



## From the Headmaster

### New Albertians Full of Potential



Earlier this week, our newest Albertians and their families were welcomed by powhiri into their new school.

It is always special to look out over this group of young people, 600 this year. Many are understandably apprehensive on their first day – but equally filled with immense potential and aspirations for their next five years at MAGS.

It is right that we welcomed them into the F.W. Gamble Hall. This building has been the heart of our school since students first assembled within its walls in 1926. Our school hall communicates the essence of what it means to be a MAGS student with the breadth of achievements of former students embossed in gold leaf for all to see.

As a school community, we are drawn to this building in times of celebration; to welcome, to farewell and sometimes to grieve. It continues to bear witness to all of those human activities that are unique to a school setting.

The F.W. Gamble Hall holds stories of the past that provide us with great certainty and confidence. Our newest Albertians are now challenged to add their own chapter to the MAGS story – one which will undoubtedly see many of their names sitting alongside those first Albertians.

Have a good weekend.

**Patrick Drumm**  
Headmaster

## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2019 Calendar

**Wednesday, February 6**  
Waitangi Day – School closed



**Friday, February 8**  
Senior Leadership Assembly, 2pm

**Saturday, February 9**  
MAGSROW Quiz Night, F.W. Gamble Hall, 6pm



### Sport



**Fixtures and results**  
Click [here](#)

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## Year 9s welcomed to school



Year 9s had the school to themselves on Tuesday as they enjoyed their first day at school and were introduced to the MAGS Way.

They, along with the school's new staff, were welcomed with a powhiri in the hall.

Headmaster Patrick Drumm, pictured right, told the students that the school had high expectations of them, which revolved around respect and diligence. He reassured the assembled parents that while the school was on the way to being the biggest in the country, it was fully staffed, with quality staff despite other schools struggling to attract talent. The 600 new entrants were assigned to



their form classes and teachers, and met their Year 13 Peer Support Leaders, who spent the rest of the day helping students to get to know the layout of the school and what was expected of them. The Peer Support Leaders also conducted activities for the Year 9s to help them to break the ice with their classmates.

The Year 9s were back in the hall later in the day to practise the School Hymn, and to have the school's standards reinforced.

The full school was in on Wednesday with form classes assigned and assemblies for the various year levels.

For more photos from the Year 9s' first day, click [here](#)

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## New Senior Leadership roles



Mount Albert Grammar School has welcomed new Deputy Principals Tanya Rose and Corey Todd to the ranks of the Senior Leadership Team.

**Ms Rose** joined MAGS in 2018, having worked in education for 19 years. She started her career as a primary teacher, having trained in New Zealand, and then moved to London where she spent 17 years working in secondary schools.

During her time in London she progressed from a Mathematics teacher to Head of Maths in a large central London School. She then moved into Senior Leadership and was an Assistant Head Teacher at Ursuline High School for three years prior to returning to New Zealand.

Ms Rose had the responsibility of Exams Co-ordination at MAGS, and was made Head of Mathematics before assuming the Deputy Principal role.

**Mr Todd** joined MAGS this year from Massey High School, where he was Assistant Principal, overseeing Behaviour, Attendance and the Pastoral System.

He is a Physical Education and Health teacher, and completed his Masters in Education through University of Auckland. He previously taught at Onehunga High School where he was HOD of Physical Education & Health. He has coached school basketball and cricket teams.

Mr Todd and his wife have two children.



After **Mark Rivalland's** retirement as a Deputy Principal last year, we welcome him back in a part-time role as the Principal's Nominee for Ministry of Education and NZQA matters. He is also responsible for support staff welfare.

He started teaching in 1974 and joined MAGS in 2007. Mr Rivalland has held a number of management positions during his career.

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## Sports update

### Novice 8s win Gold





In a fantastic result, last year's Year 9 Girls crew (pictured above) won Gold in the Women's Novice 8 at the North Island Club Championships held at Lake Karapiro. Other MAGS crews won Bronze medals in the Men's Club 8, Men's Club Coxless Pair and Women's Club 8. In the age group regatta held a few days before, MAGSROW made 10 A finals and 4 B finals.

