



From the Headmaster

The Future of MAGS



Year 8 Enrolment Information Evenings were held this week in preparation for our new Year 9 intake in 2019.

The F. W. Gamble Hall was home to hundreds of future MAGS students and their parents for what was the beginning of the induction process for transitioning into our school.

It is always special to gain a first look into the future – the young people who will write the story of MAGS over the next five years and ultimately become the 'Class of 2023'.

A tradition built from almost 100 years of serving the Mount Albert community provides a confident and secure foundation for this next generation of Albertians.

They will be expected to respect and acknowledge our traditions but also to bring their own perspectives, and to add value to our school. They will be charged with making Mount Albert Grammar School even better!

We are expecting 600 new Year 9 students to join us in the year ahead. And there will be many, many more families who, despite demand, cannot be accommodated by the school. This demand is created first and foremost by the presence of a strong culture of academic excellence ... classrooms where quality teachers are highly valued as the leaders of learning.

Teachers are a precious and endangered commodity in the current political climate. MAGS has a long history of outstanding teaching, and our commitment to recruiting and retaining the best teachers in New Zealand will continue as the highest priority in the time ahead.

Thank you to Mount Albert families for choosing our school. Your sons and daughters can move into MAGS with great confidence. The future is bright!

Have a good weekend.

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

Monday, August 6

KBB Music Festival starts

Monday, August 6 – Thursday, August 9

Secondary Schools Peace Week activities (see below)

Tuesday, August 7

Future Pathways Evening, 4pm



Sport

Photo Essays



Basketball Premier Girls v Massey High

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Combined Points Netball Tournament – Premiers, Year 10 Firebirds & Year 9 Mystics

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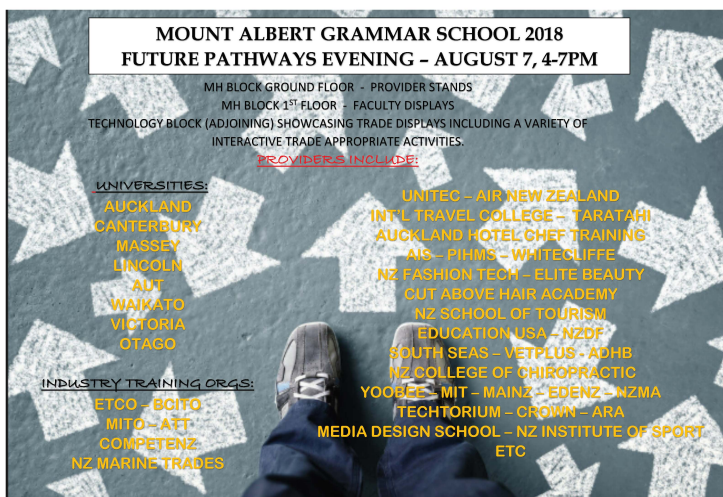
Future Pathways Evening

Parents and students of all year levels are invited to an evening where they can talk to MAGS' faculty heads about courses, and discuss future pathways with representatives of tertiary institutes.

The Future Pathways Evening will be held next Tuesday (August 7) from 4pm to 7pm in the Maurice Hall Building and Technology Block at Mount Albert Grammar School.

This is a great opportunity to talk to MAGS staff about course selections for 2019 and see what is on offer from more than 50 tertiary institutes and industry providers who will be represented on the night.

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



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.

Students take up the Challenge

Eleven students had a once-in-a-lifetime experience when they organised and undertook a 23-day World Challenge expedition to Laos and Cambodia. Accompanied by teachers Mr Belson and Miss Absolum, the students took part in community work, jungle treks, shopping and sightseeing in the two countries.

They spent a week at a school in the Cambodian city of Battambang, where one group of students did planting and clearing of vegetation, while another group built new pathways and areas around a school restaurant that is partially built. They taught some of the children at the school, and donated \$1000 to the school for roofing. For a report and more photos from the trip, click [here](#)



Art Show up in lights



MAGS Art Show supporter ICG has helped to get free advertising for the show on Lumo digital billboards in central Auckland.

