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From the Headmaster

Key Dates

***“The Bad News Is Time Flies ...
The Good News is that You’re the Pilot!”***

– Michael Altshuler



Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

There are some simple precursors to students being academically successful. Few would be more important than turning up ... and turning up on time.

While the majority of MAGS students are exceptional with their punctuality, a small number have already fallen into a pattern of habitual lateness to school. A number of reasons are provided by students – some valid – but the vast majority of lateness is easily avoidable through better self-management and organisation on the part of students involved.

I admire the honesty of our students but ‘sleeping in’ is not an excuse for lateness!

A few minutes late to school on a regular basis can accumulate to many hours of lost learning time across the academic year. Arriving late in the morning results in accountability measures that affect the tone for the day ahead.

Students are further delayed by having to sign in at the Attendance Office. They will usually receive a ‘lunchtime lates detention’ before heading off to lessons. Their arrival at class once the lesson has begun can be another source of disruption to other students. It follows that being late can be one of the most negative ways to launch a day of learning.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Tuesday, March 21

Summer Sports Photos,
[click](#) here for details

Wednesday, March 22 and Thursday March 23

Level 1 Drama Production of
Fantastic Mr Fox, 6.00pm &
7.30pm

Thursday, March 30 and Friday, March 31

Unity Concert, Dorothy
Winstone Centre, 7pm

Sport

Photo Essays



AKSS Volleyball: Senior Boys
Click [here](#)

The school will be monitoring lateness and attendance closely over the remaining weeks of term.
At this relatively early time of the school year, there is an opportunity to change habits for the better.

Looking forward to seeing every student here at MAGS by 8.40am on Monday!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



AKSS Volleyball: Senior Girls
Click [here](#)



Senior Boys Softball
Click [here](#)

Trials and Registrations

Click [here](#)

Fixtures and Results

Click [here](#)

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



New faces on the farm



MAGS has a new Head of Agriculture in Coadette Low (above left) and a new ASB MAGS Farm Manager in Deb Crump (above right), with both bringing extensive experience to their respective roles.



Ms Low grew up in the Hawkes Bay, before heading to Massey University where she completed a BSc in Animal Science and Physiology.

Her career then began in South Australia as a Quality Assurance Officer and Microbiologist in the Meat Industry. After a while, she realised that she enjoyed teaching, so switched careers and became an Agricultural Science teacher.

In 2016, after four years teaching in Australia, she came home to New Zealand. She taught both Agriculture and Agribusiness, and managed

Rathkeale College's 8.1ha farm in the Wairarapa for seven years, and was part of the Future Beef NZ Committee from 2019 to 2022, before making the move to MAGS this year.

Ms Low said being an Agricultural Science teacher is incredibly rewarding, and she aims to inspire and guide the next generation by sharing her passion for Agriculture – inside and outside the classroom.

Deb Crump has vast experience in sheep and dairying mostly in the Taranaki region, and in dry stock and equine industries. She has also established a stud with high-performing, award-winning dairy goats

Ms Crump first began milking cows in 1978 and has since milked cows across New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, USA and Qatar. She has also managed a large variety of dairy farms, from pasture-based dairy farms to intensive farms in the desert.



She also has more than five years' experience as a large animal vet technician (dairy) in New Zealand and abroad.

Ms Crump has also trained thoroughbred racehorses, one of which you might be able to spot on the farm.

She aims to build on the improvements implemented by our previous farm manager, Peter Brice, who, among other things, upgraded the farm's pasture, fencing and drainage as well as overseeing weeding and native planting of the stream and planting more shade trees for stock.

Relay for Life off to a flying start



We're joining Relay For Life to raise funds for New Zealanders affected by cancer.

Today's Non-Uniform Day and a bake sale helped to raise more money for MAGS' Relay for Life fundraising drive. Collections were taken during Mentor Class time and from Year 13s as they left assembly (as pictured right), Already, MAGS students are halfway to their \$50,000 goal – you can see their progress and donate [here](#)

This year's event is taking place from 10am to 10pm on Saturday, April 1 at AUT's Millennium Stadium on the North Shore.

Relay for Life raises money for the work of the Cancer Society.



Albertians' ANZAC Luncheon



Albertians are cordially invited to attend our ANZAC Memorial Albertian Luncheon on Thursday, April, 6, which will follow on from our school ANZAC Assembly held in the morning.

The luncheon will be held in the W.O.H. Gibbs Room from 12.00pm, with luncheon served from 12.30pm.

