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## From the Headmaster

### Prime Minister's Breakfast



We are delighted to confirm our Prime Minister and local Mount Albert MP, the Right Honourable Jacinda Ardern, as guest speaker at next week's Prime Minister's Breakfast.

This event is exclusively for Year 9 students and their parents and will be held from 7.00am-8.00am, Thursday, 4 April in the School Hall.

There are a few remaining tickets at \$20.00 each and these can only be purchased from school from next Monday morning.

Events like our Year 9 Breakfast complement the other programmes and activities that support the induction of our newest students and families into MAGS.

Ensuring our Year 9s transition successfully into the secondary environment is a whole-community priority and an investment for the future.

Our Year 9 cohort comes to us from over 50 different feeder schools – all with their own systems, standards and cultures.

The first year with us focuses on learning the *MAGS culture* – underpinned by our MAGS Way Values and the high expectations that accompany these.

We can't do this without our parents and it will be wonderful to join with Year 9 parents and their sons and daughters at the upcoming Prime Minister's Breakfast.

And thank you to our students today for their support of our 'Mufti Day for Christchurch'.

Have a good weekend.

**Patrick Drumm**  
Headmaster

## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2019 Calendar

#### Thursday, April 4

Prime Minister's Breakfast,  
7am, School Hall

#### Friday, April 5

Summer Sports photos

#### Tuesday, April 9 &

#### Wednesday, April 10

School Cross Country



### Sport



#### Photo Essays

Cricket First XI Girls v

Westlake Girls

Click [here](#)

#### Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

#### Sport trials and registrations

Click [here](#)

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## Softball Premiers' magnificent seven titles



Congratulations to the Softball Boys Premiers, who have continued their domination of the code with the team being crowned National Champions for the seventh year in a row. It was a tough battle for the team in Christchurch with a new generation of players and new coaching and management but they delivered when it mattered, beating Rongotai College 5-0 in the final.

The Boys showed big-game nerves by downing Rongotai, who they had lost to twice during pool play. They had to scrap to get into the final but once there, they made the title theirs with a clinical display.

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## Silver for Holly Chaafe at Nationals



Calling on all her reserves, Holly Chaafe claimed Silver in the U17 Girls Single Sculls today at the Maadi Cup, the national rowing championships for secondary schools, held this year at Lake Karapiro.

It took a titanic effort from Holly to hold on for Silver with two scullers chasing her all the way for the medal, while eventual winner Shakira Murfin took the lead early and cruised to victory.

In the other A Finals today contested by MAGS rowers, the Girls U18 Novice Coxed Eight placed sixth and the Boys U18 Novice Coxed Eight placed eighth.

Tomorrow, there are four MAGS crews in A Finals: the Boys U15 Coxed Four, the Girls U17 Double Sculls, the Girls U18 Novice Coxed Four, and the Boys U18 Coxed Eight.

For rowing results and race schedules, click [here](#) and to watch races live tomorrow, click [here](#) to access the livestream.

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## Prime Minister's Breakfast tickets





Despite recent events in Christchurch, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern will still be guest speaker at the Prime Minister's Breakfast, held for Year 9 students and their parents. This event, which features a delicious buffet breakfast and has been kindly sponsored by Anne Duncan Real Estate, will be on Thursday, 4 April, starting at 7.00am.



Ms Ardern is our MP for Mount Albert and holds ministerial portfolios for Arts, Culture and Heritage; National Security and Intelligence; and Child Poverty Reduction.

<b>What:</b>	<b>Prime Minister's Breakfast</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>Thursday, 4th April, 7.00am - 8.00am</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>F.W. Gamble Hall</b>
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Tickets \$20 per person (maximum of 3 tickets per student)</b>

Tickets will be on sale at the Finance Office until sold out. Finance Office hours are 8am-4pm, Monday to Friday.

**Tickets are limited in number and will be sold on a first come first served basis by cash or eftpos transactions only.**

Please note that in consideration of the many who will be going on to work from the breakfast, this event is scheduled to finish by 8.00am.



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## Kapa Haka on show next Saturday



Get along and support the MAGS Kapa Haka group, who will perform next Saturday, April 6 at 10.40am at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau in the re-scheduled Division 1 Kapa Haka competition.

The event had to be re-scheduled after the cancellation of the last day of Polyfest due to the Christchurch shootings.

