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From the Headmaster

Weekly Notices

The Green Room



Key Dates



Centennial Theatre at Auckland Grammar School was the place to be last evening for the Opening Night of the Mount Albert Grammar School Production of *The Green Room*.

This 'high-energy' musical production showcases MAGS performing artists at their best. Under the guidance of MAGS staff, our students have been responsible for writing and producing an original show that celebrates many of the great musicals of the past.

The talent and confidence of all involved in the production is astounding!

This is simply a performance not to be missed and tickets can be purchased through the link in this newsletter.

Winter Tournament Week is upon us with many MAGS students competing in their respective regional and national sporting tournaments. I am grateful to staff, coaches and parents who are supporting our students throughout next week. Play hard – and remember the ultimate measure of success will be about keeping our 'MAGS Way' values to the fore in the sporting arena!

Thank you to all of our artists and sportspeople who continue to add so much to the culture of MAGS.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

Saturday, September 1

School production *The Green Room*, Centennial Theatre, 2pm & 7pm, click [here](#) for tickets



Sport

Photo Essays



Basketball Premier Girls v Auckland Girls Grammar, Final
Click [here](#)

Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Get your Green Room tickets now

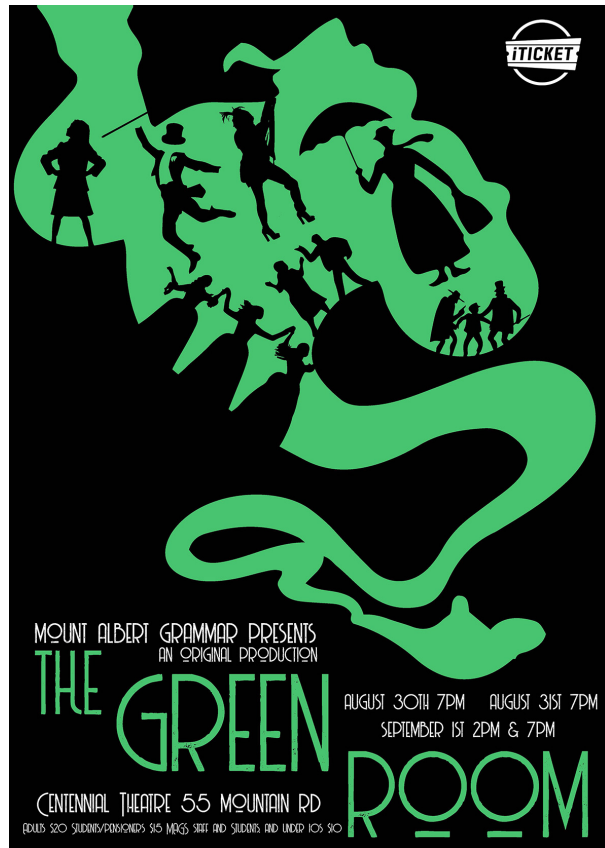


Tickets have almost sold out for tonight's and tomorrow night's performances of *The Green Room*, but tickets are still available for the Saturday matinee.

The musical theatre adventure devised by students opened at Centennial Theatre last night to a great reception. With sessions tonight at 7pm and tomorrow at 2pm and 7pm, the show 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 MAGS' talented performers for a heart-warming and hip-swinging tale about the young, the old, and everyone in between.

For tickets, click [here](#)



Hair today, gone today



At lunchtime today and yesterday, some brave students and teachers sacrificed their locks in the name of charity, raising about \$3000 in the process.

They went under the clippers in the Albertian Quad – drawing a large and enthusiastic crowd – to raise funds for 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, trying to raise awareness about cancer and bring in money for the charity.

For more photos, click [here](#)

Simon Bridges tours school



Leader of the Opposition Simon Bridges visited MAGS yesterday morning, taking a tour of the school and talking to staff and students.

Mr Bridges, accompanied by National Party MP Melissa Lee, was keen to hear about the issues facing the school, staff and students.

He also dropped in on a class, and gave a speech to students in the hall before conducting a Q&A session that covered areas such as housing, education, the environment, and

National Party policy.

He told the assembled boys and girls that he grew up in Te Atatu and went to a State school. He wasn't the most academic, sporty, good-looking or coolest kid at school, but he knew what he wanted and was prepared to put in the work to achieve his goals, becoming a lawyer before moving into politics.



Art Show winners



Judges Balamohan Shingade and John Gow had the tough job of picking the best student works of art in a variety of categories at the MAGS Art Show.

