



From the Headmaster

Golden Start to the Term



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School

Students and staff have returned to the new term, energised after the Easter holiday break, and our first week has seen a celebration of student success at the highest level and across all four pillars: Arts, Service, Academic and Sport.

As detailed below, our MAGS Megacrew have brought the New Zealand Hip Hop title back to school for the second year in a row. This is a particularly satisfying result as many of these students overcame some negative social media commentary after their win last year.

The resilience and determination of these students to respond in the best way possible and cement MAGS as unquestionable national champions in 2019 has been rewarded – per angusta ad augusta!

Add to that Lauren Emirali winning a World Junior Archery title and our Swimming team, spearheaded by Brearna Crawford, collecting seven titles at the national championships and it certainly has been a golden week for MAGS. It is worth noting that Brearna is currently swimming times as a 16-year-old that would have seen her gain Olympic Medals in decades past!

Our Academic Pillar was also to the fore this week with Jonathan De Pledge and Miriam Leonhardt heading to Parliament to receive their awards as, respectively, the top Physics student and the top overall female student in the country and Premier Scholar from last year's NZ Scholarship examinations – simply outstanding!

And today at Assembly, MAGS' Relay for Life participants handed over a \$114,000 cheque to the Cancer Society – a fine example of Service as students fundraised for weeks and spent 18 hours trying to do as many laps as possible of Lovelock Track.

Congratulations to all of the above students and your families. As a school community we bask in the glow of your golden success.

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2019 Calendar

Thursday, May 9

Junior Pasifika Evening, MH Building, 6-8pm

Thursday, May 9

US University Fair, School Hall, 5-7pm

Friday, May 17

Pink Shirt Day



Sport



Photo Essay

Hockey Boys 1st XI v

Pakuranga College

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What a wonderful way to start a new term!

Have a good weekend

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Megacrew back-to-back champions



During the school holidays, MAGS Megacrew successfully defended their national title and are the 2019 Hip Hop International NZ Megaschool Champions.

Director Arts Co-curricular Jacqui Cesan said, "Huge props to TIC Sam French and the leaders Ally Mayerhoffler and Moanekah Vai'i for their fantastic leadership and commitment, and to the 45 students who have worked so hard to prove that they are champions.

"There were 18 schools in the competition this year, and although there were some strong performances, I have to say I have never gone into the awards ceremony so confident of the win – they were that good!"

MAGS Megacrew broke through last year to claim the title for the first time after years of being close to the top.

Top scholars honoured at Parliament



Jonathan De Pledge and Miriam Leonhardt, at centre, with their proud parents alongside – Stephen and Heather, and Beatrix and Rainer, respectively – and Headmaster Patrick Drumm at the Top Scholar Awards in Wellington.

Miriam Leonhardt and Jonathan De Pledge were officially recognised as being among the country's most gifted academic students at the 2018 New Zealand Scholarship Top Scholar Awards held at Parliament on Wednesday.

At the Wellington ceremony, with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern in attendance, Miriam was congratulated on being a Premier Scholar and the top female secondary school scholar in the country. Miriam, the Girls Dux of 2018, is one of only 11 Premier Scholars in the country, with the other 10 all being male. She achieved Scholarships in seven subjects: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science (Outstanding), German, Physics (O) and Statistics (O). The last time MAGS had a Premier Scholar was in 2006.

Jonathan, who was Boys Proxime Accessit in 2018, was named a Top Subject Scholar at the awards with the best mark in Physics in the country. And he was only one mark shy of being the top scholar in Calculus as well. Jonathan is also an Outstanding Scholar, with Scholarships in Calculus (O), Chemistry (O), Earth and Space Science, Physics (O) and Statistics.

Miriam is enrolled for a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in Physics and Mathematics at the University of Auckland, while Jonathan is also studying a BSc at Auckland in Physics and Mathematics.

Archery World Champion



Year 11 student Lauren Emirali won Gold at the World Indoor Archery Championships held in Wellington last month.

The event saw more than 200 entrants from across 12 countries compete in their respective bow types/age groups.

