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From the Headmaster

The business of excellence



Our Scholars' Assembly this week saw more than 300 students presented with a Scholar Lion for gaining their 2017 NCEA Certificate Endorsed with Excellence.

Our New Zealand Scholarship winners from last year were also recognised including the seven 'Honours Board Scholars' for 2017 - students who gained three or more Scholarships and whose names will be inscribed in gold on our Honours Board.

Each of these students represent the pinnacle of academic achievement. Their success brings our school motto to life – "*Per Angusta Ad Augusta*" – *Through Hardship to Glory*. I can guarantee their academic journey has not been without challenge – but these students have triumphed through hard work and persistence.

The role of teachers and parents must also be acknowledged. The success of our young people certainly reflects the value of this productive partnership between school and home.



Congratulations to all of our scholars of 2017. Enjoy your success and use this as motivation for even bigger and better achievements this year.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

Thursday, March 1

Relay for Life full team meeting



Friday, March 2

AKSS Triathlon Champs, Maraetai.



Sport

Registration and trials for summer and winter sports

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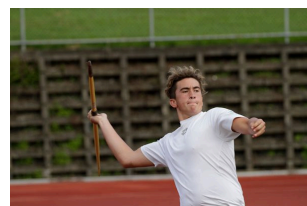


Photo essay

MAGS' Athletics Championships

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Headmaster Patrick Drumm with Albertian and Engineering student Kenneth Zhu, who was awarded the Jim Greatbanks Scholarship.

Seven new names will be inscribed on the Honours Board following the Scholars' Assembly held on Wednesday.

Mount Albert Grammar School recognised its top scholars for 2017 at a ceremony MC'ed by Head Boy Isaac Munro and Head Girl Hannah Houghton.

Among the highest achievers were the Boy and Girl Dux of 2017, Lucas Peterson and Harshita Nayyar. Lucas earned four Scholarships, and Harshita earned three Scholarships.

They will go onto the school's Honours Board along with 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.

Girl Proxime Accessit for 2017 Yusi Gao (pictured) received the June Gray Charitable Trust Tertiary Education Scholarship (worth \$3000 per year for three years), while Kenneth Zhu received the Jim Greatbanks Mount Albert Grammar School Engineering Scholarship (worth



Jonathan De Pledge (Calculus), Zi Huang (Calculus), Miriam Leonhardt (Calculus), Liam Milbank (Statistics) and Beatrice Santos (Biology).

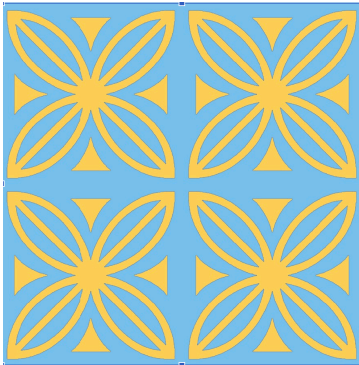
In total, 81 scholarships were awarded to MAGS' students, including nine at Outstanding level (the top 1% in each subject), the pinnacle of academic achievement for secondary students. Scholarships were attained across 21 subjects, and were spread among 54 students.

The Scholars' Assembly was also an occasion to recognise the school's academic achievers across NCEA Levels 1, 2 & 3 (Endorsed with Excellence), who were awarded Scholar Lions.

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

For photos from the Scholars' Assembly, [click here](#).

Junior Pasifika Evening



Last night, MAGS' Junior Pasifika community came together to help students and their families identify academic and career pathways.

The gathering of Year 9 & 10 students and their parents in the Maurice Hall Atrium learned more about MAGS Junior Graduation Points, subject choices, NCEA Pathways, and leadership development.

Pasifika Liaison Officer Api Taulapiu said the evenings were a vital part of making sure students and their families were aware of what MAGS has to offer, and to get them engaged in fulfilling their potential.

Seniors awarded scholarships



Deputy Head Girl Rosarina Pillissi and fellow Year 13 student Elijah Manu have been awarded scholarships by the Hi Well Charitable Foundation.

National MP Melissa Lee (pictured above with the pair) nominated them and they were invited to the foundation's annual Lunar New Year event at Takapuna Grammar School last Saturday.

The charity presented Rosarina and Elijah with special scholarships given to worthy students.

The Hi-Well Charity award acknowledges academic success, as well as students' contributions to the wider life of their school.

