



From the Headmaster

Celebrating the Women of MAGS



Headmaster Patrick Drumm and Head Girl Takunda Muzondiwa with Prime Minister and Mt Albert MP Jacinda Ardern today.

Another fantastic week at MAGS concluded this afternoon with a visit from our Prime Minister and local MP the Right Honourable Jacinda Ardern.

It was a fitting way to celebrate International Women's Day with our Head Girl Takunda Muzondiwa also helping with hosting responsibilities.

Our meeting provided a valuable opportunity to share the successes we are enjoying as a school community along with future challenges as our school continues to evolve.

Mount Albert Grammar School has historically enjoyed strong support and interest from our local Members of Parliament, and having our Prime Minister as a resident of our Mount Albert community is extra special.

We are also able to confirm the Prime Minister as our guest speaker at the upcoming Year 9 Parent-Son/Daughter Breakfast, which will be held here at school on the morning of Thursday, 4 April.

Tickets for this event will be limited and will go on sale on Monday, 18 March (more details to come).

We are very grateful again to the Prime Minister for her support at this important event.

A special acknowledgement today to the mothers, grandmothers, aunts,

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2019 Calendar

Friday, March 8

First day of NISS Rowing Champs, Lake Karapiro



Wednesday, March 13

Polyfest begins

Tuesday, March 26

Parent-Student-Mentor Conferences
(see information below)



Sport



Photo Essays

First XI Girls Cricket v Lynfield College
Click [here](#)

sisters, daughters, women staff and young women students of MAGS.

Thank you for all you do to build up our community.

Have a good weekend,

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

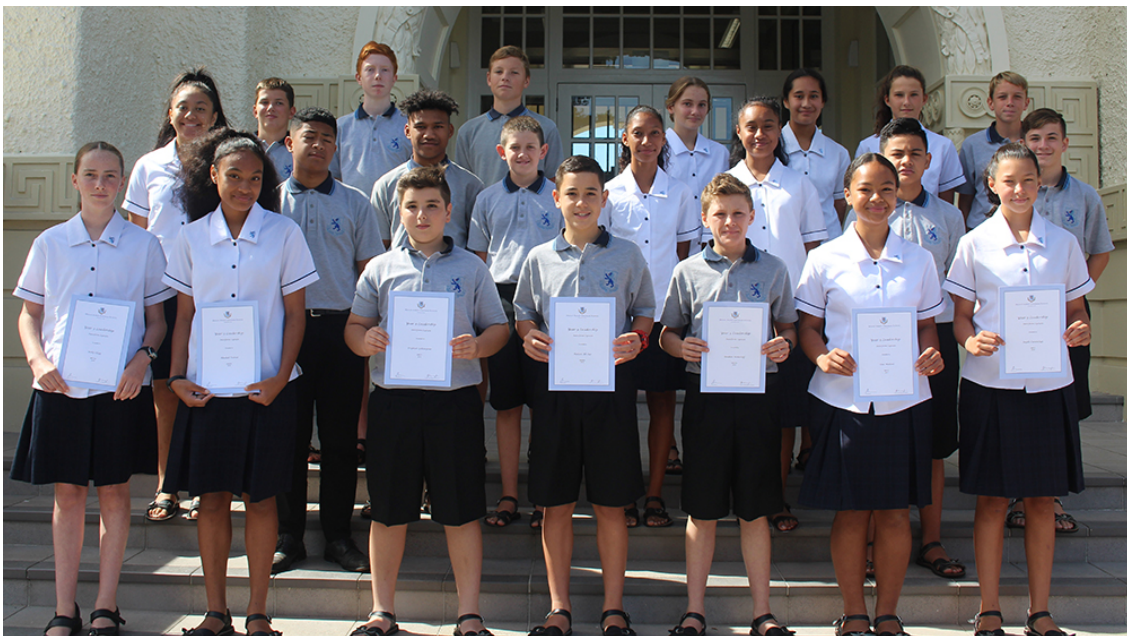


Volleyball Senior Boys v
Avondale College
Click [here](#)

Fixtures and results
Click [here](#)

**Sport trials and
registrations**
Click [here](#)

Junior School representatives announced



At assemblies on Monday and Tuesday this week, the Year 9 and Year 10 Class Representatives and Captains for the Interform Competition for 2019 were announced. For the list of representatives and more photos, click [here](#)

Parent-Student-Mentor Conferences



On Tuesday, 26 March, all Year 11 and Year 12 students will be involved in 15-minute academic counselling conferences with their mentors.

These are intended to be 'three-way conferences' offering the opportunity for students, parents and mentors to meet and discuss progress to date, the positives and negatives and identify possible strategies for future improvement.

Some Year 9, 10 and 13 students and their parents will also be invited to attend conferences with their mentor teacher, in order to focus on targeted areas of their learning and to ensure that they can achieve their personal best this year.

