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From the Headmaster

People as Elevators



Our inaugural Parent-Son Breakfast yesterday morning saw Year 9 and 13 boys join with their parents in a celebration of both parenthood and the young men of MAGS.

Guest speaker Pio Terei provided an entertaining and valuable message around family connections and relationships – and keeping the lines of communication open.

He emphasised the importance of choosing the right friends and peers – people who will align with our goals and aspirations:

*“People you meet are like an elevator They will either take you up!
.... Or they will take you down!”*

It was a reminder that as human beings, young and old, we are really just a function of the relationships we have with those around us.

The journey from boy to man will never be a straight road for any individual. Surrounding yourself with the right type of ‘elevators’ will be some of the most important choices our young men make.

And furthermore, the challenge is for each of our students to be that friend who lifts up those around them.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

Tuesday, July 3

MAGS Annual Music Concert,
Raye Freedman Centre, 7pm
(see details below)

Friday, July 6

End of Term 2

Saturday, July 7

School Ball, Pullman Auckland,
6pm



Sport



Photo Essay

Football Girls First XI v
Rangitoto College

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Fixtures and results

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Parent-Son Breakfast



Entertainer Pio Terei mixed wit and wisdom in a highly entertaining speech at yesterday morning's Inaugural Parent-Son Breakfast for Year 9 & 13 boys and their families.

Mr Terei, who is also a presenter and spokesperson for The Parenting Place, was introduced to the gathering by Headmaster Patrick Drumm and Head Boy Isaac Munro.

He spoke to both sons and parents about keeping the channels of communication open and trying to understand each other's perspective. He emphasised that a rich life did not revolve around material possessions.

He also talked about his relationship with his father and his sons, and revealed that he was still dealing with the grief of losing his youngest son Teina to cancer almost two years ago at age 17.

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Mr Terei advised the boys that their friends were like elevators: they could either take you up or take you down, so they should be chosen wisely.

At the conclusion of his speech, Mr Terei was presented with a gift by Year 9 student Jack Millar, pictured above with his father Ray Millar and Mr Terei.

The catered event and last week's Parent-Daughter Breakfast were kindly sponsored by Anne Duncan Real Estate

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

Special assemblies with sports heroes



On Monday and Tuesday of this week, there were two special assemblies: Commonwealth Games Bronze medallist Troy Garton addressed the Junior Girls Assembly at the beginning of the week, and All Black legend Keven Mealamu spoke to the Junior Boys Assembly the following day.

Albertian Troy Garton (2001-05) spoke about her boxing journey and received her Black Cap from Headmaster Patrick Drumm. Ms Garton also enjoyed seeing her name up on the school's National Sporting Honours Board. She told the assembly how she had won a Bronze despite having ruptured her knee before fighting at the Games on the Gold Coast this year. She is undergoing rehab for the injury but aiming for Gold at the Olympic Games in Tokyo 2020. Mr Mealamu, who has been working with the Rugby 1st XV during pre-season, quizzed students about the MAGS Lion and motto as he told them that nothing worthwhile in life came easy. He said achievement required focus, preparation and clarity.

He issued the boys with a challenge: to do something outside their comfort zone this week because to grow as a person you needed to push yourself into new and uncomfortable situations.



Quiz Night raises \$3000 for charity



Last Friday's MAGS Quiz Night saw colourful costumes and lots of laughs as 36 teams competed for the title of champion and raised about \$3000, which will go towards Ebenezer Community School in Delhi.

About 300 staff, students and families packed the school hall for for a fun night, MC'ed by Physics teacher Pat Barrett. Social Sciences teacher Donna Hobbs kept score with the help of her son Riley and former MAGS teacher Elliot Moka.

The eventual winners were V for Vacation (seemingly a mysterious bunch of parents) with the runners-up Osmium. Best costume prizes went to Isaac Munro and Alana Lancaster, while the best dressed team was the Alice in Wonderland tea party (pictured above).

There were generous donations of prizes, products and vouchers from Fresh Collective, Maten Floral Design, Auckland Zoo, The Warehouse, Anne Duncan Real Estate, The University of Auckland and Kings Plant Barn.

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


Tickets on sale for Annual Music Concert

Ticket sales are now open for MAGS' Annual Music Concert, which features a range of classical and contemporary music and choral performances.

Called Music 360°, it takes place on Tuesday, July 3 at 7pm at the Raye Freedman Centre, Epsom.

Tickets are adults \$20, pensioners and students \$10, MAGS staff and students \$5.

Tickets can be purchased [here](#)


Mt Albert Grammar School Presents

MUSIC 360

7pm
July 3rd 2018
Raye Freedman Arts Centre
Epsom

Adults \$20
Pensioners and Students \$10
MAGS students and staff \$5
Buy your tickets at www.iticket.co.nz

*An evening of classical and contemporary music with
an international theme.*

Walking on the Wilde side



On Tuesday and Wednesday night, both Year 12 Drama classes performed in their production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde.



