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From the Headmaster

Key Dates

Hitting the School Day Running!



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

There are many things I enjoy about this great school community to which we belong.

One such example is seeing the number of students who begin their school day at MAGS often up to two hours before the first bell rings. We have hundreds of our students who arrive early to take part in before-school programmes and activities across our MAGS Pillars – many commencing at 6.30am each day.

We have students attending subject lessons and tutorials before school on a regular basis. Our sports academies and team trainings see school facilities alive with young people – way before the sun comes up! Early morning Arts programmes, dance academies, orchestra practices, choir rehearsals – there are so many of our students making the most of this extension to the school day.

Getting our endorphins – our happy hormones – working through the body in the morning sets us up for a great day ahead. Those students involved in before-school activities end up heading to class with a distinct advantage.

That flow of endorphins generated by early morning activities ensures students are focussed and ready to engage in learning – right from the first minute of Period 1.

Congratulations to the morning people among us. As a school, we could all confront the winter blues by becoming a morning person – get up early, get moving and do something positive for ourselves.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Friday, June 16

Slam the Jams Contemporary Music Concert, 6.30pm, E10

Thursday, June 29 and Friday, June 30

Three Way Conferences

Sport

Photo Essays



Rugby League 1st XIII v Manurewa High

Click [here](#)

Trials and Registrations

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Fixtures and Results

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We'll all be better for it!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Our Lion Fund programme aims to provide financial support to allow every MAGS student to access the breadth of opportunities we offer at our school.

Donate to the Lion Fund now



Board Show and Market Evening



The weather played ball yesterday for a great evening of art, food, music, drama and dance as part of the Visual Arts Board Show and Business Market Evening.

There was a wide variety of food, drink and products (including candles and diffusers) for sale to staff, students and parents, as well as performances by our talented dancers, musicians and actors in and around the Greg Taylor Building (formerly known as E Block).



Inside, our Visual Arts students got to show off the work they have been doing in design, photography and painting, and our Technology students displayed their design and carpentry work.

You can see more photos from the event [here](#)



Rostered days at home next week

Parents and caregivers should have received an email today from MAGS regarding the continuation of rostering home of year levels as part of the ongoing PPTA industrial action. Please see below the most recent information received regarding nationwide rostering home of two different year levels across four days per week, from Monday, 12 June:

WEEK 8

Monday, 12 June	Year 11 & Year 12
Tuesday, 13 June	Year 9 & Year 13
Wednesday, 14 June	Year 10 & Year 11
Thursday, 15 June	Year 12 & Year 13

WEEK 9

Monday, 19 June	Year 9 & Year 10
Tuesday, 20 June	Year 11 & Year 12
Wednesday, 21 June	Year 9 & Year 13
Thursday, 22 June	Year 10 & Year 11

WEEK 10

Monday, 26 June	Year 12 & Year 13
Tuesday, 27 June	Year 9 & Year 10
Wednesday, 28 June	Year 11 & Year 12
Thursday, 29 June	Year 9 & Year 13

EXEMPTION: WEEK 8 – Wednesday, 14 June

Parents of Year 10 students have been advised of the NZQA NCEA Co-requisite Literacy and Numeracy Assessments scheduled across Monday 12 June, Tuesday 13 June and Wednesday 14 June of Week 8.

While Year 10 students are scheduled to be rostered home on Wednesday, 14 June, an exemption to this has been granted to enable Year 10 students to attend school to participate in these NZQA assessments. They will return home when they have completed their assessment.

You can read the full letter about rostering home [here](#)

Tickets on sale for Slam the Jams



This year's *Slam the Jams* Contemporary Music Concert will be held in the Music Department's E10 performance space on Friday, June 16 at 6.30pm.

The evening will feature a stellar line-up of bands, solo artists, DJs and more. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for staff and students.

Get in quick to reserve your tickets by emailing neil.watson@mags.school.nz as seating is limited.

Term 2 Arts Calendar

WEEK	DATE (S)	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
8	14 th June	YOUDANCE YOUTH DANCE FESTIVAL	RFAC EGGS	MAGS Performance 14 th June 7.30pm
8	16 th June	Contemporary Music night	E9 and E10	6.30pm
9	Weds 21st June	THE BIG SING Centennial choir	Auckland Town Hall	1.30 pm session and Gala concert 7.30pm
	Thursday 22 nd June	THE BIG SING Gloriana Choir	Auckland Town Hall	10.30 am session and Gala concert 7.30pm
10	27 th and 28 th June	DANCE CONCERT	RFAC EGGS	7.30 pm
10	29 th June	CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT	RFAC EGGS	7pm
JULY HOLIDAYS	9 TH JULY	BLUEPRINT SCHOOLS HIP HOP COMP	Due Drop Events Centre	MAGS Performance times TBC

Join our Art Show volunteers



These are just some of the amazing volunteers who bring the MAGS Art Show to life every year.