Lumo has provided three digital billboards in Ponsoby and Parnell advertising the show in the two weeks leading up to the event, which runs from August 17-19. Tickets are still available for the popular Gala Night, which opens the Art Show on Friday, 17 August.

This is an R18 event with nibbles and alcohol being part of the ticket price. This event has sold out

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each year, and those attending are the first to view the artworks for sale. Gala Night tickets at \$50 each can be bought [here](#)

This is the fifth year that the Art Show has been held and it will feature exhibits from more than 130 artists and more than 50 students.

Funds raised from the show go back into the school,

and this is the largest MAGS Foundation fundraising event in the school year.

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:



Locked in for Hip Hop World Champs



Six MAGS students are heading to Phoenix, Arizona where they will compete as part of the New Zealand team at the World Hip Hop Dance Championships held from 7-12 August.

Faolan Okan, Remy Sutton, William Tuarae (back row, from left to right), Christelle Ridon, Amelia Worsley and Tai Hemana (front row, left to right) will join 4000 dancers from over 50 countries in the competition.

The four boys will compete in two divisions: Megacrew with their team Yung ID (current NZ champions) and in the Varsity division with Swagganauts. Amelia will also represent Yung ID, and Christelle is part of the team Tribe in the Varsity division. The final, to be held on Sunday, 12 August (NZ time), is expected to be viewed worldwide by millions via livestream.

We will keep you posted on the dancers' progress and share details of the livestream.

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

Arts update for Term 3



Term 3 is truly the Arts Term. With a number of events over the next few weeks, there's something for all.

Tomorrow, at 11.30am at the Pt Chev RSA, the Jazz Band is competing in the Auckland Secondary Schools Jazz Competition.

On Monday and Thursday next week, our musicians will compete in the KBB Music Festival. The Chamber Orchestra (with Milica Moon), Symphony Orchestra (with Leo Jaffrey) and Jazz Band (with Benjamin Sinclair) will be competing during the week.

This is followed in Week 4 by the MAGS Art Show, which features stellar work by our MAGS arts students as well as some amazing art from established artists and some up-and-coming talent.

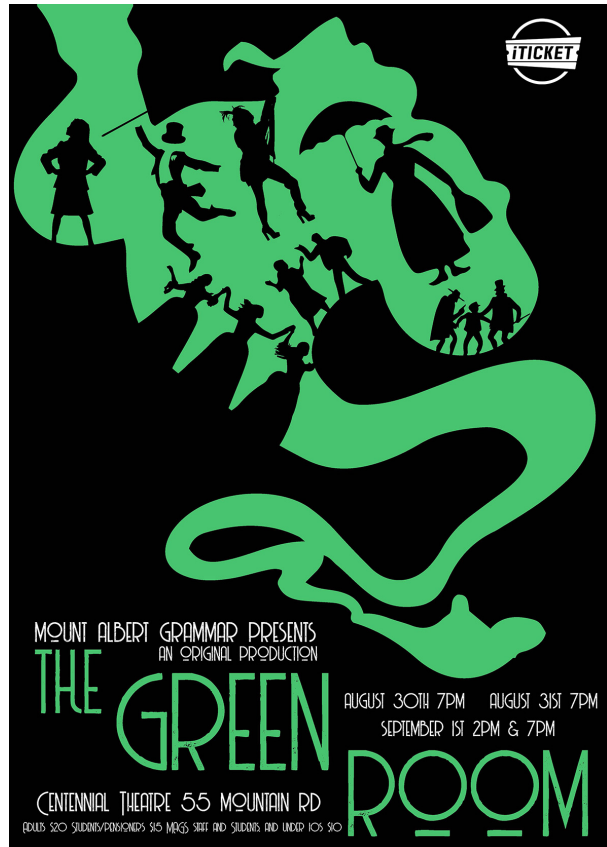
In Week 5, Year 11 Drama students will present their production and then in Week 6 MAGS presents its first full-length production – *The Green Room* – a musical theatre

adventure devised by students to be staged at Centennial Theatre, AGS, from 30 August to 1 September. Tickets go on sale next Wednesday through iTicket.

There will be a code for MAGS staff and students to use for their special price tickets that will be made available next week.

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

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



Peace Week



Next week is Secondary Schools Peace Week, when more than 150 schools around New Zealand celebrate peace in their school community.

