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From the Headmaster

Be An Upstander!



Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

Congratulations to our MAGS Prefects for leading the 'Pink Shirt Day' initiative today at school.

The initiative promotes the message that every student has a right to feel safe, secure and free from harassment when they walk through our school gates each day.

To create a school culture with this as the norm requires all of us to be an 'upstander' as opposed to simply a bystander. Sometimes, to stand up and call out bullying-type behaviours requires courage – but it is always the right thing to do.

I find that most students understand the impact of their words and actions on others.

But some need to be reminded that a 'joke' can only be judged through the eye of the receiver!

And comments that attack the identity or integrity of a person will never be seen as a joke.

Let Pink Shirt Day be a reminder that we are all guardians of our MAGS school culture – one where all people belong.

Be an upstander!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Monday, May 24

Lumino Dental begins at MAGS and runs for six weeks

Monday, June 7

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Thursday, June 17

Board Show and Market Evening

Friday, June 25

MAGS Quiz Night



Sport

Photo Essays



Rugby League 1st XIII
v Manurewa High
Click [here](#)

Standing up on Pink Shirt Day



Students and staff got behind Pink Shirt Day today, encouraging inclusivity and standing up against bullies.

Student leaders handed out stickers and pink ribbons, spread the anti-bullying message at assembly, and encouraged students to sign their names in pink shirts chalked on to the Albertian Quad by Poppy Morris (pictured left).

The theme for the day is 'Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying'.

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

Donations on the day help to fund activities and spread information about inclusivity. You can donate [here](#)



Our top Dance student recognised



Bethany Fletcher was recognised as the top Dance student in NZ in 2020 at the annual Top Scholar Awards Ceremony hosted at Parliament on Wednesday. HOD Dance Samantha French (pictured above with Bethany and Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern) and proud parents Mary and Graham Fletcher (pictured right) accompanied Bethany to the ceremony, which recognises the elite students who make up the 2020 Premier Award and Top Subject Scholarship Award winners. Ms French said, "We had a fantastic day in Parliament at NZQA's Top Scholars award ceremony.



"Minister of Education Chris Hipkins and our PM Jacinda Ardern congratulated the students for achieving so highly in a year filled with adversity.

"I am so proud of Bethany – she was an outstanding Dance student from the moment she arrived at MAGS. Always willing to serve and continually striving for her personal best. Bethany's portfolio submission for Dance scholarship was exquisite and it was amazing to celebrate her formally along with her family in Wellington yesterday."

As a Top Subject Scholar, Bethany qualifies for \$2000 each year for up to three years of study.

The Crucible shows packed out



Photos / Miss Hughes

Level 2 Drama students played to full houses over four nights this week with their production of *The Crucible*.

Two different casts alternated for the staging of the Arthur Miller play, a historical drama about the Salem Witch Trials of 1692-1693.

Drama teacher Miss Hughes said, "We finished show week with a packed-out season.

"It was an incredible effort on all fronts, to get costumes, set, and performances ready. Some truly remarkable and stand-out performances cast true emotional impact on our audiences.

"A truly special week for some extremely proud students, many of whom were taking to the stage for the first time."

You can see more photos of the productions by Miss Hughes and Photography students Sanskriti Roy and Aleisha Roulston [here](#)



Senior students tackling big issues



MAGS hosted a meeting of local senior student representatives today to discuss issues important to their peers.

Head Boy Marcus Savelio and Head Girl Hana Hilson met with prefects and board representatives from Western Springs College, Avondale College, Lynfield College and Mount Roskill Grammar.

They discussed issues such as mental health, general wellbeing, communication and how to help students navigate their way through large state schools. The idea is that the senior students will collaborate to come up with initiatives in these areas.



Our bands rocking out tomorrow

Get out and support our three bands in the Auckland Central heats of the Smokefree Rockquest tomorrow.

You can see more info about the event at AGGS, which starts at 10am, and a runsheet for the day [here](#)

Borderline
Sam Mandeno-Clay
Matthew McFadden
Jackson Boswell
Sam Tebbutt

Hex Code
Flynn Bell
Theo Wright
Floyd Botica
Gene Todd

Overcast
Zoe Burnett
Anouk Blackburn
Arlan Bazley
Amelie Kelly
Nathan Sides

**MAGS BANDS @ the
Auckland Central Heats
this Saturday at the
Dorothy Winstone
Centre, Auckland Girls
Grammar School.**

<https://www.smokefreerockquest.co.nz/regional-homepage/aucklandcentral>



Performance times vary - go to website above.

Discounted Big Sing tickets for sale

Our school choirs – The Centenary Boys' Choir and Gloriana Girls' choir – will be competing at The Big Sing during the day on Thursday, June 24 at the Auckland Town Hall.

