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From the Headmaster

Matariki – Turning for Home



The nine hours and thirty-seven minutes of daylight on Thursday marked the 'shortest' day – our Winter Solstice for 2018.

It also coincides with Matariki, a time for celebrating the Maori New Year.

Across cultures this mid-winter milestone provides a turning point with the promise of longer days in the future and (hopefully) warmer and drier weather. It is traditionally a time of planning for the planting of crops for the summer harvest – making an investment which will be reaped later in the year.

In a similar way, students can use this time to reflect on their progress to date. It is critical to remain faithful to current commitments – but also important to reset and reconfirm goals for the remainder of the school year.

This process takes on a greater priority for our senior students with only 13 school weeks remaining in the academic year.

So while Spring may still seem in the distant future, students can use this mid-winter period to invest in themselves and their learning ... and have confidence that this investment will be realised as we head for home.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

Friday, June 22

MAGS Quiz Night, MAGS Hall, 7pm (see details below)

Tuesday & Wednesday, June 26 & 27

Year 12 Drama production, 7pm (see details below)

Thursday, June 28

Parent-Son Breakfast, 7am.



Sport



Photo Essay

Rugby First XV v Liston

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Fixtures and results

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Parent-Daughter Breakfast



Yesterday morning saw Mount Albert Grammar School host another successful Parent-Daughter Breakfast with former Silver Ferns captain Bernice Mene as guest speaker. It might have been cold, wet and dark outside but that was overcome by the warmth of Ms Mene's personality as she entertained guests gathered in the Maurice Hall Atrium with recollections of her time as a schoolgirl, netball player and teacher at MAGS. After a catered breakfast and introductions from Headmaster Patrick Drumm and Head Girl Hannah Houghton, Ms Mene, who taught languages at MAGS and helped to set up the Netball Academy, talked about the importance of family in guiding you through life, being proud of who you are and not being afraid of standing out – something she said she knew a lot about as a 6' 2" woman. She threw in lots of humorous anecdotes about her Samoan background, school and family life but her message to the girls assembled was to always try to be bigger and better.



After being thanked by Mr Drumm, Ms Mene was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Year 9 students Ella Sutton (pictured right), Lucy Taylor and Bella Krikorian.

Next Thursday, entertainer and comedian Pio Terei will be guest speaker at the Inaugural Parent-Son Breakfast for Year 9 & 13 students.

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

Te Puna students speak up

MAGS students competed strongly across all the categories at the Ngā Manu Kōrero ki te Waitematā regional speech competition.

At the annual regional Māori speech competition held this year at Ngāti Whātua o Ōrakei Marae, students competed in Junior English, Junior Māori, Senior English and Senior Māori.

This year, Charlotte Mann (Year 10), Isaiah Nin (Year 9), Richard Mann (Year 12) and Kaharau Mendes (Year 13) came first in MAGS' competition so represented the school at the regionals. In Junior English, Charlotte placed third overall and won best female speaker for her section. In Junior Māori, Isaiah Nin placed ninth overall.

Waimirangi Paul, HoF Te Puna o Wairaka, said, "This was no mean feat as he went up against students from full-immersion schools who are fluent speakers of te reo."

In Senior English, Richard placed seventh overall, and this was based on both an impromptu speech and a prepared speech. He improved two placings in comparison to last year.

In Senior Māori, Kaharau placed fourth overall, and this was also based on both an impromptu speech and a prepared speech.

Ms Paul said, "Kaharau's achievement was of particular significance as he was competing against students from full-immersion schools who are very fluent speakers of te reo Māori and he was only points off third place."

She added that all the students represented MAGS with pride and determination but it would not have been possible without the support of the school.

International Food & Culture Evening



A smorgasbord of food and entertainment delighted students, staff, homestay families and guests at last night's International Food and Culture evening held in the FW Gamble Hall. Involving most of MAGS' 185 International students, the evening started with guests mingling and helping themselves to a range of food: Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, Mexican, Chinese,

Middle Eastern and European.

MAGS' Kapa Haka group Te Puna o Wairaka took to the stage first to perform three pieces, finishing off with a fierce haka. They were followed by performances from Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese and Tongan students – all enthusiastically received by the crowd, especially the lovelorn ballad sung by Japanese students that had people waving their hands and mobiles phones in the air.

International Director Jude Lydia thanked all those involved in providing food and entertainment, with a special mention for International Head Prefects Chris Pham and Nan Huang, who helped to organise and MC the evening.

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

Seven Sharp focuses on farm



TVNZ current affairs show Seven Sharp screened a segment last night that they shot at the ASB MAGS Farm yesterday.