The pair deliberated over the works during the day on the Friday before the Art Show opened for Gala Night. And the awards went to:

Painting

1st – Emily Sharpe – “Portrait” – Yr 12 (at right)

2nd – Alisa Coulson – “Sorry I Made You Lie” – Yr 13

3rd – Isaak Glynn – “1963 Was a Long Year” – Yr 13

Photography

1st – Jesse Pilcher – “Surfers Garage” – Year 13 (main picture above)

2nd – Jade Chambers – “Maggie” – Year 12

3rd – Karissa Tapu – “Toy Soldier” – Year 13

Design

1st – Grace Twigley – “Shady” – Y13 (lower right)

2nd – Kendra Smith – “Ashes to Ashes” – Y13

3rd – Lulu Qiu – “Purple Rain” – Y13

Top Junior

Pip Hawksorth – “Mt Albert” – Y9

Highly Commended

Nathan Burton – “Western Waves” – Y13

Ryan Snook – “Chapstick” – Y12

Porcia Meredith – “Embracing Hiapo” – Y13

Lauren Appleby – “Ivy” – Y11

Rosie Veldkamp – “Stinging Colour” – Y11

Teacher Awards

1st – Minseong Kang – “Beautiful Creatures”

2nd – Arien Okan – “Silence”

3rd – Ryan Snook – “Freed”

Moving Image Prize

Jacob Reynold Muir

Denzel Kelemate

Ella Brislen

Pottery Award

Isaac Young-Montgomerie

People’s Choice Award

Three-way tie with equal votes for:

Allie Hawksworth – “You Are Black”, Jessica Gurnsey – “Kingfisher”, Willa Meikle – “Colour Blind”.



Year 10 course selections for 2019

Option selection for students in Year 10 in 2019 will open next Tuesday, September 4. Form Teachers will work with all Year 9 students during Form Period to introduce them to the MAGS SchoolPoint tool and show them how it works. An email will be sent to all Year 9 parents next Tuesday with information about how to access and log into SchoolPoint and the option selection process. The deadline for Year 10 option selection is Friday, September 14.

Senior Exams timetable

Senior exams begin Wednesday, 12 September and run to Friday, 21 September.

Students have been given a copy of their timetable, and arrangements should have been made for students who have exam clashes. You can download a copy of the exam timetable by clicking [here](#). Students are on exam leave during this time and normal lessons resume on Monday, 24 September.

Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students must only attend school to sit an examination or, with the written permission of a staff member, for tutorial or study purposes. At all other times they must be at home studying.

Students are not permitted to be at St Lukes mall during the school day or at the mall in school uniform.

All students need to check the timing of their exams carefully as they vary from normal lesson times – in particular on Thursday, 13 September and Thursday, 20 September.

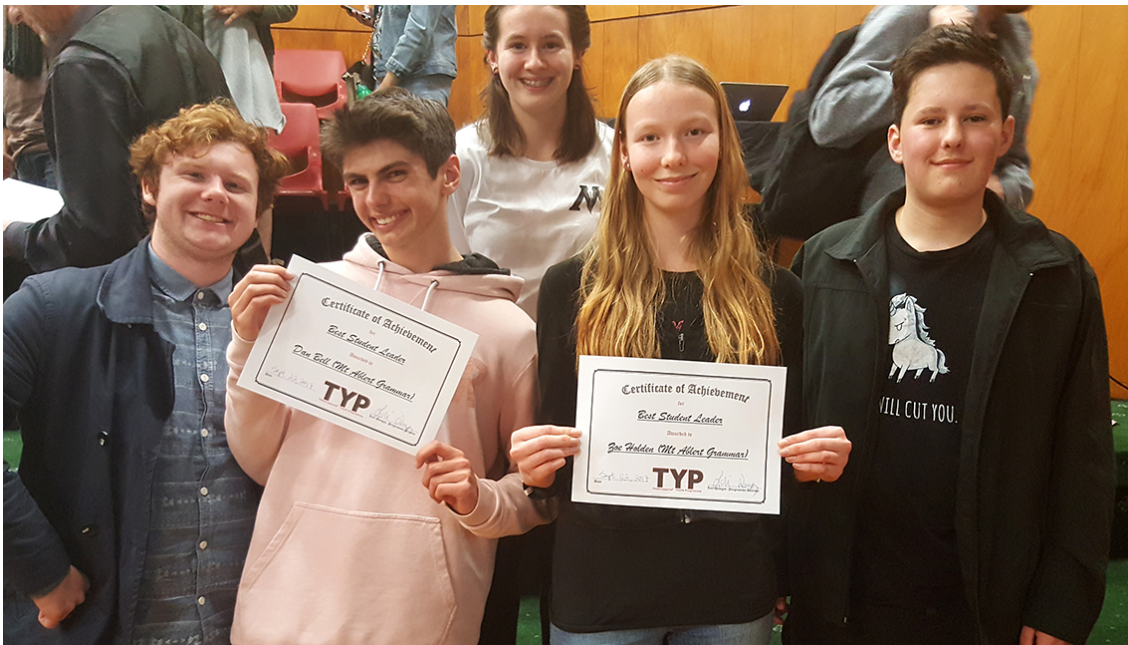
Correct uniform must be worn to exams. Students will not be admitted to an examination in incorrect uniform.

The purpose of these exams is to provide evidence of the prerequisites required for entry into courses for 2019 and as such they should be treated with the same importance as the external examinations at the end of the year. In addition, they give an indication of progress to date and clear strategies for improvement before the final exams in November.

Some students sitting Scholarship examinations may have their exam on Monday, 24 September or Tuesday, 25 September if necessary.



Theatresports showdown



Next Wednesday, MAGS' performers will be giving it everything at one of the Festival Nights as part of the Theatresports Youth Programme.

