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Weekly Notices



Key Dates

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**Friday and Saturday,
March 20 & 21**
MAGS groups at Polyfest
(see details below)

**Saturday and Sunday
March 21 & 22**
Relay for Life



Sport

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From the Headmaster

A Sense of Identity



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

The richness of cultural diversity at MAGS is on show around the school as our Polyfest groups add their final touches to performances ahead of the ASB Polyfest next week.

Values such as inclusion, tolerance and belonging are foremost in our thoughts as New Zealanders at this time. What a fantastic way to bring these values to the fore with our MAGS Polyfest groups connecting with their culture in a way that expresses their own identity with pride and confidence.

MAGS will be represented at Polyfest by our Kapa Haka, Samoan, Tongan, Cook Island, Niuean and Indian groups. The discipline shown by students over recent weeks in the learning of language, song and dance is impressive.

These students will take to the stage next week with a new understanding of who they are and where they have come from. Being able to walk with a sense of identity at school provides the strongest foundation from which to build a successful future.

Thank you to all of our Polyfest students, tutors and families for your leadership and service to our school at this time of the year. Our MAGS community joins in wishing you all the best for next week's Polyfest.

O le ala, i le pule, o le tautua

Have a good weekend – one which will certainly be a time of reflection and affirmation of what we value as New Zealanders.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Ahtletics champions recognised



This week, MAGS recognised its Athletics champions at Assembly, with trophies and certificates presented in various categories.

At front (from left): Luke Clements (Open 800 and 1500m Champion, Open Distance Champion and Joint Intermediate Boys Champion) Latonya Lole (Sprint Champion and Senior Girls Champion), Sila Esekielu (Joint Senior Boys Shot and Discus Champion, Open Field Events Champion, Senior Boys Champion), Zayyaan Smith (Record-breaker Intermediate Girls Long Jump, 100m and 200m; Intermediate Girls Champion) Yoko Tsukushi (Record-breaker Senior Girls Shot Put),

Second row: Brooke Dougal (Joint Junior Girls Throws Champion), Kokoro Onedero (Junior Boys Champion), Eve Allen (Joint Junior Girls Throws Champion, Junior Girls Champion).

Back row: Maihi Wilcox (obscured – Junior Boys Throws Champion), Liston Tupou (Joint Senior Boys Shot and Discus Champion), Ben Skelton (Intermediate Boys Shot and Discus Champion, Joint Intermediate Boys Champion), Shay Russek (Open 400m Champion), Lyle Jones (Open Sprint Champion), Anika Todd (Joint Junior Girls Throws Champion).

Topical drama over four nights

The upcoming Level 2 Drama production, *The Election*, is a satirical political comedy about the state of democracy.

Set during an American High School student election, this extremely relevant piece of theatre is especially for those who need a laugh in these trying times. Casts vary on each of the four nights (March 23-26 at 7pm), so make sure to ask about the cast if you are coming to support a particular student.

Staged in E9 Drama Room. Tickets Adults \$10, Students \$5.



School House Prefects announced



At Assembly this morning, the School House Prefects for 2020 were announced and congratulated on their roles.

Pictured with Director of School House Daryl Cartwright are, at front, School House Head Prefect Quinton Nichols – flanked by his Deputy Prefects Ronan Guthrie-Hoven (left) and Theo Coker-Grey. Second row, from left, Ryutaro Yamagiwa, O'Daniel Tu'itupou-Arnold, Oliver Ingram, Christian Sosene, Woody Sabanhdit. Back row, from left, Taonga Stanish-Murphy, Jet Young, Dakota Stephens.

Polyfest still on next week

As of today, Polyfest was still going ahead – subject to further notice. Performance times have been announced for MAGS' Polyfest groups, who are scheduled to feature next Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, at the Manukau Sports Bowl.

All the groups have been practising hard for many weeks and would love to have friends, family and alumni supporting them at the event.

First to hit the stage are the Cook Islands group at 9am on the Friday, with the Tongan group at 12.50pm and 5.10pm, and the Niuean group at 2.30pm.

On the Saturday, you can see the Samoan group (10.15am), the Indian group (10.50am) and Kapa Haka group (1.35pm).

For tickets and info, click [here](#)



Coronavirus update

The school is closely monitoring developments regarding the coronavirus Covid-19 outbreak.

We are receiving regular updates from both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, and are following advice around best practice.

The school emailed a letter regarding coronavirus to all parents and caregivers. You can read it [here](#)

The latest – and regularly updated – information from the Ministry of Health can be found [here](#) and from the Ministry of Education [here](#)

Introducing Head Held High

From the beginning of Term 2, Head Held High will be offering MAGS students weekly lessons in two high-quality programmes – a speech and drama programme and a

communication skills programme.



Lessons will be held at MAGS on Thursdays and Fridays before, during and after school. If enrolled in either of the programmes, students would attend 1 x 30-45 minute (age-dependent) lesson per week during school terms. For more information and prices please check out the Head Held High [website](#).

Head Held High are committed to building the confidence,

communication skills, character and creativity of NZ's young people. It is these skills that allow our young people to lead successful and happy lives.

Head Held High students also have the opportunity to gain globally recognised qualifications by sitting Trinity College of London or NZ Speech Board examinations.

To enrol for or find out more about Head Held High classes, click [here](#)

Students' first lessons are a FREE, no-obligation trial lesson.