On Tuesday, 26 March, there will be no timetabled classes running and students will only be required to attend their respective conference appointment. We strongly encourage all students to make the most of this day with any school assessments or individual study they need to complete at home. A room can be set aside for any students for whom parents are unable to find alternative arrangements for this day – please register your interest with Deputy Principal John Stradwick via email jstradwick@mags.school.nz

Parents of Years 11 and 12 students will have already received information regarding booking a conference time. However, if you have not received this please contact Deputy Principal Tanya Rose via email trose@mags.school.nz

Parents of Years 9, 10 and 13 students will be notified next week if it is considered necessary for you and your child to attend a conference on Tuesday, 26 March. If you are contacted, you will be given details about how to make an appointment through the School Interviews website.

Students attending the conferences are expected to be in school uniform and be ready to discuss their Term 1 Progress Report. These reports will be available to view on the KAMAR Parent Portal next week, and confirmation will be sent when these have been uploaded.

Award-winning choir at MAGS

Come and see The Graduate Choir NZ, an award winning group, in rehearsal – this free event is a must for all our singers and families.

The choir is conducted by Terrence Maskill, who will also be working with MAGS students this year.



FREE OPEN-REHEARSAL

Mount Albert Grammar School Hall
Monday 11 March 2019 | 7 - 8pm

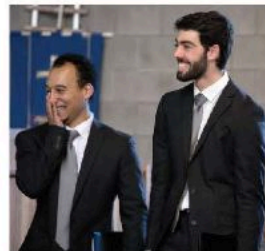
A rare opportunity to observe this stunning choir at work – and your chance to join in!

The Graduate Choir NZ is one of the top mixed-voice choirs in New Zealand, with mostly young singers representing a wide range of the cultural and ethnic mix that makes Auckland special. This diversity helps to contribute to the choir's unique warmth of sound.

Noted alumni of the choir include *Pene* and *Amitai Pati* (of *Sol3 Mio* fame) who began their careers as teenagers with **The Graduate Choir NZ**.



The choir delights audiences in Auckland, throughout New Zealand and internationally with its varied programmes and unique sound - including a performance in Eden Park before an All Black Test. As well, the choir performs regularly with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra. Visit our website for more information about the choir. We welcome your enquiry to perform at your function, to audition as a singer and to support us.



The **Graduate Choir NZ** online: www.graduatechoirnz.org



Kowhai Intermediate farm visit



On Tuesday, a group of Year 8 Kowhai Intermediate students visited the ASB MAGS Farm with intentions of making the visit a more frequent activity.

Jude Hancock, a Kowhai Intermediate teacher, is experimenting with using the farm in context with their science studies. There are many opportunities for feeder schools such as Kowhai Intermediate to use the farm with contextual learning ranging from animal science, environmental science and plant science.

Kowhai Intermediate forms an important part of the learning community as many of these students will be part of the future of MAGS.

For some of these students it was their first experience of being on a farm.

Even though the farm is small, the principles around animal husbandry, environmental stewardship and food production are evident.

Brett Harris, the Farm Manager, takes pride in showing students how the MAGS animals are cared for, and the farm looked after for the community.

The Kowhai students had a blast and we look forward to hosting them again in a month's time to do some water testing and monitoring.



Senior Arts Challenge

Get your team together and devise a concept for a 7-10 minute performance that incorporates all arts strands based on the following quote:

Diversity: the art of thinking independently together (Malcolm Forbes)

Teams must have a maximum of 10 members and have representatives from Dance, Music, Visual Arts, Media and Drama.

The winning concept will win a budget to present their piece at Arts Alive in Week 10 of Term 3.

For more information or to register your team, please email jcesan@mags.school.nz

Students with a passion for the Arts, should keep an eye on the [Notices](#) for upcoming auditions, meetings and events.

Dance students share skills



Four MAGS Dance scholarship students – Charlotte Barrand, Eva Williams, Samantha Martin and Ella Brislen – have been working with a group of Kowhai Intermediate students each Friday to help them develop their dance skill and knowledge. The four girls have been teaching a group of 14 students a dance that they will present at the Dance Concert in Week 11. Watch out for info about this concert coming next week.

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.

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 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.

Mobility dog at school

One of our senior students requires a mobility dog and this dog will accompany her to school and to classes from the beginning of Term 2.

All students should be aware that this dog is a working dog and not a school pet that can be stopped while it is working to be fussed over, patted or fed. This will be addressed with our students at assemblies but parents' support in making this very clear to your son/daughter by discussing this with them would be appreciated.

We feel sure that MAGS students and staff will adapt well, and be understanding and respectful to this new member of the MAGS community.

2019 Art Show positions available

CURATOR

The MAGS Art Show Committee is seeking someone with experience in Art curation for this year's show.

If you would like more information about this creative role, please contact us on magsfom@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS

A reminder also that we are also still looking for keen volunteers to help organise and run



16-18 August 2019



www.magsartshow.co.nz

the Art Show. This is a great way to be involved with the school and the community.

Please email us as at magsfom@gmail.com if this interests you.

Assistant Property Manager vacancy

A great opportunity exists for a suitably qualified and experienced person seeking a part-time (20 hours per week) position in Health and Safety and property oversight at Mount Albert Grammar School, one of New Zealand's leading state schools.

