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From the Headmaster

The true value of sport



Values and ethics in sport have been under scrutiny over recent days with certain actions by cricketers on the international stage.

We are seeing the consequences of a professionalised sporting environment where how well you can bowl a cricket ball has become more of a business

strategy than a sporting exercise! It is no surprise that some of the resulting decision-making has been less than sporting!

I enjoyed a complete contrast to the above when I visited our MAGS teams competing across the country in the Summer Sports Tournament Week last week. It was refreshing to see young people playing sport for the 'right' reasons.

The Sporting Pillar at MAGS provides a fantastic learning environment – one that can both reveal and nurture character. Our young MAGS sportsmen and women are expected to be highly competitive on the sports field – playing hard and playing to win – anything less would show a lack of respect for coaches, parents and opponents.

But the opportunity to build human connections through sport must always be the main driver for our athletes. Being part of a team, honouring commitments, celebrating and empathising with winners and losers on the day – this is where the real learning happens.

Well done to all our sportsmen and women who represented MAGS last week – a week of learning for everyone -- and special congratulations to those students who returned victorious.

Have a good Easter

Patrick Drumm

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

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Easter Monday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 3

School closed

Thursday, April 5

Pasifika Info Evening

Thursday, April 5

Blood Donor Day

Friday, April 6

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Premier Boys Softball
Auckland Final

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Champion team celebrated



Premier Boys Softball coach Stu Kinghorn, pictured above with the team, was at assembly yesterday to help to present his charges with certificates in recognition of their recent National Secondary Schools Championship win.

It was the team's sixth straight national title, and they finished the season unbeaten after taking out the Auckland Secondary Schools title in convincing fashion earlier this week.

At the national tournament, Floyd Nola was named Tournament MVP and Ryan Earley named Top Catcher. They were also named in the Tournament Team, as were MAGS' pitcher Taine Slaughter, in-fielder Brock Evans, out-fielder Isaac Munro, and coach Stu Kinghorn.

The Visit wows big audience



Takunda Muzondiwa and Michael Ashton. Photo / Jade Chambers

The Year 13 Drama production of *The Visit* had a great turnout last night, and has its final showing tonight on N Block's deck. MAGS' version of the black comedy is set in the fictional North Island town of Gullen, which has fallen on hard times. The Foundry has closed, the Wagonworks have shutdown, the Golden Eagle Pencil Factory is out of business. Luckily, Claire Zachanassian, Gullen's billionaire citizen, has returned to her hometown. If only the townspeople can figure out a way to separate her from her millions. What they soon find out is that she has her own agenda. The show starts at 7pm in N Block. Tickets are purchased on the night – \$5 students, \$10 adults.

For more photos from the production, click [here](#)



Dan Bell, Arien Okan and Seamus Stalker. Photo / Tara Falconer

Anzac service for Albertians

On Thursday, 12 April, the Mount Albert Grammar School Albertians Association is hosting an Anzac Service Assembly, followed by drinks and lunch at School House for Albertians.



and they will be shown into the F.W. Gamble Memorial Hall.

Following the service, guests will make their way down to School House for lunch. The speaker at the luncheon will be Headmaster Patrick Drumm.

The cost of the lunch is \$30 per person, which is payable by cheque or cash as you arrive at School House. Or you can make an online payment to:

MAGS Albertians Association, ASB Bank, Mount Albert:

Account Number: 12 3029 0376398 00

Ref: Christian name and surname

Please RSVP by Thursday, 5 April to Martin Sykes on: 846 2044 ext 8135 or email: msykes@mags.school.nz

Unfortunately car parking will not be available on school grounds, however drop-off at the front of school is fine.

Peer Mediation ready to go

The Peer Mediation Team for 2018 is now up and running.

After full-day training with the Peace Foundation, professional mediators and lawyers at the end of last year – and



intensive training in micro skills in Term 1 – the 48-strong team of Year 13s and six Year 12s is ready to work. Guidance counsellor Marianne Wilson said the team has already completed several successful mediations this term.

The focus of the students' training has been to raise awareness of conflict and conflict responses, develop empathy so that students listen to each other with

understanding, teach lifelong conflict management skills and to encourage students to make positive choices for building successful relationships.

Ms Wilson said anyone can refer students to mediation by emailing her at mwilson@mags.school.nz

She added: "It is important that you have an agreement from both parties that they are prepared to participate in a mediation."

