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From the Headmaster

Into the Third Quarter



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

With Term 3 underway, it is wonderful to be back at school after completing my Woolf Fisher Fellowship last term.

It is a privilege to be able to view your school from a distance and to observe the successes and steady stream of MAGS good news from the other side of the world.

Thank you to Jo Williams (Acting Headmaster), Sarah Hayes (Acting Associate Principal) and Natalie Absolum (Acting Deputy Principal) – and fellow Senior Leadership Team members for continuing to grow our school throughout last term.

As we move towards the business end of the academic year we can take great inspiration from our recently crowned world champion netball team, which included Albertian Maria Folau (with fellow Albertian Jamie-Lee Price representing Australia in the same game!).

The third quarter of the final was when the Silver Ferns made their move. After half-time the Kiwis managed to capitalise on the strong foundation work of the first two quarters and pull away from the opposition to take a handy lead into the final quarter. In essence, that was where the game was won!

So, too, with Term 3 (the third quarter) for our students. We have laid a strong foundation to date this year but now is the time to ensure we translate this into results with high-stakes assessments fast approaching.

Our senior students have less than 10 academic weeks left in the year. Now is the time to make our move and, like the Silver Ferns, ensure the result is never in doubt!

Have a good weekend.

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2019 Calendar

Saturday, August 27

1st XV Rugby v Sacred Heart College, 1pm, Sir BG Williams Field

Monday, July 29 &

Tuesday, July 30

Year 8 Information Evenings



Thursday, August 1

Unity Cultural Concert, 7pm, Dorothy Winstone Theatre



Sport



Fixtures and results

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Youth MP Aka Bloomfield



Aka Bloomfield admits it was a big surprise when she got a phone call from Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern nominating her to be the Mt Albert MP's representative in Youth Parliament 2019. "I had applied for it and then forgotten about it because I thought someone else must have got it, and then I got the phone call," said Aka, who took the PM's seat in Parliament.

"I applied for it because I'm interested in activism more than being a politician. But it was really interesting to see how the whole process works at Parliament."

Over two days during the school holidays, 120 Youth MPs experienced aspects of the parliamentary process by taking part in mock debates, attending caucus sessions, sitting on select committees, asking oral questions of Ministers, and engaging in legislative and general debates in the debating chamber.

Ms Ardern advised Aka to forget about being nervous and just enjoy the moment when



speaking in Parliament, which was what Aka had to do when asking a question of Climate Change Minister James Shaw.

Her question was: 'Does the Minister plan to include Tikanga Māori and indigenous practices in the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill; if so, how?' Aka said, "In his answer he mostly talked about what they are doing in the bill but he did say that the Government needed to do more around being culturally sensitive."
Aka plans to study Engineering at the University of Auckland next year.

Art Show Gala Evening tickets on sale



Ticket for MAGS Art Show Gala Evening are on sale now.

Art lovers get in quick because this fabulous event sells out every year. So please don't delay purchasing your tickets!

MAGS Art Show Gala Evening
Friday, 16 August 6.30pm-10.00pm.
FW Gamble Hall
Tickets \$50 from [here](#)

Please note: due to alcohol service and venue capacity, the Art Show Gala Evening is adults only. Persons under the age of 18 will not be permitted.

A ticket to our Gala Evening gives you the opportunity to be the first to view – and purchase – artworks from this beautifully curated art show. Around 1000 artworks are

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exhibited, including painting, photography, sculpture and objects from more than 120 established and emerging artists from around Aotearoa New Zealand. We also celebrate the artworks of our very talented students.

Your ticket to the Gala Evening includes beverages, delicious canapés and entertainment from talented MAGS musicians and performing artists. Join us for a great night out with friends, exhibiting artists and the MAGS community.

Money raised from this event and the entire show will go towards our Artist in Residence programme and other resources that benefit all students at our school.

All the artworks featured in the MAGS Art Show are available for purchase so if you see something you love, you're invited to buy it and take it home at the end of the show.

