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## From the Acting Headmaster

### Authentic Learning in Action



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

Secondary school years can be challenging for adolescents, parents and teachers alike. Many teens conspire to keep school and home compartmentalised and as discrete from the other as possible, with assessment work

shared only between themselves and their teacher. However, nothing was further from this at the Visual Arts and Business Studies collaboration on Tuesday evening, and the Year 12 Health Expo across three days this week.

Year 11 Business entrepreneurs were tested – not by way of examination or assessment – but by inviting public scrutiny of their products and experiencing the finely balanced realities of supply and demand, profit and loss, and consumer fickleness. Stalls competed for market share, with those who had ‘done the math’ regarding potential customer demand and profit margins going home smiling.

Also on show, the first round of Art boards – painting, photography and design – with fellow students, family members and friends viewing at leisure, happy to critique and offer opinion. Work that the artists may consider very personal was scrutinised by many.

Adding ambience to the evening were student musicians, some of whom were being assessed, having to meet the criteria of performing to an audience.

And, across Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Year 12 Health Expo had students presenting their work at stalls offering well-being information and strategies to hundreds of interested peers.

It is impressive to see our students stepping outside the classroom, inviting parents and peers to participate in authentic learning and assessment opportunities, and bringing our wider school community together.

Finally, in reference to a more traditional learning forum, I would like to wish our Year 11 students a positive experience for their examinations next week.

Warm regards,

**Jo Williams**  
Acting Headmaster

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## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

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Calendar



**Monday, May 27**

Year 11 Exams start

**Monday, June 3**

Queen's Birthday holiday

**Tuesday, June 4**

Staff Only Day



### Sport



**Photo Essay**

Rugby Girls 10s v

Lynfield College

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## Board Show and Market Evening



On Tuesday, a vibrant mix of art displays, food and music brought E Block alive as it hosted another Board Show and Market Evening.

Students, parents and staff enjoyed a wide range of food and drinks sold from stalls set up by Year 11 Business Studies students while perusing displays of painting, photography and design by Senior Visual Art classes – all to a backdrop of classical, jazz and rock performances by Music students. The classrooms and hallways of E Block were opened up to display art, while stalls were set up inside and outside as Business Studies students refined skills they had learned previously to market their products to the public.

A variety of lively performances from Music students – notably the Jazz Band at full noise – in the corridor and music room kept the crowds entertained.

For more photos from the evening, click [here](#)

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## Health Expo a hit





This week's Health Expo across three days drew hundreds of students into the School Hall to learn about a range of wellbeing issues at stalls set up by Year 12 Health students.

The expo was run across lunchtimes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to align with Youth Week, with topics covered

including coping with stress; ensuring good nutrition; creating positive relationships; dealing with sexuality, body image or depression; and awareness of the effects of drugs and alcohol.

As well as providing information, some of the stalls offered sweets, snacks or drinks – always a crowd-pleaser.

The Year 12s are working towards an achievement standard, which is a health promotion assignment.

Students have had to identify a health issue in the MAGS community, research the topic, develop resources, present their expo and then evaluate the effectiveness of it. This is giving the students first-hand experience of how health promotion works.

Some groups also had external organisations in to run workshops during the week.

For more photos, click [here](#)



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## Pasifika and Maori Girls Assembly





A special assembly today for Pasifika and Maori Girls was treated to inspirational speeches by guest speaker Leorida Peters (above), Year 12 Te Puna o Wairaka student Tayla Bamber (right) and Acting Headmaster Jo Williams. Ms Peters, a former Deputy Head Girl at Auckland Girls Grammar, spoke about the unique pressures on Pasifika and Maori girls, who had to deal with the complications of extended families and different parenting styles as well as the pressures of school work and extra-curricular activities.

She encouraged the girls to make time for themselves to clear their heads and organise their lives – and to seek guidance from the teachers and senior student leaders at MAGS.