Over the next couple of weeks Peer Mediators will be coming into Year 9 and Year 10 form classes to talk a little more about mediation and to post photos of the Peer Mediation Team on the walls.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Staff received lots of positive feedback from Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 9, 10 & 13 held on Monday and Tuesday this week.

their children.

"Many came with their children in attendance, and their children showed them around the school, the honours boards and photos of our rich history.

"It was a great opportunity to connect and build the home-school partnerships in order to help strengthen the learning of each child.

"If you missed these interviews, we really would encourage you to come next time."

Note: Conferencing for Year 11 & 12 students with their academic mentor will occur in Term 2. Details to be confirmed.



Blood Donor Day



Next Thursday, April 5, is Blood Donor Day from 9am-2pm in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

Students wanting to give blood have to be at least 16 years of age, and should discuss it with their parents. They also need to sign up for an appointment to give blood with the school nurse.

Staff can turn up on the day when time allows to give blood.

If you have had a piercing or tattoo within the last six months, you cannot donate your blood.

In past years, this annual event has been well supported by Year 12 & 13 students as well as staff.

Annual Dance Concert tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale at the Finance Office for "Between the Lines", this year's Annual Dance Concert on Tuesday, April 10 and Wednesday, April 11.

The concert at Epsom's Centennial Theatre features items from all year levels in the MAGS Dance programme, and have been inspired by a story or a book.

Many of the items are choreographed by Year 13 students who present their dance productions for assessment.

This will be a great show so please come and support our talented and passionate dance students.

The show starts at 7.30pm with tickets \$5 for MAGS staff and students, \$10 for other students and pensioners, and \$15 for adults.

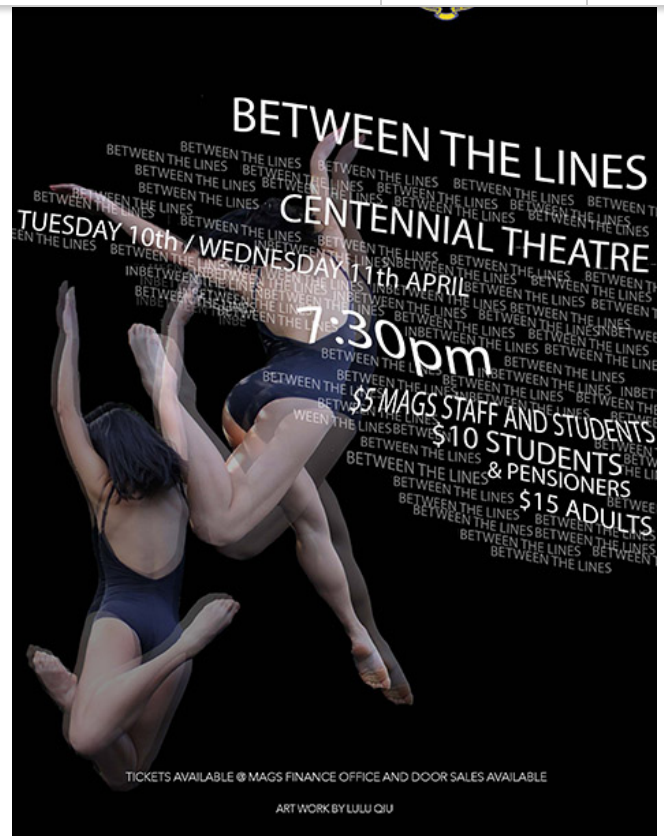
As part of the nationwide Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival, MAGS students are performing four short pieces next Friday at Diocesan School for Girls.

Directed by both students and teachers, the scenes have been taken from Romeo and Juliet, Othello and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

On Friday, April 6 the festival begins at 2pm with MAGS' performances in the evening slot from 5.30pm. Door sales on the night: \$10 adults, \$5 students.

For any inquiries regarding Arts co curricular events or groups, please contact Jacqui Cesan (Director Arts Co Curricular)

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Making the most of French connection



Earlier this year, a happy band of travellers returned from Paris after five weeks in France – the third successful French exchange trip.

The exchange runs every two years with our Year 11 and 12 French pupils teamed up with similar age pupils from Sainte-

The group then bade farewell to their host families for a week on the road to the south west. Highlights included wine and champagne tasting in Vouvray, a lovely wander through Chenonceaux Castle, and the wonders of Clos Lucé , Leonardo da Vinci's last home and where scale models of his incredible inventions have been made.