The Art Show and sale of artwork continue on Saturday the 17th, 10am to 6pm, and Sunday the 18th of August, 10am to 2pm – free entry. Music and dance performances entertain throughout the weekend along with a pop-up café on site.

Follow the [MAGS Art Show Facebook page](#) to keep up to date with progress.

Unity cultural concert tickets on sale



Tickets are now on sale at the Finance Office for the MAGS cultural concert *Unity* to be held at the Dorothy Winstone Theatre at AGGS in Howe Street next Thursday, 1 August at 7pm.

Tickets are priced at \$10, with \$5 tickets for children under 8 and MAGS staff and students.

The concert will feature performances by the MAGS Kapa Haka, Samoan, Niuean, Cook Island, Tongan, Chinese and Indian cultural groups. The students have been practising hard through the holidays and after school to polish their performances. This will be a great show. Tickets can be purchased on the door but the last *Unity* concert sold out.

Albertians in Netball World Cup Final

Two Albertians faced off in the Netball World Cup Final in Liverpool on Monday morning with Maria Folau (at left) earning bragging rights over Jamie-Lee Price (at right) as the



Silver Ferns defeated Australia's Diamonds in a one-goal thriller. in 2014, Maria (2004) was the first female inducted into MAGS' Hall of Distinction – for services to netball and the school. Her winning World Cup Final appearance was her 146th game for the Silver Ferns – and possibly the last for the star goal shoot. She debuted for the Silver Ferns in 2005 but this was



her first World Cup win.

At the other end of the experience scale, Jamie-Lee (2009-2013), a mid-courter, made her debut for the Diamonds last year.

Future Pathways Expo

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Additional providers featuring Interactive displays. Faculty & Subject Rooms. Advice from Faculty staff. Deans & NCEA information.

Note: MAGS 2020 Subject Option Choices due 22 August.

FUTURE PATHWAYS EXPO



Term 3 Week 3 Tuesday August 6th : 4.00-7.00pm



Parents and students of all year levels are invited to the Future Pathways Expo, where they can talk to MAGS' faculty heads about courses, and discuss future pathways with representatives of tertiary institutes and training organisations.

The Expo will be held on Tuesday, August 6 from 4pm-7pm in the Maurice Hall Building at Mount Albert Grammar School.

This is a great opportunity to talk to MAGS staff about course selections for 2020 and see what is on offer from more than 50 tertiary institutes and industry providers who will be represented on the night.

This year there will be four rooms upstairs with providers featuring interactive displays.

To accommodate the Future Pathways Expo, the school will have shortened periods that day and finish at 2.10pm to allow staff time for set-up.

Albertians celebrated in revamped gym



Albertian and Football Fern Emma Kete (2001-2005) returned to MAGS today to see the refurbished Gym 1, which now features a picture of her playing for NZ along with other famous sporting Albertians on graphics panels around the gym.

She also caught up with her Year 9 PE teacher Mark Dempster (pictured), who is now MAGS' Director of Hockey.

As well as having the graphics panels installed on the end walls, the gym has a new floor and has been repainted – and one of the side walls features colour photographs of students in action.

Albertians featured on the end walls are: Jack Cowie, who first represented NZ in 1935 – Cricket; Merv Wallace, 1935 – Cricket; MAGS Rowing 8, 1949 (most of whom represented NZ in 1950); Les Mills, 1958 – Athletics; Peter Snell, 1960 – Athletics; Sir Bryan Williams, 1970 – Rugby; Fred Ah Kuoi, 1977 – League; Roger Sumich, 1982 – Cycling; Shane O'Brien, 1984 – Rowing; Olo Brown, 1992 – Rugby; Ray Sefo, 1995 – Kick Boxing; Thomas Leuluai, 2003 – League; Rory Fallon, 2005 – Football; Maria Folau, 2006 – Netball; Emma Kete,



2007 – Football; Arun Panchia, 2009 – Hockey; Sonny Bill Williams, 2010 – Rugby and League; Cole Evans, 2011 – Softball; and Portia Woodman, 2013 – Rugby.

