



From the Headmaster

Walking the Talk



Last week's newsletter highlighted the involvement of MAGS in Pink Shirt Day. The day was promoted and led by our Senior Prefects and reinforced the power of positive relationships and interactions between our young people at MAGS.

We can often do a lot of talking about having the 'right' values in our school – but of course the real test is whether we can translate these into actions when necessary.

At a premier sports fixture on Saturday, one of our MAGS team members was subject to unacceptable personal comments from a group of sideline supporters from the opposition school. The comments were offensive and unnecessary. The lack of response and reaction in kind, or otherwise, from our MAGS people must have taken some restraint but it was a credit to all present – and to our school.

I was even more impressed on Monday to find one of our Prefects had forwarded a well-worded email to the Principal of the opposing school. Her email put a stake in the ground regarding what behaviours are acceptable and what are not! The communication was written professionally and respectfully and was the right thing to do. Furthermore, it drew a positive response from their Principal.

I'm very proud of this young MAGS Prefect and of our community on the day.

We will never claim to be perfect as a school – but the MAGS message on and off the sports field is always to play the ball not the man! Personal attacks will never be acceptable.

I encourage all of our students to both challenge the behaviours counter to our 'MAGS Way' values and equally celebrate those that help to reinforce them across our school. This is what will continue to make our school special!

Last weekend we walked the talk!

Have a good week.

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

Tuesday, May 29

Year 11 exams start (see details below)

Tuesday, May 29

Youdance Dance Festival –
Raye Freedman Theatre,
Epsom, 7.30pm

Monday, June 4

Queen's Birthday holiday



Sport



Photo Essay

Girls Rugby 10s v Mt Roskill
Grammar

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

[Click here](#)

Fixtures and results

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Healthy attitudes

The week-long Health Expo held in the school hall drew to a close today as Year 12 Health students wrapped up their awareness campaigns.

Crowds of students have packed the hall out during the week, checking out the stalls and collecting freebies.

Year 12 Health students 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 students first-hand experience of how health promotion works.

Some of the health issues covered this year were: how to cope with stress, how to report cyber bullying, nutritional support (e.g. reading labels), self-esteem and self-expression, peer pressure, bullying, and body image. The students are working towards an achievement standard, which is a health promotion assignment.

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



Moth plant eradication efforts rewarded



Rebecca Goffin, Sustainable Schools Advisor for Auckland Council, above left, was at school on Wednesday to present, from left to right, Sophie Thomson, Izzy MacKenzie and Alana Kerr with their certificates and prizes for their moth plant pod collecting efforts while a proud Environment Club leader Michael Ashby watched on.

Helping to rid neighbourhoods of moth plant proved a rewarding exercise for MAGS students in more ways than one.

Students took part in a competition to collect the seed-containing pods of the invasive species, with Izzy and Lucia MacKenzie (pictured right) coming out winners with 2600 pods collected.

For their efforts they each received a \$500 Prezzy card in a competition funded by Auckland Council and Weedbusters.

Alana Kerr came third with 2051 pods and received a \$500 Prezzy card, Sophie Thomson fourth (2003 – \$300 Prezzy card) and Nicholas James 5th (1894 – \$100 Prezzy card).

In all, 32,926 pods were removed during the competition.

Ms Goffin said the council was impressed by and grateful for the student's efforts.

Mr Ashby, HOD Physics, is the driving force behind the competition and hopes it will go from strength to strength and help to eradicate moth plant, which smothers and kills plants up into the canopy, preventing the establishment of native plant species.

The success of the competition caught the attention of Radio NZ's Jesse Mulligan, who interviewed Mr Ashby on his afternoon show. To hear the interview, click [here](#)



Countdown to YouDance

Four items from Mount Albert Grammar School have been selected to be part of Programme 1 for the YouDance festival to be held at Raye Freedman Arts centre in Epsom at 7.30pm next Tuesday, 29th May.

The festival concert provides an opportunity for teachers and students of dance in schools, and the community to showcase excellence in dance performance and choreography in a collegial atmosphere. It is an honour to have work chosen for this event, which is now a highlight of the Auckland Dance calendar.

Tickets from www.iticket.co.nz

ARTS EVENTS COMING UP IN TERM 2:

Sunday, 3rd June

MAGS Megacrew compete in Projekt Dance competition in Open group section, Bay Events Centre, Tauranga, 1pm.

Tuesday, 5th June

Moonstars Chamber group compete with original song by Emma Moon at the Chamber Music Contest, Raye Freedman Centre, Epsom, 7.30pm.

Friday 8th June

Year 11 Drama students devised performance, Alberton historic homestead, 11.45am.

Saturday, 9th June

The Wondercats compete at Rockquest Auckland Central regionals, Auckland Girls Grammar School.

Thursday, 14th June

Visual Arts Board show, MAGS, 4.30-6.30pm.

Tuesday & Wednesday, 26th & 27th June

Year 12 Drama Production, MAGS, 7pm.

