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## From the Headmaster

### Laying The Foundation



Two major school events this week have been helping lay the foundation for a successful year ahead.

On Monday we recognised our Senior Student Leaders for 2018. These students will carry responsibilities as Prefects and in the Arts and Sporting dimensions of school life at MAGS.

Congratulations to this important group

in the school. You stand on the shoulders of many student leaders who have gone before – and we have great confidence in your ability to lead our school well.

Tuesday evening saw the FW Gamble Hall filled with parents of our new Year 9 students. It was a valuable opportunity to meet Form Teachers and support the transition of our newest students into the culture of MAGS. The parent-school partnership will always be a most critical relationship in the five-year journey ahead for our Year 9 students.

Congratulations to senior MAGS students who have reached the pinnacle of school academic success with the claiming of 81 (9 Outstanding) New Zealand Scholarships in 2017. Your achievements have again confirmed MAGS among the top academic performing schools in New Zealand. We look forward to celebrating your success and that of fellow students in the upcoming Scholars' Assembly next Wednesday.

The Education Review Office will be carrying out its scheduled review of MAGS during next week. We welcome the opportunity to share the good news stories around student success and achievement with the review team. Thank you to students, staff and parents who will be contributing to the review process.

Have a good weekend.

**Patrick Drumm**

## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

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**Wednesday, February 21**  
Scholars' Assembly, 12pm

**Thursday, February 22**  
School Athletics Day

Pasifika Junior Meet & Greet  
Evening

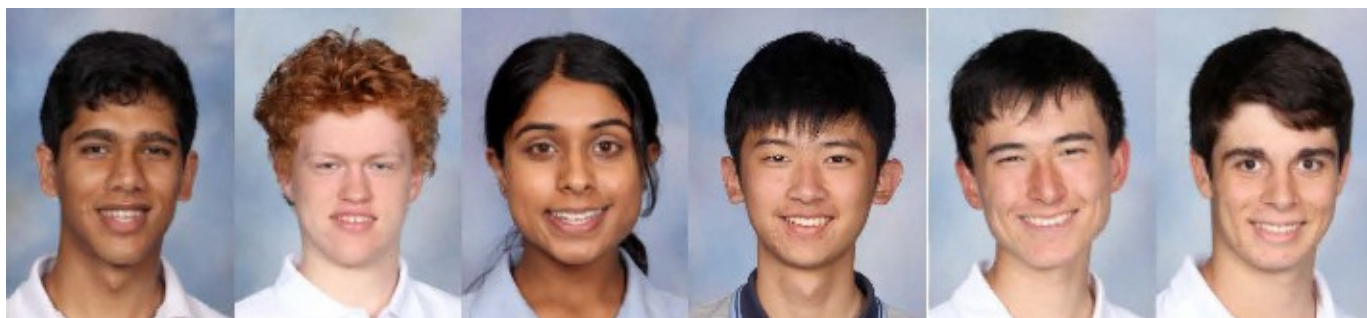


### Sport

**Registration and trials for summer and winter sports**  
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**Photo essay**  
Premier Girls Waterpolo  
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Pictured above (from left to right): Sahil Bhatiani, Lucas Peterson, Harshita Nayyar, Shuang Li, Jack Morrow-Zhang and Fraser Eade.

Mount Albert Grammar School has again performed alongside the top academic schools in New Zealand after students attained 81 scholarships, and achieved its highest ever pass rate in NCEA Level 3 following the 2017 examinations.

The 81 scholarships included nine at Outstanding level (the top 1% in each subject), the pinnacle of academic achievement for secondary students. Scholarships were attained across 21 subjects, and were spread among 54 students.

Among the highest achievers were our Boy and Girl Dux of 2017, Lucas Peterson and Harshita Nayyar. Lucas earned four Scholarships, and Harshita gained three Scholarships, while Girl Proxime Accessit Yusi Gao earned two Scholarships.

There were five more students who earned three Scholarships: Sahil Bhatiani, Fraser Eade (Outstanding in Biology), Shuang Li (Outstanding in Physics), Jack Morrow-Zhang (Outstanding in Physics), and Merry Wu. Students who receive three or more Scholarships are awarded \$2000 per year for up to three years toward their tertiary studies.

Outstanding Scholarships were also awarded to Anton Aish (Statistics), Jonathan De Pledge (Calculus), Zi Huang (Calculus), Miriam Leonhardt (Calculus), Liam Milbank (Statistics) and Beatrice Santos (Biology).

MAGS is looking forward to celebrating its academic achievers at the Scholars' Assembly next Wednesday at 12pm.