As a Pacific Youth Awards winner, Ms Peters travelled to New York in 2016 to meet former PM Helen Clarke when she was working for the UN. Ms Peters is studying Law and Arts at university.

Tayla spoke about challenging the status quo and being confident about who you are. She said some people wanted to pigeonhole her as just a Maori student while others thought she was not Maori enough because of her Scottish heritage, her skin colour, and going to a "Pakeha school".

She encouraged the girls to be proud of their heritage and who they are, and use that confidence to succeed.

Ms Williams spoke to the girls about the choices that they made at school and how those opened up opportunities for the rest of their lives.



She said every teacher at MAGS was there to help them make the right choices and fulfil their potential so that they could choose what they wanted to do in life and not have to settle for anything less.

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## Two bands through in Rockquest



Two bands from MAGS made it through the heats to the Auckland final of the Smokefreerockquest to be held on June 8 at the Dorothy Winstone Centre Borderline (pictured above) is comprised of Matthew McFadden, Sam Tebbutt, Jackson Boswell, Sam Mandeno-Clay, and Mt Roskill Grammar student Isaiah Stitt. Brolo (pictured below) is Finn Helm, Norah Anderson, Jakub Ward, Alex Collins and Sean Tyson Taylor.

Fans of either band can text the name of the band to 959 and that might help them to win the People's Choice vote, which could get them to the national final.

*Photos courtesy of Eugene Bautista*





## Brisbane Broncos visit





The Brisbane Broncos undertook a light training run on the Sir BG Williams Field today ahead of their game against the NZ Warriors tomorrow night.

Always popular visitors, the Broncos players took time afterwards to autograph memorabilia and take photos with fans.



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## Planned teacher strike on May 29

If the strike action planned by both primary and secondary unions on Wednesday, May 29 goes ahead, Mount Albert Grammar School will be closed for instruction across all year levels 9-13.

However, exams for Year 11 students, and some students in Years 9 & 10 sitting Level One NCEA Examinations, will still go ahead on that day with supervision by non-union staff, and students are expected to attend.

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## School sport as usual on May 29



All MAGS sport scheduled for next Wednesday, May 29 will go ahead regardless of the planned teacher strike that day. Please check the [fixtures page](#) for any changes in dates/venues due to other schools being unavailable this day.

All students in teams who regularly play on a Wednesday are expected to still be available to play their games.

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## Lessons in mountain biking



As part of the 'Discovery 101' and 'Getting Stuck In' units for Year 11 Outdoor Education, students went mountain biking at Woodhill Mountain Bike Park.

This allowed students to further develop an understanding of how the body functions, specific to mountain biking, to assist them with their upcoming biomechanics assessment and identify factors that influence their own participation in physical activities.

Student Matthew Denby said of the trip:

"When we arrived at Woodhill we had a safety briefing by the manager Stephan. Our course teaches us an understanding of the need for responsible behaviour when participating in an outdoor pursuit, so listening attentively to the safety briefing was important for us to keep safe in the outdoors. After our safety briefing, we started off by riding around the carpark a few times just to get used to our bike and iron out any problems. We split into two groups, led by our Outdoor Education teachers Miss Ripley and Miss Goff. Our first ride was on the 'L Plates' course, the name giving a good description of an easy starter course to get us used to riding our bikes on the tracks. We also biked along the 'Family Loop', 'Hokey Pokey' and 'Tasting Platter'. During these tracks, we stopped to take photos of us individually performing skills on our mountain bike. My focus is on Balance and Stability and Force Summation and I will use these photos to explain how and why I used each component while riding. We stopped for a few minutes for a quick snack and drink and started a loop called 'Second Grade'. Our first time doing 'Second Grade' was a practice and then once we had finished our first loop we went into a time trial. We discussed how we could complete the course faster by using biomechanical principles before we set off. We finished off the day by going down 'Handle the Jandal', which was a fast, flowy downhill



track. 'Handle the Jandal' was one of my favourite tracks of the day. We headed back to the carpark, with red faces, sore legs, a few bruises and smiles on our faces."



