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From the Headmaster

Time to recharge



We've come to the end of another fantastic school Term at MAGS.

Our weekly newsletters have been a testament to the outstanding achievements of our students across the four pillars of our school.

The Term Two holidays traditionally provide an opportunity for a 'mid-year recharge'. Our young sportsmen and women enjoy a break from competition – a chance for the body to recover and re-energise for the business-end of the winter season next term.

Likewise to be academically fit also requires our students to manage their mental well-being.

Senior students in particular cannot afford to close their books for the whole two weeks but they must also allow themselves some 'down time' during the holiday period.

For a MAGS student to capitalise on all that we offer as a school, they must return to school well-rested, energised and enthused for the Term ahead.

I trust our students will take the opportunity to do just that!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

Saturday, July 7

School Ball, Pullman Auckland, 6pm

Monday, July 23

Term 3 starts



Sport



Photo Essay

Football Girls First XI v Epsom Girls

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Fixtures and results

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Musical talent and diversity on show



The Annual MAGS Music Concert was held on Tuesday night at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre in Epsom.

Music 360° showcased a variety of musical items from a diverse range of extra-curricular groups that provided the audience with a great evening of entertainment.

Classical items from the Symphonic and Chamber orchestra ranged from pieces by NZ composer David Woodcock to a rousing Czardas. Excellence students Hannah Houghton and Nadine Hidalgo gave a wonderful performance of *Scherzo* by Brahms, and promising baritone singer Tyran Talamaivao sang *O Sole Mio* accompanied by Ms Moon on piano.

The Moon Stars also performed the original composition *Balkan Dance* by Emma Moon for which they received a chamber music award.

Contemporary music items ranged from a fabulous rendition of *Brasil* by the very popular MAGS jazz band to a Bruno Mars hit by the MAGS ball band. As well, the junior girls band Sweet Thai Chilli and the very popular Wonder Cats performed to an enthusiastic response.

Two new groups impressed this year. Firstly, the Tongan boys quartet presented a medley of Tongan songs – performed with pride and passion, and the very popular new group playing Gypsy Jazz had the audience tapping their toes.

Director Arts Co-Curricular Jacqui Cesan said, "The evening was opened and closed by the Concert Orchestra – the final item *Kalinka* getting the audience clapping in time to this classic. This was a great way to end the evening.

"Thanks to all the music teachers and staff for their commitment to the student performers."

For more photos of the event, click [here](#)

Brain Bee Challenge



Yesterday, eight Year 11 students were selected to participate in the North Island Finals of the Brain Bee Challenge, held at the University of Auckland.

In preparation for the competition, students spent lunchtimes learning the material and as a direct result of their hard work and commitment, MAGS received their best results to date. Working both individually and in teams of four, students were quizzed on an extensive range of neuroscience topics. All of our students performed admirably, with special mention going to Ayleigh Loomes, Eloise Muir, Giles Paton-Simpson and Alexander Pullen, who placed fourth in the team competition. In addition to this fantastic achievement, Alexander also reached the finals of the individual competition, placing eighth overall.

The other four participants were Megan Williams, Bailey Bennett, Vaibhav Nayyar and Samantha Speight.

Chemistry and Biology teacher Meng Yang said, "As part of the competition, students also had the opportunity to visit research labs: trying their hand at new techniques, seeing the brain being imaged in real time and speaking with scientists about their work. These experiences provided invaluable insight into life as a research scientist and hopefully inspired some scientists of tomorrow."

Enterprising young minds



Eight Year 10 students took part in a cross-departmental initiative and competed in the GrowingNZ challenge run by Young Enterprise at Truists Stadium. Students from Technology, Commerce and Science were selected by their faculties for being the keenest and brightest minds.

The students were Emeline Bloomfield, Abbie O'Keeffe-Harris, Matthew Batcheler, Vadim Kok, Sunny Davies, Hamesh Govind, Emma Johns and Lucy Flatt.

The event was run in conjunction with the Ministry of Primary industries, Forestry, Wool and Agriculture sectors.

Industry specialists put forward some real life industry problems for students to research then invent, design and present a real life solution to the problem.

Business studies teacher Max Denisov said, "It was a fun and intense day. Students were working in teams and competed against other schools and won two out of the three categories MAGS was seeded for. Research, Product Design, Commercial and Presentation skills won the day."

Mr Denisov added: "Organisers commented that this challenge event was probably the most engaging and interesting face-off they oversaw in the last two years.

"Special thanks to Year 10 Deans for trying this new cross-departmental group idea, teachers who put the students forward, and Michelle Farquhar for her organisational magic."

Call for Art Show volunteers and sponsors



As always, MAGS Art Show is run and organised on behalf of the MAGS Foundation by volunteers from our community, with money going back into the school.

This year promises to be yet another successful fundraiser but the Art Show needs volunteer help and sponsorship and prizes for the show.