MAGS."

For more photos, click [here](#)

The play follows the machinations going on in a Victorian sitting room as the characters deceive, manipulate, belittle and berate each other – all the while eating cucumber sandwiches.

The two sellout audiences were treated to a night of extreme characterisation and witty wordplay.

HoD Drama Gerald Urquhart said, "The audiences were generous with their laughter and support.

"A particular delight was when Headmaster Patrick Drumm had an unexpected involvement, giving up his seat for one of the performers during the play.

"The students were enthused by the response. A large thank you for all the support of Drama at

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 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.

French exchange programme going strong

Next year will see the fourth student exchange with Sainte Croix de Neuilly, a private high school in Paris.

A group of students from the sister/exchange school will be at MAGS in June/July, while MAGS pupils will stay with the families of those pupils in December 2019/Jan 2020 for five weeks. This opportunity is available for Year 11 & 12 pupils studying French.

HoF Languages Helen Salaries said that another advantage of this exchange is that a MAGS pupil has the opportunity of spending a gap year working and even studying at the school.

Ex-pupil Annabel Taylor (2013-2017, pictured left) was part of the 2015-16 exchange and took up



the gap year opportunity, which she has written about [here](#)

Year 13 pupil Hugh Malcolm has just been selected to work at Sainte Croix de Neuilly in 2019. Hugh, who has a talent for languages, has also been chosen for the German Language Olympiad in Freiburg next month.

Information evenings for 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.

Save the date for Art Show



Make sure you clear space in your diary for the MAGS Art Show, which will be held at the school from August 17-19.

This is the fifth year that the Art Show has been held and it will feature exhibits from more than 130 artists and more than 50 students.

Funds raised from the show go back into the school, and this is the largest MAGS Foundation fundraising event in the school year.

The popular Gala Night is on Friday, 17 August and is a ticketed R18 event with nibbles and alcohol being part of the ticket price. This event has sold out each year, and those attending are the first to view the artworks for sale. Gala Night tickets at \$50 each go on sale at the beginning of July. Over the weekend of the 18-19 August the show is free and open to the general public with an onsite cafe serving refreshments, cakes and nibbles.

At the Gala Night function and throughout the weekend our talented Music, Dance and Performance Art students will be entertaining guests.

Last year saw the debut of the People's Choice Award, which received a large number of votes. It will feature again this year with the public getting to vote for their favourite student artwork.

Showing student artwork is one of the key things that differentiates the MAGS Art Show from other school art shows. This is a great learning experience because students discover what goes into the preparation for the show, how to present their works, how to set selling prices, the process of selling work, receiving payment and feedback.

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

Chairs last for years



THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, LORD JELlicOE FORMALLY OPENING THE MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL AT AUCKLAND LAST WEEK.

When our archivist Brian Murphy was sent the above photo by Lucy Mackintosh, History Curator at Auckland War Memorial Museum, his eye was caught by the chairs used by the dignitaries at the official opening of MAGS on May 25, 1922. The photo is part of the Sir George Grey Special Collections and shows Headmaster FW Gamble, the Hon George Fowler, a former Minister of Education, Lord Jellicoe, the Governor General in the uniform of an admiral, and Dr E Robertson, vice-chairman of the Auckland Grammar School Board. Because the Governor General is standing, Mr Murphy spotted that he had been sitting on a type of chair of which the school still has seven examples. Mr Murphy says apart from an unrestored teacher's classroom chair, these seven chairs are the only known original pieces of school furniture.

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



Visual Art Winter Workshops



As part of the Visual Art Winter Workshops, visiting artist Michel Tuffery has been busy with art students beautifying the outdoor area beside E3.

Mr Tuffery and his eager helpers are decorating the concrete plinths with a woven star motif. He explained that the multicoloured designs start with a background colour gradient, which is overlaid with a woven star motif stencil, then given some “bling” with paint pens.

Mr Tuffery said students were being encouraged to experiment with colour and also with the different thicknesses of the paint pen nibs to give the designs a lift.



Earlier in the week, and also part of the Winter Workshops, Joon-Hee Park presented to Senior Painting students. She talked about her process of finding and developing a personal style, inspiration for making art works and working as an artist.

Joon-Hee’s art is classified as Post Pop Surrealism and has autobiographical elements featuring imagery from memories and dreams. After showcasing her artwork, she did some fun drawing exercises with the students. HoD Visual Art Bryn Corkery said Joon-Hee’s passion for art-making was inspirational.

Year 13 Painting student Chantelle Boxall said, "The experience also gave us a lesson where we

could step back and just mess around with ideas. Overall, she was entertaining to listen to and had good tips on how to create meaningful pieces.”