Both groups will also be performing in the Gala Concert to be held at 7pm that evening.

Up until Wednesday, May 26 you can purchase discounted tickets for the Gala Concert through the school.

Please click [this link](#) and complete the form to get your discounted tickets.



NB: Covid-19 has impacted our community in many ways, and access to the Arts is something many have had to forgo. If you have the means to purchase and donate a Gala Concert ticket, please indicate this on the form and it will be donated to the family of a singer who might not otherwise be able to attend.

Megacrew step out this week



At assemblies this week, the Junior School enjoyed hip hop performances by our talented MAGS Megacrew, who recently placed third at nationals.

The group, which is led by Head Boy Marcus Savelio, performed for the Year 9 and Year 10 assemblies on Monday and Tuesday.

Dance Teacher Mr Grace also put a call out for boys to join Boys Dance, which meets in E10 on Thursdays at lunchtime to practise and perform contemporary dance routines.

Hammering home benefits of the trades



The 'Trade Tour' assembly this week was well received by Year 12 and Year 13 students. The message from the speakers was that going into the trades is a great opportunity and a great career. Students were told they could work to own their own business or work for

themselves and earn more than university graduates.

The presenters enjoyed the experience at MAGS and have already set a return date for next year.

Art Show wants you!

THE MAGS ART SHOW COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!



We're looking for new volunteers to help us bring the MAGS Art Show weekend to life 13-15 August 2021

We'd love your help across a range of activities;

- *Gala Night*
- *Artwork Receipting*
- *Weekend Sales Desk*
- *Packdown... or even if you're handy with a hammer!*



Please express your interest by contacting Wick Nixon, email magsfom@gmail.com

Tuned in for classical concert



On Tuesday, 40 Music students took a trip to the Auckland Town Hall for the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra's Discovery Concert.

The APO concert gives secondary school students the opportunity to have a full orchestra experience tailored for them.

This year, the orchestra explored the importance of Vienna in the development of the symphony, and played works from composers such as Beethoven, Brahms, Strauss and Mozart.

Lumino Dental at MAGS next week

Lumino The Dentists will be at MAGS for six weeks starting on Monday.

The Lumino The Dentists School Smiles Programme is fully funded by the Ministry of Health.

It offers free dental examinations, oral health education, x-rays and a professional dental clean.

Treatment including white fillings, sealants and extractions of baby teeth are also provided on the school grounds as required. For other treatment not completed on board the unit, students will be referred to their local practice or orthodontic specialist.

Click [here](#) to read more and enrol, and click [here](#) for answers to some FAQs.

Parking restrictions at MAGS

With a busy day for Sport at MAGS tomorrow, please be aware that Parking Restrictions are also in place on the school grounds outside of school hours.

The only parking on site available to all supporters, visitors, students, parents and staff are a limited number of white parks in the top car park. Once the parks are full, the school carpark will be closed and only pool patrons will be allowed to enter.

Mount Albert Aquatic Centre patrons will have access at all times during the day to the bottom car park. The yellow marked car park spaces are allocated for pool patrons only.

All cars will need to display their parking pass or pool receipt on their dash to ensure that they are not towed from these council parking spots. Please note there are also 'No Parking' or '24hr Tow Away' areas clearly indicated. If you park here, you also risk being towed.

To make sure that you are not disappointed when travelling to watch games at MAGS, we recommend that you park on the surrounding roads and walk to the games via the Alberton Ave entrances.

We understand the frustrations with parking in Auckland so want to make sure you are prepared when travelling to MAGS sporting events.

Thank you for your support of the teams.



Reminder about bike helmets

A reminder to parents and caregivers that students must have and correctly wear a proper bike helmet if they are cycling to and from school.

The road code states, "A person must not ride, or be carried on, a bicycle on a road unless the person is wearing a safety helmet of an approved standard that is securely fastened."

A road is defined as anywhere you ride your bike, and includes footpaths and public spaces.

Material girls



In the image above, these girls are wearing dresses made from unusual materials under the guidance of Natalia Brodie, HOD Technology, in 2005.

This photo is part of Set 61, recently added to Historical Images on the MAGS website [here](#)

These images are sourced and annotated by our Archivist, Mr Murphy.

Sports Update

Athletics Champions recognised



At Assembly this week, we recognised our overall Athletics champions, major trophy winners and record holders for 2021.

Pictured above, the 2021 Athletics Champions are (back row, from left): Benjie Fairclough (Junior Boys), Luke Clements (Senior Boys), Elliot Kitchener (Intermediate Boys). Front row: Sylvia Brunt (Senior Girls), Gezreyal Maiu'u (Junior Girls), Anika Todd (Intermediate Girls).