For Scholarship and NCEA results, [click here](#).

## School leaders recognised



At Monday's Senior Leadership Assembly, the school's Prefects, Arts Leaders and Sports Leaders for 2018 were recognised but they were also issued a challenge by Headmaster Patrick Drumm.

He told them that wearing a leadership badge for the first time is recognition of their talents but also the start of a leadership journey. School leaders are selected on potential – and are issued the challenge to realise that potential in the year ahead.

During the ceremony, Head Boy Isaac Munroe read the school prayer, and Head Girl Hannah Houghton made the concluding remarks. There was also a James Brown medley performed by students and the proceedings were closed out with a haka.

For more photos [click here](#) and for a full list of Prefects, Arts Leaders and Sports Leaders, [click here](#)

## School House Head Boys named





School House has named Terrell Peita (above right) as Head Boy and Hamish Holst as Deputy Head Boy. With 105 boys boarding at School House, the Year 13s have a big job on their hands.

One of their main roles is maintaining discipline but Terrell says they are focusing on building a culture of respect among the Kiwi boarders and those from overseas.

He says the aim is to have boarders treat School House as their second home, and to instil the values of The Mags Way, which should see them through life.

Both boys have boarded since Year 9 so are familiar with the routines and expectations of School House, now managed by Geoff Moon, also the coach of the First XV.

Terrell, who is from Panguru in the Hokianga, captains the 1st XV, and plans to become a teacher. Hamish, who plays golf and hails from South Head on the Kaipara Harbour, is planning to study agribusiness.

## Relay for Life up and running



Last Friday, the initial sign-up session took place in the hall for students wanting to participate in the Relay for Life, a Cancer Society fundraiser. Three hundred students signed up right away and another 50 students are on the waitlist to attend the popular event.

only one week.

As of today, Eva Williams (with \$1054) Hana Hilson (\$794), Jaime Spencer (\$633), Kaija Thompson (\$536) and Izzy Mahayni (\$528) have smashed the individual fundraising goal of \$200.

These students have been working hard to find sponsors to raise money for the Cancer Society. Many of the students have seen family and friends go through cancer and some are even giving up something for the month to show their commitment to the cause.

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## Students adjust to seachange



During weeks 2 and 3 of Term 1, the Year 13 and Year 11 Outdoor Education classes travelled to Piha Beach to learn how to surf. The classes were led by Rapu New Zealand Surf and Snow Tour instructors with the days consisting of surf lessons, water safety and surfing rules. This allowed the Year 13s to participate in surfing and begin to evaluate the role outdoor pursuits play in influencing well-being; explain factors that influence participation; explain motivational factors that lead to people doing physical activity; and recognise and explain barriers to physical activity.

The Year 11 trips provided an opportunity for students to demonstrate responsible behaviour during an outdoor education activity, and, like the Year 13s, start developing an understanding of factors that influence their own participation.

The conditions were ideal for learning, and resulted in all of the students catching waves, with the majority standing up.







## Obituary

Hall of Distinction inductee Professor John (Jack) Sinclair has died at the age of 90. Professor Sinclair (BMedSc, MBChB, MD, FRACP) attended MAGS from 1939-1943 and was inducted to the MAGS Hall of Distinction for services to athletics and medicine in 2004

He was a Prefect in 1943, a member of the Senior athletic team, Rawlings Scholar, John Williamson Scholar, and University Entrance Scholar in 1943.

Among his athletic achievements, he was NZ mile champion in 1948 and 1950 and the record-holder. He represented NZ at the 1950 Empire Games. He studied medicine at Otago University (1947 B Med Sc. 1950 MB ChB. 1955 MD. 1956 MRACP. 1966 FRACP). From 1953-1954 he was a Research Fellow at the NZ Medical Research Council, and became a Research Fellow at the Institute of Chest Diseases, London 1956-1957.

He was also a post-doctoral Fellow, at the Mayo Clinic (USA), and went on to become Physician in Charge of the Physiology Department, Green Lane Hospital 1960-1966.

One of his most notable achievements was being Foundation Professor of Physiology at the University of Auckland School of Medicine in 1968. He was also a co-founder of The Physiological Society of New Zealand in 1972. He retired in 1993.



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## Art of participation



Help promote and enrich the Arts experience at MAGS for our students and our community by being part of the Friends of MAGS or the Arts Support Group.

Friends of Mags are involved in setting up and running the very successful Fine Arts show, which will be held this year from August 17-19.