If you'd like to help out for a day, a weekend or simply a few hours (and have loads of fun in the process), there's a job with your name on it!

Contact Wick at magsfom@gmail.com and enjoy the fun and excitement of MAGS' biggest annual fundraiser.

World Vision 40 Hour Challenge



Students and staff doing the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge are now over halfway towards their goal of raising \$5000 towards providing clean drinking water for children. Sanitarium has also chipped in to match some of the fundraising for World Vision. The 40 Hour Challenge starts at 8pm on Friday, June 16 and ends midday on Sunday, June 18. Traditionally, participants fast for 40 hours but some participants choose to give up something for 40 hours, like technology or talking.

You can donate to the MAGS effort [here](#)

Netsafe's digital parenting resources

Following Tuesday's Netsafe seminar at MAGS about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology and social media for young people, Netsafe has provided more digital parenting resources:

Netsafe's parent toolkit: <https://netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit/> (downloadable) and netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-parent-toolkit/ (more in depth content)

Nudes and sexting: Netsafe and the Classification Office put together some resources on this topic called 'The Bare Facts' netsafe.org.nz/thebarefacts/

Misinformation and 'fake news': Netsafe worked with Facebook to create this 'fake news trainer' <https://yournewsbulletin.co.nz/>

Incident response - Reporting portal and guides <https://netsafe.org.nz/responding-to-a-digital-incident/>

Support with scams: <https://netsafe.org.nz/scam-tips/>

Netsafe's digital parenting resources

More than ever before, people are recognising the importance of being safe on the internet and what this means for their families.

Netsafe's job is to make it easier for people to enjoy the opportunities that being online offers and to provide assistance if something goes wrong.

We are committed to supporting parents, whānau and caregivers and have developed a range of resources to enable you to confidently kōrero about online safety with the young people in your life.



Parenting Toolkit

You can also visit netsafe.org.nz/digitalparenting for advice about common issues faced by young people.

Netsafe helps people and schools in New Zealand experiencing harmful content online. Our service is free and confidential and we provide specialist online incident advice.

To support your whānau, Network 4 Learning (N4L) offer a free safety filter which can be set up on your child's device. The filter blocks a range of content not suited to younger people. Learn more at switchonsafety.co.nz

Gaming Toolkit

Tiktok Toolkit

Netsafe helpline

Our service is free, confidential and available seven days.

 help@netsafe.org.nz

 Text 4282

 netsafe.org.nz/report

 Call 0508 638 723

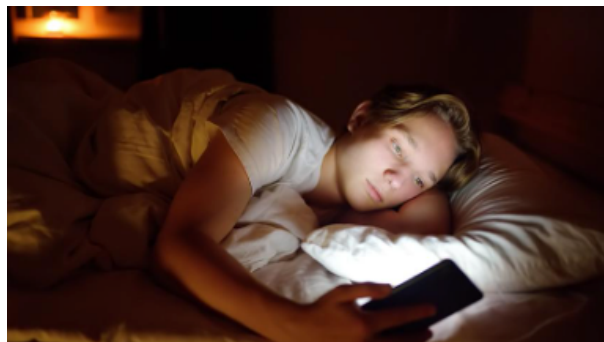
If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, please call 111.



School TV – Managing Screen Time

Many parents have reported excessive screen time as the number one health concern affecting kids, especially now in the hyperconnected world we live in.

There are both benefits and drawbacks to screen time. Learning how to make good decisions about when and how much to use their devices will help children find the right balance. 'Managing screen time is important for a child's overall wellbeing and development, both physically and mentally' – SchoolTV



Here at school, our pastoral care team see the impacts of too much screen time on a young person's wellbeing, such as sleep issues, self-esteem and increased anxiety. Click [here](#) to read and watch interviews with leading experts on a range of topics related to screen time (e.g what guidelines exist, effects on sleep, establishing rules).

Agriculture happenings



Over the last fortnight, the Year 13 Agribusiness and Ms Low's Year 12 Agriculture class have had Tim Dangen in looking at feed budgeting, and winter grazing respectively. The two Year 11 Classes have had Chris and Becky in from Ravensdown looking at soil testing, nutrient budgets and a closer look at their career pathway in the Primary Industries.