Lauren finished top of her group (Junior Recurve Freestyle) to take the Gold medal and World Champion title. Although not an official result, she also shot the highest score of all women of that bow type regardless of age – no small feat.

Following on from that performance, Lauren has been named in the Archery NZ Trans Tasman Team in the Intermediate Women's Recurve division.

The competition against Australian archers will take place on 7-11 July at Bruce Pulman Park, Takanini.

Also last month, Lizzy Robins, at right, won Bronze at the Australian National Junior Championships in Armidale, New South Wales in a tough individual league. She also stepped up to the next age grade with her shooting partner and took out the Silver Medal in the team's matchplay event.



And well over 100 students competed across five rounds through March and April in the Auckland Secondary Schools competition which saw Lauren collect the Bronze in the Individual league – the first time a female has won a medal in this category since the event started in 2015. Lauren also achieved the Bronze in matchplay, and Lizzy finished well to be 8th on the league table.

Relay for Life's \$114k gift



From left to right: Alayna Pulham, Sue Beuvink, Charlotte Wilson, Logan Allomes, Associate Principal Jo Williams, and Alistair Burry.

At a Special Assembly today, MAGS Relay for Life participants were recognised and a cheque for \$144,305 was presented to the Cancer Society. Relay for Life student leaders Charlotte Wilson and Logan Allomes spoke about the massive fundraising effort involving 302 students, and presented the cheque to Sue Beuvink and Alistair Burry, of the Cancer Society.

Mr Burry summed up the student effort when he said, "Wow!". And he went on to thank everyone involved for their contribution, which will fund cancer treatment, education and research.

He and Mrs Beuvink thanked MAGS'

Relay for Life organiser Alayna Pulham for her commitment and presented her with a Significant Contribution Award and some daffodils, the Cancer Society emblem.

This is the sixth year MAGS has taken part in the Relay for Life, setting a record for fundraising after topping last year's \$100,000 raised.



Mark Dempster honoured



MAGS Hockey coach Mark Dempspter was honoured with a Gold Service Award at the Annual Hockey Awards Dinner during the school holidays.

Mr Dempspter, Assistant HoF PE, was recognised by Hockey New Zealand for playing and coaching hockey for 25-plus years.

He played for North Harbour for 10 years, and coached or assisted 27 representative teams who won 10 national titles.

He has also coached hockey at MAGS for more than 25 years.

Mr Dempspter is pictured above with Albertians and Black Sticks players Jared and Arun Panchia, who were both recognised at the dinner for milestones in their careers.

Arun was celebrated for reaching 250 international matches and has now played 267 games for the Black Sticks, while Jared was honoured for playing his 100th game and has now played 110 games for the Black Sticks.

Parking restrictions at MAGS



With winter sport kicking off in earnest – including the First XV Rugby playing Auckland Grammar at home tomorrow at 2.30pm – 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 yellow 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 card or pool receipt on their dash to ensure that they are not towed from these council parking spots.

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.

Thanks for your support of our sporting teams.

Calling all budding female engineers

The University of Auckland's Faculty of Engineering is inviting high school girls and their family to *Engineer Her Future: The Student Experience*, an evening to meet female students, hear about the wide variety of engineering specialisations, and experience a mini engineering lecture.

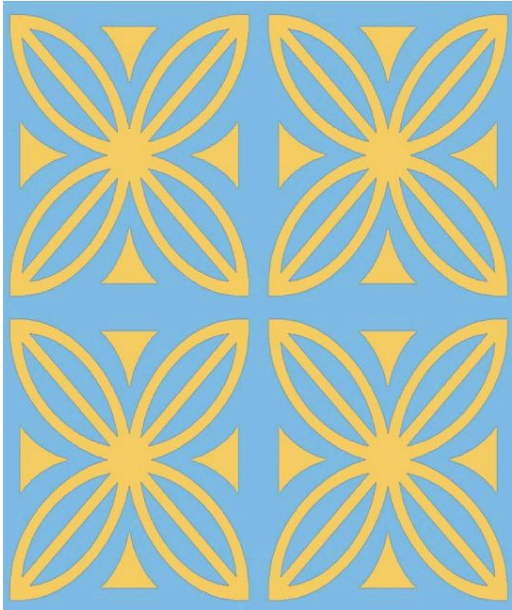
There will also be a chance for questions and mingling with both staff and current engineering students over refreshments during the second half of the evening.