The Arts Support Group is a new initiative for parents of the school with an interest in cultural activities and who would like to support the growth of the Performing and Screen Arts and Music co curricular programme. This year, students from MAGS will be involved in a number of events, and we have some great plans for the future.

### ARTS EVENTS IN TERM 1

**March 14-17:** PolyFest – Manukau Sports Bowl

**March 28-29:** Year 13 Drama production – MAGS

**April 5-7:** Sheilah Winn Shakespeare – Venue TBC

## Sports update

### Swimming championships



The MAGS Swimming Sports were held at the Mt Albert Aquatic Centre on Wednesday.

More than 100 students entered to compete for the Boys and Girls Junior, Intermediate and Senior school swimming championships. Seven school records were broken, and all our students raced well to produce some good early season results.

Bearna Crawford, (shortlisted athlete to represent NZ at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games) won all seven of her entered events and broke five long-standing Intermediate Girls school records.

Tony Tua-Tagaloa and Michael Chapman broke a record each in a hotly contested Junior Boys championships.

**Champions for 2018:** Junior Boys - Michael Chapman, Junior Girls - Edie Ancell, Intermediate Boys - Justin Hemara, Intermediate Girls - Bearna Crawford, Senior Boys - Bede Aitu, Senior Girls - Vasilina Shipilova.

For Swimming Championship records, champions and full results, [click here](#)

For a photo essay from the Swimming Championships, [click here](#)

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### Former All Black joins rugby coaching staff





Former All Black midfielder Mark Mayerhofler (left) has joined MAGS' Senior Rugby coaching staff.

Mayerhofler, who played six tests for the All Blacks, will bring his extensive rugby experience to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV coaching team with special focus on defence.

After winning three Super Rugby titles with the Crusaders, Mayerhofler spent several seasons in the English Premiership before returning to New Zealand. His daughter Allyana is in Year 12 at MAGS.

Meanwhile, the 1<sup>st</sup> XV enjoyed its first training session with All Black legend Keven Mealamu (pictured above in red shirt at centre) at the weekend at his Fit60 gym in Takanini.

NBA singlets was the call for training gear for the first of the sessions, which are going to be held for seven consecutive Saturdays.

## Clarke named best player at Brisbane Tens

A five-try performance by Albertian Caleb Clarke saw him named player of the tournament at last weekend's Brisbane Global Tens.

Caleb, the son of former All Blacks midfielder Eroni, was top try-scorer, and his efforts helped the Blues into the final, which they won in the last minute.

Eighteen-year-old Caleb, who played for MAGS' 1st XV from 2014-2016, has also been putting in strong displays for the All Blacks Sevens squad since making his debut earlier this year.



## Rowers weather the storm



Despite foul conditions, MAGSRow crews brought home three gold, five silver and five bronze medals from the Head of the Harbour regatta held on Lake Pupuke last Saturday.

Holly Chaafe won gold in the Girls U16 Single Sculls and the Girls U17 Single Sculls, while the Boys U15 Coxed Quad Sculls also came out on top.

Silvers were won in the Boys U17 Coxed Eight, Girls U16 Coxed Quad Sculls, Boys U17 Coxed Four, Girls U17 Double Sculls, and Boys U15 Coxed Octuple Sculls.

Bronze medals were won by the Boys U15 Double Sculls, Girls U15 Coxed Four, Boys U18 Novice Coxed Eight, Boys U18 Coxed Four, and Girls U16 Coxed Four.

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

## Tough start to year



MAGS and St Peters started back into cricket a day early with the sun shining after the previous day being torrential rain and a storm throughout the country.



lbw with a top team score of 16 runs. This was followed by a collapse and SPC dismissed MAGS for only 60 runs.

St Peters' openers scored quickly and freely with the loss of only one wicket, taken by Josh Oliver. They went on to win the game with nine wickets to spare in only 14 overs.

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## Sports trials and registrations



Students are encouraged to register for sports events and trials taking place in Term 1.

They include the MAGS Athletics Days, Hockey, Football, AKSS Triathlon and Aquathon Championships as well as Football, Hockey and Netball team trials.

[Click here for the registration forms](#)

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## General notices



  
**Media Studies  
USA Trip Fundraiser**  
**Black Panther**  
28th February 6pm  
Event Cinemas St Lukes

Tickets available at finance office  
**\$16**



On Saturday, February 24, Wairaka Land Company at Unitec is holding a community bike event called The Star Ride. The ride will start from five nearby bike routes and come together at the Wairaka/Unitec grounds for a community festival with food, family entertainment, and a bike market. No bike, no problem, as anyone is welcome to the festival.

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