



From the Headmaster

Creating The School Our Parents Want



This week I received our MAGS 2019 Provisional Staffing Entitlement from the Ministry of Education. As expected, it confirms that the Ministry will fund 170 fulltime teaching staff for the current academic year – a number that, in essence, provides only a ‘skeleton staff’ for our school.

To rely on Ministry funding alone would be catastrophic for our MAGS vision – one which challenges every student to achieve personal excellence across our Four Pillars: Academic, Sport, Arts and Culture, and Service.

Parents and students rightly expect a first-class learning environment at MAGS – equal at least to any school in the country. The commitment of our Board of Trustees in funding 13 additional teaching roles (at an annual cost of over \$1 million above the Ministry allocation) is allowing us to provide the additional human resource to make our community expectations a reality.

The Board is also committing funds to ensure Ministry building projects such as the new Science Block are completed to the highest standard (landscaping etc. is not included in the MoE building budget).

Significant additional funds are also invested in our student support service where, for some anomalous reason, a school of 3000 such as MAGS only receives the same Guidance Staff funding as a school of 200 students!

To be able to target resourcing in this way relies on the school raising additional funds – much of that through the annual parent donation.

Without doubt, the rewards of raising a family in Auckland are accompanied by hard work, sacrifice and financial pressures. We have a wonderful parent community who donate so much of their time and support to the young people of MAGS but it is the *financial donations* that allow us to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary!

Thank you to all of our parents who, through the annual donation,

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2019 Calendar

Friday, March 1

Class, portrait and ID photos for Year 12



Friday, March 8

First day of NISS Rowing Champs, Lake Karapiro



Sport

are creating a place like no other – the school we want for our MAGS young people.

Have a good weekend,

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



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Records broken at Athletics Championships



Two records were broken at the 2019 MAGS Athletics Championships at Mt Smart Stadium on Wednesday.

Amelia Caltaux set a new record in the Intermediate Girls 1500m on her way to becoming Intermediate Girls Champion, while Latonya Lole (above left) pushed the Senior Girls Shot Put mark out to 11.50m as she claimed the Senior Girls athletics title.

The 2019 Athletics Champions are: Dylan Moon (Senior Boys), Luke Clements (Intermediate Boys), Liam Webby and Te Waaka Popata-Henare (Junior Boys), Latonya Lole (Senior Girls), Amelia Caltaux (Intermediate Girls) and Zayyaan Smith (Junior Girls).

For a full wrap-up with results and photos from the athletics, click [here](#)

Scholarship winners



Deputy Prefects Darhys Simone and Alyssa Houma are the recipients of the Hi Well Charity Scholarships for 2019.

The NZ Korean Association kindly awards these \$700 scholarships to worthy Year 13 students who demonstrate significant leadership skills and balance to their academic studies. The scholarships were presented to the students by National Party MP Melissa Lee (pictured) at Takapuna Grammar last Saturday.

Year 9s express themselves



Expressions of Self, a Year 9 Art Exhibition is available for viewing in E Block.

As Year 13 student Isabel Morley, the Visual Art and Curatorial Leader, writes, "Year 9 students have been introduced to the Visual Arts at MAGS, having created identity posters, which reflect on students' interests, hobbies and a background on family history, religion and cultures.

"Being able to express oneself through Visual Art is something we encourage at MAGS,

which also allows students to learn and find common interests between themselves. Come and see these beautiful posters in the small gallery in E block downstairs."



Genevieve Ryan at Halbergs



MAGS Footballer Genevieve Ryan, above right, took to the stage last night at the Halberg Awards as part of the Junior Football Ferns who were nominated for Team of the Year. Genevieve and her teammates appeared at NZ's premier sports awards ceremony because of their historic bronze medal at the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in Uruguay late last year. It was the first time any 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. Despite their heroics, the Junior Football Ferns were beaten to the Team of the Year honours by the Black Ferns Sevens, who won the Sevens Rugby World Cup and Gold at the Commonwealth Games.

Lots of buzz about farm



A “buzz group” session was held at the Donald Pearson Farm recently to formulate plans for its future.

The 75ha dairy farm was bequeathed to Young Farmers on the death of its owner, Donald Pearson. Its Whitford location is surrounded by lifestyle blocks both large and small but he was determined its future would not be as a subdivision.

Young farmers, local schools, residents and businesses were part of the discussions with MAGS Agriculture Department being represented by HoD Esther Hancock, Experience Centre Manager Peter Brice and students Aidan Bright (Year 13) and Campbell Barclay (Year 12). Campbell also represented the school at the Rabobank Agricultural Leadership Programme with Aidan and Will Newton.

Aidan and Campbell were able to make some useful contributions and reported they found the discussions informative. There was much agreement around the need for more young people, particularly from Auckland, to take up Agriculture as a career.