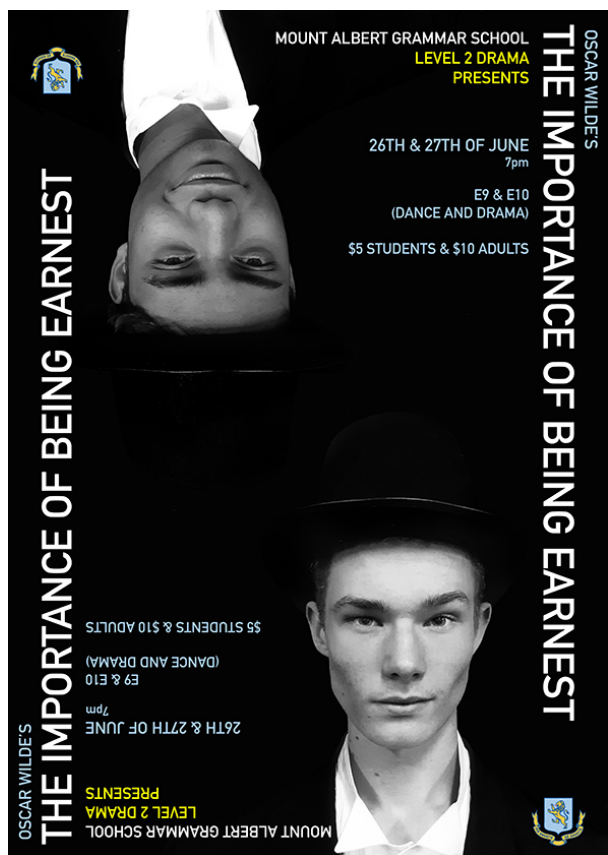
The focus of the piece was the redevelopment of the farm and plans for the new Experience Centre – and how that will open up the Agri-food and fibre sectors to more urban children.

The crew also followed Year 12 student Georgia Sinclair, who lives nearby, as she started her day by heading down to the farm.

You can watch the piece [here](#)

Wilde at heart

The Year 12 Drama production this year is The Importance of Being Earnest, Oscar Wilde's satirical play that takes delight in skewering the upper classes.



One of Wilde's best-know works, The Importance of Being Earnest is set in Victorian times and has its protagonists assuming different identities to escape their social obligations.

There are performances next week on Tuesday and Wednesday night.

Tickets are on the door at E9 & E10, \$5 students and \$10 adults.

Parent-Son Breakfast bookings still open

Bookings are still open for the Inaugural Parent-Son Breakfast for Year 9 & 13 students next Thursday with entertainer and performer Pio Terei the guest speaker.

Mr Terei is also a presenter and spokesperson for The Parenting Place, which develops education programmes for parents and families.

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The catered event has been kindly sponsored by Anne Duncan Real Estate and will be held at MAGS in the

Maurice Hall Atrium, with tickets \$40 for one student and one adult. Start time is 7am, with the event finishing at 8am to allow guests to get on with their day.

An email with details about payment options should have been sent out to parents of Year 9 & 13 students.

For further inquiries, email Martin Sykes msykes@mags.school.nz



Tuning up for music concert



Coming up next month, MAGS' musicians will be taking part in Music 360°, which features a range of classical and contemporary music and choral performances. The concert takes place on Tuesday, July 3 at 7pm at the Ray Freedman Centre, Epsom. Adults \$20, pensioners and students \$10, MAGS staff and students \$5. Tickets at www.iticket.co.nz available from Monday, June 25.

Dairy and deer on the agenda



On Tuesday, 46 Year 11 Agriculture students enjoyed brilliant sunshine as they visited a dairy farm near Patumahoe to learn about pasture management for an internal assessment.

Brian Gallagher and Lynette Hickey hosted the visit and asked the students numerous questions before they were taken on a farm tour.

HoD Agriculture and Horticulture Esther Hancock said that on the way home the group dropped in to a deer farm to see the different ways these rather flighty creatures have to be managed.

The students listened carefully to deer farmer Malcolm Hardie, behaved beautifully and reported that they enjoyed the day very much.



Added buzz for moth plant campaigners



Izzy & Lucia MacKenzie not only won some money for their moth plant pod collecting efforts, but were also given a helicopter ride by a grateful Auckland Council.

HoD Physics Michael Ashby, who organised the pod collecting competition, said Auckland Council, along with the Motutapu Restoration Trust, arranged for a helicopter ride to Motutapu Island for entrants from the top-performing schools in the Moth Plant Pod Competition for 2018. Having won the competition, Izzy & Lucia MacKenzie were MAGS representatives along with two

students from Marist College and one from Botany Downs

Mr Ashby explains, "The helicopter flight was never part of the 'official' prize package to begin with but once Auckland Council found out how successful the competition was, they arranged this as an extra 'thank you' to the students.