Pictured below are (back row, from left): Jirah Esekia (Junior Boys Throws Champ), Eamon Buick (Open 4 x 400m Relay record holder), Luke Clements (Senior Boys Champ, Open 800m, 1500m, Distance Champ, Senior Boys 3000m record holder plus Open 4 x 400m Relay record holder), Troy Middleton (Open Sprints Champ, Open 400m Champ and Open 4 x 400m Relay record holder), Elliot Kitchener (Intermediate Boys Champ). Front row: Sylvia Brunt (Senior Girls Athletics Champ and Senior Girls Shot Put record holder), Gezreyal Maiu'u (Junior Girls Athletics Champion, Junior Girls Triple Jump and 300m Hurdles record holder plus Junior Girls 4 x 100m Relay record holder), Anika Todd (Intermediate Girls Champion), Benjie Fairclough (Junior Boys Champ and 300m Hurdles record), Tommee Paeu (Junior Girls Throws Champ and 4 x 100m Relay record holder).

Absent: Nina Chalmers (Junior Girls 4 x 100m Relay record holder), Ella De Coek (Junior Girls 4 x 100m Relay record holder), Shay Russek (Open 4 x 400m Relay record holder), Ben Skelton (Senior Boys Discus and Shot Put Champ and Open Field Events Champ).



Top performances at Cross Country



On Tuesday, 40 students represented MAGS at the Central/West Zone Cross Country meet in variable conditions throughout the day.

All students represented the school with great pride, and a number of students finished in the top 20 placings in their relevant age category.

The highlight was seeing three girls finish in the top 10 in the Intermediate Girls category. The meet also had three-person and six-person teams categories based on where the top three and six students from each school finished in each race. The Intermediate Girls won

both these categories and MAGS gained placings in a number of the other team races.



Junior Girls: Nina Chalmers – 9th, Sophie Rednall – 19th, Khalen Quensell – 20th.

Junior Boys: Oscar Vink – 14th, Mac Devine – 20th.

Intermediate Girls: Maia Lythe – 5th, Emily Rednall – 6th, Bella Houghton – 7th, Amelie Kelly – 12th, Lily Curnow – 13th, Ella Somerville – 14th.

Intermediate Boys: Daniel Wood – 11th.

Senior Girls: Eva Wadsworth – 8th.

Senior Boys: Oliver Fox – 14th.

Junior Girls 3 Person: (Nina Chalmers, Sophie Rednall & Khalen Quensell) – 3rd.

Junior Boys 3 Person: (Oscar Vink, Mac

Devine & Henry Hills) – 2nd.

Intermediate Girls 3 Person: (Maia Lythe, Emily Rednall & Bella Houghton) – 1st.

Junior Girls 6 Person: (Nina Chalmers, Sophie Rednall, Khalen Quensell, Gezreyal Maiu'u, Milla Finnemore & Esther Huang) – 3rd.

Junior Boys 6 Person: (Oscar Vink, Mac Devine, Henry Hills, Azahim Abdul Razzak, Ben Hori-Elliot & Oliver Sutton) – 2nd.

Intermediate Girls 6 Person: (Maia Lythe, Emily Rednall, Bella Houghton, Amelie Kelly, Ella Sommerville & Lily Curnow) – 1st.

A special mention goes to Year 9 student Ben Hori-Elliot, who assisted an unwell runner from Westlake Boys during his race. In a great display of sportsmanship, Ben made sure the student was okay and sacrificed finishing higher in the race.

A number of these students will now go on to compete at the Auckland Secondary School Championships on June 3.

Upcoming Premier Sport



It's a busy day today for Sport, beginning at 5pm with the Badminton Premier team playing Macleans College at Auckland Badminton.

At 6pm, the Football Boys 1st XI face Sacred Heart College at Bill McKinlay Park, while our Premier Basketball teams are at home tonight, with the Girls hosting St Marys at 6pm, and the Boys facing off against Liston at 7.30pm.

Our Netball Premiers (pictured above in the new Centenary dress) are in action tomorrow at Auckland Netball Centre, facing Auckland Girls Grammar at 9.30am.



Tomorrow at 2.30pm, the Rugby Boys

1st XV have a big home game against Sacred Heart College and will not only debut their Centenary strip but also perform the school haka Takatū for the first time before kickoff.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV play their first game of the season – against One Tree Hill College – at 4pm on the Sir BG Williams Field.

On Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI are also at home when they play St Kent's at 4pm.

At the same time, the Hockey Boys 1st XI are away to Mount Roskill Grammar, the Rugby League 1st XIII are away to arch-rivals Kelston Boys, and our Squash Premiers play St Peter's College at MAGS.

On Thursday, the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Macleans College at 5pm at Mount Roskill

Grammar turf.

The Lacrosse Girls Premiers have a bye next week.

For updated fixtures and the latest results, click [here](#)

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