Visits were in the initial plans, with a retail outlet for premium products further down the line.

Arts update



ALL DANCERS THROUGH TO NZ NATIONAL COMPETITION

A number of Mount Albert Grammar School dancers, who also dance with community Dance companies, were successful in the HHI Auckland regional competition and have qualified to compete for the national titles and a chance to represent NZ at the HHI worlds.

Congratulations to dancers Chekyna Tongalea, Samara Sebastian, Christelle Ridon, Lily Hardy, Faolan Okan, Remy Sutton, William Tuarae, Moanekah Va'ai and Marcus Savelio on your success last Saturday.

JUNIOR MUSIC COMPETITION – MAGS IDOL

Whether you have a band, duet or trio – or are a soloist – all Junior musicians and singers are invited to take part in this competition.

The link to register for this was sent out to all Junior students early this week.

Entries close for this next Tuesday, February 26th. Enquiries to jcesan@mags.school.nz

SENIOR ARTS INTER-DISCIPLINARY CHALLENGE

Get your group together now – dancers, choreographers, design students, filmmakers, composers, actors, musicians and directors.

The senior Arts challenge will see groups of senior students develop a concept for a 7-10 minute production inspired by an artistic quote.

Each team must present their concept in Term 2, and the winning team will get the opportunity to develop their piece for Arts Alive.

All competing groups must have representatives from all Arts strands. For more info or to register your group email jcesan@mags.school.nz

Students with a passion for the Arts, should keep an eye on the [Notices](#) for upcoming auditions, meetings and events.

2019 Art Show positions available



16-18 August 2019



www.magsartshow.co.nz

CURATOR

The MAGS Art Show Committee is seeking someone with experience in Art curation for this year's show.

If you would like more information about this creative role, please contact us on magsfom@gmail.com

ARTIST LIASION

This is a paid part-time position based at school from March until September. This person needs to have knowledge and experience of Art and Artists, be an excellent communicator, have good organisation and multi-tasking skills and will be highly personable.

Click [here](#) to find out more and to apply.

VOLUNTEERS

A reminder also that we are also still looking for keen volunteers to help organise and run the Art

Show. This is a great way to be involved with the school and the community.

Please email us as at magsfom@gmail.com if this interests you.

Assistant Property Manager vacancy

A great opportunity exists for a suitably qualified and experienced person seeking a part-time (20 hours per week) position in Health and Safety and property oversight at Mount Albert Grammar School, one of New Zealand's leading state schools.

Major tasks include:

- Responsibility for Health and Safety in the School.
- Liaison and communication with contractors, building and renovating, classroom blocks.
- Support for the Property Manager.

Key Requirements

- Previous experience in the building/construction industry.
- Experience in the application of NZ Health and Safety legislation.
- Experience in project management in the building industry would be an advantage.

For more information or to apply, click [here](#)

Sports update

Adithya Ashok in NZ U19 squad



Congratulations to First XI Boys Cricket captain Adithya Ashok (pictured above), who has been named in the NZ U19 squad to tour Bangladesh in April. Cricket Head Coach Tony Sail said Adithya, a leg spin bowler and batsman, is only 16 years old but the national coaching staff will be monitoring his progress and performances with a view to possible selection for the U19 World Cup in South Africa next year.

He continues a fine tradition of MAGS players being selected for the U19 team. In the last three U19 World Cups, MAGS has had representation from Brett Randell, Aniket Parikh and most recently Katene Clarke. On top of that, last weekend the Boys First XI had a good win over King's College, making 216/5 in their 50 overs before bowling King's out for 205 after 47 overs.

Maximus Soares (pictured right) scored 100no, having recently scored 102 against Francis Douglas Memorial College, and Adithya bagged four wickets. An outstanding performance by all in the team.

The Girls First XI also had a convincing win, beating Mount Roskill Grammar by eight wickets. They restricted the opposition to 50/9 before making 51/2 for the victory.



Rowers get results despite conditions



A windy day at Lake Pupuke did not stop Holly Chaafe (pictured above) winning the U18 Single Sculls or the Girls Novice U18 Coxed Eight from claiming Gold at the Head of the Harbour regatta last weekend.

With wind averaging 35-39 knots and raising white caps on the water, conditions were tricky but MAGS rowers claimed six medals in total.

The Girls U16 Coxed Eight won Silver, while there were Bronze medals for the Boys U18 Coxless Pairs, the Girls U18 Coxed Eight, and the Boys U18 Coxed Eight.

Softball teams come out swinging



MAGS dominated the Division One, One Day Softball Tournament at Rosedale Park, Albany yesterday.

The two Premier Boys teams played each other in the final, therefore claiming Gold and Silver; while the Premier Girls played well but had to settle for Silver in the final with a 2-3 loss to One Tree Hill College.



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