The competition is also a qualifier for Secondary School Kapa Haka Nationals next year.

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## Mufti Day supports Christchurch victims



Normally, proceeds from Mufti Day at this time of the year go to the Relay For Life, which supports the Cancer Society. But, this year, Relay for Life organisers at MAGS decided to give money raised from Mufti Day to the victims of the Christchurch shootings. Today, students came out in colourful clothes to support that cause – and to have a bit of fun.

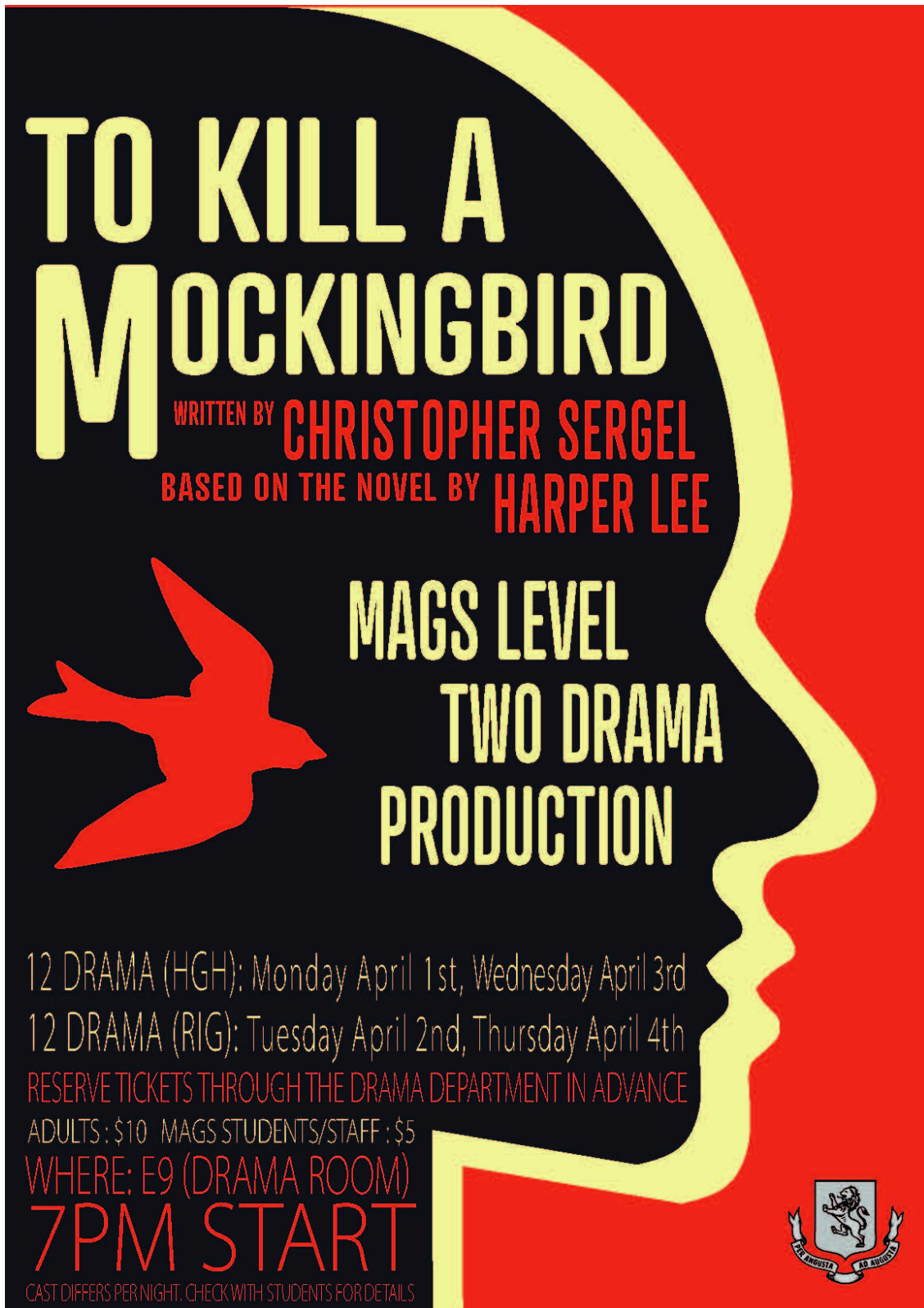


## Year 12 Drama production next week

Don't miss your chance to see Year 12 Drama students performing the play *To Kill A Mockingbird*, based on the famous book of the same name, over four nights next week.




