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From the Acting Headmaster

Key Dates

Doing what is right

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Kia orana, tēnā koutou ki te whānau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

Every day, many of our young people find themselves facing choices that can test confidence, character, and integrity. At school this can be in the classroom, on the stage, field or court and be as simple as choosing whether to do one's best or just enough. It is fair to say that in most

situations we seek success, we seek to do what is right.

It is fitting that integrity sits centre in our MAGS Way, MAGS PRIDE values.



Integrity - simply put - Do what is right, not what is easy. As adults, we know this concept can be a challenging test of character, and it is therefore important that we actively seek to be the consistent wise voices guiding our young people as they navigate their choices.

This week our Year 12 students participated in the Loves-Me-Not Workshop, the focus of which is healthy relationships. A collaboration by MAGS staff with NZ Police, it provided facts, advice and guidance around challenging conversations. Integrity came to the fore as a key value when making tough decisions, especially when involving family or friends.

Monday, August 7

KBB Music Festival begins



Monday, August 14 to

Thursday, August 17

Level 2 Drama production of *Count Dracula*, PAO2, 6.30pm

Tuesday, August 15 and

Wednesday, August 16

Arts and Cultural Photos

Monday, August 28

Winter Tournament Week begins

Sport

When asked what was most important, feedback from students has been mature and reflective '... made me realise I need to speak up for friends and make sure they are safe in their relationships' ... 'Learning how to be an active bystander was important to me' ... 'Often people are afraid to reach out for help because of the fear of getting in trouble' ... 'built a positive view of the police' ... 'a unique opportunity to ask questions that teachers may not be able to answer fully'.

And today, our Year 13 students were addressed by 2018 Deputy Head Prefect Rosarina Pillissi. She encouraged all to make sure that whatever they are doing now – actions and/or attitude – is contributing to their future goals and aspirations. Rosarina has a proven record of walking her own talk – currently in her second year of Med school having completed conjoint Science and Health Science degrees.

With final exams approaching, our students know that doing what is necessary for their success, might not be the easiest, but know it to be the right choice.

Finally, to those taking to the fields or courts across the weekend, integrity means enjoying yourself, playing hard, respecting your opposition and – and win or lose - being your best self.

Enjoy your weekend.

Jo Williams
Headmaster – Acting

Our Lion Fund programme aims to provide financial support to allow every MAGS student to access the breadth of opportunities we offer at our school.

Donate to the Lion Fund now

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Art Show a huge success



A massive thanks and congratulations to our MAGS Art Show Committee (pictured above) for another wonderful event last weekend, kicked off by the Gala Evening on Friday.

The Art Show sales team was busy as visitors snapped up works by exhibiting artists and pieces by students on Friday evening and over Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds from the show will go towards supporting the Visual Arts and Performing Arts at MAGS.

Year 12 student Misaki Nakamura was the People's Choice winner for her painting *Peko Peko* (pictured right). You can see all the student category winners for painting, design and photography [here](#)



Artists inducted into Hall of Distinction



Five prominent and celebrated Albertian artists were inducted into the Hall of Distinction last Friday.

Albertians Association President John Kay (pictured above and with Stanley Palmer at right) welcomed inductees, their families and guests to the event in the W.O.H. Gibbs Room, and the citations for the inductees were read by Mr Gibbs himself.

Board of Trustees member Greg Moyle said he was delighted that Mount Albert Grammar School was able to recognise such prominent Albertians, who had each produced significant bodies of work and inspired others.



The five inductees were:

John Puiatau Pule ONZM (1974-1975) – Accepted on behalf by Greg Moyle
For services to art and literature

Stanley Arthur Palmer ONZM (1950-1953)
For services to painting and printmaking

Stephen Bambury (1968-1969) – Accepted on behalf by wife Jan Bambury
For services to painting

Billy Apple ONZM NZ Icon (1948-1951) – Accepted on behalf by partner Mary Morrison
For services to pop art

John Stanley Edgar ONZM (1964-1968) – Accepted on behalf by partner Ann Robinson
For services to sculpture

The Hall of Distinction was established in 1997 as part of the 75th Jubilee celebrations. Membership of the Hall is an honour for past masters of the School who have significantly contributed to the spirit of the School and for Albertians in recognition of their efforts and achievements in the community.