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## Swimming success in Aussie





*Proud Swimming Coach Paul Kent with Edie Ancell (centre) and Brearna Crawford.*

MAGS swimmers Brearna Crawford and Edie Ancell enjoyed success as part of the Auckland team that competed at the Victorian State Championships over the summer holidays.

Brearna swam times good enough to qualify for this year's World Junior Championships in two events but needs to repeat those performances at the NZ Age Groups Champs in April to be selected. She broke two 15yrs NZ records, two Auckland Open records, four Auckland 15yrs records, and won three Gold (100m and 200m Breaststroke, 100m Fly), two Silver (50m Free, 4 x 50m IM Relay) and three Bronze (200m and 400m IM, 4 x 100m IM Relay) medals.

Edie won a Silver (4 x 50m IM Relay) and a Bronze (4 x 100m IM Relay). Both girls swam all personal best times at the age group meet.

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## **Charlie Morton third in Tanner Cup**

Congratulations to Year 10 student Charlie Morton, who finished third overall at the Tanner Cup held in Evans Bay, Wellington in early January.

He was one of five sailors representing Auckland to sail against the best P Class sailors selected from around New Zealand.

The Tanner Cup was raced in true windy Wellington conditions and was a hard-fought regatta in the ever-competitive P Class sailing, which has produced many champion sailors over the years.



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## Sports trials and registrations



The Sports Department has begun releasing details of sports trials and registrations. These appear on the website [here](#) and will also be posted in the Daily Notices, accessed via the website or the MAGS App. Registrations are now open for Tennis, Swimming, Athletics, Lawns Bowls, Aquathon, Triathlon, Duathlon, Cricket, Orienteering, Tag Football, Softball, Volleyball and Rugby (Boys & Girls).

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## Upcoming Arts auditions



Students with a passion for the Arts, should keep an eye on the [Notices](#) for upcoming auditions. Here are the ones that are on next week:

Tuesday, February 5: **Hip Hop Mega Crew**, E10 Dance Room, 3.30pm.

Thursday, February 7: Meeting for all those interested in **Symphony Orchestra**, the school hall, 8am.

Thursday, February 7: **Jazz Band**, E8, 3.30pm.

Friday, February 8: **Contemporary Choir**, the school hall, 3.30pm.

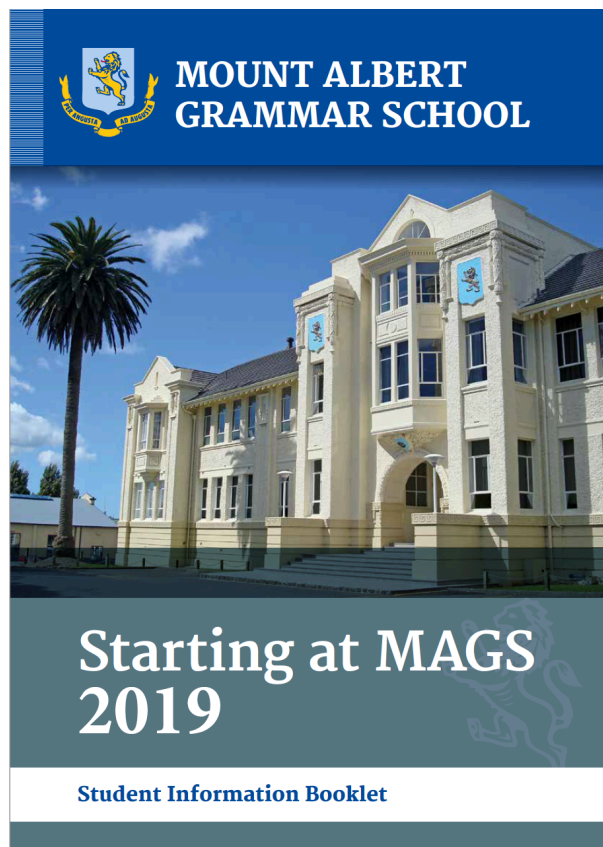
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## Starting at MAGS 2019

Parents and caregivers should have received the booklet *Starting at MAGS 2019* to help students make a smooth start to the new school year. It contains information about school rules and expectations, contact information, stationery, uniform and key dates.