Tickets can be reserved through the Drama Department or bought at the door on the night.  
See poster below for details:



**TO KILL A  
MOCKINGBIRD**  
WRITTEN BY **CHRISTOPHER SERGEL**  
BASED ON THE NOVEL BY **HARPER LEE**

**MAGS LEVEL  
TWO DRAMA  
PRODUCTION**

12 DRAMA (HGH): Monday April 1st, Wednesday April 3rd  
12 DRAMA (RIG): Tuesday April 2nd, Thursday April 4th  
RESERVE TICKETS THROUGH THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT IN ADVANCE  
ADULTS: \$10 MAGS STUDENTS/STAFF: \$5  
WHERE: E9 (DRAMA ROOM)  
**7PM START**  
CAST DIFFERS PER NIGHT. CHECK WITH STUDENTS FOR DETAILS




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**Tickets on sale for Annual Dance Concert**



# RHYTHM & RITUAL

## DANCE CONCERT



**7:30 PM**  
TUESDAY 9TH AND  
WEDNESDAY 10TH OF APRIL  
CENTENNIAL THEATRE,  
AUCKLAND GRAMMAR  
SCHOOL, MOUNTAIN RD, EPSOM

ADULTS: \$20 PENSIONERS/STUDENTS 12+ :\$15  
MAGS STAFF AND STUDENTS/CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$10  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT MAGS FINANCE



Tickets are now on sale from the Finance Office for the Annual Dance Concert, which will feature a wonderful array of performances and choreographies by MAGS Dance students.

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**Outdoor Ed in full swing**



### 13 Outdoor Education – Whanganui River Journey

From 12-15 March the class travelled south to paddle the Whanganui River. This trip provided students with an event with which they could focus on safety management issues and strategies.

Within this unit, each student was required to complete a Risk Assessment and Management Strategies (RAMS) form from which they could monitor their identified risks while on the trip and implement the strategies that they had devised. Despite heavy rain on day one causing the river to rise and turn brown, the weather thankfully cleared on day two and three. Students enjoyed the extra responsibility of organising everything, including the timings, their equipment and their menu.

### 12 Outdoor Education – Scuba Diving Trip

Thursday and Friday of Week 8 saw the two 12OE classes take part in a diving trip to Goat Island.

This was the culmination of four weeks' work in the pool, learning some of the necessary scuba skills required to dive safely. They were instructed by Epic Scuba, who have been working with the school for four years.

The days provided good conditions for diving and all the students did very well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They all showed good levels of personal and social responsibility around all aspects of the activity.







### 11 Outdoor Education – Wero Whitewater Park Trip

In Week 9, the classes visited Wero Whitewater Park in Manukau to experience whitewater kayaking with an emphasis on self-management and complying with instructions. Students practised their paddling and eddy skills before going up the conveyor belt and into the Grade 2 Tamariki river. The moving water pushed all students outside their comfort zone as they rode the rapids and tried to stay upright.



### 10 Outdoor Education – Surfing Trip

This term, our Year 10 students have been educated on how to be safe in a beach environment. They learnt about what causes surf and how to reduce risks at the beach. Pool and classroom learning culminated in a visit to Piha Beach to learn to surf. Thanks to Rapu New Zealand Surf and Snow Tours for their assistance.

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## Summer Sports photos





Summer Sports photos will be taken next next Friday, April 5.  
Click [here](#) for instructions and the schedule.

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## Reminder about student absences

Should a student be absent from school we require an explanation from the student's parent(s) within three days of the original absence. The student's mentor will endeavour to make contact via phone or email, however the onus of responsibility rests with the parent(s).

There are multiple avenues to contact the school which are as follows:

- Email your child's mentor
- Email sent to [attendance@mags.school.nz](mailto:attendance@mags.school.nz)
- The MAGS app
- Phoning the school on (09) 846 2044

It is important, and a Ministry of Education requirement, that all absences are to be explained. At times, a lack of timely communication regarding absences for which there are good reasons can result in undeserved punitive consequences; at other times communication is important to identify concerns about poor attendance for which there are no good reasons. Good attendance is one of the most important contributing factors for student success and it is important that parents work with the school to maintain accurate records.