Tuesday, 3rd July

Annual Music Concert, Raye Freedman Centre, Epsom, 7.30pm.



YOU DANCE 2018

Raye Freedman Centre Epsom
Tuesday 29th Wednesday 30th May
7:30
7:30 pm
Thursday 21st June
BNZ Theatre Vodafone Events Centre



Harbour saviours brainstorm ideas



Snorkelling at Goat Island marine reserve and taking a hovercraft ride on the Manukau Harbour were among the highlights for Izzy MacKenzie and Caitlin Mitchell when they took part in the Young Leaders Programme.

The three-day forum based at Te Manukanuka o Hoturoa Marae brought together young leaders from across the region to learn about issues facing the Manukau Harbour.

Caitlin said they also went to the wastewater treatment plant in Mangere, the Otuaatua Stonefields, and Mathiesons Bay to see the huge contrast in marine life between there and Goat Island.

On the last day they worked on courses of action to help the Manukau Harbour that they will be carrying out.

The programme was run by Auckland Council's Sustainable Schools team in partnership with the Manukau Harbour Forum, the Department of Conservation and Kowhai Olsen from Makaurau Marae.

Sustainable Schools will help the students develop their ideas and their environmental efforts through a year-long mentoring programme. This includes joining further workshops, strengthening the students' leadership skills, teaching them how to pitch projects, connecting them with other environmental enthusiasts and setting them up to mentor another cohort next year.

Taking a world view

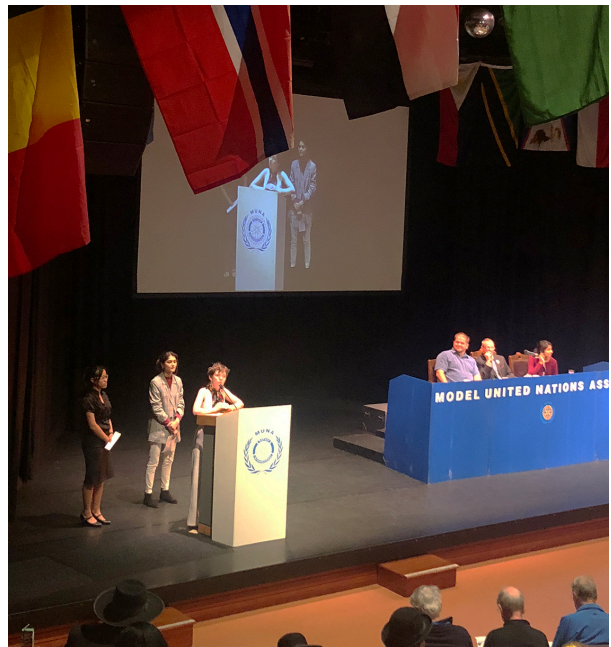
Nine students represented MAGS at the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) and three came back with an award.

Last Friday and Saturday, the Year 12 and 13 students represented three United Nations delegations for the MUNA, hosted by Auckland Rotary at Auckland Girls Grammar School.

Over the two days, Juliette Allen, Simon Percival and Phoebe Sullivan represented Albania; Saman Bardi, India Bulman and Alyssa Houma represented Colombia; and Britney Cheng, Fatima Imran and Rachel Simpson represented Iraq.

Rachel, Fatima and Britney's speech that convincingly and eloquently defended Iraq's position on the protection of women's rights so impressed the judges they received an award for the 'Team with the Best Knowledge and Provocative Use of the UN Charter'.

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



Year 11 exams start next week

Year 11 exams begin next Tuesday, 29th May, and run to Wednesday, 6th June. Students should read the exam timetable and instructions carefully. They can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

The purpose of these exams is to provide students with the experience of NCEA formal examination conditions, plus provide an indication of their progress to date.

Students are on exam leave during this time and normal lessons resume on Thursday, 7th June.

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. Students are not permitted to be at St Lukes mall during the school day or at the mall in school uniform.

All students need to check the timing of their exams carefully as they vary from normal lesson times and there are different exam times for Wednesday, 30th May and Thursday, 31st May. Correct uniform must be worn to exams. Students will not be admitted to an examination in incorrect uniform.

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 your teachers are aware that you are on official exam leave.



Status quo for out-of-zone enrolments

At its recent meeting, the Mount Albert Grammar School Board of Trustees decided that the 2018 out-of-zone ballot conducted later this year for 2019 enrolments would once again be held only for siblings of current students (a current student being one that is attending in 2019). The restriction (Priority 2 under the Enrolment Scheme) on eligibility for out-of-zone ballots is due to increasing demand for places at Mount Albert Grammar School from families who live inside the school zone.

For more information about the enrolment scheme, click [here](#)

Major changes to bus network

When Term 3 starts on Monday, 23 July, the school bus service 007 (Balmoral to Mount Albert Grammar and Mount Albert Grammar to Balmoral) will no longer be operating.