To see more photos from the event, and to find out more about the five new inductees and the Hall of Distinction, click [here](#)

Count Dracula rises again



The last senior Drama production of the year, *Count Dracula*, runs from August 14-17 with two casts performing on alternate nights.

Written by Ted Tiller and based on the infamous literary figure of Dracula, this play is set in England in the 1930s in an asylum, and is not necessarily suitable for primary-aged children.

Tickets are now available and can be booked by emailing HOD Drama Miss Hughes – chughes@mags.school.nz. There are no door sales so please email Miss Hughes with how many tickets you'd like and for which night. There will be Eftpos and cash sales to pay for booked tickets on the night.

Arts Calendar for Term 3

WEEK	DATE (S)	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
4	7 TH AUGUST	KBB FESTIVAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRE	HOLY TRINITY	10.30AM
4	7 TH AUGUST 3PM	KBB FESTIVAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA	ST MARY'S	3PM
4	9 TH AUGUST	KBB FESTIVAL JAZZ BAND	ST MARY'S	11.30 AM
5	14-17 AUGUST	LEVEL 2 DRAMA PRODUCTION	PAO2	6.30PM
6	25 TH - 27 TH AUGUST	THE BIG SING FINALE	Auckland Town Hall	TIMES FOR MAGS TBC
9	18th SEPTEMBER	DANCE SCHOLARSHIP SHOW	PA02	Time TBC

Rockquest finalists

Year 13 Modern Music students William Tinnock-Jones and Solomon Woods and their band Parkdale made it into the national final of Rockquest this week. The boys had some tough competition with over 800 bands competing to be in the top 10 and are working hard to be number one at Rockquest, a nationwide band competition with the winners receiving a grant of \$10,000 in music equipment, recording in a professional studio, plus production of a music video. Parkdale is an indie-rock band based in Auckland that has recently been recording music with award-winning producer Ben Lawson, while steadily building their fanbase. The boys love playing gigs and have a very supportive fanbase, selling out headliner gigs every month.



You can get along and support them in the final at Q Theatre on September 16.



Albertian promotes Scholarship



Albertian Rosarina Pillissi, who was a Deputy Head Prefect in 2018, returned to MAGS today to speak to Year 13s at assembly and urge them to take Scholarship exams this year. Rosarina, who is studying Medicine at University of Auckland, said she never regretted taking on two Scholarship papers despite the challenges involved with that.

She sat Scholarship Biology and English, gaining a Scholarship in Biology. She has since completed a double degree – a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Health Science – and is now in her second year at Medical School.

Rosarina said students should test their capabilities by taking on Scholarship exams, which were great preparation for further studies, and push themselves to see what they could achieve.

She also spoke about making positive choices and always keeping your eyes on the prize. Year 13s were also treated to a rendition of Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony* by our Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Mr Bingham. The orchestra (pictured below) is competing at the KBB Music Festival next week.



Toughest guys and gals



Some great results from our Year 12 PE students helped MAGS take out the Tough Guy/Gal competition at Kumēu yesterday.

MAGS fielded 100 students, with top results coming from Maia Lythe (second), Olivia Tattersfield (ninth), Millee Loxton (12th), Sam Carryer (first), Oscar Vink (third) and Hunter Sutton (seventh).

The Roar chronicles student life



MAGS students have been busy writing articles and creating photo essays for the online student newspaper *The Roar*.

As well as publishing articles about school news and arts and culture, *The Roar* has been profiling our Prefect Executive, including a piece about Kaloni Tovo, pictured above.