Central Interceptor open day

The Central Interceptor Project is holding an open day at its Lyon Avenue construction site. This is a great opportunity to come to see behind the blue gates and look down the shaft.

When: Saturday, 24 June 2023

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Where: St Lukes Garden Apartments located at the end of Morning Star Place next to the Treeway.

Behind the Big Blue Gate Open Day

We would like to personally invite you to come behind our big blue gate and see what we have been up to. As our closest neighbour, we would love for you to come along and see all the work and equipment close up.

When:

Saturday – 24 June 2023

Time:

10:00am to 12noon

Where:

St Lukes Garden Apartments, located at the end of Morning Star Place next to the Treeway

Our team has completed the 47m deep shaft, part of the main Central Interceptor Tunnel. This is your opportunity to come behind our gates, look down the shaft and chat with our team about the project.

We welcome you, your family, and friends to come along. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided. Please wear closed footwear.



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Central Interceptor



Three Way Conference bookings open

Bookings are open for Three Way Conferences (3WC).

This 15-minute conference will take place in Week 10 this term with students' Mentor Teachers on either Thursday, 29th (10.00am-6.00pm) or Friday, 30th June (9.00am-12.00pm).

This is considered to be one of our significant annual events and ALL students are expected to attend a 3WC, along with their parent(s)/guardian(s).

There are no classes scheduled on Thursday the 29th or Friday the 30th of June while the 3WCs take place, so this is an excellent opportunity for students to work on School Assessments outside of their conference time.

For instructions on how to book this interview, click [here](#)

Hall of Distinction inductees



The above photo shows John Reed and his sister Heather Lane in 2008 at the MAGS Hall of Distinction induction of their father, publisher Alexander Wyclif Reed, known as Clif or AW Reed, who along with uncle AH Reed, founded a publishing house that flourished for many years.

At the same ceremony Dr Rebecca Hayward spoke about Professor Jack Arthur Bennett, who, as a lecturer in English, she had studied and she had written a research paper about him. She accepted his charter on behalf of Bennett's son Edmund, who lives in Oxford, England.

Also inducted that day was Christian Karl Stead. Professor Stead is a noted poet and novelist. In the second image Dr Hayward and Professor Stead are in discussion in the Albertian Quad.

These images are part of Set 89, recently added to our website as part of our Historical Images [here](#)



Sports Update

Second at Volleyball Nationals



Congratulations to Hokiaramai Dunn and Roy Tatupu (pictured earlier in the year at the Beach Volleyball Nationals), who were part of the Auckland team that finished second at the National Inter-provincial Volleyball Championships in Napier.

It was a huge feat for the Auckland side, taking down one of the tournament favourites – North Harbour – in the semi-finals.

Gymnasts represent NZ

Eras and Janko Viljoen represented NZ at the Australian Gymnastics Championships last month. Although they didn't claim any medals, the boys had a good competition and great experience representing NZ. Janko (Year 9) came 5th in the Youth U15 Double mini trampoline. Eras (Year 11) came 12th in the Junior U17 Double mini trampoline. Eras and Janko, together with their other brother Henru, also a Year 9, have all been selected to represent Auckland region in Artistic gymnastics and Gymsport Manukau region in Trampoline and Double mini trampoline at the NZ Gymnastics Championships 2023, which will be held during the July school holidays in Tauranga.



Upcoming Premier Sport



Our Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams are at home tonight, both playing St Kentigern, at 6pm and 7.30pm respectively. The Football Boys 1st XI are at Crum Park Turf at 7pm tonight to face Sacred Heart.

On Saturday, the Netball Premiers play Epsom Girls at the Auckland Netball Centre at 11.30am, while the Rugby Boys 1st XV are at home to Liston College at 2.30pm.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV face a tough encounter against Auckland Girls Grammar at Colin Maiden Park at 4pm. Our Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams play again, with the Girls taking on Epsom Girls at 6pm, and the Boys facing St Peter's at 7.30pm.

On Wednesday, our Rugby League 1st XIII are away to St Paul's College at 4pm, the Football Girls 1st XI play St Kentigern at MAGS at 4pm, the Squash Boys Premiers play Lynfield College at the Lynfield Youth and Leisure Centre at 4.15pm, and the Hockey Boys 1st XI play Pukekohe High at the Pukekohe Turf at 5pm.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Girls Premiers play St Mary's at 4pm at MAGS, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Pukekohe High at the Pukekohe Turf at 5.30pm.

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

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