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Weekly Notices



Key Dates

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Calendar



Thursday, June 13

YouDance dance festival, Raye
Freedman Arts Centre, 7.30pm

June 18 – June 21

Year 13 Drama Productions



Sport



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From the Acting Headmaster

Because Teachers Are Worth It...



It is difficult to ignore the tension that exists between the notion of it being a right for all young people to have access to a quality education and the inevitable reality of what this must cost.

No one would counter that our young people deserve a quality education provided by qualified professionals, but many opinions exist as to what defines a qualified teaching professional. Some would accept a bachelor's degree and teaching diploma – and perhaps a master's? For others this is not so easily measurable.

In your mind's eye, what are your memories? These will be many and varied. No doubt, many will remember their school days kindly ... and others not so.

American poet and educator, Taylor Mali, in his poem [*What Teachers Make*](#), a response to a dinner party provocation along the lines of "So Mali, what do teachers make?", is emphatic in his claim that in fact what teachers make is 'a difference'.

So, what is it that we want for our children, our students of MAGS? Our school needs to continue to be in a position to provide teaching professionals who want to make a difference. Our young people need those who choose the teaching profession, above all others, because they believe that their contribution to the development of resilient, confident and capable young people is truly valued and not just paid lip service.

If we are to continue to champion the value of education as a key element for the future success and well-being of all, and if we are to attract individuals who are committed to this belief, then we in turn must also champion the worth of our teachers.

Warm regards,

Jo Williams
Acting Headmaster

Tree planting underway on farm



Yesterday, the two year 10 Agriculture classes took part in planting native tree seedlings in a retired paddock on the farm. The seedlings were provided by the Trees for Survival programme, and Sue Crawshaw from T4S helped to muster trees and students. Teacher Richard Fullerton supervised and provided home baking for the army of tired and muddy students. A very creditable 890 trees were planted. More planting will take place on Sunday, 16 June 10am-2pm (rain date 23rd June). Neighbours, staff and a number of Enviro Club students are invited. Watercare will be supplying a barbecue and coffee cart. Please RSVP to Ms Hancock on ehancock@mags.school.nz if you would like to attend. Representatives from Watercare will be available to discuss the construction of the Central Interceptor wastewater tunnel behind the school and their planned involvement in further stream fencing and riparian planting.



Ngā Manu Kōrero contestants



Next Friday, four of MAGS' Te Puna o Wairaka students will take part in the regional speech competition Ngā Manu Kōrero ki Te Waitematā at Ōrākei Marae.

Richard Mann (at left) and Niua Pomare-Khanna (above left) will compete in the Senior English and Senior Māori divisions respectively, while Jackson Absolum-Leuluso'o (above right) and Te Waaka Popata-Henare (above centre) will feature in the Junior English and Junior Māori

divisions respectively – up against contestants from about 14 other schools.

Seniors are challenged to deliver a prepared speech (of 12 minutes maximum) and an impromptu speech (three minutes maximum, with five minutes preparation).

Junior English and Māori just have prepared speeches of six minutes maximum and 12 minutes maximum respectively.

Arts Update



YOUDANCE YOUTH DANCE FESTIVAL

MAGS students will be performing in YouDance next Thursday, 13 June 7.30pm at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre – tickets from [iTICKET](#) YouDance celebrates youth choreography and performance in a non-competitive, collegial atmosphere.

WEEK 9 – MUSIC CONCERTS

On Monday, 24 June, **On the Move** will be an evening of contemporary and urban music featuring the Jazz Band Contemporary Choir, Smokefree RockQuest finalists Brolo and Borderline, and special guests.

On Tuesday, 25 June, **Night of the Classics** will be an evening of classical music featuring MAGS symphonic, string and chamber orchestras with boys choir and guests. Both concerts are at 7pm at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre. Ticket details to come.

LOOKING FORWARD TO TERM 3

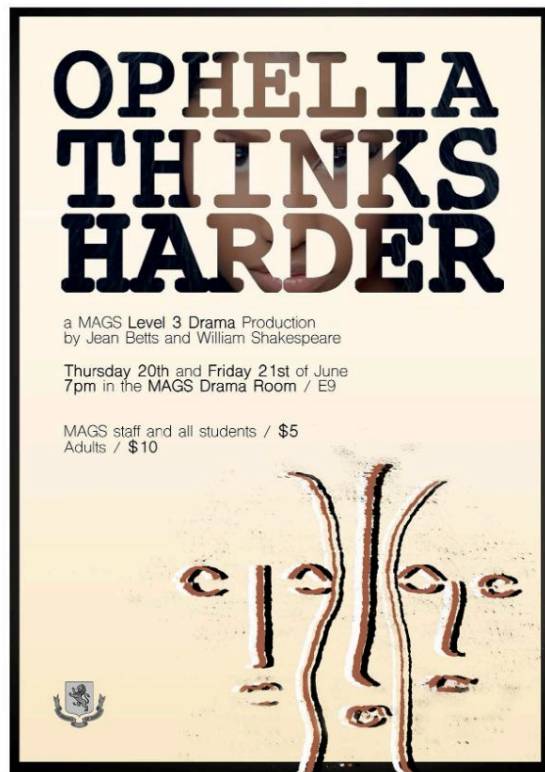
In Week 2, on Thursday, 1 August, the biannual Unity Cultural Concert will take place at 7pm at the Dorothy Winstone Theatre, at AGGS. Ticket details to come.

