



From the Headmaster

Our Academic Pillar to the Fore



Our school year has closed with celebrations of academic excellence at our Junior prizegivings.

The MAGS Junior Graduate Diploma is an award that recognises learning throughout the year across the breadth of opportunities on offer to students. A significant weighting is placed on academic achievement – a

reinforcement of the priority our academic pillar holds in our school.

Our junior students as a whole can look back on an outstanding year at MAGS. Great confidence can be taken in the foundation they have laid throughout their one or two years at MAGS to date.

While we celebrate the success of the year past, the real measure will be how students build on their achievements into next year. Striving to raise the bar even higher must be the aspiration of every returning MAGS student!

But for now we can move into the Christmas break satisfied with a job well done. Many thanks to the staff, parents and students who have made our school a most special place to belong.

Congratulations again to our Junior Prize Winners and also to our recently announced Prefect Leadership team for 2019. Our school is in great heart.

Enjoy a safe and restful Christmas break.

Patrick Drumm

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2018 Calendar

Friday, December 7

School Closed for the Holidays



Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Year 9s only start school

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Full school in



Sport

Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Head Prefects for 2019



At the Year 10 and Year 9 prizegivings yesterday, Mount Albert Grammar School's 2019 Prefect Executive team was introduced by Headmaster Mr Patrick Drumm. Pictured either side of Mr Drumm are Head Boy Germain Hellriegel-White and Head Girl Takunda Muzondiwa, backed up by their deputies (from left) Oscar Graham, Darhys Simone, Alyssa Houma and India Bulman.

Takunda Muzondiwa has been a recipient of all four Lions at MAGS. She has gained Level 1 and 2 with Excellence and a Sports Lion for Lacrosse. She has a Service Lion through her work as a Librarian, Digital Technology Leader, and SADD committee member. And she has been heavily involved in the Arts through Debating, Threatresports, MUNA, Spoken Word, Orchestra and Musical Theatre group.

Germain Hellriegel-White has already achieved Level 1 and 2 endorsed with excellence and is on track to achieve the same at level 3. He is involved in a variety of areas of school life including rowing (Sport Lion), the Academic Council, school production, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, was a finalist at the Eureka! Awards and will be a Peer Support Leader in 2019.

Alyssa Houma has gained Level 2 with Excellence and has shown dedication to Service through tutoring in the Homework Centre, being a representative on the Komiti Faufautua, Interact and the Pasifika Council. She has gained a Sports Lion through Lacrosse and has taken part in the school production, Creative Writing Club, MUNA and Tongan Group.

India Bulman has already gained Level 2 with Excellence. She has been heavily involved in Service through Interact, Amnesty International, Academic Council and the SADD committee. She has been involved in the school production, MUNA and Squash.

Darhys Simone has already achieved Level 2 and is has devoted time to a number of activities around school. He is a leader of the Pasifika Council, a peer reading mentor and will be a Peer Support leader next year. He is also involved in Athletics and Rugby.

Oscar Graham has already achieved Level 2 with Excellence. He is a talented sportsman, playing a variety of sports including Rugby, for which he was awarded a Sports Lion, Athletics, Tennis and Swimming. He is also a member of the Health Committee.

Junior Prizegiving wraps up year



Headmaster Mr Patrick Drumm with the 2018 Junior Boy Dux Matthew Somerville and Junior Girl Dux Rosa Jack, who was also named Best All-Round Girl in Year 10.

MAGS' top Junior academic, sports and arts students for 2018 were celebrated at the Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving ceremonies on the final day of school yesterday.

The Junior Girl Dux and Boy Dux for 2018 are Rosa Jack and Matthew Somerville. Rosa was also named the Best All-Round Girl in Year 10, while Xander Pritchard picked up the award for Best All-Round Boy in Year 10.

The Paul Gardner Cup for Service in the Junior School was presented to Matthew Batcheler and Shantelle Lee for their involvement in a range of activities across the school – from the Library to the Environmental Club.

For the second year in a row, the Junior Victor Ludorum is Luke Clements for achievements in Athletics, Cross-Country, Hockey, Orienteering, Road Racing and Squash. Junior Victrix Ludorum is Tiger-Lily Cocker-Lemalie for her achievements in Wrestling, Netball, Basketball and Touch Rugby.

