



## From the Headmaster

### The Great Brain Robbery



Educators and parents will be closely following the debate around potentially decriminalising or legalising marijuana.

That our political leaders and even one former Prime Minister are advocating for the 'normalisation' of drug use within our communities is concerning to say the least.

I prefer to seek the opinions of researchers and medical experts in this area. A recent article, which you can read [here](#), by Associate Professor Giles Newton-Howes, from the University of Otago's Department of Psychological Medicine, reinforces the evidence associating marijuana use with "psychosis, anxiety disorders, cognitive problems and addiction". He goes on to state: "The link between cannabis and anxiety disorders is most pronounced in teenagers."

It is almost unbelievable that adults in significant leadership roles in our country are prepared to advocate for a policy that will further damn New Zealanders, and young New Zealanders in particular, to a future that compromises their long-term mental health and their ability to lead full lives.

While many adults who should know better are sending mixed messages to our young people about the safety of drug use, at Mount Albert Grammar School the message is clear: Drugs will never be an acceptable part of our school community! There is no such thing as a 'legal high'. Learning and drugs will always be mutually exclusive.

At MAGS we will take every step to ensure our school remains drug-free. The potential of our young people can only be realised when the mind and body are healthy and the learning environment is safe.

It's a good time to bring our sons and daughters into this discussion. They need the guidance of the right adults in their lives – those who really care about their future!

Have a good week.

## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

**Monday, July 30 & Tuesday July 31**

Year 8 Information Evenings, 7pm

**Wednesday, August 1 & Thursday August 2**

Winter Sports Photos

**Thursday, August 2**

Parent-Teacher Interviews, 3.30-7pm



### Sport



#### Photo Essays

Football Girls Junior B Gold v Sky, click [here](#)



Rugby League First XIII v Aorere College, click [here](#)

## Media Studies go to Hollywood



During the School Holidays, Year 12 and 13 Media Studies students travelled to Hollywood to get a first-hand look into the world of motion pictures.

They went behind the scenes at Paramount, Warner Bros and Universal Studios, to gain an understanding of how movie magic is made.

Students were able to call the shots with a master class from international writer/director James Rowe at the New York Film Academy. Students also had the opportunity to tour the Dolby Theatre, where the Oscars are held, and experience the history and atmosphere along Hollywood Boulevard.

Media Studies teacher Harriet Walker, said, "We ate seriously large portions of American food, and explored some of the best shopping areas in LA. Our suitcases (and bodies) were definitely a lot heavier on the way home!

"Staying in Santa Monica allowed us to experience the very best of LA and enjoy the buzz of the beach and pier. The tour cut together an appreciation of the work required to bring a scene to life, and the metropolitan culture outside of the glitz and glam. Our adventure provided a unique opportunity for our future industry professionals, and left every student with their own experiences and highlights from 10 days in LA."

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## How Art Show supports the School



The Art Show Committee and the Mount Albert Grammar School Foundation have confirmed where funds raised from this year's event will be spent.

The money will be used to buy much-needed outdoor seating for our students and will support the Artist in Residence programme for the Visual Arts Department, which saw artists such as Michel Tuffery (pictured at top) and Naomi Lamb (aka the professional live video artist known as The Wanderer, pictured above right) visiting the school last month.



Last year, the Art Show and the Mount Albert Grammar School Foundation were able to fund the Artist in Residence programme and the new sound system for the school hall – something that all students benefit from.

Any volunteers who would like to help out in any way with the MAGS Art Show should contact Karen Blanchard at [kazzab.1945@gmail.com](mailto:kazzab.1945@gmail.com)

If you can help out with sponsorship or prizes, please contact Julie Green at [jb.greennz@gmail.com](mailto:jb.greennz@gmail.com)

Artwork that will feature at the Art Show, on from August 17-19, is showcased on its website [here](#) on Facebook [here](#) and on Instagram [here](#)



The Art Show is grateful to the following sponsors:



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## Out-of-zone enrolment ballot

Out-of-zone enrolment applications for 2019 must be in before the ballot closes at 4pm on Wednesday, 5 September, 2018 for Priority 2 students – that is, for siblings of current students at MAGS, a current student being one that is attending in 2019.

Because of the pressure on the school roll, only Priority 2 applications are eligible for the ballot.

The ballot will be conducted on Wednesday, 12 September, 2018.

For more information, click [here](#)

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## Year 10s' beach clean-up



Towards the end of Term 2, the Year 10 Outdoor Education classes went on separate trips to different beaches to clean up rubbish and recyclables and make a big difference to Auckland's environment.