Two days were spent at Nîmes, an ancient town with Roman sites including the nearby Pont du Gard aqueduct and the huge Roan Arena.

Back in Paris, everyone joined their host families, with many of our pupils lucky enough to be taken to Italy, Belgium, Spain, Normandy, the south of France, skiing in the French Alps, and one stayed in a family's private chateau out in the country.

The next exchange trip is penciled in for 2019.

Japan trip provides cultural insights

Eleven senior students from Japanese classes took part in the MAGS Japan Trip from the beginning of December for two weeks.

They arrived in Osaka first and home-stayed there for three days while sightseeing. The group was warmly welcomed by Kansai Soka School on the last day in Osaka where the students had a chance to experience life in a Japanese school and interact with Japanese students.

After that, the group travelled to Hiroshima, Kyoto and Tokyo by bullet train.

Places visited included the World Heritage Itsukushima Shrine, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and the Atomic Dome in Hiroshima, the Golden Pavilion temple and many other important historical temples and shrines in Kyoto.

At Meikei School in Tokyo, the group enjoyed an excellent immersive interactive experience with language exchange between the students. School visits are invaluable learning opportunities that are only available through carefully organised school trips like this. The trip was a huge success and there are plans for another visit next year.



Tai Hemana's family wins XVenture final

School House boy Tai Hemana and his family have won \$25,000 as champions of the first XVenture Family Challenge TV series.

Team Hemana members Tai, sister Maia, mother Carla and father Teejay are pictured with host Simon Barnett after the win.

Over the course of seven episodes they came out on top against 15 other New Zealand families in tests of teamwork, resilience and problem-solving.

You can watch Team Hemana one final time this Sunday on Three at 5.30pm when they take on an All Stars team in an episode to raise money for charity.



Sports update



Three Golds at Auckland Athletics Champs

Hannah Houghton, Luke Clements and Max Brooke-Cowden won Gold medals at the College Sport Auckland Athletics Championships yesterday at Mt Smart Stadium.

The wins came for Hannah in the Senior Girls 3000m, Luke in the Open Boys 2000m Steeplechase, and Max in the Senior Boys 200m.

All up, MAGS' 36 athletes and five relay teams won three Gold, six Silver and five Bronze medals, and broke seven school records.

New records were set by Dylan Moon (Open Boys 300m Hurdles, Silver medallist), the Senior Girls 4x100m Relay (Silver medallists), the Senior Boys 4x100m Relay (Silver medallists), Luke Clements (Junior Boys 1500m, Silver

Luke Clements also won Silver in the Triple Jump, and Hannah Adye picked up Silver in the Open Girls Pole Vault. Hannah Houghton, Luke Clements and Hannah Adye have been selected to represent Auckland at the North Island Schools Championships on April 7 & 8 in Whanganui.

A team will be selected in Term 2 to represent MAGS at the New Zealand Schools Championships, to be held in Dunedin in December.

For a full list of results, click [here](#).

For a photo essay from the championships, click [here](#).

Girls 1st XI back in the big time



The Girls 1st XI will be playing Premier division cricket next season after dispatching Mount Roskill Grammar in emphatic fashion in the 1A Final at MAGS yesterday. Batting first, Mount Roskill were all out for 63 with Emily Thurman taking 2 for 19 and effecting an amazing run-out from the outfield. Hannah Brook took 1 for 3 off her three overs. In reply, MAGS strolled to a 10-wicket victory with Shivani Unka, pictured, hitting 23 not out. The result bodes well for next season with only two Year 13s in the team this year.

Summer Tournament Week wrap-up



In the Mountain Biking Nationals, Ethan Blanchard finished 4th in the Boys U17 Downhill at Skyline, Rotorua – a terrific result in a very competitive division against much bigger boys.

Harriet Neradt finished fifth in the Girls U16 Cross Country, also in Rotorua. Her brother Max finished 18th in the Boys U20 Cross Country.

In Cricket, the Girls 1st XI had two wins and two losses to finish fifth in their T20 tournament, while the Boys 1st XI won one and lost three (with two matches abandoned) to finish 6th in the T20.

In Futsal, a loss by the Junior Girls to Marist College sent them into a 3rd/4th playoff against Diocesan, who they beat 3-0 to claim third spot.