"They had a guided tour of the island for the day, including a walk through the planted forest, which was really fun as we could see the different 'ages' of each area as they were planted in different years, going back to 1994. We also toured the nursery, which was really interesting ... the scale is huge! We saw lots of birdlife ... species that you just don't see on the mainland."

The students also got a letter of congratulations from Mayor Phil Goff for helping to rid neighbourhoods of the invasive weed.



Foundation photograph



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Mention of archivist Brian Murphy's work in last week's newsletter brought in some correspondence from Lucy Mackintosh, History Curator at Auckland War Memorial Museum. She emailed Mr Murphy some early photos of Mount Albert Grammar School, including the one above that dates from April 4, 1921.

It is part of the Sir George Grey Special Collections and shows the laying of the school's foundation stone by Mr CJ Parr, Minister of Education (hands on hips at centre).

Mr Murphy was enthralled by this photo and the others – and will be adding them to the school's website [archive](#) with a story attached to each about the people and the events portrayed.

Cool for Cats



Six MAGS students are taking part in the National Youth Theatre Company's production of the musical *Cats* at the Aotea Centre that finishes its run tomorrow.

The students (seen before and after make-up) are (back row, from left to right) Ophelia Sykes (Yr 11), Rosie Henderson (Yr 11), Emily Jerrom (Yr 13), Allie Hawksworth (Yr 13), Finn de Lange (Yr 9) and (front row, left to right) Jenna Parkin (Yr 10) and Ruby Taylor Sinclair (Yr 11).

Jenna Parkin plays Mr Mistoffelees in some shows and the rest of the students are in the chorus, both singing and dancing.

Olympic Refugee Day



Six MAGS students took part in the Olympic Refugee Day held on Wednesday at West Auckland's Trusts Stadium.

Ayalew Negash, Hamad Ullah, Hayelom Gebremichal, Aberash Gebremichal, Desta Debele and Marta Debele took part in sports such as hockey, football, badminton, judo, cheerleading, basketball, fencing, golf, karate and volleyball.

The day was organised by the New Zealand Olympic Committee and New Zealand refugee and resettlement agencies who wanted to celebrate World Refugee Day and Olympic Day with a "Have A Go" day for refugee students and students from refugee backgrounds at school in the Auckland and Hamilton areas. The agencies figure that sport is a great way of helping refugees to assimilate into Kiwi society.

For more photos, click [here](#)

Live and direct



As part of the Visual Art Winter Workshops, Naomi Lamb (a professional live video artist known as The Wanderer) visited school on the mornings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

She set up a range of high-end live mixing equipment such as cameras, video mixing desks, projectors and computers in the E6 Photography studio.

Students from Art Subjects (Drama, Dance, Music and Visual Art) were invited to see how it all works and collaborate with her and each other to create Artistic Moving Image Artworks in real time.

The footage was recorded and will be made accessible to this group to further edit to create videos for display at the 2018 Art Show.

HoD Visual Arts Bryn Corkery said, "It was great to see Naomi sharing her passion of combining various art forms with technology in real time with the students."

Year 13 student Dan Bell said, "I found the workshop a lot of fun. Using the projectors to create an artwork and doing it all live in the moment was great. I enjoyed experiencing a new art form."

Countdown to Space Camp 2019



There are still a few places available for Space Camp 2019.

Students should pick up an expression of interest form for this exciting experience from Ms Slabbert or email her at sslabbert@mags.school.nz

Space Camp takes place in July next year at the US Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Participants will spend five days doing simulated missions, team building and physical and mental challenges.

After the serious business of Space Camp, students will spend a few days at theme parks in Florida.

To find out more about Space Camp 2019, click [here](#)

Sports update

Strong showing at NZ Cross Country



Hannah Houghton and Luke Clements raced strongly at the New Zealand Schools Cross Country Individual and Relay Championships held last weekend at Spa Park, Taupo.

Luke ran in the Junior Boys (U16) event and finished 9th out of 156 athletes. Luke was the 4th Auckland athlete across the line.

Hannah ran in the Senior Girls (U19) event and finished 32nd out of 132 athletes. Hannah was the 5th Auckland athlete across the line.

On Sunday, Luke and Hannah were selected to run for Auckland in the New Zealand Schools Cross Country Relays. Luke ran in the Junior Boys team that finished 2nd and was just beaten by Canterbury.

Hannah ran in the Senior Girls team that finished 4th.

The focus now turns to the Auckland Schools Cross Country that has been rescheduled for Tuesday, July 3 at Barry Curtis Park, East Tamaki with the Auckland Schools Road Race to be held in August.