The Junior Duces Artium are Marcus Savelio and Jenna Parkin. Jenna is involved in both Symphony and Concert orchestras, Choir, Musical Theatre group, Junior Dance performance group and Debating club. In the school production she juggled a main role, and involvement in both the dance and vocal chorus.

Marcus is a student of Media, Music, Dance and Drama, achieving maximum graduation points in all subjects. A recipient of a Junior Arts badge, he was also an outstanding performer in the MAGS Hip Hop Megacrew that won this years' national title.

The Best All-Round Boy and Girl in Year 9 are Sam Taylor Sinclair and Eva Wadsworth.

For more photos and prizewinners, click [here](#)

Mask Show enthrals youngsters



Year 10 Drama students performed in front of their toughest crowd yet on Tuesday: Year 1s and 2s from Balmoral School.

The little ones were treated to performances in mask of classic tales: Cinderella, Rapunzel, Aladdin, and Little Red Riding Hood.

The Drama students loved having a new crowd to perform for and the whole experience was a great way for the year to end.

The Balmoral visitors got involved in all of the performances – they laughed, called out, answered any questions, and left as promising Drama students of the future.

For more photos, click [here](#)

Albertians Luncheon



At the final Albertians Association Luncheon of the year on Wednesday, MAGS Board of Trustees Chairman Mr Greg Moyle addressed the gathering about the importance of establishing a New Zealand War Memorial Museum at Le Quesnoy, France.

Mr Moyle, who is a member of the Museum Trust, said New Zealand had a special relationship with Le Quesnoy, which was liberated by Kiwi soldiers from German occupation towards the end of World War I.

The plan is to establish a museum in a historic mansion on a 1ha site in the town, and provide self-catering accommodation for visitors.

The museum would feature collections focusing on New Zealand's military involvement in Europe and its significant contributions in both World Wars.

The event was also the last for Mr Aftab Moosa as Albertians Association President after three years in the role.

To find out more about plans for the museum and to donate, click [here](#)

Mural wins award



A mural designed by students to represent the many cultures of MAGS has won a nationwide contest for best school mural.

The 'Tane Mural' won the Best School Mural – Senior in the Resene Mural Masterpieces Competition for 2018.

Unveiled earlier this year, the mural – on a classroom wall facing E Quad – was the idea of the student Maori Committee and driven by Art students and those in the school's whanau unit, Te Puna o Wairaka.

School closedown and re-opening

Mount Albert Grammar School is now closed for the year, and that includes the Enrolment and Finance Offices.

After the summer break, the Enrolment Office will be open again next year on Wednesday, 23 January.

Mount Albert Grammar School enrolments should be done online [here](#)

The Finance Office will be open again on Tuesday, 29 January **for Year 9 only**. For all other years, the Finance Office is open from Wednesday, 30 January.

Year 9s start school on Tuesday, 29 January, with the full school in on the next day – Wednesday, 30 January.



Uniform Shop hours over summer holidays

The Uniform Shop will be open until December 13 and then is closed for the holidays, reopening on Monday, January 7, 2019.

It will also be open on Auckland Anniversary Day – Monday, January 28 – from 9am-12pm to alleviate any last-minute rush before school opens for Year 9s on January 29 and the full school on January 30.

For the full Uniform Shop hours, click [here](#)

Academic testing catch-up

Any students in Year 9 in 2019 or those who are new to the school in Year 10 in 2019 who have not completed Academic Testing, please meet at the Student Centre on Wednesday, 23 January at 8.45am.

Academic Testing is from 9am to 12pm on the day.

Any queries, please contact enrolment@mags.school.nz

Peer Mediation training



On Tuesday, the Peace Foundation held sessions with the Peer Mediation team as they began training for their duties in 2019. Christina Barruel, Head of Peace Education at the Peace Foundation, pictured above, facilitated the sessions along with her staff and MAGS' Guidance Counsellors. Twenty more student have volunteered for 2019 than acted as Peer Mediators this year, and they will have more training sessions at the start of Term 1, 2019. Having a skilled Peer Mediation team allows Mount Albert Grammar School's Senior Leadership Team, Deans and Teachers to refer students in conflict to the Peer Mediation team knowing that the conflict will be dealt with in a meaningful and professional way.