The hopes of the Senior Girls Futsal side were dented by a 0-5 loss to Hillcrest, and they finished ninth after a 2-2 draw against Sacred Heart Girls New Plymouth.

The Junior Boys Futsal, also played in Wellington, has seen MAGS record three wins and four losses so far.

In Waka Ama, also held at Rotorua, Serenity Smith-Nansen took 7th place in the U16 Girls Plate Final, while Danessa Lemalu finished 8th in the same race.

The Premier Boys Water Polo had two wins, four losses and a draw to finish 12th, while the Senior Girls Water Polo had three wins, two losses and a draw to end up 10th.

For Summer Tournament Week results, [click here](#)

For photo essays from the Girls and Boys 1st XI Cricket, and Premier Boys Water Polo, [click here](#)

Maadi Cup successes



After winning a silver medal in the Girls U16 Single Sculls at the Maadi Cup, Holly Chaafe, pictured above right with the senior girls rowers, has been named in the North Island v South Island U18 Trials next month.

The North Island v South Island Trials involve a two-day regatta at Lake Karapiro on April 19 & 20, preceded by a three-day training camp.

Holly also teamed up with Hannah Zwalue and came sixth in New Zealand in the U17 Girls Double Sculls.

In other Maadi Cup results from last weekend, the Boys U15 Coxed Quad Sculls placed fifth in their A Final, while the Boys U18 Coxed Four came eighth in their A Final, competing in a blue ribbon event for the Springbok Shield.

A huge effort by the Boys U17 Coxed Eight in a very competitive division got them into the A Final where they finished seventh. And the Boys U17 Coxed Four won their B Final, placing them ninth in the country.

The U18 Novice Girls Coxed Eight placed fourth in their B final, putting them in the top 12 crews in the country in that division.

Hannah Zwalue finished fourth in the B Final of the U17 Girls Single Sculls, also putting her in the top 12 in New Zealand. And the Boys U16 Coxed Eight placed sixth in their B Final.

Pairs bowls winners



Year 13 students Allie Hawksworth and Emily Jerrom were also recognised at assembly yesterday after winning the Girls Greater Auckland Secondary Schools Pairs Championship, held at Remuera Bowling Club and Carlton Cornwall Bowls. It was the first time that MAGS had won the pairs trophy, which has been dominated by St Dominics College in recent years.

The duo won the final 8-4 after eight ends.

Oliver Sail debuts for Phoenix



draw with Brisbane Roar.

The 22-year-old goalkeeper has also been part of the All Whites squad and made his debut for the team last year.

He has played for New Zealand at U17, U20 and U23 level and signed as a senior professional with the Phoenix last year.

Sprint series Orienteering



After six weeks of the AKSS Western Zone Orienteering Sprint Series, 35 of our orienteers have qualified for the AKSS Orienteering Sprint Series Championships, to be held on Saturday, 7 April. The championship is a two-sprint event with one race in the morning at Macleans College and the afternoon race at Unitec. Orienteers try to get the best times possible, without any mistakes and an average time is then calculated for each person and subsequently also winning times.

The qualifying group is:

Senior Yr12/13 Boys: Thomas Brendolise, Liam Thompson, Adam Bateman, Harry Thurman, Liam Grozev, James Butler, Jonty de Pledge, Anton Aish and Gabriel Dean.

Senior Yr 12/13 Girls: Mariah Bessem.

Intermediate Yr10/11 Boys: Mitchell Cooper, Daniel Carroll, Adam Skinner, Seth Dean, Angus Edwards, Luca Eastwood, Luke Clements, Hadrian Weatherall, Luc-Aime Meurillon and Aidan Price.

Intermediate Yr 10/11 Girls: Theane van Zyl, Luca McKenzie, Jydee Leonard, Ariella Weinberg, Isla Thompson, Stella Buckland and Emma

Johns.

Junior Yr9 Boys: Thomas Aish, Callum Wishart, Daniel Wood and Sam Taylor-Sinclair.

Junior Yr9 Girls: Sofia Skinner, Emma Cook, Eva Wadsworth and Lara Grozev.

Summer Sports photos



Summer Sports photos will be taken on Friday, April 6 in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

For instructions and the photo schedule, click [here](#)

Sports trials and registrations



Students are encouraged to register for sports teams and trials taking place in Term 1. Sports seeking registrations include Basketball, Rugby and Lacrosse.

[Click here for the registration forms](#)

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