Year 8 Information Evenings

Mount Albert Grammar School will be holding two presentation evenings next week for in-zone Year 8 parents and guardians and their sons/daughters.

On Monday, 29 July, the evening will be for Auckland Normal Intermediate and Balmoral Intermediate schools, from 7pm-8pm. On Tuesday, 30 July, for Kowhai Intermediate, Pasadena Intermediate, Ponsonby Intermediate and Wesley Intermediate schools, also from 7pm-8pm.

Held at the school in the F.W. Gamble Hall, the evenings will include a visual presentation about the school for Year 9 students in 2020.

There will be enrolment procedure information, and the opportunity to ask questions about the academic, sporting, service, arts and cultural opportunities at the school.

Parking is unavailable within the school grounds, so please park in the surrounding streets. You can find more enrolment information [here](#)

Spirit of Adventure



From left: Thomas Brooks, Cade Stevens, Kiara Bundock, Abby Irwin and Megan Williams on the Spirit of Adventure.

Five members of the Year 12 leadership training group were the lucky recipients of a berth on the Spirit of Adventure sailing ship.

The group, accompanied by History/Social Sciences Teacher and sailing enthusiast Nigel Halliburton, had a day out on the ship courtesy of the Pinnacle programme, which helps 15- to 18-year-olds looking to develop their skills and leadership abilities.

Mr Halliburton reports, "There was a stiff breeze of 15 knots and gusting to about 25 in the inner Hauraki Gulf. Plenty of amusing screams as the ship rolled in the swell beyond North Head with the wind whistling through the rigging.

Cade, Thomas, Megan, Kiara, and Abby took it in their stride and familiarised themselves with the workings of the ship.

At the halfway point, we all went below decks for some kai and a few songs by one of the school groups.

Shortly after midday we returned to port with all five of the chilled and windswept students, who thanked the crew and stepped back onto land. No-one went swimming and no-one went missing (though Abby entertained the idea of stowing away).

Highlight of the day kids? 'No fifth period'."

Year 10s keeping NZ beautiful



Year 10 Outdoor Education students have again been doing an amazing job collecting rubbish from beaches around Auckland.

Student Isabella Cain reports: "Over the past couple of weeks, the Year 10 Outdoor Education classes have been visiting various beaches as part of our Environmental Care unit, in partnership with the Keep New Zealand Beautiful charity.

My class specifically went to Point Chevalier Beach on the Thursday of Week 9 in Term 2. Spending a collective seven volunteer hours, we managed to cover 27,600sq m, finding a range of rubbish – from microscopic plastic pieces to teabags and jandals. We left disgusted at what we found but with a sense of pride for doing our bit in the community."

Blood Donor Day



A great turnout of staff and students on Blood Donor Day meant that around 200 units of blood and blood products were collected for use by hospitals. With the help of MAGS' student-led Health Committee, NZ Blood Service facilitated the day on Tuesday, July 2. NZ Blood Service is the sole provider of blood products to hospitals around New Zealand and relies on the generosity of their donors to save lives. MAGS nurse Claire Brown said, "The tireless work from the Health Committee, with spreading the word, recruitment of donors leading up to the day, and organisation on the day itself, contributed immensely to the success of the day. "The Blood Service has commended the students and staff on their generosity in donating and on the impeccable behaviour observed on the day. They passed on that the students were a pleasure to work with and made the day thoroughly enjoyable."

Junior Young Farmer finalists



In a first for MAGS, one of our three Junior Young Farmer teams made it through to the National Finals held in Napier on July 3 & 4.

