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From the Headmaster

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A Roadmap to Guide Us

As we came to the end of our centenary celebrations last year, the school took the opportunity to refresh our MAGS Strategic Plan.

This new plan will provide a roadmap for where we want to head as an organisation over the next 3-5 years.

3 Strategic Priorities		
HIRANGA EXCELLENCE Guaranteeing Academic Growth	WHANAUNGATANGA CONNECTIONS Investing In Partnerships	WHANAKETANGA GROWTH Resourcing For The Future
A1. Rigorous Curriculum A2. Data Systems & Analytics A3. Māori and Pasifika Excellence	B1. Student Connectedness & Participation B2. Alumni Connections B3. Media and Communications	C1. Staff Recruitment & Development C2. International Students C3. Facilities

The timing of the review was perfect, with the school now moving into its second 100 years of serving the Mount Albert community. After consulting with our community we were able to draw out three themes from the feedback received.

Touchstones of 'Excellence', 'Connections' and 'Growth' will inform much of what we do in the time ahead.

Enhancing a sense of belonging in our students will be a focus – particularly after the challenges of recent years.

7 MAGS Distinctives		
By 2027, MAGS will be known as a school that:		Delivers a knowledge-rich curriculum
Invests in quality, professional staff	Provides a breadth of opportunities across our Pillars	Fosters student identity & biculturalism
Is well resourced	Grows partnerships & connections	Values its heritage

The journey promises to be evolutionary rather than revolutionary – but a desire to improve will underpin everything we do.

Academic success must remain our

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Friday, March 17
Relay for Life Mufti Day

Tuesday, March 21
Summer Sports Photos

Wednesday, March 22 and Thursday March 23
Level 1 Drama Production of *Fantastic Mr Fox*

Thursday, March 30 and Friday, March 31
Unity Concert, Dorothy Winstone Centre

[Sport](#)

Photo Essays



Rowing: Head of Harbour
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primary performance indicator. But we need to be about more than that and ensure we grow great young people along the way.

The MAGS people of the first hundred years have handed us something very special. Our new strategic plan promises to both honour that past while best preparing our young people for an exciting future ahead.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Trials and Registrations

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Fixtures and Results

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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



Junior Leadership 2023



Our Junior leaders for 2023 were announced and recognised at assemblies on Monday and Tuesday this week.

Year 9 and Year 10 Class Representatives (pictured above and below respectively), Environment Leaders, Kaea (guardians of the school haka, Takatū) and Captains for the Interform Competition for 2023 were announced.

You can see more photos of our Junior leaders and their names [here](#)



Year 9s only at school next Thursday

You will be aware of the industrial action proposed by both Primary and Secondary Teachers next week, Thursday, 16 March.

Our current staffing capacity allows for Year 9 classes only to be covered and our Year 9 students will be expected at school, 16 March, and will attend lessons.

Years 10, 11, 12, 13 will be required to remain at home, 16 March, and use this time to consolidate, complete and catch-up on assessments or classwork previously set.

At this time of the term it would be expected that our students will appreciate the time and opportunity to ensure the quality of their work is at their personal best.

Six Scholarship recipients

Congratulations to our six TOLOA Scholarship recipients for 2023: Violani Afoa, Eved Ah Soon, Stanley Fifita, Keera Ieriko, Kaloni Tovo and our Head Boy Taiarahia Moataane-Mika. The students attended the TOLOA Awards last Friday with their parents and teacher Ms Anna Walker (pictured at left). This award supports and encourages Pasifika students to pursue an interest and career in the Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM). They also receive wrap-around support during their year of study. Our Pasifika Health Science Programme, led by Dr Carolyn Haslam with after-school tutorials run by Ms Walker and Ms Pulham, has been crucial in raising Pasifika achievement in the Sciences and cementing much-improved participation and sound results in NCEA Sciences.



Level 1 Drama Production

Level 1 Drama Presents:

FANTASTIC MR FOX

*Original story by Roald Dahl,
adapted for the stage by Sally Reid,
arranged by Play Bureau*



Four shows:

Wednesday 22nd March

Year 10 at 6pm, Year 11 at 7:30pm

Thursday 23rd March

Year 11 at 6pm, Year 10 at 7:30pm

Suitable for all audiences



For all ticket bookings email:

chughes@mags.school.nz

or visit the Performing Arts Office

\$5 for MAGS staff and students

\$10 for visitors

No door sales

Roald Dahl's much-loved story *Fantastic Mr Fox* follows the vain attempts of three farmers, Boggis, Bunce and Bean (one fat, one short, one lean), to get rid of the fox who regularly steals food from their farms.

Despite their efforts to kill the fox by any means possible, the hapless farmers are outwitted at every turn.

Ultimately, *Fantastic Mr Fox* devises a plan to ensure full stomachs for his family and friends, all of whom celebrate with a sumptuous feast.

Come along to support the amazing MAGS level 1 Drama students in their first production of the year!

Parents and students briefed at Pasifika evenings



Our Pasifika Initiatives team has run three information evenings over the last week for our Pasifika parents and students.

