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## From the Headmaster

# Growing Good Young People Through Sport



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

Our winter sports season is underway with almost 1300 MAGS students representing the school in 113 teams across 12 codes.

Our sporting pillar continues to play a crucial role in the formation of the MAGS young person. Learning to win, to lose (not too often hopefully), be part of a team, be organised, plan ahead – sport provides an exceptional context for the development of these and other life skills.

Add to that the physical and mental health benefits of being active and it is no surprise that at MAGS, every student is expected to make the sporting pillar part of their learning journey.

Providing a sporting programme on such a scale relies on the support of staff, parents and the wider community. Successful sporting experiences for our students are a function of the energy and time given by coaches and managers. On behalf of our students, thank you to the adults in our community who bring our sporting pillar to life.

As I head overseas on my Woolf Fisher Fellowship, I have great confidence that our school is well set for another successful term both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you to Jo Williams (Acting Principal), Sarah Hayes (Acting Associate Principal) and Natalie Absolum (Acting Deputy Principal) and fellow senior leadership team members for ensuring the school is in the best of hands in my absence.

All the best for the term ahead.

**Patrick Drumm**  
Headmaster

## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

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**Friday, May 17**

Pink Shirt Day

**Tuesday, May 21**

Board Show & Market Evening

**Friday, May 24**

Pasifika Assembly



### Sport



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1st XV v Auckland Grammar

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## Orienteering teams deliver at World Champs



MAGS' Orienteering teams delivered outstanding performances at the World Schools Championships with the Junior Boys finishing third overall and the Senior Boys taking ninth.

Over three races in Estonia, the boys showed their mettle in a competition featuring 23 nations and 595 athletes. The MAGS teams qualified to represent New Zealand after winning their National Championships in Christchurch. Before the World Champs, the boys spent two weeks training in Finland and Helsinki and this training proved its worth with great results.

Congratulations to Albertians Kieran Woods and Liam Thompson for their coaching, and to Tony Cooper, the Head of Delegation.

### **Notable performances:**

Adam Bateman (pictured), as MAGS captain, was selected to read the Orienteering Sportsmanship Pledge at the Opening Ceremony; Luke Clements finished fifth in the

Middle Distance event; in the Long Distance event, Tom Aish finished 13th, Sam Taylor Sinclair finished 16th and Daniel Wood finished 20th; all five Junior Boys finished in the Top 22 in the Middle Event (76 competitors), with Mitchell Cooper finishing 26th and 13th in his two races; and Thomas Brendolise and Aidan Skinner finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Friendship Relay.

For more photos, click [here](#)

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## National MPS visit ASB MAGS Farm



A delegation of National Party MPs visited the ASB MAGS Farm today to hear about the enhancement of the farm and plans to build an Experience Centre.

The visit was part of the National Party developing its policies around education and primary industries and included local list MP Melissa Lee, Spokesperson for Primary Industries and Biosecurity Nathan Guy, New Lynn list MP Paulo Garcia, and MP for Helensville Chris Penk.

They met members of the ASB MAGS Farm Advisory Board and school staff, who explained the vision for the farm was to create pathways into the primary industries for urban students.

The delegation heard about plans for upgrading the farm, building industry partnerships and creating a world class teaching facility that would also showcase the latest advances in the Agri-food and Fibre industries for visitors.

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## Dancers strut their stuff

As well as the stunning success of the MAGS Megacrew, a number of individual dancers also enjoyed personal and collective success both in the HHINZ championships and other

dance competitions in the past month.

### **HHINZ NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

At the HHI New Zealand championships, where MAGS Megacrew were the national school champions, congratulations must also go to the following students:

**Faolan Okan** was a member of the nine-man Swagganauts crew that won the NZ championship title in the varsity division.

**Faolan Okan** alongside **Amelia Worsley**, **Manasseh Grace** and Year 9 student **Maia Hemana** were also members of the YUNG ID Megacrew that was second in the open Megacrew section.

**Moanekah Va'ai** and **Chekyna Tongalea** were members of the SaintzUp Megacrew who finished third in that division.

All of these students have been selected for the team to represent New Zealand at this year's HHI International finals to be held in Phoenix, USA in August.

### **SUCCESS AT DANCE WORLDS FLORIDA**

Dancers **Willow Goff**, **Esta Lightbourn** and **Sofija Milic** were all members of the Mt Eden Ballet Academy teams that competed at the World Dance competitions in Florida, USA. The girls were placed in the top six in all their dances, finishing fourth overall. However, it was their second placing in the Nations Cup that was really exciting as this was against teams from 40-plus other countries.

### **AUCKLAND COMBINED DANCE COMPETITIONS**

At the Auckland Combined Dance Association competitions, **Faolan Okan** (pictured right with adjudicator Simon Watts) won the senior Tap championship and a special trophy for most memorable performance, and **Sofija Milic** won the New Zealand School of Dance Contemporary Award. **Isaac Chisholm** won the senior Tap Scholarship. As well, the Mt Eden Ballet academy dancers (as mentioned above) won the Jazz group awards and the nomination to compete in the PACANZ national Young Performer of the Year competition to be held in October.



