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## One Of Our Earliest Navigators



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### Monday, June 7

Queen's Birthday Holiday

### Thursday, June 17

Board Show and Market  
Evening, 4.30pm, E Block

### Friday, June 25

MAGS Quiz Night, 5.45pm, FW  
Gamble Hall

Manuia le Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa

This week we acknowledge our Samoan community at MAGS with the celebration of Gagana Samoa – Samoan Language Week.

Our MAGS Pasifika student community numbers more than 800 young people with approximately half of these identifying as Samoan. One need only look at our Honours Boards to appreciate the role Samoan students have played in the story of MAGS.

While many of our Samoan families began their association with MAGS in the 1970s and 1980s, the name of one of our earliest Samoan Albertians can be found on the Honours Boards from the mid-1930s.

Andy Kronfeld was School Swimming Champion from 1934-1936. Shortly after leaving school, he joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force and then the Royal Air Force, eventually flying a Spitfire during World War II. The aircraft was named 'Western Samoa' in acknowledgement of the funds raised by the people of his original



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homeland to provide him with this plane.

Andy Kronfeld was a navigator. His skills as a pilot allowed him to return safely to New Zealand after the war. As well as successfully navigating the skies, he was able to steer his way among the very different cultures in which he found himself throughout his lifetime.

A proud MAGS student, a proud Kiwi and an especially proud (Western) Samoan!

Congratulations to our young navigators of today and to all in our MAGS Samoan community (which currently include the great grandchildren of Andy Kronfeld). Thank you for your leadership – and your service to your school.

*O le ala, I le pule, o le tautua  
(To be a leader you must first learn to serve!)*

Enjoy the Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster



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## Samoan Language Week



Gagana Samoa (Samoan Language Week) saw the Samoan flag flying proudly on the school flagpole and a variety of activities this year. There was a cultural dress day and performances today, volleyball games involving staff and students yesterday, and a Pasifika Assembly on Tuesday with Victor Kalolo (pictured right) as guest speaker.



Mr Kalolo, who is a Dean at Massey High School, shared his life journey and a Spoken Word performance at the assembly.

He reinforced the importance of students listening to their mentors (teachers included), choosing a good peer group while at school, and making the most of the opportunities at MAGS before making their way in the outside world, where life could be a lot tougher than school.



*Pasifika Leaders for 2021:*

*Back Row: Boston Tofa, Nofolisi Hala, Tali Afele, Stanley Longi, Marcus Savelio, Ullrich Von Reiche, Morgan Aiono, Justin Hemara.*

*Front Row: Jovis Meredith, Melenaite Tuamoheloa, Emeline Bloomfield, Sylvia Brunt, Genevieve Taua, Leilani Ginnen, Pasilika Ulugia-Pua.*

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**Save the date for Quiz Night**

The Academic Council will be holding its annual Quiz Night on Friday, June 25 in the FW Gamble Hall.

The doors will open at 5.45pm sharp but the event itself will begin at 6pm.

This year, funds raised will go to KidsCan, an organisation that aims to financially provide for underprivileged students.

Quiz Night is always a fun student-led community event that succeeds in raising awareness of, and funds for, important charities.

We hope to see you all: current MAGS students, Albertians, and general family and friend groups of our local Mount Albert community.

More details to come soon.



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## Hitting the dance floor with pride



'The Pride' is our newest Hip Hop dance crew made up of 11 of our MAGS students.

They are competing tomorrow in the secondary school novice division at Urban Youth's Project Dance Competition in Tauranga.

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## Light it Orange for Shine!

The MAGS Interact Committee will be supporting Shine in their work “to help families get safe and stay safe”.

Next week, from June 8-11, there will be form-time donations and an orange-themed bake sale on Friday.

Interact has a goal to raise \$1000 for Shine. Please donate and join in to light New Zealand orange and show the Kiwi victims of domestic violence that you really care.

Shine was founded in 1990, and has been working since then to make NZ homes violence-free. You can read more about the Light it Orange campaign [here](#)



And a reminder that one of Interact’s largest events is coming up: the World Vision 40-Hour Famine.

There will be information coming out soon about how to sign up and get involved.

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## Great opportunities in Music

### URBAN MUSIC GROUP

Calling all rappers, singers, songwriters and music producers.

MAGS has an Urban Music Group starting up on Tuesday, Week 6, after school from 3.30-5.30pm in E8.

The aim of this group is to collaborate with other like-minded students in the school and work to create some original music that can eventually be released as singles onto Spotify, Apple Music or other streaming platforms.

The genres the group will focus on include R&B, Hip Hop, Soul, Pop or Dance music. If you are interested, then please contact Mr Grace via email or at the Dance and Drama office.

Mr Grace has been in the music industry for eight years under the name JSH. If you have a Spotify account, click this [link](#) to see what his sound is like.