The Pasifika Leadership team for this year was formally introduced and acknowledged, including Head Boy Taiarahia Moataane-Mika, and the executive prefects Andrew Samuels, Kairo Ah Kuoi-Simich and Kaloni Tovo as well as our other Pasifika prefects including Josie Gaoa, Keera Ieriko, Violani Afoa, Angie Lolohea, Leila Belt, Tito Tipi, Kalani Ah Su'e, Isaiah Fale and Ikaika Hanks-Papali'i.

Parents were told about new teachers relevant to Pasifika students, BOT representatives, and the Komiti Faufautua, which has the theme of "Leadership Growing Leadership". There were presentations about NCEA results, the Pasifika Health Science Academy (HSA) programme and Science Tutorials, academic tracking for all senior Pasifika students, and current programmes and courses offered to students.

You can see the full presentation [here](#)



Mufti Day next Friday

MAGS 2023

RELAY FOR LIFE

Mufti Day

Friday 17th of March

- Bring a gold coin donation or small note to contribute to the MAGS Relay for Life fundraiser in order to wear mufti.
- Come along to the bake sale also happening at interval and lunch to raise more money for Relay for Life!

Our mufti theme is purple and yellow (Relay for Life colours) and so you are encouraged to wear these colours!



Book drive on now

BOOK DRIVE

The English Club is having a Book Drive! Due to the recent floods and Cyclone Gabrielle, many schools and their libraries have been greatly affected, with many books getting damaged or ruined. It is now your chance to help out, do a good deed, and provide some much needed reading material!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR

- *Young Adult Fiction*
- *Middle Grade Fiction (8 - 12yrs)*
- *Picture Books or Children's Books*

The Yr 9 and Yr 10 Form Classes with the most books collected will win Interform Points

The Senior Form Class with the most books collected will win a prize (TBC)

**BOOKS MUST BE IN
GOOD CONDITION**



Bring your books into your form class starting Week 6

Week 6 - Week 9

*Books will be collected
during AMP time Week 10*

Surf camp at Tawharanui



Our Year 13 Outdoor Education class participated in an overnight Surf Camp at Tawharanui Regional Park last Thursday and Friday.

This provided them with the first significant opportunity of the year to focus on developing their transferable skills through the outdoors, notably independence.

When surfing, the class was instructed by Rapu Adventures instructors with a focus on surf awareness and technique.

Then in camp, each student had to set up their tent and cook for themselves. Everyone did very well, doing the right thing on their own.



TURKEY - SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

fundraiser

Interact is holding a fundraiser for the people who have been affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Interact members will be raising awareness in assemblies and form time as well as collecting gold coin donations. We would love your support!

Bake Sale

We are also having a bake sale on Tuesday 28 March, Albertian Quad.
Cash and eftpos available!



Interact is partnering with the Red Cross to help those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Buy something at the bake sale or bring coins or notes to donate.

Sports Update

Best ever results at Head of Harbour



MAGSROW attended the College Sport Head of Harbour regatta held at Lake Pupuke on March 4.

Beautiful sunny skies and little wind made for a great day of exciting racing for our rowers. Overall, the day was very successful with a number of MAGS crews winning races or medalling.

As a team, MAGS finished in third place in the overall standings, which is the highest place that MAGS has ever recorded!

In total, MAGS recorded 25 medal places across two divisions with 7 Golds, 10 Silvers, and 8 Bronze.

Some notable results included:

Boys under 17 8+	Division 1 Gold
Boys under 17 4+	Division 1 Gold
Girls under 17 2-	Division 1 Gold
Boys under 17 2-	Division 1 Gold
Girls under 15 2x	Division 1 Gold
Boys under 17 2-	Division 2 Gold
Boys under 15 2x	Division 2 Gold

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

Upcoming Premier Sport



The Volleyball Premier Boys enter the finals stage and play two games today at Rangitoto College, the first at 5pm against Manurewa High and the second at 6pm against Rangitoto. Tomorrow, the Cricket Boys 1st XI host St Peter's College, starting at 10.30am. MAGSROW takes on the best North Island rowers at NISS this weekend at Lake Karapiro. On Monday, the Softball Premier Boys play Green Bay at May Road at 4.15pm. On Wednesday, the Softball Premier Girls play Westlake Girls at 4.15pm at May Road. You can see more fixtures and results [here](#)

General Notices

Help Council formulate its budget

Auckland Council is facing a budget shortfall of \$295 million for the 2023/2024 financial year and may need to reduce or stop some projects, facilities and services that residents

use or funding they receive.

It is important that you tell Council if you agree with the proposed changes.

More information and feedback forms are available at the website [akhaveyoursay](https://www.mags.school.nz/akhaveyoursay), at your local library or at the Have Your Say drop-in session.

- Have Your Say drop-in, **Wednesday 22 March 5pm – 7.30pm at the Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road.**
- Have a quick chat, get help to complete a feedback form, provide feedback at a glance, translations will be available.
- All are welcome

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