The cost of the luncheon is \$40 per person which includes one complimentary beverage. You can purchase your ticket [here](#) via the Albertian site.

Ticket sales close on Wednesday, March 29 at 5pm. Albertians are asked to bring some cash on the day, to take part in the raffle.

A reminder that car parking is unavailable on school grounds, however drop-off at the front of the school is fine.

Details of the ANZAC Assembly will be sent out once times have been confirmed, and Albertians are also welcome to attend this assembly if available.

Fantastic Mr Fox on next week

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.

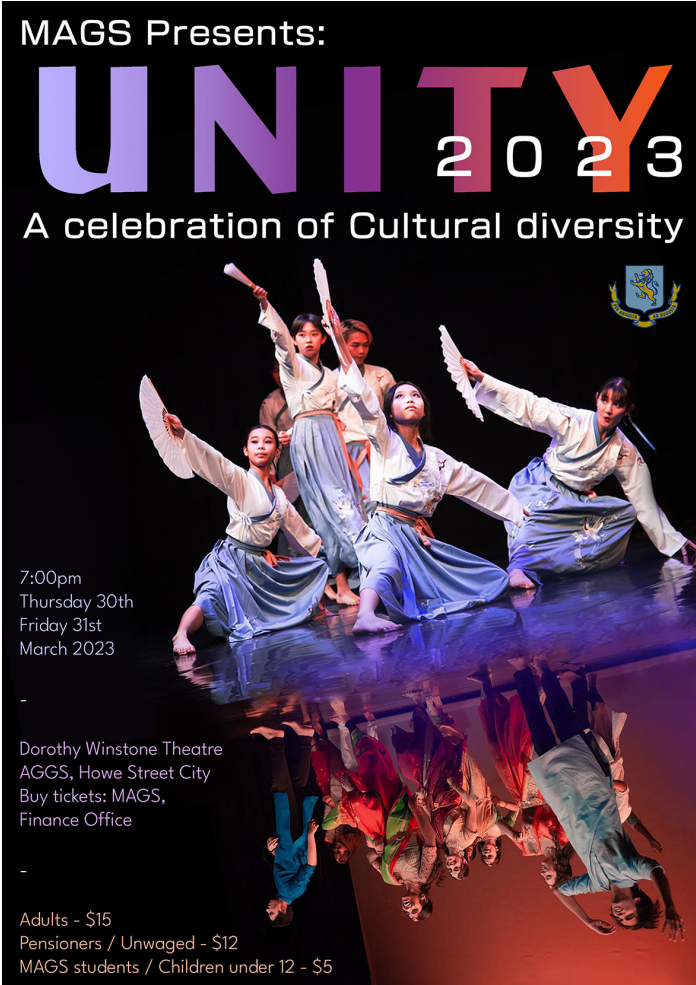
Come along to support the amazing MAGS Level 1 Drama students in their first production of the year!

Unity Concert tickets on sale next Wednesday


MAGS presents a celebration of our diverse cultures at the Unity Concert to be held at the Dorothy Winstone Theatre, Auckland Girls Grammar School on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st March.

There will be performances from Kapa Haka, Tongan, Samoan, Cook Island, Chinese, Indian and Latin groups.

Tickets available for purchase from MAGS Finance Office from next Wednesday, 22nd March.



MAGS Presents:
UNITY 2023
A celebration of Cultural diversity



7:00pm
Thursday 30th
Friday 31st
March 2023

Dorothy Winstone Theatre
AGGS, Howe Street City
Buy tickets: MAGS,
Finance Office

Adults - \$15
Pensioners / Unwaged - \$12
MAGS students / Children under 12 - \$5

Women in Leadership



Last Saturday, five Interact members were lucky enough to attend the annual Rotary-organised Women in Leadership Breakfast with guest speaker Nicola Willis (the National Party Deputy Leader), thanks to sponsorship from the Westhaven Rotary Club.

Judy Lawley, who organised the sponsorship of the students, said they were wonderful participants at the breakfast. "Despite being seated towards the back of the room, the students raised their hands and asked three of the five questions there was time for at the end of Nicola Willis' talk. Most impressive!"

The students are (from left to right) Vicki Murdoch, Paige Barnes-Kilgour, Ella Somerville, Catherine Makasini and Jemima Flatt.

They are pictured with Judy and Rotarians Christine, Anna and Clare.

Teacher Emma Fraser said, "The girls all had an amazing time, saying it was very inspirational and a wonderful chance to bond with others over service. They are eager to attend the event again in the future."