You can read *The Roar* [here](#)

Get your tickets for Quiz Night

MAGS
QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 18 AUGUST
5:30-9PM

FW GAMBLE HALL

The Village
Community Services Trust

▼ TICKETS ▼
\$60 early bird table of 8 (until August 11)
\$80 for table of 8 people (after August 11)
\$10 on the night per person

PIZZA SALES!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
VILLAGE TRUST CHARITY

PRIZES TO BE WON 🏆
spot prizes, best dressed first
second third

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL & VAPE FREE EVENT

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Tickets are now available at the Finance Office for the MAGS Quiz Night on Friday, August 18.

This is always a fun occasion with prizes for the best outfits and lots of spot prizes – in amongst the quest to be named MAGS Quiz Night champion.

There will be drinks and pizzas available for purchase on the night.

Proceeds from the event go to The Village Community Services Trust (led by Maliena and Sir Michael Jones), which supports Pasifika youth and families in Auckland by providing food parcels, mentoring and family support.

If you cannot be there on the night and you wish to support Quiz Night with donations or prizes, please email Acting Associate Principal John Stradwick jstradwick@mags.school.nz

Outward Bound opportunity

FULLY FUNDED OUTWARD BOUND COURSES

Outward Bound runs Adapted courses for secondary school students with disabilities.

These courses are fully funded. The only costs for the students are getting a pre-course medical done by a GP/Nurse Practitioner and getting themselves to and from Picton.

These courses are based in the Marlborough Sounds. Students build confidence, resilience, and make new friends through activities such as sailing, waka ama, ropes course, and camping.

We are now taking enrolments for the following 2024 courses:

YOUTH HORIZONS

A 6 day course for youth with an intellectual disability aged 16-21 years.
Sat 6 - Thurs 11 January 2024

LEAPS & BOUNDS ACTIVATE

A 8 day course for physically disabled youth (13-16yrs) to attend with a parent or caregiver. **Sun 7 - Sun 14 April 2024**

YOUTHACTIVATE

An 8 day course for physically disabled youth aged 16-18 years.
Sat 20 - Sat 27 April 2024

Contact us for more information

Email: adapted@outwardbound.co.nz
Freephone: 0800 688 927

www.outwardbound.co.nz/adapted



Outward Bound Adapted Courses



Out-of-zone enrolments for 2024

The Mount Albert Grammar School Board of Trustees may approve a limited number of out-of-zone enrolments for 2024.

Applications for out-of-zone enrolments for 2024 must be received by **4.00pm, Wednesday, 30 August, 2023**. Should a ballot be required for out-of-zone enrolments, this will occur on Wednesday, 6 September, 2023.

Out-of-zone applications use the same online application procedure as in-zone students. However, out-of-zone applications do not require the completion of the in-zone Statutory Declaration Form or provision of proof of residence.

More information about enrolment [here](#)

Sports Update

Upcoming Premier Sport



Today, our Squash Boys Premiers started playing their NZSS tournament on the North Shore, with a game against Ruapehu College earlier in the day. The Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams are away to St Kentigern at 6pm and 7.30pm respectively. The Football Boys 1st XI play Auckland Grammar at Crum Park Turf at 7pm tonight.

On Saturday, the Netball Premiers play Avondale College at the Auckland Netball Centre at 9.30am, while the Rugby Boys 1st XV are away to St Kentigern at 2.30pm.

On Monday, the Hockey Girls 1st XI play an away game to St Cuthbert's 2nd XI at 3.45pm, the Rugby Girls 1st XV have a home semifinal against Manurewa High at 4pm, and the Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams are in action again – at EGGs – with the Boys playing St Peter's at 6pm and the Girls facing EGGs at 7.30pm.

On Tuesday, the Football Boys Seniors play a Knockout Cup semifinal away to Selwyn College at 3pm.

On Wednesday, our Rugby League 1st XIII have another home game against Avondale College at 4pm, this time for a 7th/8th playoff. The Football Girls 1st XI have an APC Cup game against EGGs at EGGs at 4pm, and the Hockey Boys 1st XI play Rangitoto College at North Harbour at 6.20pm.

On Thursday, the Hockey Girls 1st XI play St Mary's College at 5.10pm at North Harbour.

For updated fixtures and results, click [here](#)

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