The event is being staged at St Kentigern College and begins at 6pm and is open to the public.

This is the major Theatresports competition for the region, and at the completion of the Festival Nights four teams will be invited to compete in the Auckland Final.

Tramping Te Henga Walkway



As part of the Year 10 Outdoor Education 'Tramping' unit, students recently hiked the Te Henga Walkway in the Waitakere Ranges, which connects Te Henga/Bethells Beach and Muriwai Beach.

This enabled them to use their skills and knowledge developed in an outdoor environment.

The day tramp was along an easy to moderate grade 10km track and took around four hours.

Students were tasked with preparing themselves with the most suitable clothing, equipment and food for walking along the beautiful but exposed Auckland West Coast. Click [here](#) for a video of one of the days, made by student Katie Hughes.

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.

First XI Cricket Champions 1935



—Crown Studios

FIRST XI.—1935. WINNERS SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.
Back Row: L. G. McDonald, N. L. Kingstone, C. W. Rowntree, A. H. Smith.
Middle Row: Mr. J. G. Brown, C. A. Thom, A. T. M. Williamson, A. R. Ki-kham,
J. E. Mills, Mr. W. Caradus.
Front Row: D. D. Taylor, A. Stewart, G. W. Burgess (Capt.), N. H. Stacey,
L. R. Mayn.

Here are 13 boys and two men frozen in time.

JG Brown was Head of English and Senior Housemaster at the same time. W Caradus became the second Headmaster. Brown edited three poetry anthologies, and Caradus wrote two science books. All were widely used for many years.

Don Taylor played cricket for New Zealand; Graham Burgess is a member of the School's Hall of Distinction. Norm Kingstone was one of eight members of his family to attend the

School. Lloyd McDonald came back to teach here for four years; and Charlie Thom was a prisoner of war for four years.

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

Auckland Basketball Champions



MAGS' Basketball Girls Premiers are Auckland Champions after beating their perennial rivals Auckland Girls Grammar 59-52 in last Friday night's final at the North Shore Events Centre.

They are now gearing up for Regionals during Winter Tournament Week next week, with their first game against Mount Roskill Grammar on Wednesday at North Shore Events Centre.

The Basketball Boys Premiers also played in their competition final last Friday, finishing as runners-up against an in-form Rosmini College. For a photo essay, click [here](#)

The Boys also play their first game next Wednesday at North Shore Events Centre in Winter Tournament Week – against Selwyn College.

Winter Tournament Week

Next week is a full-on week of sport with 15 teams competing across 10 sports all over the country.

Locally, the Basketball Premier Boys, Girls and Junior Premier Boys will be playing at the North Shore Events Centre.

MAGS has competitors in Gymsport, taking place at Tri Star Gym, Mt Roskill.

At Pulman Park, Takanini, the Rugby League First XIII will be trying to build on their strong season when they were runners-up in the Auckland championship.

And make sure to come down to MAGS to see the Rugby U15 Colts, who are playing their games on the Sir BG Williams Field.

In other parts of the country, MAGS' champion fencers will be competing in Christchurch, as will the Football Boys First XI.

The Football Girls First XI are based in Taupo for Tournament Week.

Hockey Boys and Girls' First XIs are playing in Rotorua and Carterton respectively.

Hillcrest High, Hamilton is the venue for the Lacrosse Premier Girls' team, while the Netball Premiers are competing in Mt Maunganui.

The Underwater Hockey Junior Open team will be based in Rotorua for their competition.

For a full list of fixtures and results, which will be constantly updated during Winter Tournament Week, click [here](#)

Rugby Finals tomorrow

Tomorrow, the Rugby First XV take on Takapuna Grammar at Takapuna in the Rugby Blues Co-Ed Final, with kickoff at 12pm.

If they win, they go on to play in Winter Tournament Week at Massey University, Palmerston North against other Co-Ed qualifiers from around the country.



Earlier in the day, the U15s face off against Sacred Heart College in their final at 10.40am on Marist Rugby Club's No.1 Field.



League awards winners



Four players and the manager from the Rugby League First XIII were recognised at the College Sports Rugby League Awards. Moala Graham-Taufa was named Fullback of the Year, Elijah Ieriko Second Rower of the Year, Sam Kamu had the double honour of being named MVP of the Premier Competition and Winger of the Year, and Lani Graham-Taufa was Centre of the Year. At the rear of the picture are First XIII Captain Emmanuel Kelly, and Manager of the Year (and MAGS teacher) Daniel Lynch.

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

SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

MAGS Melbourne
Football Tour 2019

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

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From the Football Office
OR email jan@aeroplanemusic.co.nz

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Drowning Prevention Auckland

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Break-Away Holiday Programme

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.

**Franklin Pool & Leisure Centre
Manurewa Pool & Leisure Centre
Mt Albert Aquatic Centre**

Mon 1st, Tue 2nd, Wed 3rd, Thurs 4th October

9.00am - 2.30pm daily.

Includes FREE lunch

To Register email: Splash@dpanz.org.nz



Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-in basis. Registration essential.

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- aquatic games
- beach safety
- snorkeling

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Email: Splash@dpanz.org.nz

Enrolment forms available from
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