YOU
DANCE
2019

7:30pm
11th, 12th & 13th June
Raye Freedman Arts Centre

Book at www.iticket.co.nz or phone (09) 361 1000

Year 13 Drama Productions



In Week 8, Year 13 Drama students will be putting on two thought-provoking productions over two nights each.

They will be staged in the E9 Drama Room at 7pm on all four nights.

The Good Woman of Setzuan plays on Tuesday, 18 June and Wednesday, 19 June. It explores the story of a woman who wants to lead a good life but needs to adopt a male alter ego in order to achieve that.

Ophelia Thinks Harder plays on Thursday, 20 June and Friday, 21 June, and is a reworking of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* that examines attitudes about sex, sexuality and society.

Tickets on sale at the door. Adults \$10, MAGS staff and students \$5.

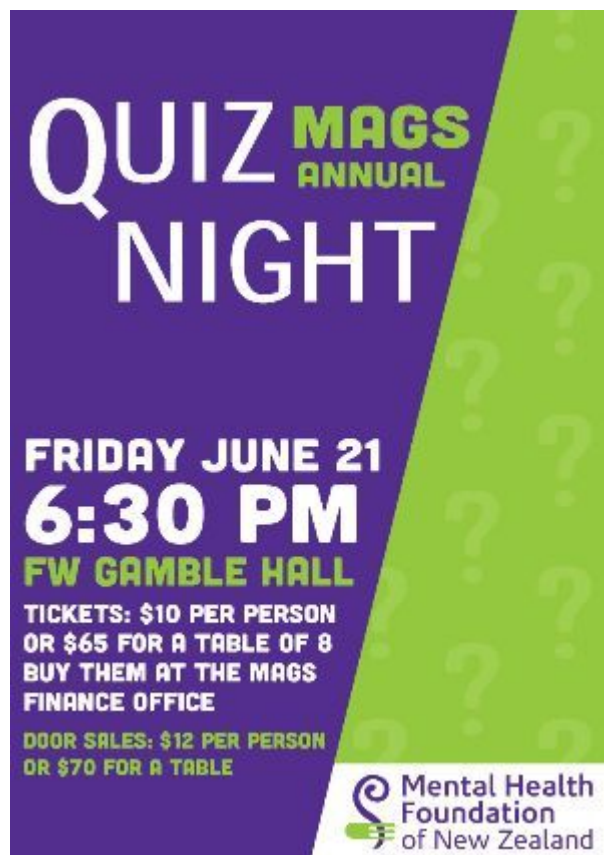
Quiz Night is back!

Sharpen your wits and get working on a dress-up theme because MAGS' fun-filled Annual Quiz Night returns on June 21.

As always, there will be lots of laughs and plenty of prizes on offer when the quiz kicks off in the F.W. Gamble Hall at 6.30pm.

Physics teacher Pat Barrett is back as quizmaster, with Social Sciences teacher Donna Hobbs keeping score.

Proceeds from the night go to the Mental Health Foundation.



Parking restrictions this weekend



With the Football Boys 1st XI and the Rugby 1st XV playing at home tomorrow, the school car park will be closed from 10.30am tomorrow and only pool patrons and team management will have access.

Mount Albert Aquatic Centre patrons must have access at all times during the day – and in the bottom car park, the yellow marked car park spaces are allocated for pool patrons only. All cars will need to display their parking pass or pool receipt on their dash to ensure that they are not towed from these council parking spots. A towing company will be on site to control unauthorised parking.

We recommend that you park on the surrounding roads and walk to the games via the Alberton Ave entrances.

Parent-Subject Teacher Interviews



On Wednesday, 26 June and Thursday, 27 June (Week 9), MAGS will be holding Parent & Subject Teacher Interviews for Year 9 through to Year 13 from 3.30pm–7pm on both days. Parents will be sent full details with the interview login code early next week. In addition, reports for Year 9 through to Year 13 will be available via the KAMAR portal at the end of Week 8 so they can be discussed at the interviews.