If you have any questions email, kateimlach@headheldhigh.co.nz

Prefects taught a lesson



Last Friday, a team of Prefects took on MAGS Staff in a game of Touch at lunchtime. Experience prevailed over youth, with the Staff team running out winners 6-3. A re-match is already planned for the last week of Term 1.

Defensive driving course offered

A defensive driving course is planned during June/July on Wednesday afternoons if there is sufficient student interest.

Proposed dates are June 10, 17, 24 and July 1, and all sessions need to be attended.

Course cost is \$195 and covers four afternoon sessions plus an individual driving test that students book directly with the trainer.

Attendees must have their Restricted Licence. Successful completion will take six months off the required 18 months eligibility to sit a Full Licence.

Pre-register now at the Careers Office. A minimum of 10 students is required to run the course.

Tutoring service at MAGS

The MAGS Academic Council runs an all-year-round peer tutoring service that any student can use.

The programme consists of experienced senior tutors assisting other students in their academic studies.

This service is open to all MAGS students for most subjects at both Junior Levels and all levels of NCEA. This programme will be highly beneficial for students who require further assistance with NCEA assessments, building a strong academic foundation at junior levels, or general guidance for subjects.

Tutoring can either be paid or free (where student tutors receive service points from the school) and you can have as many tutoring sessions as you need, (e.g. one or two before a test or for the whole year).

If you would like tutoring for your child, please email tutoring@mags.school.nz with the following details:

- Subjects and year levels for which your child requires tutoring
- Whether you would prefer paid or free tutoring
- Any other preferences/relevant information

Once a tutor has been found they will communicate with your child to determine the location and times of tutoring sessions.

If you have any other queries or if your child would like to earn service points or money by becoming a tutor, please email tutoring@mags.school.nz

Historical photos added to website

Throughout the year, more historical images will be added to the MAGS website [here](#). This is an ongoing collection of images sourced and annotated by our archivist Brian Murphy. The image at right is of David Tuipulotu. At the Senior Prizegiving, 5 November 2012, he won the Barbara Clapperton Library Cup, The Isaac Gray Cup for Service to the School and The Walker Cup for Spoken Chinese.



Sign up to the Centenary database



As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, we warmly invite all Albertians to sign up to the database [here](#) to keep up to date with information, communications and events leading up to the Centenary celebration.

Please encourage your friends and peers who were with you at MAGS to attend with you, and to also register at the link.

Pictured above are the foundation staff of 1922.

Sports update

Auckland Girls Softball Champions



Congratulations to our Premier Girls Softball team, who won the AKSS title on Wednesday.

The girls played One Tree Hill College in the final and won 18-1.

They will take a lot of confidence into the NZSS tournament in Hamilton in a few weeks.

In Boys Softball, MAGS Premier 1 team will play MAGS Premier 2 for the Auckland title on Monday, March 23.

The Premier 1 side beat Green Bay High 15-3 to advance to the final while the Premier 2's game against One Tree Hill College was a washout, and MAGS advanced to the final because of their superior points tally.

Shot put record broken at zone athletics



More than 40 MAGS athletes competed at the Central West Zone Athletics Championships on Tuesday at Mount Smart Stadium.

One of the standout performances came from Yoko Tsukushi, who won the Senior Girls Shot Put and broke the school record with a throw of 12.48. She eclipsed her own Senior Girls school record of 11.95m that she had set at the school athletics day last month. That record was broken twice at the meet. Sylvia Brunt threw 12.09m only for Yoko to throw 12.48m minutes later.

Yoko is pictured above with the previous record holder, Albertian Te Rina Keenan, who set her record in 2007.

Other top performers were Zayyaan Smith: 1st Intermediate Girls 100m, Intermediate Girls 200m and Intermediate Girls Long Jump; Luke Clements: 1st Intermediate Boys 1500m and Intermediate Boys 3000m, 2nd Intermediate Boys 800m; Eve Allen: 1st Junior Girls High Jump, 2nd Junior Girls 100m, 3rd Junior Girls 100m and Junior Girls Shot Put; Anika Todd: 1st Junior Girls Javelin, 2nd Junior Girls High Jump.

And there were wins for MAGS in the Senior Girls 4x100m Relay and the Intermediate Boys 4x100m Relay.

MAGS has had 29 individual athletes and four relay teams qualify for the College Sport Greater Auckland Championships to be held on March 25.

Triathlon teams to the fore

Yesterday, the Auckland Secondary School Triathlon Championships were held at the Point England Reserve.

MAGS had 16 competitors at the event – five teams and one individual.

The Junior Boys team of Tamaho Perry, Samuel Ryan and Luke Sanders came first.

The Intermediate Mixed team of Bella Houghton, Bianca Power and Ollie Pervan came second.

The Senior Boys team of Michael Chapman, Luke Clements and Tyrone Stubbs came first to repeat their efforts of 2019 when they won the Intermediate Boys event.

Ward Hope was the sole Mount Albert Grammar student who competed as an individual. He finished a creditable 6th in a highly competitive Senior Boys category.



Trials and registrations



Trials and registrations are being rolled out for a number of sports.

You can now sign up for hockey, badminton, rugby, basketball, squash and netball.

Trials and registrations are posted on the website [here](#) and will also appear in the Daily Notices, accessed via the website or the MAGS App.



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