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From the Headmaster

A Right to be Safe at MAGS



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

Yesterday, the school engaged NZ Detector Dogs to carry out an inspection of our school to ensure our learning environment is drug-free and safe for every MAGS student.

The inspection of the school site complements our 'in-school' programmes, which provide information and guidance to students about making good life choices regarding their health and well-being.

The strong, supportive message sent yesterday to our students contrasted with the release of disturbing annual suicide statistics in New Zealand. That an increasing number of Kiwis are unable to successfully navigate their way through challenging periods in their lives will be of deep concern to all New Zealanders – particularly parents and educators.

The impact of drugs and alcohol on the mental health of young people cannot be underestimated. We want to grow resilient students who can face the normal challenges of life. We want them to engage in healthy coping strategies that build confidence and hope. Furthermore, we need to reinforce the idea that asking for help during times of struggle shows a strength of character.

Trying to mask and withdraw from these challenges through substance abuse must never be a solution.

Our students are facing many mixed messages about the appropriateness of drug-use in our communities but please be assured that the message at MAGS is clear: drugs and learning will never be compatible!

Despite the current hesitation of our political leaders, MAGS will continue to take a lead in protecting the immense potential of our young people.

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar



Wednesday, September 11

Senior Exams start.

For timetable and exam information, click [here](#)

Tuesday, September 24

Arts Alive concert



Sport

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Football Boys 13A2, MAGS

Slavia v Hearts

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Fixtures and results

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Have a good and safe weekend.

Sport trials and registrations

Click [here](#)

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Geographers win four in a row



Pictured above: The winning Year 12 Geography team of Ben Batchelor-Cook, Samantha Persson, Freeman McCall and Aidan Skinner.

MAGS' Geography teams have successfully defended their Auckland quiz titles for the third successive time.

On August 13, St Cuthbert's hosted the Auckland regional round of the National Maatangi Whenua Year 11 Geography competition. Twenty teams from across the region competed in a range of rounds covering topics such as Geography in the news, map and modelling skills, New Zealand and general geographic knowledge. The much-coveted trophy has been won by MAGS for the past three years and so there was stiff competition from other schools wanting the honour of taking it from us.

One of the MAGS teams consisting of Melissa Barnes, Olivia Moody and Bohemia Schollum finished a commendable fifth while scoring the highest mark in the map round. However, it was our team of (pictured below, from left) Caleb Hall, Hamish MacGibbon and Ben Merlini that won the competition – a massive 13 points ahead of second-placed St Mary's, securing the title for the fourth successive year for MAGS.

On August 21, the AGTA Senior inter-school quiz for Year 12 and Year 13 Geography students again had MAGS as three-times champions and the other schools itching to take the title. It was to be a close competition between the 23 teams.

Our Year 13 team consisting of Jack Cavanagh, Matthew Ray, Lilly McCarthy and Amy Barker, many of them quiz novices, finished seventh-equal.

In previous years, the MAGS Year 12 teams had gone to this competition to get practice and experience for the following year.

However, this year's team of Aidan Skinner, Freeman McCall, Ben Batchelor-Cook and Samantha Persson finished four points ahead of a strong Takapuna Grammar side and the trophy returned to MAGS in an unprecedented four-title winning streak.

Geography teacher Donna Hobbs said, "We are already looking forward to defending our titles again next year."



Winter Tournament Week



Winter Tournament Week is upon us, and MAGS has 15 teams competing across 10 sports.

Five Basketball teams are in action – Junior Boys A & B, Junior Girls, and Premier Boys and Girls – and they are all playing at Pulman Arena, Takanini.

For the first time our school is competing in Curling, which takes place at Paradise Ice Skating Rink, Avondale.

MAGS is hosting the NZSS Fencing competition beginning next Friday.

Both Football 1st XI teams are playing down-country with the Girls in Christchurch and the Boys in Napier.

The Hockey Boys 1st XI travel north to Whangarei while the Girls 1st XI are based at North Harbour.

Also playing out at Takanini are the Lacrosse Premier Girls, with their games at Pulman Park. The Rugby League 1st XIII were scheduled to play at Pulman Park also but there competition has been cancelled due to worries about the spread of measles.

The UNISS Tournament for our Netball Premiers takes place at North Harbour Netball Centre.