MAGS' Peer Mediators 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 is 'Protect our planet', and there will be various activities around the school during the week.

Monday: All students invited to write messages of gratitude, thanks, appreciation and peace etc to students and teachers at the D Block Quad outside the hall during Interval and Lunchtime.

Tuesday: Continuation of message writing on doves at Interval and Lunchtime. There will be chalk drawing of messages and pictures of hope, peace etc in the Albertian Quad at Lunchtime.

Wednesday: Distribution of dove messages by peer mediators during Form Time.

Thursday: Spoken word poetry slam with the theme of peace in the Library at Lunchtime.

Eureka! moment for two students



Shalin Shah and Germain Hellriegel-White have been chosen to compete at the National Finals of the Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards on Thursday, September 6 in Wellington.

They will also participate in the Governor General's Young Science Leaders Forum on Friday, 7 September.

The Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards competition challenges secondary school and tertiary undergrads to deliver a 12-minute presentation about how an application of science or technology will benefit New Zealand's economic, environmental and social well-being.

HoF Science Aase Diegel said that nearly 60 students submitted entries for the 2018 Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards.

"To have two MAGS students amongst the 12 finalists is fantastic – six of the 12 finalists are university students!"

Selection for the National Finals means Shalin and Germain receive a Merit Award of \$1500, compete for the Premier Award Trophy and a total of \$10,000 in personal prize money, become members of the Eureka! Alumni Group, and get to spend time with New Zealand science leaders.

Ms Diegel said, "This is an awesome achievement and is bound to be a memorable occasion for the two students involved."

Pasifika Council joins Rescue Run

MAGS Pasifika Council has teamed up with Youthline to participate in the Rescue Run Youth Division.

A team of our students will enjoy an exciting leadership opportunity that will allow them to get behind a unique, life-saving event, which takes place on Saturday, 8 September.

The Rescue Run is a 15km adventure race of obstacle disaster zones that have been designed by disaster relief and emergency service professionals. The course will be constructed out in the Woodhill Forest to simulate real world rescue scenarios where our students will compete against 20 other secondary schools to successfully complete these challenges.

Our team of six students will need to work together on the course to complete these challenges as well as off the course to help raise funds for Youthline.



Through Youthline they will learn how to support their mates, gain skills to look after themselves and, when times get tough, be leaders of positive change in their school and in their local communities.

The Pasifika Council is committing to raising \$5000 for Youthline, which will go towards helping them to provide critical peer-to-peer support through their free 24/7 Helpline services.

This money will keep their Helpline Services running for 55 hours and help support 166 people. Please support the MAGS team by making a donation [here](#) or by sharing this link with friends and family.

If the MAGS team wins the Youth Division of the Rescue Run, the school will receive a Cisco Spark Technology Package worth more than \$10,000.

Holocaust survivor spreads story



On Tuesday, Holocaust survivor Vivianne Spiegel gave a sobering speech to senior History students in the hall about her wartime experiences.

Mrs Spiegel was the oldest of three Jewish children living in Paris in 1942 when French police rounded her family up to be sent to concentration camps.

Her talk – *After 34 Years: Finding Out What Happened to My Parents During the Holocaust* – detailed the indignities then the atrocities that Jewish families were subjected to under the Nazi regime during World War II.

She and her siblings survived when their mother sent them to the French countryside, where they went into hiding. Her parents died in concentration camps.

Mrs Spiegel, who lives in Melbourne, was on a speaking tour of New Zealand. Her visit to MAGS was organised by HoD History Libby Markham (pictured with Mrs Spiegel).

Mrs Spiegel hopes that sharing her story will do something to stop discrimination and injustice.



Making music in Melbourne



During the school holidays, some of MAGS' musicians travelled to Melbourne for a music tour that saw them take part in workshops and do some sightseeing.

They enjoyed a walking guided tour of Melbourne's art, performing venues, street art, and visits to the Melbourne Zoo and St Kilda Beach.

Workshops included those with a music psychologist who deals with performance anxiety, with Australian rock legend Phil Ceberano, with Paul Guildea from Aussie band Icehouse, and with the Australian Institute of Music lecturers.