### BEATS 'N' BARS

(RAP - HIP-HOP - R&B - SOUL - POP - DANCE)

Calling all singers, songwriters, rappers and producers for collaboration

Contact Mr Grace if you're interested

(TUESDAYS - E7 - 3:30 - 5:30PM - BEGINS WEEK 6)

### BEATS 'N' BARS



### **SAMBA DRUMMING GROUP**

Mr Naughton is starting a Samba Drumming Group – no experience necessary, just a love of drums and percussion.

Practices will be Wednesdays from 3.15-4.15pm.

This [video](#) demonstrates a basic samba pattern.

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## **Spoken Word team through to semis**



Last Saturday, the MAGS Spoken Word teams 1 and 2 auditioned in the annual, fiercely contested Word! The Frontline, at TAPAC in Western Springs.

MAGS came third last year in the very competitive finals, despite the disruptions of Covid-19 lockdowns.

TIC Becky Woodall said, "Wow! Both teams in this year's competition have worked so hard

preparing their poems and did impressively well, smashing their trio, solo and duo pieces at the auditions."

Prefect and Spoken Word Leader Reet Kamra said, "I am so very proud of each team. They all did so well, especially Team 2, as it was their first time doing Word!."

Team 1 consists of Sonia Airehour, Reet Kamra, Hiwa Piahana and Ryan Shen. Team 2 consists of Nishera Gnanendra, Lily Curnow, Ryan Antia, Samuel Reeves and Rishita Bharani.

Team 1 made it through to the semis but Team 2 missed out. The competition was tough and only the top 16 teams made it through Auckland-wide.

Team 1 will be competing in the semis to secure a place in the Grand Slam. Their semi will be held on either Saturday, 21 or Saturday, 28 August.

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## Three groups at chamber music contest



MAGS has three ensembles that will all be competing next Friday in the Auckland round of the NZCT Chamber Music Contest.

The Moonstars (pictured above from last year), who have won prizes for the best performance of an original compositions in the past, will be competing again, as well as XII in Trio, and a classical trio Triplicity.

The event takes place at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Epsom, starting next Thursday, with the finals held on Sunday to see who goes through to the Auckland regional finals on June 26.

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## Weather comes right for tramp



Last week, the Year 13 Outdoor Education class tramped the Lake Waikaremoana Great Walk in Te Urewera.

Before leaving on the trip, each student had to extensively plan a range of strategies that would help them tramp the 46km safely, cook together in small groups and sleep in a hut or camp under a fly.

With heavy rain and strong wind on day one, slips on the long road to the lake delayed their arrival time, meaning groups arrived at the first hut on dark.

However, across the trip the weather steadily improved with the class enjoying a stunning sunrise and clear views over the lake on the last day. This was a great reward for all the hard work that they put in before and during the trip.



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**Art Show wants you!**



## THE MAGS ART SHOW COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!



We're looking for new volunteers to help us bring the MAGS Art Show weekend to life 13-15 August 2021



We'd love your help across a range of activities;

- Gala Night
- Artwork Receiving
- Weekend Sales Desk
- Packdown... or even if you're handy with a hammer!

Please express your interest by contacting Wick Nixon, email [magsfom@gmail.com](mailto:magsfom@gmail.com)

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## Sports Update

### Rugby Boys 1st XV at Eden Park



Next Saturday, come along and support our Rugby Boys 1st XV, who have a massive game against St Kentigern at Eden Park, a curtain-raiser to the Blues v Force match.

Our boys kick off at 4.45pm, while the Blues game kicks off at 7.05pm.

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## Great results at Cross Country



The Auckland Secondary School Cross Country Championships was held at Saint Kentigern College yesterday, with nine students representing MAGS across the various age categories.

The highlight was Maia Lythe finishing 8th in the Intermediate Girls, continuing her strong form shown at the North/West Zone meet two weeks ago.

The following students gained top 20 placings:

### Junior Girls

Nina Chalmers: 14th.

### Intermediate Girls

Maia Lythe: 8th

Emily Rednall: 19th

Bella Houghton: 20th

These three girls were placed 4th in the combined three-person team category based on where they finished individually.

### Senior Boys

Luke Clements: 10th

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## Upcoming Premier Sport



Due to this being Queen's Birthday holiday weekend, there is no Premier sport on over the long weekend.

The Football Boys 1st XI get a game in before that when they are away to St Peter's College this evening, with kickoff at 6pm.



Next Wednesday, there are two big games on at MAGS, both at 4pm. The Football Girls 1st XI are up against Mount Roskill Grammar, and the Rugby League 1st XIII have a tough assignment against St Paul's College.

On the same day, the Squash Boys Premiers take on Sacred Heart at Remuera Rackets at 4.15pm.

At the time of writing, Hockey and Lacrosse draws for next week were yet

to be finalised, although the Hockey Girls 1st XI are scheduled to play Pakuranga College next Thursday.

For updated fixtures and the latest results, click [here](#)

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