## Parking restrictions on school grounds



The school loves friends and family coming out to support students playing sport but 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 must have access at all times during the day – and in 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.

We have been notified by the pool there are still a number of non-pool users parked in the yellow car parks. They have let us know that a towing company will be on site on all



Saturdays should anyone be parking in their parking area.

We recommend that you park on the surrounding roads and walk to the games via the Alberton Ave entrances.

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## Year 11 exams

Year 11 exams take place from Monday, May 27 through to Tuesday, June 4 inclusive. Exams will go ahead on May 29 despite the planned teacher strike, and please note that Monday, June 3 is Queen's Birthday and there will be no exams as school will be closed. Students should read the exam timetable and instructions carefully. They can be downloaded by clicking [here](#). All students need to check the timing of their exams carefully as they vary from normal lesson times.

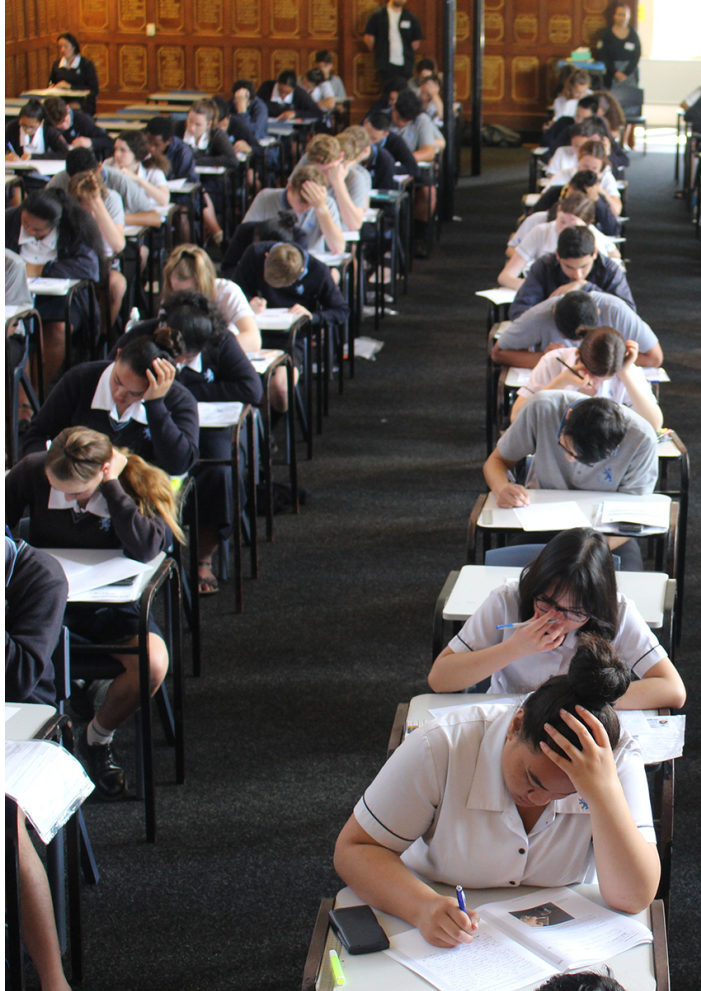
Year 11 students are on exam leave during this time. Year 11s must only attend school to sit an examination or, with the written permission of a staff member, for tutorial or study purposes. At all other times they must be at home studying. Year 11 students

taking Level 2 or Level 3 subjects may be able to attend these classes within their study and exam commitments. However, Level 1 exams take precedence and subject teachers are aware that Year 11 are on official exam leave.

Students should have been contacted via email by Miss Rose if they have a clash, with a new date for one of their exams. It is important that they check their email carefully and follow the instructions for the new date. If they have not received an email, or if they have approved leave during the exams then they will need to go to the Student Centre to request a change.

