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From the Headmaster

Parenting With Presence



Earlier this week, more than 400 MAGS parents filled the School Hall to listen to a presentation about parenting our sons and daughters through the teen years.

Presenter Liz Alexander from The Parenting Place provided an insight into the world of young people. The

'Understanding Your Teen' evening was a celebration of both the joys and challenges of modern family life along with some handy tips for our role as parents.

A key message from the evening was the importance of parents being 'present' for our sons and daughters. Finding that right balance between 'hands-on' and 'hands-off' really defines parenting as an art versus a science.

But even when our teenagers are telling us they don't want us around – they actually do! Being present as a parent provides the security for our young people to take the calculated risks that are necessary for them to grow and reach their full potential.

Thank you to our Head of Guidance Mrs Tanya Montgomery and her team for providing this important opportunity for our MAGS community – and thank you to our MAGS parents for your response to this opportunity.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

Thursday, May 17 & Friday, May 18

Year 10 Business Studies
Market Day

Friday, May 18

Pink Shirt Day



Sport



Photo Essay

Rugby League First XIII v
Kelston Boys High School

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**Registration and trials for
summer and winter sports**

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Fixtures and results

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Breakfast of champions



Today the school put on a special morning tea to recognise MAGS' champion Softball Boys Premier team and their support staff, who have now racked up six straight national titles.

The team won their sixth straight secondary schools title in March and followed that up with the Auckland secondary schools title. Headmaster Patrick Drumm paid tribute to the coaching of Stu Kinghorn (2nd left) and his assistant Clive Evans (left) and the work behind the scenes of manager Janette McLeod (right), who is handing over to Megan Earley (2nd right) next season. Mr Drumm said the team should be not only proud of its winning streak but also the strong culture it has developed.

Market days are back!



Year 10 Business students will be holding their ever-popular Market Day next Thursday and Friday.

Students carry out and review a business activity, culminating in stalls selling sweet and savoury treats.

There will be 12 market stalls operating during lunchtime in the Albertian Quad on May 17 & 18. Popular foods include crepes, chop suey, nachos, brownies and sushi.

Groups fund their own start-up costs and share profits among business owners.

Market Day is a taster for business activities to follow in years 11, 12 and 13 when business students build on earlier skills to develop more sophisticated products and services.

Nothing like hands-on experience

Eleven Year 12 Agriculture students visited Taratahi Agricultural Training College in Masterton to gain some real farm experience and to learn about different courses available at Taratahi. Over four days, they mustered, drafted and weighed both sheep and cattle, and calculated dressing out percentages and income earned. They got a buzz from learning about bees and had an in-depth anatomy lesson while slaughtering a sheep. Milking 350 cows in a herringbone shed was a much more real experience than with the six cows at our school farm, and the students enacted the birth of a calf in the only classroom lesson. Zoe Stevens commented, "It was a great trip, we got to do lots of hands-on stuff and learned a lot of new things." For more photos from the trip, click [here](#)



Frame and fortune



Student Visual Arts Leaders have just run and judged a photography competition for MAGS students. Only one entry was allowed per student and it had to have been taken by the student submitting it. The winners are (clockwise from top left):

Year 13 (Theme: Identity) – Amelia Jack (judged by Visual Art staff); Junior (Theme: Sports) – Paige Tyson-Taylor; Year 11 (Theme: Identity) – Talisa Gan-Setu; Year 12 (Theme: Identity) – Billie Taylor.

These students each win a small HiTi WiFi Printer donated to the school by Lacklands.



The Albertian out soon

MAGS' school yearbook The Albertian should be out within the next month.

The 2017 yearbook is packed with highlights from the school year and covers all facets of school life: Academic, Arts, Sports and Service.

It includes reports from department heads and student committees, as well as a breakdown of the year from the viewpoints of Headmaster Patrick Drumm, the Board of Trustees, the MAGS Foundation and the Albertians Association.

Winter Sport and Summer Sport get full coverage as do our Arts and Academic achievers.



Greater safety at railway crossings

Auckland Transport and KiwiRail have begun a programme to install automatic safety swing gates to keep pedestrians safe at crossings at railway stations.

As part of the programme, new automatic safety gates are expected to be installed at Asquith Avenue and Rossgrove Terrace crossings (Baldwin Avenue Station), Woodward Road and Lloyd Avenue crossings (Mount Albert Station), and at Fruitvale Road Station. The pedestrian crossing at Metcalf Road in Ranui was the first to get the safety swing gates last year.

These gates are activated by a sensor on the tracks and have a safety zone with an emergency exit gate. These will be clearly signposted. The new gates have been designed to improve the safety of all pedestrians, especially school children who regularly cross the train tracks.

Installation work is starting soon, which means students may need to allow more time in the morning to tag on/off at a different part of the platform.

Sports update

Conditions ideal for Cross Country



The annual school Cross Country was held in fine conditions this week with the races on Tuesday and yesterday. The challenging course around the school and the ASB MAGS Farm was mostly dry but provided some muddy fun across the top of the farm. Seniors can elect to run the Cross Country but the run is compulsory for Year 9 and 10 students. Some staff also took part. The Championship Trophies were won by Molly McGowan (Junior Girls), Luke Clements (Junior Boys), Lulu Grimes (Intermediate Girls), Thomas Brendolise (Intermediate Boys), Hannah Houghton (Senior Girls) and Liam Thompson (Senior Boys). For full results and more photos, click [here](#)

Tennis champions recognised



At assembly last week, MAGS' Tennis Champions were recognised for their achievements.