### **2019 KIWI CLASSIC DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Ella Gillooly** recently competed in the 2019 Kiwi Classic international dance championships held over two days, with over 500 dancers competing.

Ella competed in the Latin and ballroom, achieving first in all events and second in one of her junior categories.

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## Piano competition win for twins



Twins Carl and Kitty Mu have won a piano duet competition at the North Shore Performing Arts Society's 65th Annual Festival.

Carl and Kitty performed Schubert's *Marche Militaire Op 51 No 1* in winning the Open class of the Pianoforte Duet Own Selection, One Piece Only section. HoD Music Milica Zjajic-Moon said, "That is one of the biggest piano competitions. Our chamber orchestra conductor and internationally acclaimed pianist Miss Jung has worked with them leading into this competition.

"Carl and Kitty will compete next month, along with Alexander Pullen, at the NZ National Chamber music contest as a trio – six hands on one piano. Their trio is called Six on Three."

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## Learning about leadership



Year 13 Agriculture students Aidan Bright and Madi Douglas-Bell (pictured back right) attended a three-day leadership programme in Rotorua that opened their eyes to

opportunities in the rural sector.

They joined 13 other TeenAg members for Raising the Standards, which was run by NZ Young Farmers and funded by DairyNZ, during the first week of the school holidays. Students were taught how to set goals, communicate confidently, manage their time and create compelling CVs.

Madi and Aidian learned about different graduate programmes, the wide range of agri-related scholarships on offer and how some agri-businesses encourage secondments overseas.

Guest speakers included agri-business bankers, consultants, a dairy farmer, Te Awamutu vet Emma Dangen and local PGG Wrightson forage agronomist Sophia Clark.

Madi and Aidan, who have yet to make up their minds what direction to take after school, said the programme showed them that there was a vast range of opportunities in agriculture.

They both found a visit to a Fonterra factory fascinating because of the technology involved, the products it made and its high production standards.

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## **MAGS team at Poetry Slam**

Matilda Clack, Takunda Muzondiwa, Abby Irwin, Izzy Mackenzie and Vaibhav Nayyar will compete at Word – The Front Line at TAPAC tomorrow.

The regional heats of the poetry slam run from 10am-3pm.

Word – The Front Line is New Zealand's largest youth and inter-high school poetry slam, where hundreds of students from dozens of schools compete against each other in a creative battlefield.

For the last few years, the WTFL Grand Slam has sold out the Auckland Town Hall, with poets preparing all year by attending a writing and performing camp and multiple workshops across the city.

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## **History behind new heifers**



The story behind the arrival of two heifers at the ASB MAGS Farm stretches back more than 80 years, to when David Turner was a student at MAGS.

It also shows the impact the farm has had on students' lives over the decades.

Albertian David Turner (1933-37) became a dairy farmer partly due to his experience on the school farm, and his family also had a cow on their block in Mt Albert.

His grand-daughter Bronwyn Dyer said the farm he established in Kihikihi has been passed down the family, with the new arrivals – two in-calf Jersey heifers – coming from there.

Bronwyn said: "David did very well at boxing while at Mount Albert Grammar. David first of all farmed in Karaka on around 80 acres there and then bought a farm in Kihikihi. He continued to breed Jersey cows from this time.

"One of David Turner's foundation cows, when he first started dairying at Karaka, was purchased from a man farming Eden Park. This cow family is still in the present herd at Kihikihi.

