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From the Headmaster

Welcome Back to School



A warm welcome back to Mount Albert Grammar School for 2019 and special greetings to students, families and staff joining us for the first time.

The school is busy preparing for the arrival of our students. Year 9 students start next Tuesday followed by the whole school on Wednesday. Our Year 13 Peer Support Leaders are playing an important role in the transition of our newest students into MAGS and I am grateful for their leadership and support in this induction process.

Provisional NCEA results from last year are again very strong and show MAGS students achieving well above national and decile averages. Well done to all students who achieved their academic goals for 2018. More importantly, this success must provide a foundation for even greater success in the year ahead!

We are again blessed to have an outstanding group of new staff joining the school who will further enhance our school culture and ensure that MAGS continues to be an even better place to learn.

We begin our school year as a community still mourning the loss of our friend and colleague Geoff Moon. Geoff's contribution to MAGS over many years was significant and he will be sorely missed. Our thoughts continue to be with Geoff's family. Thank you to all in the MAGS community who have been of support at this time and who are ensuring that we enjoy the best possible beginning to the academic year.

I look forward to meeting new faces and working with the people of MAGS in the time ahead.
Enjoy the Anniversary Weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2019 Calendar

Monday, January 28

Auckland Anniversary Day – school closed



Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Year 9s only start school

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Full school in



Sport



Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Pasifika focus for 2019



MAGS' Senior Leadership Team, from left to right, Deputy Principal Sarah Hayes, Associate Principal Jo Williams, new Deputy Principal Corey Todd, new Deputy Principal Tanya Rose, Deputy Principal John Stradwick, Headmaster Patrick Drumm, Deputy Principal Tom Murdoch, Deputy Principal Shameen Hayat.

At a full staff administration day at Unitec yesterday, Headmaster Patrick Drumm unveiled the strategy for the coming year, which has a strong focus on improving Pasifika achievement.

Mr Drumm said he had no time for the belief that some students could not be helped. He said that all parents, regardless of ethnicity or socioeconomic background, wanted the best for their children, and it was the school's job to encourage students to work hard and fulfil their potential.

Deputy Principal John Stradwick said the theme for the year would be 'Personal Best', with students ingrained with the belief it was "normal to work hard". He said it was the teacher's role to "convince them of their brilliance and help them achieve their potential in a disciplined and structured environment".

Mr Drumm said this was also the year when staff were expected to start hitting the goals set by the [Strategic Plan](#).

New Deputy Principal Tanya Rose said the school's NCEA results were tracking well, but achievement among Pasifika and boys generally needed improvement.

New staff were also introduced on the day, before all staff took part in three workshops that focused on the needs of Pasifika students: Family and Culture Pillars, Spiritual and Wellbeing Pillars, and Physical and Social Pillars.

BoT member Lemauga Lydia Sosene (pictured below left) said the Fono Fale Model would be implemented to take a well-rounded approach to helping Pasifika students, who make up 20 per cent of the roll at MAGS. She said if students were proud of their Pasifika identity that would give them a great foundation for success.



For more photos from the day, click [here](#)

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, key dates and has a guide to the first day at school.

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.

An email went out today to Year 9 students regarding the school donation and this included details about how to log in to the Kamar Parent Portal where payments can be made, and parents can access other information about their children. On Tuesday, the rest of the school students should receive this email.



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. <http://mountalbertgrammarschool.ap.ps.school.nz/share/>

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.

Students will find out their form class on their first day, Tuesday 29 January. Students in Te Puna o Wairaka will also be told which form class below applies to them.

Week 1:

Thursday, January 31: 9HGH, 9GIB, 9CNS, 9PUL

Friday, February 1: 9BNN, 9IRE, 9SNH, 9SEO

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

New students in Years 10-13 should bring their device from their first day – Wednesday, January 30th – and come to ICT in L Block at interval or lunchtime or as directed by a teacher to access their logins and other BYOD information.

Students in English Language classes will be informed by their teachers as to when to bring their device. 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

Peer Support training



This week, Year 13 Peer Support Leaders completed their training in preparation for the arrival of Year 9s next Tuesday.

Each Year 9 class has a group of Leaders assigned. The Year 13s meet their Year 9 charges on their first day at school to help the classmates get to know each other and show them around the campus. The Peer Support Leaders stay in touch with their class throughout the Year 9s' first year to ensure they feel safe, happy and confident to ask for help if they need it.

Peer Support Leaders help juniors to develop personal skills, including listening and communicating, recognising and combating negative peer pressure, and improving their self-esteem.

Geoff Moon farewelled



School House Director and First XV Rugby Coach Mr Geoff Moon was farewelled on Monday by family, friends, colleagues and students past and present.

Mount Albert Grammar School's F.W. Gamble Hall was packed out for the funeral service, with Geoff's life celebrated by his family, friends and colleagues. The service was also streamed to a video screen on the Sir B.G. Williams Field in front of a grandstand full of mourners.

Celebrant Grant Hobbs conducted proceedings that saw some often hilarious anecdotes told about Geoff, who started at MAGS in 2013 as Director of Rugby.

Tributes were paid to Geoff by his brother Keith, Headmaster Patrick Drumm, All Blacks Keven Mealamu and Eroni Clarke, and former colleague at Aorere College Gary Peach.

Mr Drumm said Geoff was an outstanding leader and educator with his own way of doing things, a sentiment echoed by others. He was remembered as a man who loved the family he raised after he married high school sweetheart Angela. He was renowned for his high standards but owned a mischievous sense of humour.

There was a moving performance by the Former Aorere College Choristers before his family members took time to remember him. A video tribute highlighted Geoff's love of family, rugby and having fun.

At the conclusion of the service, School House boys performed a passionate haka in honour of Geoff as his casket, draped in a korowai, left the hall.

Geoff passed away aged 53 on January 8 after a sudden illness while in Italy during a rugby coaching stint.

The school's prayers and thoughts are with Geoff's wife Angela, his children Jessica, Sean and Dylan and his extended family.

Sports trials and registrations



Over the coming weeks, the Sports Department will be releasing details of sport trials and registrations. These will 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 and Orienteering.

Uniform Shop hours

The Uniform Shop will be open on Auckland Anniversary Day – Monday, January 28 – from 9am-12pm to alleviate any last-minute rush before school opens for Year 9s on January 29 and the full school on January 30. For the full Uniform Shop hours, click [here](#)

Tickets on sale for MAGSROW Quiz Night



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 Last day for tickets is 5 February 2019. Thanks for your support!

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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

Changes to 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:

EAT WELL. DO BETTER.

So what does this mean for us? Eat

The Eat Smart menu features balanced

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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 find out more [here](#)

Sports update

Archery Gold for Lizzy

Congratulations to Year 9 student Lizzy Robins (pictured), who won Gold at the New Zealand National Archery Championships earlier this month in the Intermediate Girls Recurve division.

Lauren Emirali (Year 11), Lizzy's clubmate at Mountain Green Archery Club, won silver in the Target category and bronze in Matchplay at the championships held at Flat Bush. Lauren is the current national indoor champion.



Sharne to play basketball Stateside



Sharne Pupuke-Robati has been signed to play basketball in the United States later in the year for the Utah State Eastern women's team, known as the Eagles.

The Eagles' coach Chelsey Warburton said, "Sharne is a solid addition to our programme, bringing length, mobility and a determination to do well."

Ms Warburton said Sharne will play power forward for the Eagles and will provide versatility and depth.

"She can knock down perimeter shots and score on the block, is a wonderful teammate and a great rebounder."

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