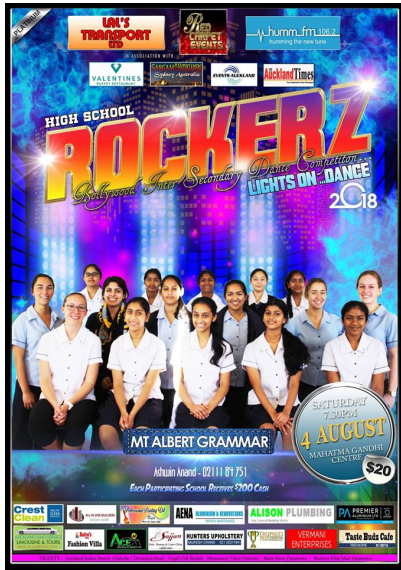
They rehearsed at the iconic Bakehouse Studios where world famous musicians have rehearsed and recorded music, performed at the legendary Central Hotel Club where INXS and Midnight Oil have performed, and did a quick learning experiment with the Replay Music Academy where students had to learn and prepare an unfamiliar song and perform it at a concert at the end of the four-hour session.

The final performance at the Queen Victoria Markets was well received by a supportive and appreciative audience.

HoD Music Milica Moon organised the trip with help from Student Horizons and was accompanied on the trip by staff members Joy Chou (cello), Zach Beard (saxophone) and Soren Wislang (violin).

Ms Moon said, "This trip was a huge learning experience and also students have had lots of fun. They had to quickly learn, to be creative, to be brave and to learn to work with the unfamiliar young Australian musicians. They have learned from some of the finest musicians and crafted great lifelong memories."

Bollywood dance-off



Get along and support MAGS' Indian cultural group, who are performing tomorrow at 7.30pm in the High School Rockerz Bollywood dance competition at the Mahatma Gandhi Centre, Eden Terrace.

Tickets are \$20 for the competition, which will also see prizes given away on the night. For more info, click [here](#).

You can also support the MAGS Indian group by liking and sharing them on Facebook, and help them to win the popularity award by clicking [here](#)

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](#)

1922 First XV Rugby



The above two images are of MAGS' original First XV Rugby team and are a gift from Albertian Bob Kinnear, who has had them newly framed with archival materials.

Bob's father, Les, was a member of the team.

Our archivist Brian Murphy said the jersey is that of Auckland Grammar School, with a Cambridge blue sash. By 1923, the team had its own jersey.

Bob Kinnear's grandfather donated the school bell in 1927. It had been the Mt Albert Fire Station bell.

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

Sports update

Grace Jale offered pro football contract



Albertian Grace Jale has been offered a professional contract by European football club Sparta Prague.

Grace, who is playing for New Zealand at the Women's U20 World Cup in France, is expected to travel to the Czech Republic after the tournament to agree terms with Sparta Prague, who are reigning national champions and regularly feature in the UEFA Women's Champions League.

Director of Football Peter Smith and Girls 1st XI coach Rudy Mozr are delighted at the news, saying it's a vindication of their 'Beyond MAGS' programme.

It was through Mr Mozr's contacts that Grace (2013-17) was introduced to Sparta Prague.

Mr Smith said, "We tell the players that if they commit to the First XI, we'll try to find them an environment relative to their ability so that we can keep them in the game whether it's with an Auckland club, a scholarship to an overseas university or a professional contract."

He added, "Our philosophy is that we want the best for them and we will look after them even after they have left school."

Mr Smith said Grace's rise through the ranks was also an endorsement of the Football programme, with participants being offered weekly sessions of strength and conditioning, pilates, pool recovery and tactical and technical training.

"All that work being put in is now starting to bear fruit."

Mr Mozr said the Football department was trying to build relationships with clubs such as Sparta Prague so they could provide pathways for promising players.

Grace, who was a member of MAGS' national champion Football team during her time at the school, will be joining a club that has been Czech women's national champions 19 times during the past 25 years.

Fencers at Commonwealth Champs



Congratulations to James Butler and Charlie Bioletti, who achieved top eight finishes in the Men's Cadets Epee event at the Commonwealth Junior & Cadet Fencing Championships in Newcastle, England.

