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From the Headmaster

Leadership as Service



Leadership across MAGS was recognised at today's Senior Leadership Assembly.

Senior students charged with leading our Academic, Sporting, Arts and Culture programmes in the year ahead, along with our Prefects, were presented with badges in recognition of their responsibilities.

Our leaders were encouraged to wear their badges as a symbol of the difference they *will make* in the time ahead as opposed to simply recognising what they have achieved to date. Past successes must be acknowledged and celebrated but it is the year ahead that will ultimately define the success of our leaders.

The common leadership thread running through all areas of school life is one of *service*. Framing our leadership roles through the service pillar ensures that the success of others becomes the key indicator of our effectiveness as a leader.

In this way, our student leaders become guardians of our MAGS Way values and our culture as a community.

Congratulations again to all leaders recognised at today's assembly. We can move forward into 2019 with the confidence MAGS is in safe hands.

Have a good weekend,

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2019 Calendar

Tuesday February 12

Year 9 Parents' Evening, School Hall, 6.15pm

Wednesday, February 13

Scholars Assembly, 12pm



Thursday, February 14

School Swimming Sports

Friday, February 15

Class, portrait and ID photos



Sport



Photo Essays

[Waterpolo Premier Boys v St Peters College](#)

[Waterpolo Premier Girls v EGGs](#)



Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Senior Leadership Assembly



At today's Senior Leadership Assembly, the school's Prefects, Arts Leaders, Cultural Leaders and Summer Sports Leaders for 2019 were presented with badges and certificates.

Headmaster Patrick Drumm said this was recognition of their potential but the year ahead was when they would prove themselves not only through their own success but, more importantly, by helping others to succeed.

After the School Hymn, which began the ceremony, Head Boy Germain Hellriegel-White read the school prayer, while at the end of the ceremony Head Girl Takunda Muzondiwa made the concluding remarks, echoing Mr Drumm's sentiments by saying all the leaders would be measured by the success of those around them and their ability to inspire a new generation of leaders.

During the ceremony, *Lo Ta Nu'u*, a traditional Samoan song was performed by Tali Afele, Samuela Gabriel and Sina Gabriel. Senior Te Puna students also performed a haka for their

peers.

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



Outstanding academic success

Provisional results from 2018 exams show Mount Albert Grammar School has reinforced its reputation as one of the country's top academic schools, with students gaining a record 114 Scholarships, and NCEA exam rates tracking well above comparable schools. Their success will be celebrated at next week's Scholars Assembly held in the school hall at 12pm.

The 114 scholarships included 11 at Outstanding level (the top 1% in each subject). Scholarships were attained across 21 subjects, and were spread among 60 students, with 13 of them gaining three or more scholarships. Full results should also be available next week.

Arts news



DANCE: HIP HOP

As pictured above, 150 students turned up to audition for the MAGS Hip Hop Mega Crew. A high standard made it hard for the leaders to select the final crew of 40 who will defend their national title at the HHI National MEGA school competition in April.

MUSIC: JUNIOR MAGS MUSIC COMPETITION

A competition for our Junior school singers (either solo or group) and musicians (solo or group) will be announced next week.

DRAMA: Watch out for audition notices for actors for Sheilah Winn Shakespeare pieces coming out next week.

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

Students learn about leadership



From 21-24 January, Will Newton and Aidan Bright joined about 22 other Year 11 and 12 Agriculture students from Waikato and Auckland schools on the 2019 Rabobank Agricultural Leadership Programme.

The programme has been running for several years and was designed to encourage more students to consider primary industries as a career.

The four-day course consisted of numerous activities, industry visits and speakers.

Starting with learning how to paddle an enormous waka ama (teamwork) on the mighty Waikato River at Turangawaewae Marae, the programme included visits to Zespri, Tatua and their dairy goats, Zeelong tea, New Zealand Honey, deer farming, and exploring the use of drones

in farming. Both Will and Aidan reported they had an amazing and educational visit and their commitment to pursuing a career in primary industries has been further intensified. Congratulations to them both for taking the bold step to apply to be on the programme.



Student absence and leave

Some parents are still not following the correct procedures for notifying student absence and leave, which are outlined below:

Student absence

- Parents must notify the school on the morning of the absence. They may do so in the following ways:
 - By telephone: 09 846 2044 x 8142
 - By email: attendance@mags.school.nz
 - Via the school app: Free to download from the App Store or Google Play. Search for 'Mount Albert Grammar School'
 - By note to the Student Centre
- If a student's absence was not notified on the day they were away, they should bring a note explaining the reason for their absence on the day they return to school.
- The absence note must be delivered to the Student Centre.

Late to School

If a student is going to be late to School, the School should be notified in any of the ways listed above.

The student must visit the Student Centre on arrival at School to receive a Late Pass.

Student leave requests

Requests for non-school related leave of one day or more during the school year must be addressed to the Headmaster, Mr Patrick Drumm, at least two weeks before the start of proposed leave. Please give the dates of proposed absence from school and the purpose of the leave. If in writing, please address the letter to:

The Headmaster, Mr Patrick Drumm, Mt Albert Grammar School, Alberton Avenue, Mt Albert, Auckland 1025

If emailing, please send to: paheadmaster@mags.school.nz

Student centre not for drop-offs

If your child forgets their lunch, sports shoes, homework, money or any other item that they might need for a school day, we politely request that parents do not drop off those items to the Student Centre.

At the start of this term, centre staff have been dealing with too many personal items and/or lunches being dropped off for students.

MAGS students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own organisation, and staff find that they need to discover the consequences of forgetting an essential item only once to learn to always pack it in future. We appreciate parents supporting us in teaching this life skill.

Also, it is not appropriate for Student Centre staff to handle cash and we request that parents do not ask them to do so.

Youth EnviroLeaders Forum

Applications are invited for the Youth EnviroLeaders Forum from Year 11-13 students who are passionate about the environment and keen to develop their leadership potential.

The week-long programme, which draws students from all over New Zealand, takes place in April and is run by the Sir Peter Blake Trust and The Ministry for the Environment.

This fully funded programme allows students to learn more about environmental issues relating to climate change, our oceans, freshwater systems and biodiversity.

Students hear from inspirational speakers, and develop leadership skills while participating in outdoor activities.

For more info click [here](#) or contact the school's Environment Club Leader Miss Helen Dunham.

Applications close midnight 22 February.

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, Athletics, Lawns Bowls, Aquathon, Triathlon, Duathlon, Cricket, Orienteering, Tag Football, Softball, Hockey, Mountain Biking, Volleyball, Basketball and Rugby (Boys & Girls).

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](#)



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.

Sports update

Century sets the tone for victory



Maximus Soares scored a century as MAGS 1st XI Boys Cricket enjoyed a big victory over Francis Douglas Memorial College (FDMC) on Monday.

Pictured above being congratulated on his century, Maximus made 102 and shared a third wicket partnership of 185 with captain Adithya Ashok, who scored 93 not out.

MAGS finished on 280/4 before rolling FDMC for 129 all out, with bowler Ben Seavill taking 4/24.

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

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.



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.

So what does this mean for us? Eat

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!

The Eat Smart menu features balanced

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.

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

BUY OR GIFT A LUNCH NOW AT
WWW.TXTMYLUNCH.CO.NZ

SEE THE FULL MENU AT
WWW.LIBELLE.CO.NZ

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](#)

General notices



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flowers, food stalls, entertainment,
music, coffee, pop-up tea room!**

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Sunday 11 November 2018

Sunday 9 December 2018

Sunday 10 February 2019

Sunday 10 March 2019

Sunday 14 April 2019

10 am - 2 pm

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