Geraldine King, of 10GOF, reports on her experience:

"My class went to Eric Armishaw Reserve, Point Chevalier, while other classes visited Blockhouse Bay, Lynfield Cove Beach, Meola Reef Reserve, Point Chevalier Beach, Westmere Park, Green Bay Beach and Hillsborough Bay.

We all had successful visits and removed upwards of 300kg of rubbish and recycling per class from the Waitemata Harbour and Manukau Harbour shorelines.

My class covered an area the size of two rugby fields between us and felt very humbled by the difference our small, good deed made for plants, fish, sea birds and people all trying to enjoy the splendid beach. The eight classes found a number of intriguing objects that should not have been there. These included car tyres, fishing nets, gumboots, bricks, fishing line, a car wheel, money and wooden posts.



The most common items found were broken glass bottles and plastic. All of this, of course, not helping our environment by being there and therefore it made us all really think about the rubbish that makes its way to our beaches and into our great oceans.

We hope you can take from our experience what we have learned, and our new-found passion for fighting ocean pollution and looking after our planet."

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## Information evenings for Year 8s

Information Evenings for in-zone Year 8 pupils will be held in the School Hall on the following dates:

**Monday, July 30** from 7pm to 8pm, for Balmoral School and Auckland Normal Intermediate.

**Tuesday, July 31** from 7pm to 8pm, for Kowhai Intermediate, Ponsonby Intermediate, Pasadena Intermediate and Wesley Intermediate.

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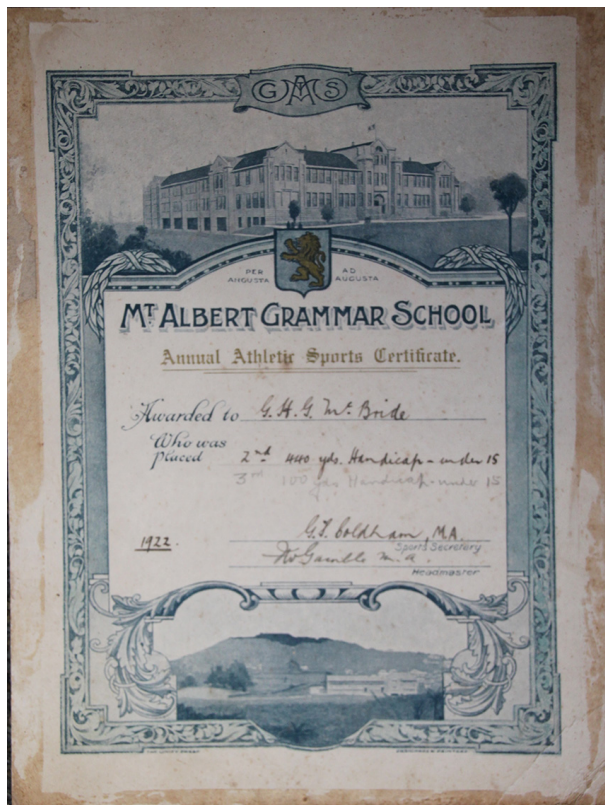
## 1922 Sports Certificate

This is the School's earliest Sports Certificate – a gift from Laraine Sole in November, 2017. She is the daughter of Albertian Graham McBride (1922-1926).

The certificate was awarded to G.H.G. McBride, who placed second in the 440 Yards Handicap U15, and third in the 100 Yards Handicap U15.

It is signed by Sports Secretary G.S. Coldham, who was Head of French, and by the Headmaster F.W. Gamble.

You can see more of the school's history in the archives [here](#)



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## Free seminar for parents of teens

Parents and caregivers of secondary school students (Years 9-13) are invited to a free *Parents as Career Educators* seminar on Thursday, 6 September, 2018.

The seminar will provide parents with tips and advice to guide their teenagers through the various career and study options available to them in the modern world. This free seminar will cover:

- The world of work: looking forward
- How to make informed career decisions now and in the future
- How parents can assist
- Career development resource.

Presented by a career consultant from the University of Canterbury, the seminar will help parents to guide their teens in assessing all their options, whether this is work, university, polytechnic, an apprenticeship, private providers or other possibilities.

The seminar runs from 7pm-8.30pm at The Parenting Place, 300 Great South Road, Greenlane. You can register online [here](#)

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## Future Pathways Evening



Parents and students of all year levels are invited to an evening where they can talk to MAGS' faculty heads about courses, and discuss future pathways with representatives of tertiary institutes.