The NZSS Climbing Championships get underway next week at Rocktopia climbing centre in Mt Maunganui.

The Rugby U15s travel to Napier for their tournament, while the NZSS Olympic Weightlifting is being held in Wellington this weekend.

For regularly updated Winter Tournament Week fixtures and results, click [here](#) and don't forget to check our [Facebook page](#) for updates and photos.

Daffodil Day donations top \$1200



With Health and Well-Being Committee members out selling daffodils and collecting all week, \$1288 was raised for Daffodil Day (officially today). Well done team! All the donations will go to the Cancer Society and help with vital scientific research, as well as funding a wide range of support services, and education and awareness campaigns for people affected by cancer. Since 1990, this iconic event has supported the Cancer Society's work and raised awareness of cancer in New Zealand.

The full Rotorua experience

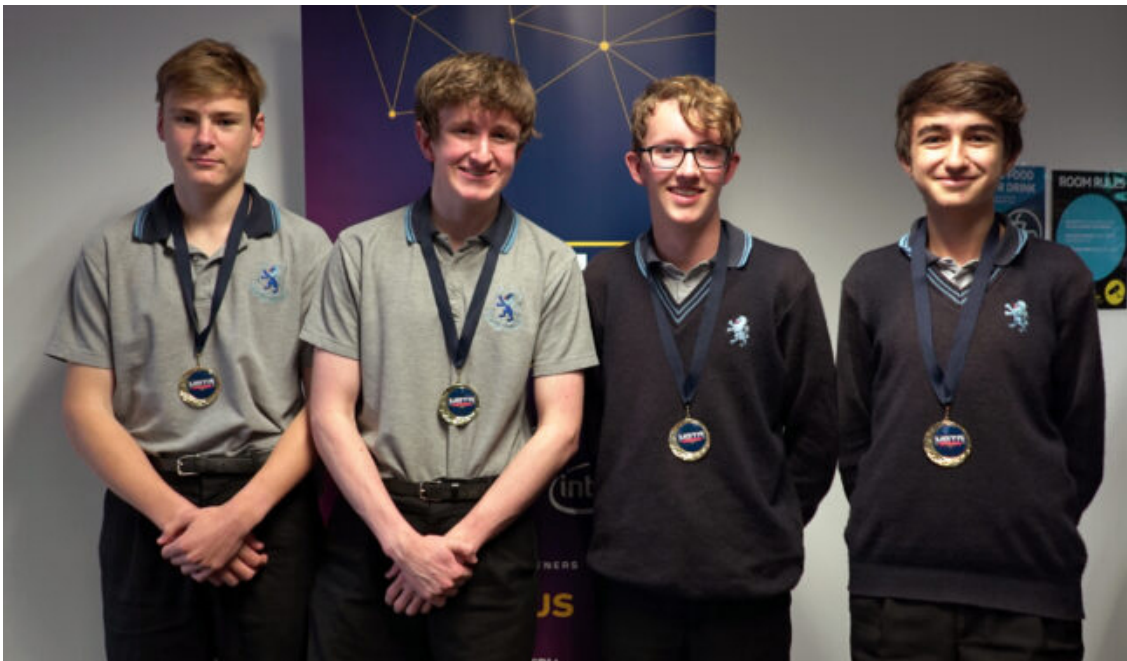


Sixty Level 3 Geography students, accompanied by three staff, recently returned from a two-day field trip to Rotorua. This was an opportunity to gain first-hand insight into the cultural process of tourism development that will be examined in their end-of-year external exam. Students were spoken to by industry experts as well as having an opportunity to



experience a number of attractions that cater for a wide variety of different tourist groups. It was a fantastic way to combine hands-on learning and fun 'out in the field'.

Rocket League team in final



On Sunday, MAGS Pureial will compete against Adelaide's Unley High School to be crowned Rocket League Oceania High School Champions at the Melbourne Esports Open. As finalists, the team of (pictured above, from left to right) Noah Banks, Lewis Duguid, Drew French and Miran Manuchehri has had flight and travel expenses paid to compete in the final in Melbourne.

MAGS Pureial won the New Zealand championship about a month ago – against the MAGS MRLC team of Rahul Hendriksen, Ben Mimms, Luka Jeremic and Xavier Milbank. This qualified them to play a series of round-robin matches against other regional champions

across Oceania.