There are a variety of roles for volunteers leading up to and during the Art Show from 17-19 August.

Even if you can only spare a couple of hours, it all helps. It's also a wonderful way to support the school with the major fundraiser of the year, and to meet other parents/caregivers helping with the show.

If you are keen to help, please contact Karen Blanchard at kazzab.1945@gmail.com

A major part of the Art Show is the sponsorship and silent auction and raffle prizes that come from our community.

Sponsors can offer help in the form of cash sponsorship for the show or by paying for a wall panel. The wall panels (see photograph above) are what the artworks hang from. The Art Show is looking for sponsors for each of these panels. It can be a business, family or group of friends. The cost is \$350+GST. Your name will feature on the wall panel, the Art Show website and catalogue and through its Facebook page.

Silent auctions and a major raffle are also part of the Art Show weekend.

Organisers would like to offer a variety of prizes. Please consider donating something as simple as a bottle of wine, through to the offer of a weekend at a family bach, or a meal at a cafe.

If you are able to help with sponsorship or prizes, please contact Julie Green at jb.greennz@gmail.com

Artwork that will feature at the Art Show is showcased on its website [here](#) on Facebook [here](#) and on Instagram [here](#)

Organisers of the Art Show would like to thank these sponsors:



Tough Guy and Gal Challenge



Year 11 Outdoor Education students got a chance to show what they were made of on Wednesday in the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge run around the ASB MAGS Farm. They had clear but cold conditions in the morning as they took on a 6km course with water trails, rope obstacles, mud crossings, open paddock running and hill climbs.

HoD Outdoor Education Darren Whitehead said students were taking part in this event as part of their 'Quality Performance' and 'Discovery 101' units.

He said the run allowed them to "demonstrate quality movement in the performance of mud running and this acted as a source of information to further understand how the body functions in an endurance activity".

They also had a lot of fun.

The race results were: Boys – 1st Samuel Chote 11DSV – 35.55 min; 2nd Archie Shaw 11HUN – 36.00 min; 3rd Adam Carline 11BRT – 38.09 min.

Girls – 1st Pippi Butterworth 11SWT – 43.10 min; 2nd Molly Brittenden 11FRC – 43.42 min; 3rd Sophie Johnson-Chung 11GLL – 44.07 min.

Mr Whitehead said a big thank you to the students of 10AHN for their help with marshalling and to Farm Manager Brett Harris for allowing use of the farm.

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

Leadership qualities

Yesterday, three Year 13 Commerce students got to experience a day in the life of a business leader.

AUT University's Shadow a Leader day takes the potential leaders of tomorrow and places them with leaders of today.

This year, Mount Albert Grammar was privileged to have three students selected and placed in industries that matched their passion.

Fatima Imran was placed with KPMG's Julia Jones, their Farm Enterprise Specialist. Fatima, a student in Agribusiness, Agriculture and Accounting, said, "This was an amazing opportunity to see how my studies can forge a future career."

D'arcy Brown was placed with Ewen Anderson, Investment Director from the Next Foundation, a strategic investment fund focused on creating legacies in education and the environment. D'arcy said, "It was good to see how the future of philanthropy looks in New Zealand and how one couple's generosity can make such a difference."

Chantelle Boxall was placed with Susan Lowe, General Manager of Culture and People from Coca Cola Amatil. Chantelle said, "It was a good day and an interesting experience to see how a business works with a flat organisational structure."

Outdoor adventures



Last week, 41 students from the Year 12 Outdoor Education course went on a trip to Rotorua and Taupo.

The trip was part of an assessment which involved trip planning, then implementing it and evaluating it.

The students had to look at everything from transport, accommodation, equipment, activity providers and food – and stick to the budget.

Teacher Andy Belson said, "On the whole, their process was good and what they researched was pretty much the reality of what happened."

All the students took part in mountain biking at Whakarewarewa Forest, riding some of the

amazing trails that they have there, kayaking on the Waikato River from Taupo to Red's Farm, and an indoor rock climbing session in Taupo.

The students also learned about themselves and their ability to use inter-personal skills in some pretty adverse conditions.

Mr Belson said, "Well done to all the students, who participated fully to make this an enjoyable trip. Thank you also to Mr Whitehead, Miss Absolum and Simon Stevens for their help in making this trip possible."



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 the 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](#)



Monetary Policy Challenge

On Tuesday, Mount Albert Grammar School's Monetary Policy team flew to Wellington to compete in the National Finals of the premier Economics competition in New Zealand. The team consisted of D'arcy Brown as Governor of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand and Liam Milbank, Gemma Loveday, Anvilly Huang and Patrick Wong as his committee members. Their task was to present a 10-minute speech on the future direction of the Official Cash Rate, commenting on the current state of the New Zealand economy as they did so. Following this presentation they had an exacting question and answer session with three members of the Reserve Bank as judges, including Deputy Governor of the RBNZ and its Chief Economist John McDermott. In 2018, there were six teams from schools across the country competing in the National Finals. This was the first year that a MAGS team had reached the final. The reward for some hard effort throughout Term Two was an impressive second place.