The Peer Mediation team is not only a problem-solving team, but also a peace-promoting team and they will be heavily involved in next year's Peace Week, which has a theme of 'Peace and Technology', an appropriate topic for the younger generation.

Tickets on sale for MAGSROW Quiz Night

**THE ULTIMATE ANNUAL
MAGSROW
Quiz Night**

**SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2019
DOORS OPEN 6PM**

MAGSROW FUNDRAISER in the MAGS Hall

Hawaiian theme - dress up in Hawaiian clothing. Don't forget your Leis
Limited tables - be in quick. 8 per team.
Cost \$25pp, \$200 per table.

Poke bowl food, wine & beer available for purchase,
 Nibbles and dessert provided.

Raffle tickets for great prizes and for Silent Auction.
 ALL funds raised will be used towards purchasing
 new equipment which will aid our goal in becoming
 the best rowing school in NZ. e.g. gazebos, coxswain and coaching gear,
 the eight and the boat trailer

Book ASAP by contacting sarah_simpson02@outlook.com
 Last day for tickets is 5 February 2019. Thanks for your support!

R18 event + responsible drinking.

Valuable online safety presentations

John Parsons was a busy man at MAGS on Monday, presenting seminars on online safety to students, staff and parents throughout the course of the day.

Mr Parsons is New Zealand's leading authority on safeguarding children online.

He covered topics such as online grooming, sexting, damaged reputations, cyber bullying, reputation management, learning to repel and report, and future-proofing for employment.

Mr Parsons delivered some clear messages to students about how their identity and their 'digital identity' were one and the same, and that they should project a strong and confident image online.

He also said teenagers needed to respect the identity, privacy and feelings of friends and family with all their dealings in the digital world.



Student device use in 2019



In 2019, students at all levels will be expected to bring their own device to assist with learning in the classroom.

Full information about this is on our school website [here](#)

Please note:

- We are aware that some families have purchased other devices for use at intermediate school. These will continue to be suitable as well, as long as they have a screen size of at least 7.9”.
- A mobile phone is not considered by the School to be a suitable primary device for learning, especially with regards to the creation of published work.
- A device which is more than three years old is usually not a good option for students. They are slower, cannot always update to the latest software and their batteries may not last the school day.

If purchasing a device, the school has arranged special pricing with Cyclone Computing and PB Tech via this link [here](#)

Other retailers will also offer special deals worth considering in the lead-up to Christmas and in January.

Q & A Evening

Parents and caregivers of students enrolled for 2019 may have questions about devices for learning in addition to the information provided on the school website. Deputy Principal John Stradwick and Elise Goddard, the Director of E-Learning, will be available to answer these questions next week.

Date: Wednesday, 5 December, 2018

Venue: The Library, Mount Albert Grammar School

Time: 4pm-6.30pm (please drop in at any time with your questions)

If you have any queries, please email Mrs Elise Goddard, the Director of E-Learning, egoddard@mags.school.nz

Adobe Creative Cloud 2019 Subscriptions

Adobe Creative Cloud device licences are again available to our students for an annual subscription. The cost for 2019 will be \$13.

Adobe has introduced a new scheme for students called "named-user licences" and reduced the cost considerably.

A named-user licence includes all the latest Adobe Creative Cloud desktop apps. It includes all the latest Adobe mobile apps, including Capture CC and Photoshop Mix. The licence also includes file sharing and syncing.

The Adobe software programmes that we use in the senior school include Photoshop, Light Room, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro and After Effects. These are the current industry standard programmes for designing work for print, web and moving image.



A student may install the software on a laptop and on a machine at home, but only use Creative Cloud on one computer at a time. There is no need to request two licences.

The School can only offer licences to our students with a school email address, not to families.

Adobe Creative Cloud is not required, but access on a home computer provides students studying NCEA

courses in Art Design, Photography and Media Studies with a significant advantage. The software is also useful for many other subjects.