They managed to make it into the top two across all regions and will be playing in a best-of-five final against Unley High School, who were champions last year.

Rocket League is an online game where rocket-propelled cars play football in a spectacular, cartoonish fashion with flips, explosions and fireworks.

Doing the numbers at Mathex



Last Wednesday, MAGS had four teams of junior mathematicians participate in the annual Auckland Mathex competition at Barfoot & Thompson Stadium in Kohimarama.

Our Year 9 A team (Anatol Coen, Jay McElwee, Matthew Radcliffe and Jules Webb) placed seventh out of 126 teams. They reached the maximum score of 100 in about 22 minutes, a few minutes off placing in the top three.

Our other Year 9 team (Tabitha Freeman, Ella Graves, Emil Hinchliff and Shrey Patel) scored 85 points.

Both our Year 10 teams scored 100 points.

Our boys team (Sai Ashamagari, Josh D'arth, Devendra Johnston and Sam Taylor Sinclair) were actually leading at the 65-point mark but got stuck on one question and ended up placing 12th out of around 120 teams. They reached 100 points in 24 minutes.

Our girls team (Yasmin Lakeman, Sam Pullen, Olivia Wakelin and Vivienne Wong) got to 100 points just a few minutes later.

Laughs aplenty at Theatresports



Above, left to right: Ella Brislen, Max Cumberpatch, David Laxon and Logan Allomes.

On Wednesday night, our Theatresports team competed in a TYP Theatresports Night hosted by Kelston Boys High School.

HOD Drama Gerald Urquhart said, "While we did not win, laughs were shared by all. Our team was commended by the judges for their storytelling ability and listening skills. This night marks the final competitive evening for both Ella Brislen and Theatresports Leader Logan Allomes. They have been committed members of this group since Year 9 and it was wonderful to see them go out this way."

Mr Urquhart added, "If anyone is keen to give Theatresports a go, we have informal workshops taking place in E9 after school on Mondays. All are welcome."

Short-term homestays required

We have four lovely Colombian boys coming to MAGS – arriving on October 19 and departing on December 16.

The Colombian boys – aged 13 and 14 – would love a family experience so we are looking for families who would like to include the boys in their family life.

We are looking for a homestay for each of the boys. Remuneration is \$310 per week.

If you are interested, please contact the International Homestay Office at homestay@mags.school.nz

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. Click on the link [here](#) to the post on the MAGS Facebook page to see who is talking about the cocktail party and who is interested in going.

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.

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.

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](#)

Sports update

Orienteering Boys top nationwide



Another amazing effort from the Orienteering Boys team, who successfully defended the Top Boys Secondary School Trophy at the NZSS Orienteering Championships held last weekend in Auckland.

This year, the Girls team joined them on the podium for the first time, placing third in the Top Girls Secondary School competition.

In the Relays, MAGS Boys were National Champions in the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Boys grades, with MAGS' second Senior Boys relay team winning Silver.

In the Girls Relays, for the first time ever MAGS had a podium placing with the Junior Girls Relay team gaining Silver.

In the Long Distance, Mitchell Cooper was second in Senior Boys, and Jay McElwee third in Junior Boys.

In the Sprint Distance, Luke Clements was first in Intermediate Boys, and Jay McElwee third in Junior Boys.

MAGS Orienteering team is managed by Neill McGowan with coaching from Albertian and New Zealand representative Kieran Woods.

Five MAGS students (Adam Bateman, Mitchell Cooper, Luke Clements, Sam Taylor Sinclair and Daniel Wood) have been selected for the New Zealand Schools team to compete in Australia later this year.

Rugby Girls back-to-back champions



Congratulations to the MAGS Rugby Girls 10s on winning back-to-back titles in the Auckland Secondary Schools Competition, and going through another season undefeated. The Girls beat Howick College 58-12 in the final at Orakei Domain last weekend.

Swimmers at World Champs



MAGS had two swimmers at the FINA World Junior Championships in Budapest, with Brearna Crawford representing New Zealand and Bede Aitu the Cook Islands.

Bede swam personal best times – and set Cook Islands records – in the 50m Backstroke and the 100m Backstroke during the heats but did not make the finals.

