his running, Hamesh Govind troubled Kings' defence, while MAGS held firm at the back, including a great save late in the game by the 'keeper.



Rugby League First XIII runners-up

In the grand final of the Auckland Secondary Schools Competition at Mt Smart Stadium on Wednesday, the Rugby League First XIII could not quite get it done despite the backing of an impressive and vocal crowd.

Kelston Boys High School got out to an early lead and the boys could not reel them in, going down 14-6.

With the regular season done, the team is now turning their attention to Tournament Week.

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



Hockey Girls First XI finish third

For the third time this season, the Hockey Girls First XI played Avondale, and for the third time had their number in a play-off for third/fourth.

Within two minutes MAGS had worked the ball around the 'keeper with Ciana Campi deflecting in a great cross from Lulu Grimes. The pressure was then applied by Avondale, and loose marking saw them pounce on a free ball in the circle, and shoot past the 'keeper. Half time score 1-1.

The second half saw MAGS score from a well-worked right layoff corner and Maisy Simpson slotting into the corner. Then on attack, the ball was turned over at a 16 yard hit, which ended up on Lulu Grimes' stick, who dribbled around the defenders, and scored with a nice little reverse flick between the 'keeper's legs.

With the Avondale 'keeper mobile and sliding, Chantel Young put a goal over top of her to take the score to 4-1. The final goal came with Lulu Grimes attacking down the right flank again, straight into the circle to open up, and have it deflected off an Avondale defender straight into the goal. Final score 5-1 MAGS.

TV story about Jack Goodhue's MAGS background

MAGS School House Manager Geoff Moon and his predecessor Chris Metcalfe featured this week in a TVNZ piece on Albertian and All Black Jack Goodhue.

The pair were interviewed to provide an insight into the latest All Black sensation, who boarded at School House and was Head Boy in 2013.

First XV Coach Mr Moon and Mr Metcalfe say in the story that Jack, one of four brothers to board at School House, was always a single-minded, loyal and determined individual. Jack scored a try against Australia in his second test last weekend, and is set to start against them again at centre tomorrow at Eden Park in a game that could decide the Bledisloe Cup.

You can watch the TVNZ story [here](#)



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

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](#)

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



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](#)

General notices

Drowning Prevention Auckland

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11-17yrs

October 2018

FREE school holiday programme - Have fun, make new friends, strengthen your swimming skills and learn how to keep yourself and your mates safer around water. Previous water experience not essential.

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