High achiever



Year 11 student Freeman McCall's speech on 'Achieving Your Dreams' last year provided the inspiration for him to tackle Africa's tallest peak – Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania – over the summer school holidays.

Kilimanjaro is the world's highest freestanding mountain at 5895m at the summit (Uhuru). Freeman, pictured above at the summit, did the climb (which took seven days) as a fundraiser for Autism NZ and presented a cheque for \$500 to Karen Lonergan, the National Outreach Manager for Autism New Zealand.

It was a big challenge with -20C on the summit. The weather was bad as well, particularly on summit day.

To reach the summit, Freeman and his mother Claire started walking at 3am in the dark, reaching the top around 10.30am.

While Claire is proud of her son, she's worried what Freeman's next dream might be.

Swagganauts strut their stuff



Four MAGS boys featured in the nine-strong Swagganauts hip hop crew (pictured above) that won the Auckland Regionals Varsity division, which featured 17 crews from all over Auckland. Year 12 student Remy Sutton and Year 11 students Tai Hemana, Faolan Okan and William Tuarae feature in the Swagganauts, part of Identity Dance Company directed by Albertian Josh Cesan. Their choreographer and manager – Louis Dan Tyrell and Gabriel Sutton – are also Albertians. In second place in this division was Boys In The Hood, which featured MAGS student Monekah Va'ai.

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

April 10-11: Annual Dance Concert – Centennial Theatre

For any inquiries regarding Arts co curricular events or groups, please contact Jacqui Cesan (Director Arts Co Curricular) jcesan@mags.school.nz 09 846 2044 x 8226

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Sports update

Athletics Championships



The 2018 Athletics Championships were held at Mt Smart Stadium yesterday.

This was the biggest Athletics Championships in recent years with 400 students competing over a range of events.

There were three records broken at the Championships:

Max Brooke Cowden – 100m Senior Boys – 10.96s

Hannah Houghton – 1500m Senior Girls – 5:07.33

Malia Seko – Junior Girls Long Jump – 5.20m

Max's record is significant in the history of the school as he is the first boy at MAGS to ever break the 11-second barrier over the 100m. This time makes Max the fastest U20 student in the

The School Champions will be announced next week during assemblies.
The team for the College Sport Auckland Zone Championships will be named tonight.

Upcoming Athletics events:

Monday, 5th March - Central West Zone Championships

Wednesday, 14th March - Kings College Series 1

Wednesday, 21st March - Kings College Series 2

Wednesday, 28th March - Auckland Secondary Schools Championships

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

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

Troy Garton named in Games team

Albertian Troy Garton has been selected in the New Zealand boxing team for the Commonwealth Games. Troy, who attended MAGS from 2001-05 and was a Premier Girls netballer, is fighting in the Women's 60kg division and is part of an eight-strong boxing team that includes three females. Troy, aged 30, started boxing about four years ago – as part of a charity event. But in recent years she has taken on and beaten Australia's best female boxers, and last year became a national champion. The Commonwealth Games will be held in April on Australia's Gold Coast.



Century on debut

Ishaque Lolai showed immense skill and concentration to score an unbeaten century on debut last weekend against Auckland Grammar. The Year 9 student is a member of the Junior Blue cricket team that romped to 200/3 off 22 overs in its first game of the season.

Meanwhile, the 1st XI beat St Kentigern in a limited overs game, bowling them out for 131 before making 132/5 in reply.



Sports trials and registrations



Students are encouraged to register for sports events and trials taking place in Term 1. They include Hockey, Football, AKSS Triathlon and Aquathon Championships as well as Football, Hockey and Netball team trials.

[Click here for the registration forms](#)

General notices




**Media Studies
USA Trip Fundraiser**




Black Panther
28th February 6pm
Event Cinemas St Lukes

Tickets available at finance office
\$16

Annual Giving fundraiser



FEATURING

 ANDREW CLAY MAORI TV'S CRACK UP	 ALAN NICELSON TYNE'S POKER FACE	 MELANIE BRACEWELL TV'S 7 DAYS.	 TARON MOHAMBHAI CROPPER'S REPUBLIC OF ANZAKISTAN
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TICKETS \$25.00
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NO DOOR SALE

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Profits from a night of stand-up comedy will go to MAGS' Annual Giving. Please contact Debbie Gyde for tickets, shawn.debbie@xtra.co.nz or on 027 200 6004, as there will be no door sales on the night.

On your bike

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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