Payment for a 2019 subscription will need to be made before Friday, 8 February, 2019. We will make the order according to payments made. The best option is to use online banking for the \$13 payment to this account:12-3029-0300684-00. Please make sure you include references as follows: **Student Name** and **Adobe**.

This will help you avoid queues at the start of the school year. You may also pay at the Finance Office when it is open during term time.

Students can access and use all Adobe software programs on their laptop or home desktop computer for 12 months. The licence is for Windows or Mac Computers. It is not available for Android tablets, nor iPads. Those with Adobe Creative Cloud in 2018 will need a new subscription if it is still required in 2019. The 2018 subscription expires on Friday, 8 February 2019.

This offer is available to all students at Mount Albert Grammar School. Although this offer is in place to assist senior students, junior students also wanting to have an Adobe Creative Cloud annual subscription may do so. Please remember that Adobe Creative Cloud is not for iPads, nor Android devices, although some mobile apps are available.

If you have any queries with regards to this offer, please contact Mrs Elise Goddard, the Director of E-Learning, via email, egoddard@mags.school.nz

Changes to Tuckshop next year

OUR SCHOOL IS GOING
EAT SMART

Our school canteen service provider, Libelle Group, is teaming up with the Heart Foundation Fueled4Life and BioPak to bring us a Fresh Made approved and eco-friendly packaged menu - Eat Smart.

Smart will be launched at our school and nationwide by the beginning of Term 1, 2019. It is a nutritionally balanced, value-for-money school tuckshop menu offered throughout the country!

meals designed by a team of nutritionists for kiwi school kids, so they have the right fuel to learn!

The message is clear:
EAT WELL. DO BETTER.

So what does this mean for us? Eat

The Eat Smart menu features balanced

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WWW.LIBELLE.CO.NZ

At the beginning of Term 1, 2019, our Tuckshop providers Libelle Group are teaming up with the Heart Foundation, Fueled4Life and BioPak to launch the Eat Smart menu.

The aim is to provide children with healthy, fresh, value-for-money and environmentally sustainable food.

You can find out more [here](#)

Sports update

Gold and Silver at NZSS Championships



Even a broken finger could not stop Hannah Adye from claiming Gold in the Junior Girls Pole Vault at the NZSS Track and Field Championships in Dunedin.

Hannah won Silver in the event last year and went one better this year despite breaking a finger while playing basketball about a week before the meet.

Although hampered by the injury, she decided to just give the championships a go, and once she started she couldn't be stopped. She attempted the national record of 3.51m, and narrowly missed it. Her final performance was 3.40m and this was MAGS first Gold medal at the NZ Schools Champs since Niven Longopoa in 2014.

Distance runner Luke Clements, pictured far right, also went one better this year, moving up from Bronze last year to Silver in the Junior Boys 2000m Steeplechase. Luke worked his way through the field with rival Zane Powell from Kings College. Luke took the lead with two laps to go and held onto that lead until the last 40m. They both had a sprint finish and he just missed out on the Gold to fast-finishing Zane. He finished with a time of 6.15.64, which was 18 seconds under his own school record. A fantastic achievement.

For full results, click [here](#)



Genevieve Ryan brings home Bronze

Genevieve Ryan was part of the history-making Junior Football Ferns team in Uruguay, winning a Bronze medal at the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup.

It was the first time a New Zealand football team had made it into the World Cup finals, and the side emphasised their class by beating Canada 2-1 in the 3rd/4th playoff. Genevieve has been playing at fullback for MAGS although injuries have restricted her involvement.

At the World Cup she played a full game against Ghana in the group play stage.

Director of Football Peter Smith said, "It is a great achievement for her to be part of the squad and get a place in history."



Strong showing at Sevens Nationals



Three teams from MAGS competed strongly at the Condor National Sevens, which wrapped up last weekend at Sacred Heart College.

The Boys U15s finished fifth after winning five of their six games, their only loss a close one to Hastings Boys High.

The Premier Girls had two losses but won the Bowl Final, while the Premier Boys also had two losses but won the Shield Final.

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