This bus service will continue to operate until the end of Term 2 (Friday, 6 July).

The journeys these bus services provided can be made using other public bus services operating on St Lukes Rd and Balmoral Rd.

These changes are part of a wider public transport review affecting all of Auckland. Most Central Auckland suburb public bus routes will be changing on Sunday, 8 July.

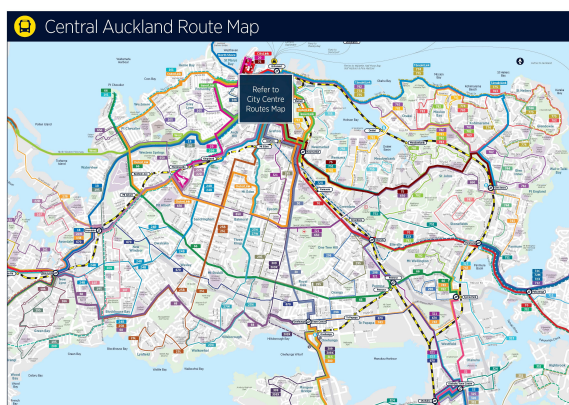
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Most school bus routes will be given new route numbers to formalise the route numbering system and remove duplication.

Some bus routes are changing to remove differences between the morning and returning afternoon routes to make them easier to understand and use. Some routes are changing due to low patronage.

For the best public transport journey option use the AT online journey planner <https://at.govt.nz/journeyplanner> from 16 June when new routes are uploaded.

For more Information about the public bus changes being implemented on 8 July, go to <https://at.govt.nz/newnetworkcentral>



Parent-child breakfasts next month



Parents of Year 9 & 13 students should get these dates down in their diary: Thursday, June 21 for the Parent-Daughter Breakfast and Thursday, June 28 for the Inaugural Parent-Son Breakfast. The first Parent-Daughter Breakfast last year with TV personality Petra Bagust as guest speaker was hugely popular. So much so that the concept has been expanded to include a Parent-Son Breakfast this year.

Guest speakers are yet to be announced but both events will start at 7am and finish at 8am to allow attendees to get on with the rest of their day.

Both events will be held at MAGS in the Maurice Hall Atrium, with tickets \$40 for one student and one adult. An email with further details and payment options will be sent out soon.

Sports update

Netball success at North Harbour tournament

The Netball Premiers were joined by four other MAGS teams as winners at the North Harbour Secondary Schools Tournament this week. With North Harbour introducing Seniors and Juniors all playing on the same day, six of MAGS' top netball teams headed over the bridge for the tournament.

The results were:

MAGS Premier 1 – 4 wins – 1st Premier Grade

MAGS Premier 2 – 5 wins – 1st Senior A Grade



MAGS Year 10 Firebirds – 4 wins – 1st Year 10 A Grade

MAGS Year 10 Giants – 5 wins – 1st Year 10 B Grade

MAGS Year 9 Mystics – 3 wins/1 draw/1 loss – 2nd Year 9 A Grade

MAGS Year 9 Stars – 4 wins – 1st Year 9 B Grade

With all teams playing four or five games, this allowed coaches the opportunity to try out new combinations and gave the teams the chance to come together nicely prior to the regular Auckland Netball season kicking off tomorrow.

Thank you to all our coaches, team managers and umpires who are pivotal contributors to MAGS Netball's success.

Premier games this weekend

As part of MAGS Rugby Club Day (see poster below), the First XV is playing Dilworth on the Sir BG Williams Field at 2.30pm tomorrow.

The First XI Boys Football team will go into their game away to Macleans College tonight (6pm) with their tails up following a 5-0 win earlier in the week over Rosmini College in the first round of the Football Senior Knockout Cup.

Both Premier Boys and Girls Basketball are playing at MAGS tonight – against Avondale College (7.30pm) and Massey High (6pm) respectively.

The Netball Premiers play Macleans College at the Auckland Netball Centre at 9.30am tomorrow. In Premier results this week, the Rugby League XIII suffered another close loss – going down 10-12 to St Pauls College.

On Monday, the Basketball Boys and Girls both played Rangitoto, winning 88-74 and 83-68 respectively.

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

MAGS RUGBY CLUB DAY 2018

SATURDAY 26TH MAY



7 MAGS TEAMS ALL AT MAGS

U15 Boys	Kings College	Sir BG Williams Field	9.15am
2nd XV Boys	Sacred Heart College	Mt Albert Grammar 2	9.15am
U14 Boys	Kelston Boys High School	Mt Albert Grammar 2	10.30am
6th Grade	Sacred Heart College	Mt Albert Grammar 3	10.30am
5th Grade	Howick College	Mt Albert Grammar 3	11.45am
U16 Boys	Edgewater College	Mt Albert Grammar 2	12.00pm
1st XV Boys	Dilworth	Sir BG Williams Field	2.30pm

THE GIRLS RUGBY TEAM WILL HAVE FOOD AND DRINKS FOR SALE

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](#)



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