Sports update

Sharne Pupuke-Robati off to World Champs

Sharne Pupuke-Robati has been selected for the New Zealand U17 Women’s National Team to compete at the FIBA U17 Women’s Basketball World Cup in Minsk, Belarus, next month. New Zealand is attending the tournament for the first time and it will be a great opportunity for Year 13 student Sharne, who is both a Premier Basketballer and Netballer. Sharne has good pedigree, being a niece of NBA star Steven Adams. Her potential was recognised earlier this year when she received one of the inaugural Tania Dalton Scholarships. Through that, she will receive three years of mentoring and support from the Tania Dalton Foundation, which was set up in honour of the late Silver Ferns netballer Tania Dalton to support young women in sport.



You can read an interview with Sharne by College Sport [here](#).

MAGS players at Blues rugby camps



Congratulations to seven MAGS Rugby players who have been invited to attend Blues training camps during Week 1 of Term 3.

1st XV captain and No. 8 Terrell Peita, hooker Soanne Vikena and centre Joel Cobb will attend the U18 camp based at MAGS, which culminates with a game against the Hurricanes U18 camp in Taupo. Flanker Tommy Baker and 6" 6" lock Terepai King have been named as apprentices for the camp, which means they come in later and get to stay if they play well. Attending the Blues' two-day U17 camp, held the

same week, will be first-five Dylan Moon (pictured) and prop Craven Martin.

First XV coach Geoff Moon said the camps, run by the Blues' Super Rugby and Provincial Rugby coaching staff, are all about learning from the professionals.

Tomorrow, the 1st XV plays One Tree Hill College on the Sir BG Williams Field at 2.30pm. Board of Trustees chairman Greg Moyle will be handing out the match jerseys on the day.

Students lifting strongly



Three MAGS students put in impressive performances at the Olympic Weightlifting Auckland Club Competition. Thomas Roffey had an outstanding competition, completing 6 out of 6 lifts, recording a 22kg Snatch and 26kg Clean and Jerk, for a total of 48kg.

Alyx Michael Alpesh started strong with a 20kg Snatch, however, he pressed out on the last two lifts. He came back strong on the Clean and Jerk finishing 2 out of 3 with 30kg, giving him a total of 50 kg.

Newcomer Codi Smith, pictured left, had an impressive start to his Olympic lifting career with a solid 6 out of 6 lifts. He recorded a 41kg Snatch and a 50kg Clean and Jerk, for a total of 91kg.

Fencers take out Auckland champs



At the Auckland Secondary Schools Fencing Finals, MAGS won both the boys and girls epee events, with Gio Aguilar and Amey Smith the respective champions.

After beating fellow MAGS fencer James Butler in the semifinal, Gio was up against a Hamilton Boys High student in the final after he had beaten MAGS' Charlie Bioletti in the other semi.

James Butler finished third.

On the girls side, MAGS' Amey Smith and Zoe Holden beat rivals from Kristin to make their way into the final, with Amey's quick footwork counteracting Zoe's longer reach.

The top three boys also fought in the foil event, uncoached, and reached 8th for Gio, 9th for Charlie and 10th for James to show off their all-round fencing skills.

Results this week



On Monday, the Basketball Girls Premiers had a big win – 98-61 – over Carmel College.

The First XI Football Girls had two losses this week: 2-4 against Rangitoto and 0-1 against Epsom Girls.

On Wednesday, the Rugby League 1st XIII followed up their big win last week with a 20-8 victory over Avondale College at MAGS.

The Hockey Boys 1st XI lost 2-1 to Auckland Grammar 2nd XI on Wednesday, while the Hockey Girls 1st XI drew 0-0 with Diocesan the following day.

The Girls' game started at a ferocious pace, with MAGS absorbing wave after wave of attack, with

a lot of credit going to 'keeper Rosie Veldkemp.

Coach Sharne Roberts said there was a tinge of sadness to the game, as the side farewelled one of its stalwarts in Theane Van Zyl.

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

Premier games this weekend

The Premier Boys Basketball team are on a high after becoming the first team in 2018 to beat defending national champions Rosmini College when they won 76-63 on Monday.

Tonight, at 7.30pm, they take on Rangitoto College at MAGS.

The Premier Girls Basketball are going well, too, and they also take on Rangitoto tonight at MAGS – at 6pm.

The Football Boys 1st XI are back to winning ways and they play Westlake at MAGS, tomorrow at noon.

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



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



THE COLLECTOR'S CABINET

All Dolled up!



Antique & Vintage dolls from the late Victorian era to the 1960's.

On display 24 May-
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Collector Karen Staniland (aged 5) and her Kewpie.

TALK & TEA AT ALBERTON

Sunday 24 June 1:30pm

Learn about collecting and restoring antique dolls. An informal chat followed by afternoon tea. All dolls and teddies welcome!

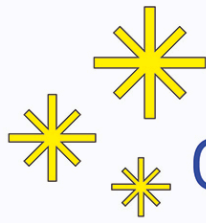
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