Israel Dagg talks life and lessons



Former All Black Israel Dagg visited MAGS on Monday and spoke frankly to Year 10 Sports Academy students about his life before, in and after rugby. His session with students was part of a Voices for Hope program, with founder Genevieve Mora (pictured above) conducting a Q&A with him onstage in the F.W. Gamble Hall. Israel is also part of Voices for Hope's *Behind the Jersey* series in which Kiwi athletes are videoed as they discuss their lives and their highs and lows. On Monday, he spoke about his upbringing as part of a big family and how he had very little in the way of material possessions, especially sports gear, but he did have a passion for sport and for improving with what he had. He told students he was a bit of a street kid, getting involved in petty crime, until he attended Lindisfarne College and started to appreciate the values the school imparted and became determined to make good choices and surround himself with positive friends.



Youth Health Forum opportunity

NZ health organisation ProCare is running a full-day Youth Health Forum (Pou Tautoko Rangatahi) on March 25 at the University of Auckland Grafton Campus.

The event will be a great opportunity for like-minded students to discuss solutions for relevant adolescent health issues and hear from expert guest speakers.

If you're aged between 13 and 24, and are keen to share your views, learn from industry experts, and contribute to change in the mental health and drug space, then 'Pou Tautoko Rangatahi' is for you!

This free event will feature a range of interactive sessions and speaker panels. All food and drink is provided. Places are limited, so get in quick!

The application form is [here](#)



Summer Sports Photos next week



Summer Sports photos as well as School House and Centennial House photos will be taken next Tuesday, March 21.

Students should arrive at the F.W. Gamble Hall at least 10 minutes prior to their photo time, and must be wearing the correct uniform.

Our new Director of Sport, Adrian Hipa, will check all uniforms before the photo is taken.

Students will not be photographed if they are wearing incorrect uniform.

Click [here](#) for the schedule and uniform details.

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*

Bake sale fundraiser on Tuesday

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

More medals at NISS regatta



Lily Curnow and Olivia Tattersfield are pictured at NISS with Emma Twigg, who won gold for New Zealand in the single sculls at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.

It was a bittersweet weekend for MAGSROW as the North Island Secondary Schools Regatta marked the end of the season for some members of the squad.

As a squad, MAGSROW won six medals and collectively made 18 A Final appearances, five B Finals and two C Finals.

Now the squad is targeting the Maadi Cup in two weeks.

A squad of 38 rowers has been selected to represent the school and compete at [Maadi](#), the national rowing regatta, which will be held at Lake Karapiro from March 27 to April 1.

MAGSROW NISS Top Results:

Girls U16 1x – Silver: Olivia Tattersfield

Girls U16 2- – Silver: Olivia Tattersfield, Lily Curnow

Girls U17 4+ – Bronze: Nicole Nagratham, Ruby Schmulian, Lily Curnow, Olivia Tattersfield, Guy Pinfold

Girls U17 8+ – Bronze: Nicole Nagratham, Ruby Schmulian, Lily Curnow, Olivia Tattersfield, Jaime Reader, Isabella Boerson, Lilah Martin, Molly Stewart, Guy Pinfold

Boys U18 2- – Bronze: Luke Sanders, Fraser MacGillivray

Boys U17 4+ – Bronze: Luke Sanders, Fraser MacGillivray, Max Jarvie, Ethan Green, Hamish Toogood

Fencers on the podium



Several MAGS fencers featured on the podium at the Auckland U17 and U15 Championships held at the weekend.

In the Boys U17, QiQi Deng and Elijah Yarr were third-equal; in the Girls U17, Emi Mason gained silver; and in the Boys U15, Nico Meyer was second, while third-equal were Thomas Pham and Patrick Barham-Wang.

Upcoming Premier Sport



Tomorrow, the Cricket Boys 1st XI are away at Westlake Boys, starting at 10.30am. On Monday, the Touch Premier Mixed team are at Cornwall Park for finals, and face Howick College in a semi-final at 4:15pm. They will then play a final or 3rd/4th playoff at 5.30pm. On Tuesday, the Cricket 1st XI Boys have a T20 game against St Kents at 4pm at MAGS (3rd/4th playoff). On Wednesday, the Softball Premier Girls play EGGS at 4.15pm at May Road (and will have a second game on Wednesday, TBC), the Cricket Girls 1st XI are scheduled to play with their game yet to be confirmed, and the Tag Senior Girls contest the AKSS Championships at Cox's Bay. You can see updated 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.aucklandcouncil.govt.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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