Miss Rose is the Deputy Principal in charge of the Year 11 exams, so if you have any questions, please feel free to contact her on [trose@mags.school.nz](mailto:trose@mags.school.nz)

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## Staff Only Day June 4

Tuesday, June 4 will be a Staff Only Day for Mount Albert Grammar School.

This is planned to allow catch-up examinations to occur for students who were unable to attend some specific examinations, and also provides an opportunity for the completion of examination administration and moderation meetings.

Please note that students Years 9 to 13 are **NOT** required to attend school unless previously advised of the need to attend a catch-up examination.

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## Signing in and out of school

Should a student need to leave school early, they must sign out of school via the Student Centre – 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 their attendance reflects exactly what has taken place.

Health & Safety regulations guide the requirement for your child to sign out, 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. Please ensure your child is aware of this requirement.

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## Understanding Your Teen – Part Two



Off the back of last year's exclusive presentation to MAGS parents, we are excited to announce a second instalment of 'UnderstandingYour Teen' on Thursday, June 6 at 7pm in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

Come and hear some tips and stories about Kiwi teenagers and their habits – and ponder some new ideas on how to relate to these wonderful young people. Brought to you by [Parenting Place](#)

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## Sports update

### Junior sports awards winners



Congratulations to world champion archer Lauren Emirali, world-ranked swimmer Brearna Crawford and the national champion Premier Boys Softball team, who were all honoured at the Auckland Council-sponsored Albert-Eden Junior Sports Awards evening. Lauren and Brearna were jointly named U20 Sports Women of the Year, while the Premier Boys Softballers were named School's Team of the Year.

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### Top results in Cross Country





MAGS' runners turned in some top results at the recent North and Central West Zone Cross Country and the College Sport Auckland Cross Country Championships.

The North and Central West Zones was held at Moire Park on May 14. There were 39 MAGS students that ran in an event that featured 30 schools and over 400 students.

Luke Clements, at left, won the Intermediate Boys, while in the three-person teams races MAGS came second in the Junior Boys and Intermediate Boys, and third in the Junior Girls and Senior Boys.

In the six-person teams, MAGS was second in the Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Intermediate Girls and Intermediate Boys.

The College Sport Auckland Cross Country Championships were held yesterday at St Kentigern College. We had a team of 28 students. The Championships involved over 60 schools and 600 students.

Luke Clements came third in the Intermediate Boys, and all four of MAGS three-person teams finished in the top 10.

The Junior Boys and Intermediate Girls finished 6th and 7th respectively in the six-person teams race.

Luke Clements will now prepare for the New Zealand Schools Cross Country



Championships in Timaru in June, and the rest of the team will be competing at the College Sport Auckland Road Running Championships in August.

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## Albertian in NZ Lacrosse

Albertian Reese Jacques (2013-2017) has been selected to represent New Zealand at the U19 Women's Lacrosse World Championship in Canada in August.

Reese helps coach the MAGS Premier Lacrosse team and is also at Auckland University studying Marine Science.

From late July, she will join the team to travel to California for warm-up games before heading to Peterborough, and then on to Canada for the World Championship from August 1-10.



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## Upcoming Premier sport



Both the Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams are playing Rosmini College away tonight, with their games at 6pm and 7.30pm respectively.

The Football Boys 1st XI are at home tomorrow to Auckland Grammar, with the game kicking off at noon.

Playing away to De La Salle College tomorrow, the Rugby 1st XV kicks its game off at 2.30pm.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 10s are away to Mangere College with kick-off at 4.15pm.

Next Wednesday, the Rugby League First XIII play their first home game of the season against Manurewa College at 4pm, while the Football Girls 1st XI are also at home – to Takapuna Grammar at 4pm.

Also on Wednesday, the Hockey 1st XI Boys play away to Auckland Grammar at 5.45pm.  
Fixtures and results on the MAGS website are regularly updated. For this week's  
click [here](#) and for next week's, click [here](#)

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