Swim Coach Paul Kent, who was part of the NZ team, said, "Brearna worked extremely hard in her preparation for the World Junior Championships and sometimes things pop up that test your character, and the outcomes don't always go the way you had hoped for or dreamed about.

"Bre fought hard to find her form and she should feel very proud of the resilience and work ethic that she displayed while representing her country. Bre is back in the pool and refocused on performing well for MAGS at the NZ Secondary School Swimming and NZ Short Course Championships over the coming weeks."

Her results at the championships were: 21st /64 – 50M Breast, 24th /70 – 100m Breast, 24th /60 – 200m Breast.

James Dougal scores Bronze



James Dougal continued his good form this year when he came third in the Elite Men's trampoline division of the NZSS Trampolining held last Sunday at Tristar Gym, Mount Roskill.

Albertians playing college basketball



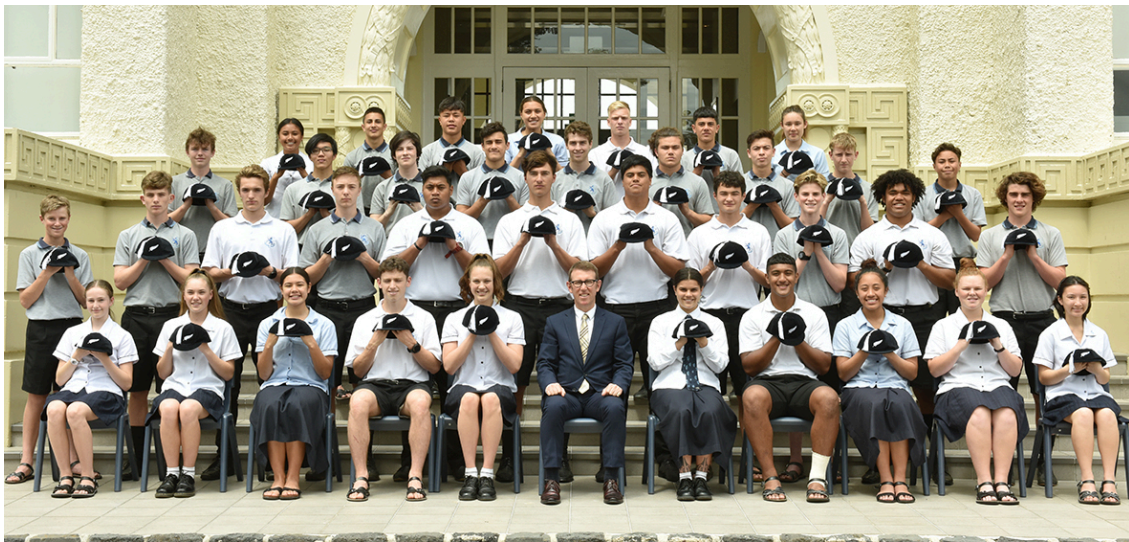
Three of our talented 2018 Year 13 Premier Basketball Girls have been signed to colleges in the United States.

Albertians (from left) Sharne Robati (Utah State Eastern Basketball, Utah), Tessa Talo-Tomokino (North Eastern State Basketball, Oklahoma), and Jada Manase (Mineral Area Basketball, Missouri) have now started their freshman year at their US colleges.

Rugby finals this weekend

Well done to the 1R and U15 Restricted rugby teams, who have made it through to their finals and play Tangaroa College and St Peter's College respectively with both games kicking off at 1.15pm tomorrow at Marist Rugby Club. Good luck boys!

Black Caps nominations



Nominations are open for MAGS' Black Caps. To be eligible:

- You must have represented New Zealand between the 24 October, 2018 and the 23 October, 2019.
- You must have played in a game/sport
- Non-playing or paper teams do not count
- You must be a current MAGS student when you competed in the event

You can register your nomination [here](#)

Applications close 24 October 2019. Applications after 14 October will be acknowledged but names will not appear in the Sports Dinner programme.

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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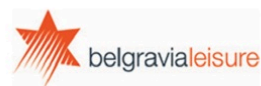
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Girl Guiding currently has spaces for girls in its Waitemata Rangers, and would welcome any girl between 12.5 to 17 years old who would like to come along and visit, and check out the activities on offer.

Please visit their website [here](#) and register your interest – they would love to hear from you.

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