### **Students signing in and out of School:**

Should a student need to leave school, they must sign out of school via the Student Centre,

and this includes pre-arranged departures or illness. Should a student suddenly take ill, while at school, they need to visit the school nurse who will assess the need to go home and ensure that their attendance reflects exactly what has taken place. One reason for this request is based within Health & Safety regulations, specifically related to school-based emergencies such as a fire. In such an event, if a student is marked present at school and has left without signing out, we have a Duty of Care to check our facilities to locate them in case they are unable to exit a building.

**Lateness:**

If a student is late to school, whatever the reason or the time of day, they must sign into school at the Student Centre. Again, this is to ensure that a student's whereabouts is known if there is a need to locate them.

Click [here](#) for the rules around absence and leave.

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## Anzac Service and Luncheon



The Mount Albert Grammar School Albertians Association is hosting drinks and lunch at School House on Thursday 11th April, following the Anzac Service Assembly. For the Anzac Service, please assemble in the foyer of the main school building, by reception, at 11.30am, where you will be shown into the FW Gamble Memorial Hall. Following the service, please make your own way down to School House for the luncheon. The guest 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. Alternatively, 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 4th April by**

**either** Email : [msykes@mags.school.nz](mailto:msykes@mags.school.nz)

**or** Phone School Reception on (09) 846-2044

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

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## Tertiary education seminars and planning



The Careers Department has released its schedule for the year for presentations by tertiary educations and course planning seminars. There will also be a presentation about careers in the the NZ Defence Force. You can see the schedule [here](#)

The Careers Department has also launched its own Facebook page where students and parents can find out more about future pathways.

The page is regularly updated and has information about available jobs, tertiary education providers, seminars, trades opportunities and much much more.

To keep up with the play in a fast-moving job market, click [here](#) and like their page to receive regular updates.

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## Events Manager vacancy

This is a unique opportunity to join the staff of Mount Albert Grammar School as the Events Manager.

This is a senior role in the school that is supported by the Board of Trustees, Headmaster, Senior Leadership and the Business Manager, and ideally suited to someone who has had experience in event management.

As Events Manager, you will be expected to oversee all aspects of planning and execution of events at Mount Albert Grammar School as per the annual calendar. These events will include both school-based operational events along with those interfacing with the wider MAGS community.



For more details about this role and other vacancies at MAGS, click [here](#)

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## Academic tutoring available

The MAGS Academic Council provides both free and paid tutoring for any students at MAGS.

We have many student tutors at the school who are keen to help, and a wide range of subjects that our tutors can teach.

Tutoring is an easy way to get help if you are struggling in a subject or just need a little more explanation about a topic. To get tutoring simply email [tutoring@mags.school.nz](mailto:tutoring@mags.school.nz) with the following information:

- Are you looking for free or paid tutoring?
- What year level are you in?
- What subject would you like tutoring in? (It can be more than one).
- Would you prefer a female or male tutor? Or does it not matter?

Once the email is sent, the Academic Council will get in touch with you as soon as possible to look for a suitable tutor.

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## Sports update

### First XI Girls up to Premier Grade



After winning the 1A Division for the second year in a row and remaining undefeated in the competition this season, MAGS Girls Cricket 1st XI will be playing Premier Grade in 2020. The team, pictured with coach Joe Kerrigan, was crowned 1A Cricket Auckland Champions after beating Westlake Girls in the final on Wednesday.

They played a Gillette Cup (National Secondary Schools Cricket Champs) semifinal against Epsom Girls Grammar yesterday but weren't able to continue their winning ways.

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## Digging it in at Waka Ama



Terrific effort from MAGS paddlers, who all recorded great times in their heats, semis and finals at the NZSS Waka Ama Championships at Blue Lake (Tikitapu), Rotorua.

Serenity Smith was 3rd in the J16 Women's Plate 250m final; Taonui Henry (far left) came 6th in the J16 Men's Championship 250m final; and Joel Tamati was 6th in the J19 Men's Plate 250m final.

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## Two Wrestling Champions

Well done to Tiger-Lily Cocker-Lemalie and William Grace, who won their respective divisions in the Auckland Secondary Schools Wrestling Competition.

Tiger-Lily won her Junior Girls weight division and William won his Senior Boys division.



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