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From the Acting Headmaster

Mid-Year at MAGS



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

At the end of a term, especially Term 2, which we might consider mid-year, it is a time to reflect and perhaps run a figurative stock-take on the year to date.

In this, the last edition of the e-newsletter this term, yet again packed full with a variety of recent events and activities, it is a great time to be appreciative.

MAGS teachers – thank you for your perseverance, stamina and commitment. Thank you for those teacher super-powers that enable you to welcome, with the same measure of enthusiasm, each class of each day, even Period 5 on a Friday.

Thank you also for the concerts, the productions, the trips, the coaching, the cajoling and the constance of your willingness to go that extra mile, even when you are sure you have nothing left in the tank.

MAGS support staff – know that all that you do on a day-to-day basis behind the scenes is critical to the smooth, efficient running of our school and certainly does not go unnoticed – thank you.

To our MAGS parent community – thank you to so many who offer words of encouragement, support and appreciation of and for our students and staff, and who contribute so much to our school. Also a thank-you to those who acknowledge that ‘teaching is the one profession that teaches all other professions’, dismissing the cynical and previously cited, ‘those who *can't*, teach’.

And, lastly, some advice for our Senior MAGS students. Seniors – while in calendar terms we are mid-year and mid-winter – you each have about seven weeks of real in-class learning time before we gear up, with you, for the final push to revise and hone your skills for your externals.

Make sure you do make the most of this time to rest and appreciate being away from school but don't switch off completely.

You each need to come back rested but ready to have both feet fully in your educational game.

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2019 Calendar

Monday, July 22

Start of Term 3

Wednesday, July 24

Winter Sports Photos (Girls)

Thursday, July 25

Winter Sports Photos (Boys)

Thursday, August 1

Unity Cultural Concert



Sport

Photo Essays



Rugby U14s v Wesley College

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Football Boys 1st XI v Mount

Have a safe and enjoyable break everyone.

Warmest regards,

Jo Williams
Acting Headmaster

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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.

MAGS wins Geoff Moon 1st XV Memorial Cup



MAGS' Rugby 1st XV beat Aorere College 22-14 last Saturday on the Sir BG Williams Field to claim the inaugural Geoff Moon 1st XV Memorial Cup.

The annual fixture has been set up by MAGS to honour the memory of MAGS' former 1st XV coach Geoff Moon, who passed away earlier this year after a sudden illness. Mr Moon also taught and coached at Aorere and had strong roots in south Auckland.

You can see a photo essay of the game [here](#)

Megacrew's winning performance online



Video is finally available of MAGS Megacrew's winning routine at the Hip Hop International NZ competition where they successfully defended their national title in April. You can see our 2019 Hip Hop International NZ Megaschool Champions in action [here](#)

International Food & Culture Evening



The International Food and Culture Evening was held in the FW Gamble Hall last Friday, and was enjoyed by enthusiastic students, staff, homestay families and guests. Guests enjoyed a range of delicious food: from Thailand, China, Japan, Vietnam, Mexico,



India and Europe.

After that, the entertainment began with MAGS' Chinese cultural group taking to the stage to perform a contemporary Chinese dance. They were followed by performances from Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Mexico and a contemporary dance finale from 'The Rest of the World' – all enthusiastically received by the crowd.

International Director Bronwyn Watts thanked all those involved in providing food and entertainment, with a special mention of thanks to all our homestay parents and designated caregivers for the care and support our international students receive through their life at MAGS.

You can see more photos from the event

[here](#)

Camille Peterson community champion

Camille Peterson has been named Quota International of Auckland's Community Champion of 2019.

Quota International is a community service organisation, and its Community Champion Award honours young women who have faced difficulties in their lives and succeeded, providing inspiration to others. Quota members Glenice Stevens, pictured at left, and Pam Carr presented Camille with the award at Assembly on Wednesday.

Glenice said, "Our judges were impressed by Camille's involvement in a wide range of activities plus success in her choice of Drama.

"Her diligence and determination to succeed with her 'can do'



attitude is an inspiration to students in the school and to us all."

Year 11 student Camille, who can be seen around school with mobility dog Lewis, has a passion for Drama but plans to study psychology.

Inspiration for French students



Isabella Kerridge Temm and Holly Bannister (centre) with members of Year 10 French.

If Year 10 French students needed any further inspiration to keep pursuing their French language studies, they got it on Wednesday from Albertian Isabella Kerridge Temm and Year 13 student Holly Bannister.

Isabella was part of MAGS' first French exchange programme to Ste Croix High School in Paris in 2013 and went on to work there as a live-in assistant in 2016 after finishing at MAGS. She has since studied drama in Paris for three years, and is now about to pursue a Masters in Performance (Acting) in London – opportunities that were opened up by the French exchange programme.

Isabella returned to MAGS to encourage pupils at all levels to continue their French studies and to make the most of any opportunities.

Holly, who took part in the third French exchange programme in 2017, has been chosen to serve as an assistant at Ste Croix High School in Paris next year. She said she is excited and overwhelmed by having such a great opportunity and plans to use the year to improve her French, travel and consider future plans. She will also catch up with her French host family with whom she has remained in close contact.

Holly will be the fifth MAGS student to be an assistant at the school, with Hugh Malcolm working there currently.

Musical draws big audiences



From left: Ruby Taylor Sinclair (Year 12), Ophelia Sykes (Year 12), Rosie Henderson (Year 12), Finn De Lange (Year 10). Absent: Noah Coomey (Year 9).

Five MAGS students took part in the successful National Youth Theatre Company production of *Annie* at the Aotea Centre last week.

The company's production of the much-loved musical played in front of 12,000 people over eight performances.