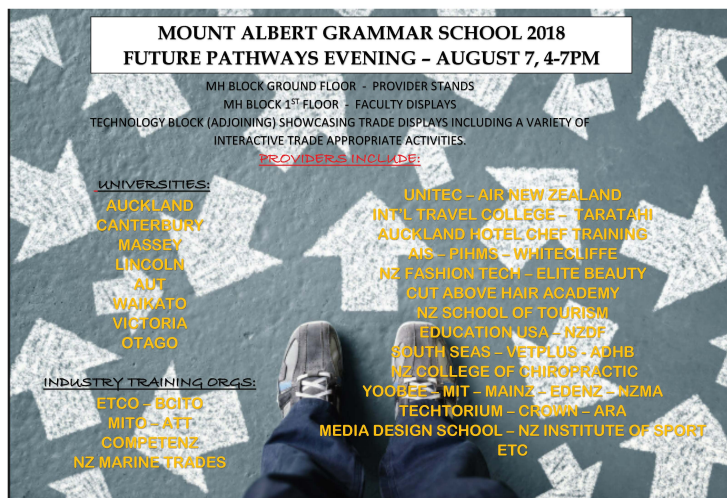
The Future Pathways Evening will be held on Tuesday, August 7 from 4pm to 7pm in the Maurice Hall Building and Technology Block at Mount Albert Grammar School.

This is a great opportunity to talk to MAGS staff about course selections for 2019 and see what is on offer from more than 50 tertiary institutes and industry providers who will be represented on the night.

Don't miss the annual Future Pathways Evening to help students explore their choices, and what they will need to achieve to reach their goals.

For more info, click on the poster.

There is also an Engineering Futures Evening being held by the University of Auckland Engineering Faculty on August 1 & 8. For more info, click [here](#)



## Buy an Entertainment Book and support school



Support MAGS by purchasing an Entertainment Book, and have it delivered free to any address in New Zealand – or purchase a Digital Membership to enjoy hundreds of great value offers now.

Free delivery offer is only valid until midnight on Tuesday, 31 July, 2018.

Entertainment Memberships offer discounts at Auckland's finest restaurants, cafes, attractions and much more.

Enter promotional code '**NZPOST**' at checkout to receive free delivery.

You can order by clicking [here](#)

## Secondhand uniforms

MAGS Welfare committee has set up a second hand uniform store to make it easier to access second hand uniforms. We have set up a Facebook page for this purpose, so if you are looking to give away old uniform, or even sell it, feel free to make a post on this [page](#). All transactions are between the buyer and seller, the Welfare Committee does not have any input, so if you are interested in one of the posts you will have to personally message the seller.

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## Sports update

### Bronze at Softball World Champs



Congratulations to Floyd Nola and Taine Slaughter, who won Bronze medals at the Junior Men's Softball World Championship, held in Prince Albert, Canada.

The Junior Black Sox finished third after being beaten in a tight game 5-3 by Japan who went on to play eventual winners Australia in the final.

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### Girls Softballers at Canada Cup

Three MAGS students have been competing in Softball's Canada Cup for the Emerging Sox (16 & under side) in Surrey, British Columbia. Mikayla Cross, Brooklyn Temu and Beth Reid are pictured with Albertian Nerida Elson, at left, who played in the same competition for the Junior White Sox (U19s). And another Albertian, Taylor Chongnee, was also selected for the Junior White Sox.

You can read more about the Canada Cup [here](#)

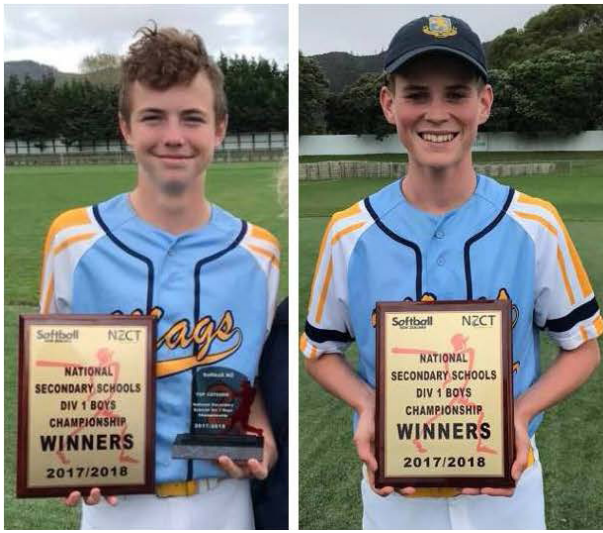


### Softballers picked for NZ team

Ryan Earley and Maclain Roberts (pictured left to right) have been selected to represent New Zealand in the U15 Boys Softball Team.

The team will travel to Mackay, Australia in September to compete in the U17 Queensland State Championship, an event they won in 2016.





## Boys Orienteering national champions

The MAGS Boys Orienteering team pulled off a major coup by winning the National Secondary Schools title in Christchurch at the weekend.