The team of two Year 12 Agriculture boys – Campbell Barclay (far right) and Joshua Baker – were supported by their families and Head of Agriculture and Horticulture Esther Hancock. During the finals, the boys had to give a speech, build an irrigation system from scratch, complete an exam, back a huge trailer with a tractor, and answer “modules” with questions about matters as diverse as insurance risk, health and



safety, soil deficiencies and creating a demand for natural fibre.

Fourteen teams competed with five teams going through to the final 'Face Off'; a series of questions posed by comedian Te Radar.

Campbell and Josh did not make the final but reported that they enjoyed the experience hugely and will use it as motivation to compete again in the regional competition next year with the hope of doing better next time.

And 2019 Young Farmer of the Year James Robertson, an Auckland, who was very helpful to our competitors in their preparation for the competition, will be coming to talk to the Year 12 Agribusiness class and the TeenAg club on August 14.

Rocket League winners

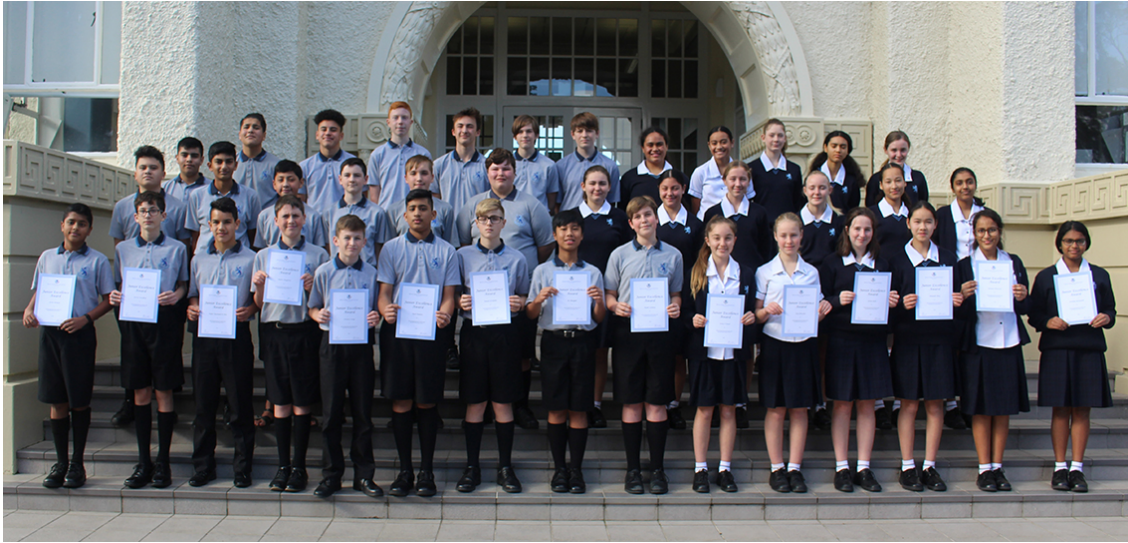


MAGS Pureial won paid flights and travel expenses to compete in the Melbourne Esports Open at the end of August when they beat MAGS Rocket League Company (MRLC) in the New Zealand regional final of Rocket League.

The two MAGS outfits faced off in the final, with the MAGS Pureial team of Drew French, Lewis Duguid, Noah Banks and Miran Manuchehri winning the best-of-five final 3-0 against the MRLC team of Rahul Hendriksen, Ben Mimms, Luka Jeremic and Xavier Milbank.

Run by META High School Esports, the competition features teams of three from Australia and New Zealand playing Rocket League, an online game where rocket-propelled cars play football in a spectacular, cartoonish fashion with flips, explosions and fireworks.

Junior Excellence Awards



The Junior Excellence Awards for Term 2 were presented to students from Year 9 (pictured above) and Year 10 (pictured below) at assemblies on Monday and Tuesday respectively. Certificates are awarded to up to two students from each mentor class at the end of each term. These awards recognise students who have demonstrated personal excellence by doing one or more of the following:

- shown huge improvement in the quality of work
- submitted outstanding work
- shown significantly improved effort
- exemplified the 'MAGS Way' values
- been a highly supportive and helpful member of their mentor class
- persevered through hardship to achieve success

The list of Year 9 winners is [here](#), and Year 10 winners [here](#)



University of Auckland Future Student Evening

The University of Auckland is holding a Future Student Evening at its Central Auckland campus on Tuesday, 13 August, starting at 6pm.