Ruby Taylor Sinclair was a police officer, Rosie Henderson was one of the Boylan Sisters, Finn De Lange was Lieutenant Ward, Ophelia Sykes was Mrs Greer, and Noah Coomey was Eddie.

Indian classical dancers



From left to right: Pavi Menon, Srija Mididoddi, Nyra Kanwar and Maitreyi Jaywant.

Four MAGS students were part of the of the *Suryaputra Karna* Indian classical dance production by Anuradha's School of Indian Dances held last Saturday night at the Dorothy Winstone Centre in front of a sold-out audience.

The dance form used was Bharatnatyam, the oldest classical dance tradition in India.

The story revolves around Karna, a character from the Indian epic *The Mahabharata*. He is a tragic hero who symbolises exceptional loyalty to his friend despite being rejected by many in society. His story has inspired many different art forms in India and Southeast Asia.

The performance was breath-taking in its colour and pageantry, and the elaborate costuming was exquisite.

Pavi Menon, Srija Mididoddi, Nyra Kanwar and Maitreyi Jaywant had been rehearsing for the production all term and were proud to have the opportunity of donning gorgeous costumes and participating in the show.

Quiz Night raises \$3000



The MAGS Quiz Night on June 21 was a night of bright colour, sharp wits and lots of laughs as 33 teams competed for the title of champion and raised approximately \$3000, which will go towards the New Zealand Mental Health Foundation.

Around 300 people – staff, students and families – packed the school hall for an amazing night organised by the student-led Academic Council, with Science teacher Pat Barrett as quizmaster. Social Sciences teacher Donna Hobbs kept score with the help of her son Riley.

The eventual winners were 'The Suits' from the Science department. Best costume prizes went to Milly Bayfield and Devendra Johnston, while the best dressed team was 'The Campers' and their extravagantly decorated table.

There were generous donations of prizes, products and vouchers from Ruapehu ski fields, Auckland Zoo, Maten Floral Design, Warehouse Stationery, Rotorua Luge, Paradise Ice Skating, Look Sharp Store and Resene Paint.

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

Careers update

The [Careers page](#) on MAGS' website and the [Careers and Gateway Facebook page](#) offer a regularly updated range of vocational end educational opportunities such as WiE CAN 2020 (at left).

The careers Department also advises that Otago University has made changes to its Scholarship application process. Please see MAGS' Career Faculty staff should you require assistance with the process.



WIE CAN 2020

Women in Engineering Residential Programme

Discover everything that engineering has to offer at this **FREE**, hands-on programme for Year 12 girls!

Interactive workshops, inspiring presentations, fun social activities, and more!



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Rocket League showdown

Two MAGS teams face off in the New Zealand regional final of Rocket League tomorrow.

MAGS Rocket League Company (MRLC) is up against MAGS Pureial for the chance to go to Melbourne to take part in the Melbourne Esports Open, one of Oceania's largest esports events.

The MRLC team is Rahul Hendriksen, Ben Mimms, Luka Jeremic and Xavier Milbank, while MAGS Pureial is comprised of Drew French, Lewis Duguid, Noah Banks and Miran Manuchehri.

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.

Rahul, of MRLC, said, "It would be Mount Albert Grammar School history to be the first esports team to internationally represent MAGS and we hope we can be the ones to pioneer this new, exciting form of sports."



The final is at 1pm at the Media Design School, 92 Albert Street. The venue is open to spectators free of charge.

Director of Boarding vacancy

MAGS is seeking a Director of Boarding for School House.

The boys boarding house is a home away from home for 105 boys and draws many students from the top half of the North Island and a number from the Pacific Islands.

This is a senior role in the school that is supported by the Board of Trustees, Headmaster, Senior Leadership and experienced staff in the boarding house.

The Director of Boarding is expected to maintain a safe and inclusive environment for all boarding students. This position includes the operational and financial management of the boarding house.

For more information, click [here](#)

Sports update

Pauline wins two fighting medals



Congratulations to Pauline Lolohea, who won Bronze medals in Taekwondo at the recent Australian Open and President's Cup events held on the Gold Coast.

Year 10 student Pauline fought well for her medals in her Junior Female class at the international events, and has her eyes on making the Olympics.

Sarpreet signs with Bayern Munich



Sarpreet Singh in his Bayern Munich strip with Bayern's sports director of youth teams Hermann Gerland, left, and under-23 coach Sebastian Hoenes.

Albertian football star Sarpreet Singh (2013-2015) has signed a three-year deal with European giants Bayern Munich.

The 20-year-old Wellington Phoenix midfielder will start out playing for Bayern Munich II in Germany's third-tier 3.Liga competition, but he is only one step away from a call-up to the top side and has three seasons to settle in and push his claims.

If he is called up to play in the Bundesliga, Sarpreet would be the second Kiwi after former Werder Bremen star Wynton Rufer to play in Germany's top league.

The club's interest in Sarpreet came as a result of his strong showing at the Under-20 Football World Cup in Poland, where New Zealand progressed through to the round of 16 stage before being knocked out by Colombia.

He has also starred as a goal-scoring and creative midfielder for the Wellington Phoenix this year in the A League.

In April last year, Headmaster Patrick Drumm presented Sarpreet with his Black Cap following his debut for the All Whites.

Weightlifters on the up

Weightlifters Zaneta Dwamena (pictured) and O'Deniel Tu'itupou-Arnold debuted in their first competition recently.

The outing was great preparation for the Secondary School nationals in Wellington.

And MAGS weightlifters welcomed to their ranks Genevieve Taua and Isaiah Nin, who are both preparing to compete in August.



Upcoming Premier sport



Most Premier teams are taking a break because of the school holidays but tomorrow the Football Boys 1st XI take on Sacred Heart at noon on MAGS 1. Fixtures and results on the MAGS website are regularly updated. For this week's fixtures and results, click [here](#)



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