Nine teams at Auckland Duathlon Champs

At this year's Auckland Schools Duathlon Championships held yesterday at Pukekohe Race Track, MAGS entered nine teams – two more than last year.

The results were: Senior Boys: 3rd – Liam Thompson and Connor Roulston, 6th – Harry Thurman and James Dennett, 7th – Hasan Pathan and Lewis Brown. Senior Girls: 6th – Hannah Houghton and Lili Tse, 10th – Milly Bayfield and Jen Blakeley. Intermediate Girls: 2nd – Chloe Innes and Venetia Wilson, 3rd – Jess Wanden-Hannay and Harriet Neradt, 4th – Anagrace Poching and Hannah Adye, 6th – Kaija Thompson and Hana Hilson.

The next event will be the New Zealand Schools Duathlon Championships on Sunday, August 19 at Pukekohe.

Xterra team maintains top spot



Last Sunday, MAGS' Xterra team headed out to Waitawa Regional Park for the second race of the season.

The recently developed and opened park proved to be a glorious location, overlooking Waitawa Bay.

In beautiful weather, MAGS students produced some excellent race results over a course that offered a good mix of mud, hills, forest and mountain bike trails.

Individual Placings: 1st Holly Bannister (Short course), 2nd Sonali Mistry (Short course), 4th Ella Michell (Short course), 5th Olive Amanono (Short course), 5th Hasan Pathan (Mid course).

The MAGS team is still in first place in the Teams Challenge after the two races. The next race is on Sunday, 8 July at the Hunua Ranges.

Albertians in the All Blacks centres

Jack Goodhue, pictured right, is set to make his test debut for the All Blacks against France tomorrow night after being named in the starting line-up in the centres alongside fellow Albertian Sonny Bill Williams.

Jack, who was MAGS' 2013 Head Boy, has been on the All Blacks' radar for some time having been named in the team's wider squads before – but this will be his first test.

Sonny Bill, named Albertian of the Year last year, is returning from a knee injury to face France in the third and final test, to be played in Dunedin. He will play at inside centre with Jack outside him.



Results this week

The Rugby League 1st XIII picked a great time to turn on one of their best performances of the season when their game against Westlake Boys High was live-streamed on Wednesday. They



ran out easy winners, 44-6. You can watch the game, played at Westlake, [here](#)

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 10s had another big win: 57-0 over Avondale College.

The Football Girls 1st XI played away to Mcleans College on Wednesday and came away with a 4-2 win.

Maisy Simpson scored two goals as the Hockey Girls 1st XI overcame Botany Downs 3-1 yesterday. MAGS showed dominance in the first half, taking the lead from a penalty corner when Lulu Grimes scored from her own rebounded shot.

Botany Downs came back to make the halftime score 1-1. MAGS' tenacity was eventually rewarded in the second half, with Maisy Simpson scoring twice.

The Boys Hockey 1st XI also had a win – 4-1 over Orewa College on Wednesday.

A hat-trick of hat-tricks helped the Hockey Boys U15A side beat McLeans College U15 12-0 on Monday at Lloyd Elsmore. Daniel Askew, Hamesh Govind and Cooper Taylor all chimed in with three goals each.

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

Premier games this weekend



Both Premier Basketball teams play St Kentigern tonight at MAGS, with the Girls tipping off at 6pm, and the Boys at 7.30pm.

The Football Boys 1st XI are also up against St Kentigern at MAGS, tomorrow at noon.

Our Netball Premiers play Aorere tomorrow at 9.30am at the Auckland Netball Centre.

The Rugby 1st XV are finally playing at home tomorrow, taking on St Peter's College at 2.30pm.

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

LOCATION: MAGS SCHOOL HALL
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT FINANCE OFFICE
MAXIMUM TEAMS OF 8

\$10 PER PERSON
OR \$60 FOR A TABLE



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FRIDAY 22 JUNE

The annual MAGS Quiz Night is on tonight.

Make up a team and come along to enjoy a night of trivia and fun. Teams can have a maximum of eight people. The event will run from 6pm-9.30pm in the MAGS hall, with pizza and drinks available for sale. A variety of spot prizes are up for grabs along with prizes for the winning team, best dressed team and individual.

Tickets are \$10 per person, or buy a table of eight for only \$60. All funds raised will be going towards Ebenezer Community School in Delhi.

The Academic Council would also like to thank the following Quiz Night sponsors:



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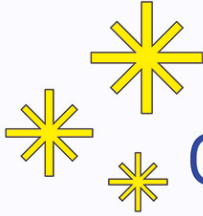


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