Major tasks include:

- Responsibility for Health and Safety in the School.
- Liaison and communication with contractors, building and renovating, classroom blocks.
- Support for the Property Manager.

Key Requirements

- Previous experience in the building/construction industry.
- Experience in the application of NZ Health and Safety legislation.
- Experience in project management in the building industry would be an advantage.

For more information on this role and other job vacancies at MAGS, click [here](#)

Sports update

Hat-trick for Emily Thurman



Congratulations to Emily Thurman, who claimed a hat-trick with her offspinners and returned the amazing bowling figures of seven wickets for six runs as MAGS Girls Cricket First XI skittled Lynfield College for 28 all out on Wednesday.

MAGS went on to win by eight wickets. You can see a photo essay from the game [here](#). The Girls First XI are unbeaten so far with easy wins all year.

And the Boys 1st XI have had a good month with wins over Kings, a close loss to AGS, a win over St Kent's and a win over St Peters Cambridge (a hoped-for annual fixture).

Great results at AKSS Triathlon



The AKSS Triathlon series this year was held at Pt England Reserve and again MAGS was well represented with seven teams.

The Junior Girls team of Bella Houghton (swim), Maya Vince (cycle) and Bianca Power (run) finished second. The Intermediate Boys (pictured above) of Michael Chapman (swim), Tyrone Stubbs (cycle) and Luke Clements (run) finished first.

The Senior Girls team finished second, with Ella Speight (swim), Jen Blakeley (bike) and Holly Bannister (run). The Senior Mixed team of Eva Williams (swim), Ethan Blanchard (bike) and Thomas Brendolise (run) were also announced as finishing first, and MAGS came home fourth in the Senior Boys team race.

All teams competed extremely well and are looking for more cyclists next year if anyone is interested.

Strong showing at AKSS Lawn Bowls



The AKSS Lawn Bowls was held on Monday at both the Remuera and Carlton Bowls Clubs. We had an increase in participants this year in the Senior Pairs competition, with 10 teams competing. Thanks to Sunny Nook Lawn Bowls Club for facilitating coaching and the use of bowls for some of our students.

The girls did well throughout the day and saw pairs team Takunda Muzondiwa and Isabel Morley making it through to the semi-final round. The boys pairs were guaranteed a finals spot when there was a MAGS v MAGS semi-final of pairs Paul Beyer and Nick James against Louis Burge and Blake Jowsey. Paul and Nick were eventual winners but went down in the final to AGS by one point.

Harriet Neradt wins MTB 1st round



Harriet Neradt won the first race in her division of the Auckland XC MTB Champs at Riverhead on Sunday.

She won the Girls U17 race by more than four minutes, then later in the day teamed up with some girls from another school to win the U20 Girls Relay.

In the Boys U17 race, Jackson Meecham finished 26th despite a big crash in the opening lap, and Jackson Kirk finished just behind him. William Lulham also enjoyed his ride in the U17s.

Grace Meecham came in 6th in the U15 Girls race, and Jacob Bannister competed well in the large field of Boys U15 to finish in 17th, followed not far behind by Nico Stroud in 25th.

Rowers at NISS Championships



It's a big weekend for MAGSROW with the NISS Championships underway today at Lake Karapiro.

You can follow all the results [here](#)

Strong debut at Waka Ama



MAGS entered the College Sport Waka Ama Champs for the first time and returned some great results on Saturday.

The U19 Boys team came 5th in the Championship, and the Mixed Team and Boys Novice were 3rd in their respective events.

Football Boys aiming higher



After finishing runners-up at the national secondary school champs last year, the First XI Football Boys are aiming to build on that success and began with a pre-season camp at Mt

Maunganui last weekend.

The squad of 17 players, including 2 goalkeepers, spent the weekend training at Otumoetai College and participating in theory sessions.

Director of Football Peter Smith said the purpose of the camp was to bed in the playing model and philosophy for the squad for the season ahead, while also looking to further nurture the positive culture that produced the successes of last year.

For a report on the trip and more photos, click [here](#)

General notices

Alberton Market day

With the summer in full swing, the next Market Day at Auckland's Alberton on Sunday 10 March promises to be a smashing day out!

Forty five stalls specialising in homemade, handmade and NZ grown products will be on site with an array of handcrafted goods and produce.

Special guests this month are For The Love of Bees, a legacy project aiming to create regenerative urban sanctuaries for bees and other beneficial insects via collective action. Drop in to chat to founder – artist Sarah Smuts-Kennedy – and collaborator Kathryn Tullock. Learn about seed saving, plant root structure and how to increase the microbial content in different soils with practical gardening tips.

As always there will be live music, children's entertainment and a huge hamper of goodies up for grabs! A range of food vendors will offer options for brunch or lunch and Alberton's volunteers will be serving tea & scones on the verandah.

Sunday 10 March, 10am-2pm, free entry.



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Sunday 10 February 2019

Sunday 10 March 2019

Sunday 14 April 2019

10 am - 2 pm

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