Though the team missed out on the opportunity to attend the next Monetary Policy Statement, they learned some valuable hands-on economic skills and knowledge that they will be able to use in their NCEA examinations.

Information evenings for in-zone Year 8s

Information Evenings for in-zone Year 8 pupils will be held in Week 2 of Term 3 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.

Mystery of missing trowel solved



When the Hon. CJ Parr, Minister of Education, laid the foundation stone for Mount Albert Grammar School on April 4, 1921, he did so with a ceremonial trowel.

Our Archivist Brian Murphy has always wondered what had happened to that trowel, which was commissioned by the building contractor WJ Grevatt & Son.

His recent research has revealed that it is held by the Auckland War Memorial Museum, which was gifted it by Mr Parr in 1932.

Mr Murphy said the blade is hallmarked sterling silver and the handle is ivory, resting in a box with a blue satin lining.

The museum has the trowel in storage but has posted an image online, where Mr Murphy discovered it.

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

Secondhand uniforms site



MAGS' Welfare Committee has set up a secondhand uniform site to make it easier to access secondhand uniforms.

They have set up a Facebook page for this purpose – so if you are looking to give away an old uniform, or even sell it, feel free to make a post on this page [here](#)

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.

Sports update

Two at Softball World Champs

Taine Slaughter and Floyd Nola turn out this weekend for the Junior Black Sox at the Junior Men's World Softball Championship in Canada.

Pitcher Taine (pictured) and outfielder Floyd are part of MAGS six-time national champion team.

The Junior Black Sox have already had some warm-up games in Canada prior to the tournament, which is being held in Prince Albert.

Their first game is against Hong Kong on Sunday at 6.30am and will be streamed live [here](#)

You can also get updates on their progress [here](#)



Football Girls Junior A dominate league



The Football Girls Junior A team have won the Auckland Premier Girls Junior A League, ending the season unbeaten after only conceding four goals.

Last week, they downed the only other unbeaten side in the league at the time: Epsom Girls Grammar, 5-2 away.

In their last two games this week, they thumped Rangitoto 5-0 and St Cuthberts 14-0.

Head of Football Peter Smith said, "Big thanks to Esther Hancock, who is the team manager – and I am the lucky one who gets to coach this talented group of girls."

The squad is: Emma Douthwaite, Isabella Pigginn, Emily Blamires, Hannah Brook, Natalie Brook, Molly Cavanagh, Freya Coulson, Kirsty Gage, Hana Hilson, Emeline Bloomfield, Sharon Tomokino, Chloe Innes, Makensie Metzger, Alex Michael, Nicole Muir, Malia Seko, Elizabeth Manase, Amelia Caltaux and Kaija Thompson.

Gymsport competitors in the medals



James Dougal won a Silver medal and Michaela Cox a Bronze at the College Sport Gymsport Championships held in Papakura. They were part of a six-strong MAGS team of four girls and two boys, with three competing in Tumbling and three in Trampolining. In Trampolining, James Dougal placed 2nd in the Men's Elite Grade, Michaela Cox was 3rd in the Women's B Grade, and Jack Jones 4th in the Junior Elite Grade. In Tumbling, Sarah Sherlock came 8th in the Women's Elite Grade, Jamila Chen (pictured) was 10th in Women's A Grade, and Jenny Lo 12th in the same division. For more photos from the championships, click [here](#)

Twins selected for Rugby League rep team



Congratulations to twins Moala (right) and Lani Graham-Taufa, who have been named in the New Zealand Residents 16s Rugby League team to play NZ Samoa 16s in Rotorua next week.

The teams go head-to-head at Puketewhero Park on Thursday 12 July, 6pm kick off.

The brothers, who both play for the Rugby League First XIII, also have contracts with the NRL club the Sydney Roosters.



Results this week



The Rugby Girls 10s had a huge win on Monday, beating Marcellin College 83-0. On Wednesday, the Rugby League 1st XIII defeated Otahuhu College away 12-4. You can see the game, which was live-streamed, [here](#) On Wednesday, the Hockey Boys 1st XI beat Takapuna Grammar 4-1.

For full results and fixtures, click [here](#)

Premier games this weekend

Tonight, the Football Boys 1st XI take on Avondale College at Parrs park at 7pm.

Because of the school holidays, there are no games this weekend for both Premier Basketball teams, Premier Netball or Rugby First XV.



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](#)

General notices

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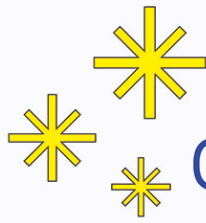
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