The evening, held in the Sir Owen G Glenn Building, is an opportunity for parents and students to hear about what the University of Auckland has to offer.

There will be presentations and an expo where attendees can speak with staff from each of the faculties alongside representatives from the university's Scholarships, Accommodation, 360 International, Career Development and Employability Services, Tertiary Foundation Certificate and UniBound teams.

You can find out more about the event and register [here](#)



Sports update

Albertian decathlete wins Gold



Photos courtesy of University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand

Albertian Aaron Booth (2010-14) won the men's decathlon and New Zealand's only Gold medal at the World University Games this month with a personal best score of 7827 points.

The 22-year-old USA-based athlete was second after day one with a score of 3993 at the Games, held in the Italian city of Naples.

He had a PB pole vault of 4.80m, which held him in second place behind Alexander Diamond of Australia. A javelin throw of 60.51m propelled him into the lead, which he maintained after a 1500m of 4:31.38. Diamond was second with a score of 7593.

Since his secondary school days at MAGS, Aaron has chalked up an impressive record of achievements, improving with almost each outing. He was the Oceania U18 octathlon champion in 2013, the national junior decathlon champion in 2014, won silver in the decathlon at the 2015 Oceania Championships and at previous World University Games was 13th in the decathlon in 2015 and third in 2017. In the States, Aaron was 14th in the 2018 NCAA Division 1 decathlon, and showed good form coming into the Games with a sixth placing at the NCAA Division 1 in June.



Brearna readying for World Champs



World Junior Championships-bound swimmer Brearna Crawford broke the NZ Open short course 100m breaststroke record at a swim meet in Hamilton during the school holidays.

Her time of 1.07.14sec makes her the fastest female swimmer in the country over that distance.

At the annual Evolution Swim Meet, she set nine other records: two NZ records for 16 years (100m Breast, 100IM), two Auckland Open records (100m Br, 50m Br-100 split), five Auckland 16 years records (50m Br, 100m Br, 200m Br, 100m IM, 200m IM) – and, unofficially, the 50m Fly.

Brearna continues her preparation and will leave on August 6 for a 10-day camp in Vienna before competing at the 2019 FINA World Junior Championships in Budapest, Hungary – accompanied by MAGS swim coach Paul Kent, who is one of the NZ team coaches.

The rest of the MAGS Swim Team also

produced outstanding results at the meet with a high percentage of personal best times. Bowen Crawford won Gold, Silver and Bronze in the 14-15 Years 200m Breast, 100m Breast and 50m Breast respectively.

Vasilina Shipilova won two Silver and two Bronze in the 16 Years-plus 100m Br and 400m IM and 100m IM and 200m IM respectively.

And there were Bronze medals won by Lucy Woodall, 14-15 Years 50m Fly; Quin Walden, 14-15 Years 100m Back; Joseph Nathan, 16 Years-plus 200m Back; and Edie Ancell, 14-15 Years 100m IM.

The swimmers will now prepare for the Auckland Champs, NZ Secondary Schools and NZ Short Course Championships.