A string of impressive results by the 18-strong team of boys wrested the trophy from Napier Boys High School, who had won it the previous 14 years in a row. They beat Napier BHS by 59pts (432pts vs 373pts) with 15 of the team scoring points.

In the relays, the Junior Boys (Sam Taylor Sinclair, Daniel Wood, Tom Aish) came first by over four minutes. The Intermediate Boys (Luca Eastwood, Daniel Carroll, Mitchell Cooper) won by two minutes, and the Senior Boys (Thomas Brendolise, Adam Bateman, Liam Thomson) finished third in a very strong competition.

In the Junior Boys Sprints, Sam Taylor Sinclair finished third, as did Mitchell Cooper in the Intermediate Boys Sprints, with Liam Thomson fourth.

There were other good results in the Sprints, with Daniel

Wood 8th, Luca Eastwood 9th, Aidan Skinner 10th, and Adam Bateman 10th.

Tom Aish came third in the Long Distance Junior Boys, with Aidan Skinner 10th in the Long Distance event.

In the Girls events, Molly McGowan finished 4th in the Sprint and 9th in the Long event, and MAGS had strong runs from Sofia Skinner and Lara Grozev in the Relay.

The Intermediate Girls (Jydee Leonard, Emma Johns, Isla Thompson) finished 5th in the Relay.

This is the third major trophy for MAGS in 15 months after winning the North Islands title for the previous 2 years, as well as representing New Zealand in the World Schools event in Italy last



year. They await selection announcement for World Schools in Estonia next year.

A special note goes to School Captain Liam Thompson (pictured with the Boys Trophy) for his leadership and impressive speech to collect the Boys Trophy, especially thanking Lyn Stanton for her dedication to MAGS and the team after she has decided to stand down as MAGS Orienteering coach.

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## National Champion Basketballers

Phoenix Sorensen and Denvor Elia were part of the Waitakere West Premiers team that won the U15 Aon National Basketball Championship during the school holidays.

The two Year 10 students helped Waitakere go undefeated in pool play, before beating Manawatu in the semifinals 96-76, then coming from behind to win 79-58 over Waitaha in the final at the Pulman Area in Takanini.

Meanwhile, MAGS students Sataan Tawera, Rishon Royce and Theo Coker-Grey just lost in the final at the National U17 Championships where they represented Auckland, who went down 95-90 to Wellington.

Sataan, who top-scored for Auckland with 26 points in the final, was also named in the tournament team.

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## Cleo Chambers in NZ Underwater Hockey team



Cleo Chambers has been selected for the NZ U19 Underwater Hockey team to play Australia in the bi-annual Age Group Trans Tasman championships to be held in Rotorua in October.

Cleo, who has also represented Auckland, is the captain of MAGS' Premier Open side and is the only girl in it. She also coaches MAGS' Junior Girls Underwater Hockey team.

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## Fencers bring home Bronze



Congratulations to MAGS Fencers Amey Smith, Gio Aguilar and James Butler, who came away with Bronze medals representing New Zealand at the Australian National U17 Fencing Championships in Sydney.



Both Boys and Girls teams won through to their respective semifinals and came home with Bronze medals.

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## Albertians off to U20 Football World Cup



Five Albertians have been named in the squad for the Women's U20 World Cup in France next month.

Malia Steinmetz (pictured), who is already a Football Fern, was named Captain and she is joined by Jacqui Hand, Samantha Tawharu, Grace Jale and Nicole Mettam.

New Zealand will open their tournament on 6 August against the Netherlands, then meet hosts France on 9 August (both in Vannes) before they take on the African champions Ghana in their final pool game in Concarneau on 13 August.

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## First XV live on Rugby Channel

The Rugby First XV have a big game against old foes Auckland Grammar tomorrow and it will screen live on Sky TV's Rugby Channel. Coverage of the game starts at 2.30pm with kick-off at 2.40pm.

In other Premier games this weekend, the Basketball Girls Premiers play Massey High away at 6pm today, while the Boys Premiers play Avondale away at 7.30pm today.

The Football Boys First XI are at home to Sacred Heart College tomorrow at noon.

Also tomorrow, the Netball Premiers play Epsom Girls Grammar at ANC at 11.30am.



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## Sports trials and registrations





Students are encouraged to register for sports teams and trials taking place in Term 2.  
[Click here for the registration forms](#)

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## General notices

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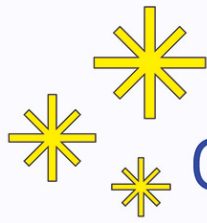
Saturday 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018

FIRST RACE 8pm SHARP, **HAPPY HOUR 7.00pm – 8.00pm**

CONTACT: Liz Lowe 027 623 3872/Peter Smith @ MAGS  
Football Office, **Only \$20 per TICKET**

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