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From the Headmaster

Youth Peace Week



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

Youth Peace Week has been celebrated at MAGS with a number of student-led activities and initiatives aimed at highlighting the importance of MAGS as a peaceful and respectful community.

A key theme for the week has been how we utilise technology to support this goal. Mobile devices place an almost unlimited power into the hands of our young people – and, like so many of the tools of communication, used well they can help to build people up. Equally, these tools have the potential to drag our community down.

Every day our students are confronted with moral and ethical dilemmas as they interact with electronic media. Impulsive reactions and responses to online material can quickly lead to both an increase in conflict within their community – and an inner conflict within individuals.

Furthermore, as parents we can often feel disconnected and void of ways to support our sons and daughters through this virtual world.

Youth Peace Week offers an opportunity to reflect on the obligation we have to use technology to support the 'right' culture at MAGS.

Used positively (and in moderation), technology can create a more peaceful environment for us all. Dare I suggest our young people even turn off their mobile devices for a time this weekend and enjoy some inner peace?

Have a peaceful weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Monday, August 12

KBB Music Festival starts

Friday, August 16

MAGS Art Show Gala Evening,
6.30pm, FW Gamble Hall

Saturday August 17 &

Sunday August 18

MAGS Art Show



Sport

Photo Essay



Netball Combined Points Tournament

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Sport trials and registrations

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Symbols of Peace



Peer Mediators (from left): Alyssa Houma, Caitlin Baber, Jade Chambers and India Bulman.

Students celebrated Youth Peace Week with a range of activities including writing messages of gratitude on paper doves, chalk drawings about peace, Spoken Word poetry and a poster/poem competition.

More than 600 doves – with anonymous messages of gratitude to either staff or students – have been collected by Peer Mediators who will distribute them to recipients today and on Monday.

This year, Youth Peace Week saw secondary schools all around New Zealand undertake activities around the theme of Peace and Technology. Peer Mediators at MAGS encouraged students to put down their devices, talk to one another face-to-face and be in the present moment.

For more photos from Peace Week, click [here](#)

Boys crowned National Squash Champions



Pictured from left: Max Conder, Mason Smales, Tarin Love, Jack Conder (Captain), Arnd Arelmann, Jaeswen Kwan and Hasan Pathan

MAGS Premier Boys Squash team made history when they won the NZ Secondary Schools Squash Championships for our school for the first time last weekend in Tauranga. MAGS beat Tauranga Boys College 3-1 in the final, only losing one match out of the 24 they played against five schools over the weekend. The boys are on a roll, having recently won the Auckland title.

The secondary schools national squash champs has been held since the mid-1980s, and about nine years ago the MAGS Boys got close when they lost 3-2 in the final against Auckland Grammar. Michael Blanchard was part of that team and has returned to coach the boys along with Julian Conder, who is also the manager.



Following the tournament, three MAGS players were selected for the New Zealand team to play a test against Australia.

Congratulations to Tarin Love (above right) and Jack Conder (above left, non-travelling reserve), who were picked for the Senior Boys team, and to Mason Smales (above centre), who will play for the Junior Boys.

New Zealand takes on Australia from August 19-23 at the Devoy Squash & Fitness Centre in Tauranga – the same venue at which the NZSS Championships were held.

For a full report and more photos from the championships, click [here](#)

Art Show Gala Evening tickets almost sold out



Art lovers should get in quick for tickets to the MAGS Art Show Gala Evening as they have almost sold out, with less than 50 left.

MAGS Art Show Gala Evening
Friday, 16 August 6.30pm-10.00pm.
FW Gamble Hall
Tickets \$50 from [here](#)

Please note: due to alcohol service and venue capacity, the Art Show Gala Evening is adults only. Persons under the age of 18 will not be permitted.

**GALA EVENING
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A ticket to our Gala Evening gives you the opportunity to be the first to view – and purchase – artworks from this beautifully curated art show.

Around 1000 artworks are exhibited, including painting, photography, sculpture and objects from more than 120 established and emerging artists from around Aotearoa New Zealand. We also celebrate the artworks of our very talented students.

Your ticket to the Gala Evening includes beverages, delicious canapés and entertainment from talented MAGS musicians and performing artists. Join us for a great night out with friends, exhibiting artists and the MAGS community.

Money raised from this event and the entire show will go towards our Artist in Residence programme and other resources that benefit all students at our school.