For results form the Evolution meet, click [here](#)

Sarpreet Singh debuts for Bayern Munich

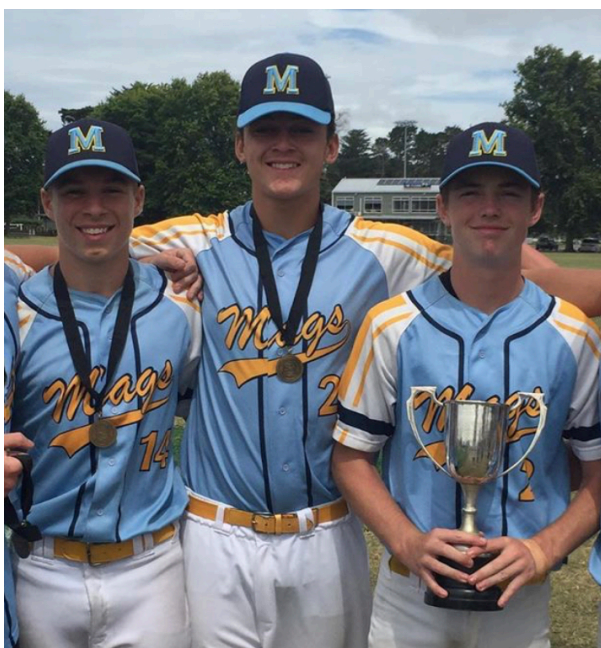
Albertian footballer Sarpreet Singh (2013-2015) has seen plenty of game time since making his debut for Bayern Munich against Arsenal in a pre-season match earlier this month.

He has also come on as a substitute against Real Madrid and AC Milan, and came close to scoring against Real.

The 20-year-old All White midfielder and former Wellington Phoenix player was signed by Bayern on a three-year deal on the understanding he would start by playing for Bayern Munich II in Germany's third-tier 3.Liga competition but he has turned out for the top side in all three of their pre-season matches.



Trio in Junior Black Sox



Three MAGS softballers – (from left) Oscar Clark, Liam Jardine-Ngauamo and Ryan Earley – have been named in the Junior Black Sox squad to play at the Queensland U18 State Championships in Toowoomba in early October.

The wider training group will assemble again at the end of October for a tournament and training camp.

The Junior Black Sox are preparing for next year's U18 Boys Softball World Cup in Palmerston North.

More NZ Softball representatives



Gabrielle Murare and Logan Carr attended the International Softball Friendship Games in the school holidays with the NZ U15 Girls and U15 Boys teams respectively. The girls finished runners-up to an U18 team, losing 4-5 in the last innings. The boys team won the tournament, beating the Queensland U18 team 6-3 in the final after being down 0-2 until the last innings.



Orienteering Boys retain title



MAGS Orienteering Boys retained their North Island Champions title after a tense battle, which saw them draw with Havelock North for Top Boys School. That result was just part of an impressive effort from the whole team during the North Island Secondary Schools Championships held during the school holidays outside of Hastings.

The girls team finished fourth overall in a close competition.

In the Team Relay, the Senior Boys finished second and fourth, the Senior Girls were third, the Intermediate Boys came first, and the Junior Boys were also first.

In the Long Course Championship, Luke Clements finished third in the Intermediate Boys, and won the Intermediate Boys Sprint Series Championship.

Early kick-off for First XV tomorrow



Please note that tomorrow's 1st XV Rugby home game against Sacred Heart College will be played at the earlier time of 1pm on the Sir BG Williams Field. We look forward to seeing family and friends at the game.

Upcoming Premier Sport:

Tonight, the Premier Basketball teams are at home with the Girls playing Carmel College at 6pm and the Boys facing off against Rosmini College at 7.30pm. The two teams also play away to Westlake on Monday, with the Girls playing at 6pm and the Boys playing at 7.30pm. Both games are at Westlake Boys.

The Football Boys 1st XI also play tonight, at 6pm away to St Peter's College.

Tomorrow, the Netball Premiers play One Tree Hill at the Auckland Netball Centre at 11.30am.

On Monday, the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Mt Roskill Grammar away at 4pm.

On Wednesday, the Rugby League 1st XIII is home to Otahuhu College at 4pm, while the Boys Hockey 1st XI is away to Auckland Grammar at 5.45pm.

Fixtures and results on the MAGS website are regularly updated. For this week's, click [here](#) and for next week's, click [here](#)



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