Teacher strike action cancelled next week

The PPTA has cancelled the rolling strike action next week that would have seen Year 10 students rostered to stay home on Tuesday, June 11 – they will now attend school. However, more strike action is still possible depending on the outcome of ongoing negotiations between the PPTA and the Government.

As previously advised, please see below the dates of scheduled action still in place:

Monday, 17 June	Regional Teacher Strike – no students attending
Tuesday, 25 June	Year 11 Students rostered home - all other levels attend
Tuesday, 2 July	Year 12 Students rostered home - all other levels attend

You will be advised as soon as possible should there be any subsequent changes to the actions as proposed.

Invite to Albertians Luncheon



The next Albertians Luncheon will be held on Thursday, 27 June at 12.30pm for a 1pm start at School House.

A welcome by Acting Headmaster Jo Williams will be followed by a presentation by some of our students.

The cost of the lunch is \$30 per person, which is payable online (details below).

Alternatively, you can pay by cash, cheque or eftpos as you arrive at School House on the day.

Online payment details: MAGS Albertians Association, ASB Bank,

Account Number: 12 3029 0376398 00

Ref: Your First and Last Name

RSVP: by Wednesday, 12 June 2019 to:

Emma John, Event Manager via email: events@mags.school.nz

Phone: (09) 846-2044 extn: 8198 (please leave a message)

As we get closer to our centenary in 2022, we warmly invite all Albertians to attend, so please do encourage your friends and peers who were with you at MAGS to attend with you and to register their name and email address by RSVP to events@mags.school.nz. Car parking is unavailable on school grounds, but drop-off at the front of School House is fine.

International Food & Culture Evening



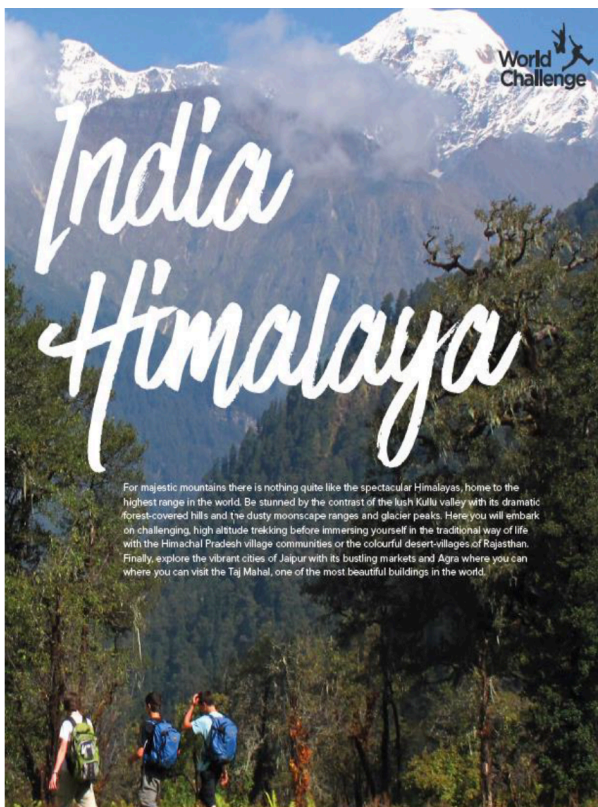
The ever-popular International Food & Culture Evening returns – on Friday, June 28 at 6pm in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

There will be a smorgasbord of food and entertainment on the night, which is being organised by the International Committee.

A wide range of food will be available; last year saw guests feasting on Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, Mexican, Chinese, Middle Eastern and European cuisine.

International students will also perform cultural and contemporary items.

World Challenge trip



Applications are now open for students who are interested in the July 2020 World Challenge trip to India/Himalaya.

The World Challenge programme offers students the opportunity to plan, fund and ultimately lead their own 21-day long expedition next year in northern India.

MAGS has been running these successful student-leadership expeditions since 2010.

You can get more information about the trip [here](#)

Sports update

Footballer called up to U17 camp



Congratulations to Year 11 student Alaina Granger, who has been selected for the New Zealand U17 Women's Football talent identification camp next month.

The camp takes place in Auckland over four days from July 16 and gives attendees the chance to push for national honours.

Upcoming Premier sport



Tonight, the Basketball Premier Girls and Boys are both at home to Westlake, at 6pm and 7.30pm respectively.

Kicking off at noon tomorrow on MAGS 1, the Football Boys 1st XI also take on Westlake. That game is followed by the Rugby 1st XV playing King's College at 2.30pm on the Sir BG Williams Field.

The Football Girls 1st XI have two games next week: against Diocesan away on Monday at 4pm, and at home to Marist College on Wednesday at 4pm.

Also on Monday, the Rugby Girls 10s are away to Howick College at 4.15pm.

Fixtures and results on the MAGS website are regularly updated. For this week's, click [here](#) and for next week's, click [here](#)



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