All the artworks featured in the MAGS Art Show are available for purchase so if you see something you love, you're invited to buy it and take it home at the end of the show.

The Art Show and sale of artwork continue on Saturday the 17th, 10am to 6pm, and Sunday the 18th of August, 10am to 2pm – free entry. Music and dance performances entertain throughout the weekend along with a pop-up café on site.

Follow the [MAGS Art Show Facebook page](#) to keep up to date with progress.

Future Pathways Expo



The annual Future Pathways Expo was attended by a record crowd on Tuesday evening, and has been hailed by several providers as the best they have attended.

The breadth of courses and providers who set up in the MH Building to interact with students and families exceeded previous years, and the interactive displays and competitions proved popular.

Students and parents took the opportunity to talk to MAGS staff about course selections for 2020 and to see what is on offer from more than 50 tertiary institutes and industry providers. The faculties were very busy, with Technology merging in a shared space with industry training organisations and UNITEC as a new initiative.

The ASB MAGS Farm held a prominent space with linked providers, and is working on widening student knowledge of careers available in primary industries.

Two of the competition winners were Maya Freundlich (ASB MAGS Farm – Guess the Eggs), and Jack Norris (AIS – Guess the Marbles).

Overall, everyone appeared to enjoy themselves – and any further queries about courses or subjects to get into a particular career can be directed to the Careers Office.

For more pictures from the Expo, click [here](#)

Shave for a Cure



Brave students and one staff member – Commerce teacher Stuart Halstead – sacrificed their locks to raise money for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer this week. Today and yesterday, Shave for a Cure provided huge entertainment for the student body as heads were shaved for the good cause.

The Interact Committee had a goal of raising \$4000 for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand but smashed that target and are close to doubling it with well over \$7000 raised already. MAGS has been holding a Shave for a Cure event for many years now and it is hugely popular.

You can sponsor a student or teacher and donate to the cause [here](#)

For more pictures from the event, click [here](#)



Senior Course Selection for 2020

Students who are in Years 11, 12 & 13 next year have until Thursday, August 22 to make their course selections for 2020.

Letters have been sent out to parents and students about course selections, which are done online through [SchoolPoint](#)

If you are having problems with the process, there is some helpful information [here](#)

Knowledge flows at Puhoi



Yesterday, 103 Year 12 Geography students braved the cold and wet to study fluvial processes along the Puhoi River as part of their internal assessment coursework. Students measured and constructed stream bed profiles, measured water velocity and turbidity, and collected sediment samples at three different locations along the upper, middle and lower courses of the river.

MAGS Geography students enjoyed this exciting opportunity to experience hands-on learning in the real world.

Work on Roy Clements Treeway

Students who use the Roy Clements Treeway to or from school are advised that Watercare has scheduled geotechnical work along the walkway for a week from next Thursday (August 15).

During that time, the pedestrian walkway will remain open but with minor diversions in place. Please take care when walking in the area.

The geotechnical investigations are part of Watercare's Central Interceptor project to build a super-sized wastewater tunnel that will significantly reduce overflows in central Auckland, improving the health of local waterways.

Theatresports crew warms up



On Wednesday night, the MAGS Theatresports Team competed with three other teams in a Players Night at Rangitoto College. The overall quality of the evening was very high with MAGS scoring well in the Technical category all night. The performance is a solid foundation for the upcoming Auckland Theatresports Festival Nights.

Class of '85-'89 reunion

MT ALBERT GRAMMAR OLD BOYS PRESENTS

**MAGS
REUNION
CLASS OF
1985-89**

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EDEN RFC
(GRIBBLEHURST PARK, MT ALBERT)
SEPTEMBER 20 - 2019
7PM TIL 12AM

MC : MARK WATSON
DJ JAM (JUNIOR SATELE)

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MAGS TRIVIA | PRIZES
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TICKETS \$35

TICKETS TO BE PAID BY 23 AUGUST
AS LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE

WE EXTEND OUR INVITATION TO
ALL CURRENT & PAST STUDENTS
AND TEACHERS HOWEVER, ACTIVITIES
DURING THE EVENING WILL FOCUS
UPON THE 1985 - 1989 ERA

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MAGS Old Boys from the class of 1985-1989 are getting together in September, with broadcaster Mark Watson as the MC for the evening. On the night there will be a MAGS Trivia Quiz, a photo booth, memorial video, prizes, a cash bar and gourmet finger food. For more details, click the image above or contact David Tapu at tapz06@hotmail.com

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.