In the 21-person NZ squad, James and Charlie (pictured above with MAGS fencing coach Kyle Macdonald) were the two highest finishing NZ Boy Cadets and were two of only four team members from both the U17 & U20 NZ squads to reach the last eight in their individual events. The third MAGS team member, Amey Smith, had a harder time of it and tied for 26th in the Girls Cadet event.

Success at Queensland Pool Rescue Champs

Competing for Orewa Surf Lifesaving Club at the Queensland State Pool Rescue Championships, Isla Marsh came away with a Silver medal at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre.

As the name suggests, the competition takes place in a pool rather than the surf.

Isla won her medal as part of a relay team in the medley. MAGS student Ella Speight was also part of the Orewa team.

Netball Combined Points Tournament



On Wednesday, three teams competed in the Netball Combined Points Tournament at Auckland Netball Centre: Premier 1, the Year 10 Firebirds and the Year 9 Mystics.

The tournament was an excellent chance to try combinations and challenge players before they head into the business end of the season. All teams were undefeated after pool play and won their sections so went on to compete in finals play.

Premier 1 played One Tree Hill College Premiers in their quarter-final. With the score being even at the final siren, they went on to play extra time, going down in the end by two goals.

The Year 10 Firebirds (pictured above) qualified directly to their semifinal against Westlake Girls High School, winning 15-11. The final was against One Tree Hill Year 10s – with the opposition taking the win 23-17.

The Year 9 Mystics played Westlake Girls High Year 9s in their quarter-final. This was a close game with Westlake taking the win 11-9.

For full results from the tournament, click [here](#)

Phoebe Sullivan tags in



Phoebe Sullivan has been selected for the New Zealand Kiwi Tag Blacks Under 21s Women's Tag Football Team who are competing at the ITF Tag World Cup at Coffs Harbour, New South Wales.

More than 30 nations will be represented across various grades at the Tag Football tournament, which takes place from November 1-4.

Lacrosse Premiers finish second



Playing reigning national champions Epsom Girls Grammar away in the final yesterday was always going to be a tough challenge for the Lacrosse Girls Premiers.

EGGS is the only side to have beaten our Premier Girls this year, and they were again too strong, winning 18-5.

Girls captain Aislinn Reid said EGGS had been their biggest rivals the past couple of years but might be ripe for the taking next year as they had a lot of year 13s compared to MAGS young team. Aislinn is the only Year 13 in the team, with the majority from Year 11.

She said they were now preparing for regionals next week, which would be a good build-up for nationals during Winter Tournament week.

Results this week



Another week, another convincing scoreline for the Rugby Girls 10s, who beat Kelston Girls High 53-24 on Monday.

Also on Monday, the Basketball Boys Premiers continued on their winning way with a 63-55 victory over Westlake Boys, but the girls suffered a reversal, going down 78-60 to Westlake Girls. The First XI Football Girls

played at home on Wednesday, coming away with a 3-0 victory over St Cuthbert's.

Also playing at home on Wednesday, the Rugby League 1st XIII beat Wesley College 22-14.

After having a month off playing hockey, the Girls First XI were slow to start against Pakuranga First XI and the opposition took their chances, going up 5-0 by halftime.

The second half saw more fight from MAGS, and Grace Twigley was able to pounce on a free ball in the middle of the circle because of a good lead by Ciana Campi, and work it around the goalie to come back by one. The second goal by MAGS came in the next five minutes with the ball being passed around and, again, worked around the 'keeper for Shivani Unka to score. Final score 7-2 to Pakuranga.

The Hockey Boys 1st XI had a tight tussle with Kristin College but edged them 2-1 on Wednesday.

Premier games this weekend

Both Premier Basketball teams play at St Peter's College tonight, with the Girls up against St Mary's at 6pm, and the Boys facing off with St Peter's at 7.30pm.

Playing at ANC tomorrow at 9.30am, the Netball Premiers take on Howick.

The Football Boys 1st XI play Macleans College at MAGS, tomorrow at noon.

Playing their last 1A game of



the season, the Rugby First XV are away to Kelston Boys High tomorrow at 2.30pm.
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](#)

General notices

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