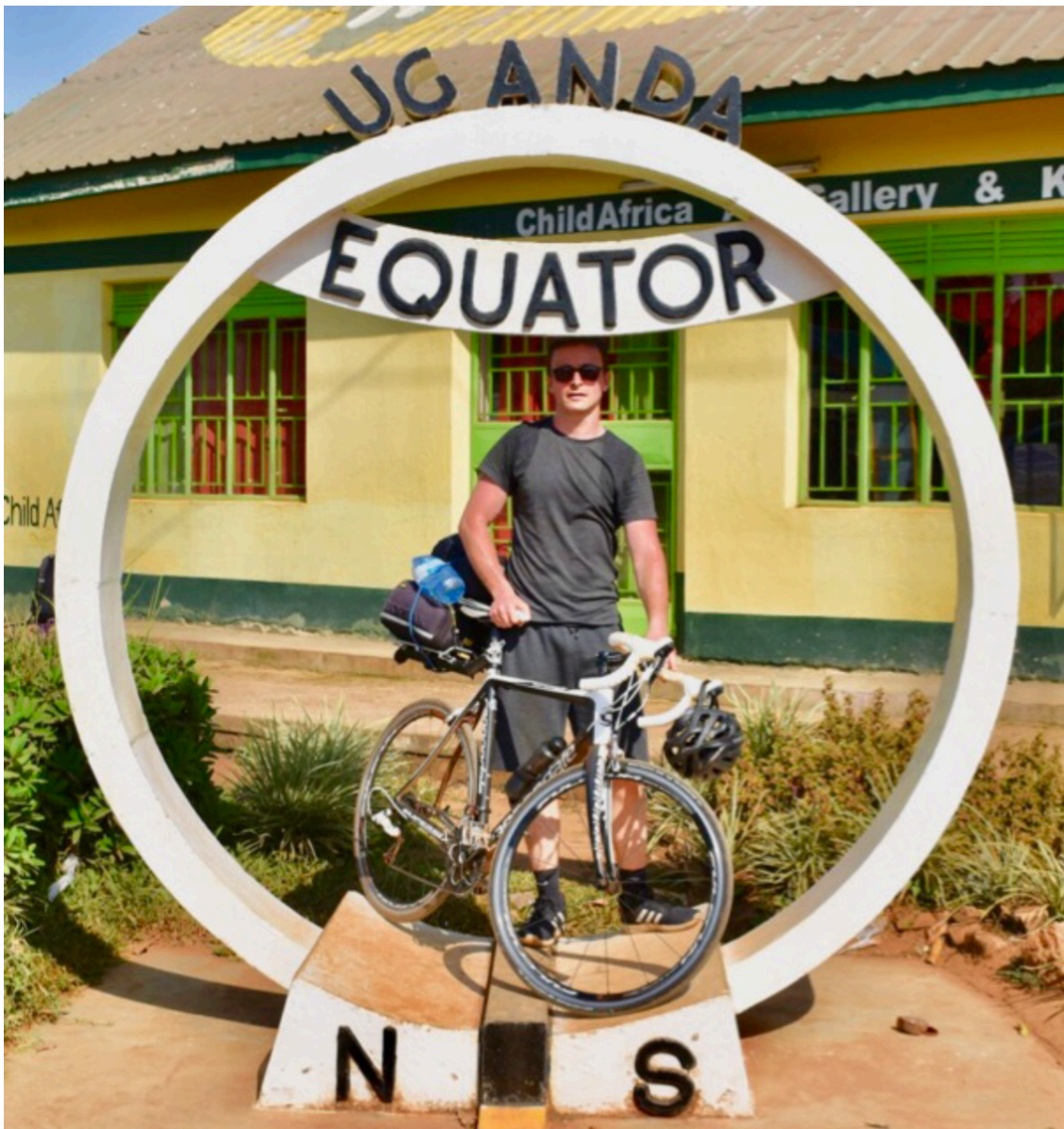
She added: "My father took over the running of the farm in the 1970s and now my brother is breeding Jersey cattle on this farm. My oldest brother is a produce trader with Fresh Direct (owned by Jeffery and Peter Turner, sons of Jack Turner) and I went on to do a degree in horticulture and now teach agriculture and horticulture in high school.

"This shows the far-reaching impact the Mount Albert Grammar farm has had on our family."

Head of Agriculture and Horticulture Esther Hancock has named the heifers Thelma and Louise because of the road trip they had to take to get here on Anzac Day.

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## Albertian cycles through Africa



Albertian Thomas McKay recently completed an intrepid cycle trip through the African countries of Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania. It's the latest in a series of bicycle adventures for Thomas, who works in IT in Munich. Click [here](#) to see more photos and read about his adventures.

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## Sports update

### **First XI qualifies for Nationals**





Congratulations to the Girls 1st XI Football, who convincingly won their game against Waikato Diocesan 7-1 on Monday to secure their spot in the Nationals in Christchurch.

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## Bede Aitu racking up the honours

Swimmer Bede Aitu has been named the 2018 Cook Islands Junior Sportsman of the Year at the National Sports Awards held in Rarotonga.

He has also been selected to represent the Cook Islands at the 2019 South Pacific Games to be held in Samoa in July.

Bede, at centre, also did well recently in Darwin at the 2019 Arafura Games, winning four Gold medals and setting a new Games record in the 200m Backstroke.



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## Boys Lacrosse



The Premier Boys Lacrosse team came second in their competition after going down to old foes Rosmini College 8-10 in the final.  
The boys had a good season but were once again beaten in the final by Rosmini.

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## Upcoming Premier sport



The Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams are at home tonight and will be looking to bounce back from losses last week when they play St Mary's College (6pm) and Liston College (7.30pm) respectively.

The Football Boys 1st XI are also at home tomorrow and play St Peter's College at noon. On Monday, the 1st XV Rugby play away to St Peter's with the Moascar Cup also on the line at 3pm. This game has been rescheduled from the normal Saturday fixture to accommodate St Peter's participation in the international Sanix tournament recently held in Japan.

For this week's fixtures and results, click [here](#)



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