The school's tennis champions are pictured above (back row, left to right): William McHugh (Boys Open Doubles), Ruben Emmerson-Hiini (Senior Boys, Boys Open Doubles, Open Mixed Doubles), Freddie Lockhart (Intermediate Boys), Nathan Hrstic (Junior Boys). Front row: Emma Johns (Girls Open Doubles), Rosa Jack (Intermediate Girls, Girls Open Doubles), Claire Jiang (Junior Girls), Hayley Jiang (Senior Girls). Absent: Melodi Mataia (Open Mixed Doubles).

At the end of last term, in the Girls Junior A3 grade, the MAGS Gold team played St Mary's in the final and won 6-3, while in the Girls Junior B (Green) grade, MAGS Blue played Marist in the final and lost 2-7 to finish second.

Orienteering team running hot



At the NISS Orienteering Championships MAGS came away with the Top School Boys Trophy, which they also won last year.

And the team won the Premier Boys Award for total points scored with top 10 finishes by Mitchell Cooper, Daniel Carroll, Liam Thompson and Tom Aish.

There were wins by Mariah Bessem in the Long Senior Girls Standard grade and Liam Thompson in the Long Senior Boys Championship Grade. Liam also came second in the Sprints, as did Daniel Carroll in the Intermediate Boys Sprints, Mitchell Cooper in the Long Intermediate Boys Championship Grade, and Molly McGowan in the Long Junior Girls Championship Grade. Anton Aish came third in the Senior Boys Standard grade.

Click [here](#) for a full report and more photos

The Senior Boys followed up their win at the NISS by taking out the AKSS Relay Championship, with their number two team coming in third. The Intermediate Boys also won their division, and the Intermediate Girls Came third.

Rowers celebrate top performers



At the MAGSROW annual prizegiving ceremony, Head Coach Callum Ross (pictured left) was one of many to wish all the best to graduating rowers (from left) Girls' Captain Hannah Zwalue, Nathan Smith, Jesse Homer-Pilcher and Dennis Nieuwenhuizen. Holly Chaafe and Jesse Homer-Pilcher were acknowledged as the best rowers at MAGS during the ceremony, which took place in the school hall on Saturday.

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

First XV Rugby in Mother's Day walk

In a tradition started by coach Geoff Moon, First XV Rugby players will walk out with their mothers (or School House 'mum' Angela Moon) before the Game against De La Salle at 2.30pm tomorrow.

One of the mothers will also present the boys with their jerseys before the 'Mothers Day Walk' in honour of Mother's Day on Sunday.

Other Premier games this weekend include Boys and Girls Basketball both playing against St Kentigern at St Kentigern tonight.

In Football, the Boys First XI play Avondale College at MAGS at noon, while the Girls First XI drew 2-2 with Takapuna on Wednesday.

In other Premier games played this week, the Rugby League First XIII lost 4-2 to Kelston Boys High.

The Hockey Boys First XI beat Glendowie College 3-2, while the Girls First XI lost 6-0 to Kings College.

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



Sports trials and registrations



Students are encouraged to register for sports teams and trials taking place in Term 2.

[Click here for the registration forms](#)

General notices

Alberton Mother's Day workshops

Fresh flowers, vintage tea cups and the traditional handicrafts of felting, beading and crochet come together at Alberton in a programme of classes this Mother's Day weekend.

You can make something for or with mum, or just come along yourself to learn and create in the ambient setting of the ballroom.

Following the classes, enjoy afternoon tea on the verandah served from the vintage china and silverware. Tickets also include entry to explore the house.

Saturday, 12 May

10.30am: Vintage tea cup and glassware arrangements with Olwyn Bertram-Ellison, floral designer and Alberton Gardener. \$55 (2 hours).

10.30am: Beaded crochet bowl/jug cover with Megan Mills, heirloom sewer and teacher of traditional handicrafts. \$40 (3 hours).

Sunday, 13 May

10.30am: Felted, embellished and beaded cards with Evelyn Davis, artist, Storytelling Threads. \$45 (2 hours).

Bookings are essential as places are limited. To book, contact Alberton at alberton@heritage.org.nz or ph 846 7367.



The poster features a decorative floral border with green leaves and pink flowers. At the top, it reads "Alberton HANDMADE for MOTHER". Below this, three workshop options are listed, each accompanied by a small circular image showing a person working on a craft project. The first workshop is "Vintage teacup and glassware floral arrangements (\$55)" on Saturday 12 May at 10:30. The second is "Beaded crochet bowl cover - intermediate (\$40)" on Saturday 12 May at 10:30. The third is "Felted and embellished cards (\$44)" on Sunday 13 May at 10:30. At the bottom, it states "All workshops include afternoon tea and house entry. Bookings essential: alberton@heritage.org.nz. 846 7367" and includes the logo for "HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA".

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