And 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](#)

Duke of Ed Bronze awards



Twelve students were congratulated at Assembly this week for achieving their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award.

The following students have achieved their Bronze through completion of the four sections of service, skill, physical activity and adventurous journey over a minimum period of 6 months: Freya Coulson, Angus Edwards, Max Hertzum, Cameron Hicks, Ella Mitchell,

Nicole Muir, Charlie Pellett, Ariella Wienberg, Maria Boow, Mikayala Eade, Rosa Jack and Emma Johns.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International award scheme is one which challenges young people to achieve through persistence, voluntary participation, leadership and challenge to the individual. Be it giving service to an organisation once a week over six months or tramping through the Hunua Ranges, all these students have met and overcome personal challenges along the way.

Sports update

Combined Points trophy back at MAGS



A great effort from our netballers saw them win the Combined Points Netball Tournament on Wednesday after last holding the trophy in 2016.

Our Premier team made it through to the final, which was a tough battle with Howick, who won 14-9.

Our Year 10 team won their section and lost their semifinal to Avondale, while the Year 9 side came second in their section.

The combined effort and results from all teams meant MAGS won overall.

You can see photo essays of each of the teams in action [here](#)

Brooklyn Temu at Softball World Cup

Brooklyn Temu is part of the New Zealand Junior White Sox who are in Irvine, California as the team counts down to the start of the WBSC U-19 Women's World Cup.

The world championship will be contested by 16 teams starting on Sunday (NZ time).

New Zealand have drawn a tough pool against Canada (seeded 3), Chinese Taipei (6), and The Netherlands (10) – all of whom are ranked higher than the JWSX (11).



Fencers sweep podiums



At the Auckland Secondary Schools Fencing Championship Final held at the Trusts Stadium last Sunday, MAGS fencers swept the boys and girls podiums.

International student Valentina Buniato, from Italy, came from behind to claim Gold in a very close fight (15-14) against Amey Smith. International Swiss student Yvonne Landhaeusser won the Bronze medal, and making a top four clean sweep for MAGS was Year 10 student Lucy Henshaw.

The boys final saw James Butler edge out team-mate and favourite Charlie Bioletti to take the Gold medal.

James took an early lead and, in a noisy, energetic match, managed to hold his nerve.

Year 12 student Nikita Privalov took home the Bronze medal.

Great results all round for MAGS, as we count down until MAGS hosts the National Secondary Schools Fencing Championship at the end of Winter Sports Week.

Alisha Perry in national squad



Football Girls 1st XI 'keeper Alisha Perry has been named in the NZ U19 Football team to compete at the Oceania Football Championships in the Cook Islands.

New Zealand, who have won the title six times, head to the Cook Islands as defending champions and favourites for the OFC U19 Championship.

The tournament takes place from August 29 to September 14 with New Zealand being drawn in Group B with Samoa, American Samoa and Tahiti.

The winner of the tournament qualifies for the 2020 U20 Women's World Cup in Nigeria.

Teams hit finals time

Congratulations to the Basketball Girls U17s, who made the most of home court advantage yesterday to win the Western Zone Final, narrowly defeating Rutherford College.

The Hockey Boys U15 are also into their final after beating King's College 2-1 on Monday.

On Wednesday, the Rugby League 1st XIII (pictured) got in front of Westlake Boys High in their 3rd/4th playoff match at MAGS but couldn't hold them out, eventually going down 16-24.

Next Thursday, the Football Boys 13A team play Rosmini College in a Knock-out Cup semi at MAGS at 3pm.



Upcoming Premier Sport



Tonight, the Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams play their last regular season games, with the Girls playing Auckland Girls Grammar at 6pm and the Boys playing Auckland Grammar at 7.30pm. Both games are at Auckland Grammar.

Tomorrow, the Netball Premiers take on McAuley High at the Auckland Netball Centre at 9.30am, while the Football Boys 1st XI are home to King's College at 12pm.

At 2.30pm tomorrow, the Rugby 1st XV play their last game of the season, away to Tangaroa College.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 10s host Howick College on the Sir BG Williams Field at

4.15pm.

Next Wednesday, the Hockey Boys 1st XI play a semi-final away to old foes Avondale College at 4.55pm.

Fixtures and results on the MAGS website are regularly updated. For this week's, click [here](#) and for next week's, click [here](#)



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