Registrations are essential as spaces are limited.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register by Monday, May 13.

Junior Pasifika Evening next Thursday

Parents of Year 9 & 10 Pasifika students are invited to an information evening followed by a light supper next Thursday:



MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Pasifika Parents Evening

Talofa, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka

*You are invited to attend our
Pasifika Parents Evening
Thursday, 9 May 6pm-8pm
MH Building Atrium
Mount Albert Grammar School*

There will be a presentation on:

- MAGS Junior Graduation System
- Pathways/ NCEA qualifications
- Leadership – Prefectship & Pasifika Council/Student Representatives
- Pasifika Parents Network
- MAGS Komiti Faufautua

Light supper provided

Please RSVP to yanisi@mags.school.nz or dafoa@mags.school.nz

Art show seeking new talent

Would you or someone you know like to enter artwork in the MAGS Art Show in August?

Submissions are open now for artists who haven't exhibited with us previously. Be in quick as places are limited. You can register your interest [here](#)



US Universities come to MAGS

Six US universities will be coming to MAGS next Thursday, May 9 as part of the Linden Group Tour.

Students and parents are most welcome to attend and chat to the university representatives from 5pm–7pm in the school hall. There will be short presentations from each university followed by an expo-style event.

You are welcome to come earlier to a half-hour workshop about writing letters of recommendation.

Sports update

Swimmers shine at Nationals



MAGS swimmers returned some outstanding results at the NZ Age Group Nationals in Wellington during the school holidays.

Brearna Crawford won five Gold medals and in the process swam four FINA World Junior Swimming Championships qualifying times, broke five NZ Age Records, five Auckland Open Records, and seven Auckland Age Records. She was selected into the NZ Gold Squad, chosen for the NZ team to the FINA World Junior Champs in August, and selected to swim for NZ at the Australian State Teams Championships. Brearna was also the top overall female swimmer at the meet.

Brearna won her 16yrs Golds in Breaststroke (50m, 100m & 200m), the 50m Butterfly and the 200m Individual Medley.

Her younger brother Bowen (14yrs) also brought home two Golds (100m & 200m Breaststroke) and a Silver (50m Breaststroke). Hunter Dobson also won Silver (200m Backstroke 13yrs) and Bronze (100m Backstroke 13yrs), and Edie Ancell picked up another Bronze (50m Freestyle 14yrs).

Top 8 finalists included Lucy Woodall (15yrs 50m & 100m Back), (Edie Ancell 14yrs 100m Free & 200m IM) and James Bilton (16yrs 50m & 200m Fly).

Swim Coach Paul Kent was also selected as one of three coaches to travel to the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

MAGS at Orienteering World Champs



MAGS' Junior and Senior Boys came fourth and ninth respectively representing New Zealand this week in the Long Distance Category at the World Schools Orienteering Championships in Estonia.

The competition still has the Middle Distance Race and Friendship Team Event to run. You can keep up to date with results and watch races live-streamed [here](#)

Softball honours for students



Well done to Gabrielle Murare, pictured, who has been named in the Developing Sox U15 Girls team after the wider squad attended a three-day camp in Christchurch.

They will take on the Australian U15 Squad at the Friendship Series in July.

And Congratulations to Kyle Cross, Harry Innes, Jacob Bannister and Roy Tatupu for making the AKLD U14 team. The Blue Sox Academy Tour to the Gold Coast will also be led by one of MAGS coaches, Aaron Taylor, in October.

Premier sport this weekend



The Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams play away tonight to Massey (6pm) and Saint Kentigern (7.30pm) respectively.

Tomorrow, the Football Boys 1st XI are away to Mount Roskill Grammar at noon, while the 1st XV Rugby host Auckland Grammar at 2.30pm.

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



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