You can download the booklet by clicking [here](#)

The Mount Albert Grammar School [website](#) also has comprehensive information about the school and there are also updates about school events on our [Facebook](#) page.



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**Download the MAGS app**





If you haven't already, make sure you download the Mount Albert Grammar School app for notices, events and other important school messages.

Use the app to notify us of your child's absence, contact a teacher, access the parent portal and link to maps and key websites. Receive alert messages instantly for your chosen groups.

To download the app for free on iPhone or Android, click this [link](#)

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## Year 9 BYOD Orientation 2019



Year 9 students should not bring their devices until they are scheduled for their BYOD orientation lesson as per the timetable of form classes below.

### **Week 2:**

**Monday February 4:** 9HOB, 9RYE, 9FLM, 9ACK

**Tuesday, February 5:** 9PHR, 9RPY, 9STW, 9DAL

**Thursday, February 7:** 9PTI, 9VZW, 9KGN

**Friday, February 8:** 9YAN, 9HBN, 9ADS, 9ROB

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

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

If you have any queries, please email Mrs Elise Goddard, the Director of E-Learning, [egoddard@mags.school.nz](mailto:egoddard@mags.school.nz)

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## College Sport App



All athletes, parents, managers, coaches, TiCs and sports co-ordinators should download the free College Sport Auckland app and subscribe to the relevant sports.

College Sport uses app notifications to let you know about any last-minute changes such as cancellations, new venues, new draws etc. Plus the app has regular draws, results, venues and other information.

For more info and to download the app, click [here](#)

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## First calf of the year





The ASB MAGS Farm welcomed its first calf of 2019 – born on Tuesday, 22 January. He has been named Parker, and is a Speckled Park (a beef breed).

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## Youth representation opportunity

The Albert Eden Youth Board (AEYB) welcomes [applications](#) from 14 to 24-year-olds keen to get involved with organising events, advising the local board, representing the local youth, and conducting surveys.

Applicants must either live, study, or work in the Albert-Eden area. No previous experience is necessary.

The Youth Board is looking for enthusiastic, genuine and committed people to join, but is also accommodating around tests and exams as most people on the youth board are students.

Application deadline for the first 2019 round is Sunday, 17 February 11.59pm. Applicants will then attend an interview.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early so they can be interviewed as soon as possible. Successful applicants will need to attend an induction, then fortnightly meetings.

If you wish to apply for this role, please see Deputy Principal John Stradwick for assistance in the application process.

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## 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](mailto:sarah_simpson02@outlook.com)  
Last day for tickets is 5 February 2019. Thanks for your support!

R18 event \* responsible drinking.



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## 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. The purchase of this software is optional. Please remember that Adobe Creative Cloud is not for iPads, nor Android devices, although some mobile apps are available.

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 soon after 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 this software is not suitable for iPads.

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](mailto:egoddard@mags.school.nz)

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## New menu at Tuckshop

**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:

So what does this mean for us? Eat

The Eat Smart menu features balanced

**EAT WELL. DO BETTER.**

**We are going digital with Txt My Lunch**

Txt My Lunch is the solution to giving parents the guarantee that their hungry learner is getting a healthy, balanced meal - all for just \$6. Use Txt My Lunch to send a lunch directly to a student's phone by text!

Save that 20 minutes of your day making lunch and buy or gift a meal ticket today at [www.txtmylunch.co.nz](http://www.txtmylunch.co.nz)

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**SEE THE FULL MENU AT**  
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**TXT my LUNCH**  
**1x \$6 MEAL TICKET**  
Show this at your Champion Tuck Shop to get your lunch made

In 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 see the Tuckshop menu [here](#)

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## General notices



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