



From the Headmaster

Winners and Learners



When Captain of the NZ Black Ferns, Fiao'o Fa'amausili visited MAGS earlier in the year, she talked about either 'winning or learning' on the rugby field.

Fiao'o emphasised the importance of re-framing any loss on the sports field as the best possible opportunity for learning and improvement.

These words have come to mind again in light of recent media coverage regarding a school's decision to remove the annual prizegiving from their school calendar.

Annual prizegiving as an acknowledgement of academic excellence has formed a critical part of a MAGS education for 97 years. Recent times have seen an expansion of this tradition to include awards evenings and celebration dinners for outstanding student achievement in the Arts, Sports, Service and Cultural activities.

It is the breadth and diversity of what we offer here at MAGS that provides the opportunity for everyone to excel in their chosen area.

Prizegivings draw our community together to acknowledge the best of the best of Mount Albert Grammar School students.

Every prizewinner will have needed a toolbox bursting with resilience and persistence to complement the hard work along the way!

Our prizewinners provide inspiration for the rest of us and issue a challenge to keep learning so that we can emulate their success in the future.

Walking across the stage in the F.W. Gamble Hall in recognition of excellence is a valued tradition at MAGS. It must be a goal of every student to be called up on stage at least once during their time at school.

Rest assured, the tradition of prizegiving is safe at MAGS.

Have a good weekend.

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2018 Calendar

Wednesday, November 21

Year 10 Form Class Competition



Thursday, November 22

Year 9 Form Class Competition



Sport

Photo Essays



Junior Girls Gold Volleyball v Parnell College

Click [here](#)

Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Te Puna o Wairaka Dinner



The sounds of waiata and haka rang out at Te Mahurehure Marae as Te Puna o Wairaka celebrated its top students and farewelled its Year 13 leavers last Friday, November 9. MC'ed by Year 12 students Assina Te Paa-Kolio and Richard Mann (pictured left) the event saw Whaea Waimirangi Paul and Matua Peter Walters formalise the announcement of the kaitātaki wahine (female leader) and kaitātaki tāne (male leader) of the Kapa Haka group for 2019. Leaders Sheye Semple and Kaharau Mendes handed over the 'mauri' in the form of a patu and taiaha to the new leaders, Assina Te Paa-Kolio and Kisepi Ma'afu Roberts. For a report and more photos from the evening, click [here](#)

Headmaster awarded Fellowship



Headmaster Mr Patrick Drumm was presented with a 2019 Woolf Fisher Fellowship this week by Mr Nigel Evans (pictured above), the secretary of the Woolf Fisher Trust. Woolf Fisher, of Fisher & Paykel fame, established the fellowships in 1960 to reward leading teachers and principals by sending them overseas to examine different teaching practices. The Fellowship



includes attending a Principals' Course at Harvard University in Boston. Mr Drumm, pictured with wife Anna and daughters Georgina and Jessica, plans to visit schools in the UK and Europe, looking at leadership in big secondary schools, along with character and values-based education programmes in the state schooling sector.

He said, "It is an honour to receive a Woolf Fisher Fellowship for 2019.

"The Fellowship has a strong connection to MAGS with its genesis almost 60 years ago when Woolf Fisher – a MAGS Old Boy himself – provided support for Murray Nairn, the third Headmaster of MAGS, to travel overseas and visit schools. The Woolf Fisher Trust has continued to support many principals over the years that have followed."

Farm staff at Market Day



Toby the lamb from the ASB MAGS Farm was the star turn at Alberton's Market Day last Sunday.

The historic homestead runs the Market Days through the warmer months, and invited Head of Agriculture and Horticulture Esther Hancock and Farm Manager Brett Harris along to talk about the farm.

Ms Hancock spoke about the history and future of the farm and the importance of farming to the economy, while Mr Harris spoke about the animals that are on the farm.

Getting a kick out of self-defence

Instructors from GKR Karate took Year 10 Health students through courses in self-defence throughout this week in the gym.

While the classes were fast-paced and a lot of fun, the students learned some valuable techniques for fending off, distracting and disabling would-be attackers.



Missing NCEA exams through illness

Should your child be sick or otherwise unable to sit any of their NCEA examinations, they need to apply for a derived grade on the official Derived Grade Application Form.

The form is available from Deputy Principal Mark Rivalland at school or online [here](#)

If you require more information, please click [here](#)

The form is completed in part by the student and in part by the professional person who is attesting that the student has a valid reason for not sitting the examination.

Once completed, the form is to be given to Mr Rivalland for processing.

Should you wish to discuss specific concerns, please contact Mr Rivalland on 846 2044 x 8151.

Albertians Association Luncheon and AGM



The Mount Albert Grammar School Albertians Association is pleased to invite you to this year's Albertian Luncheon and Annual General Meeting to be held at 12.30pm on Wednesday, 5 December at School House.

A welcome by Headmaster Mr Patrick Drumm will be followed by a presentation by Board of Trustees Chairman Mr Greg Moyle (who recently returned from Le Quesnoy) and a speech by outgoing Albertians Association President Mr Aftab Moosa.

The cost of the lunch is \$30 per person, payable by cheque or cash as you arrive at School House. Or you can make an online payment to:

MAGS Albertians Association, ASB Bank, Mount Albert:
Account Number: 12 3029 0376398 00
Ref: First and Last Name

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 28 November to Martin Sykes, phone (09) 846 2044 ext. 8135 or email: msykes@mags.school.nz

Fees Free declarations and Gateway

Students going on to further study are eligible for the Government's Fees Free for their first year of study.

All Seniors have been provided information about this and how to apply through their Form Teachers.

We wish to remind students they need to complete the statutory declaration from the Fees Free site and have it witnessed by a Justice of the Peace.

At the Careers Centre, there is one JP who can be seen when available.

Gateway 2019

If you are a student with a good attendance record, are doing a full programme of study and have a career in mind, come and talk with Mrs Church at the Careers Office about Gateway opportunities.

You do not have to do the Gateway class to have a Gateway placement. There are many

flexible options to help give students exposure to possible career paths. Come and discuss what could be waiting for you.

Changes to Tuckshop next year

OUR SCHOOL IS GOING
EAT SMART

Our school canteen service provider, Libelle Group, is teaming up with the Heart Foundation Fueled4Life and BioPak to bring us a Fresh Made approved and eco-friendly packaged menu - Eat Smart.

Smart will be launched at our school and nationwide by the beginning of Term 1, 2019. It is a nutritionally balanced, value-for-money school tuckshop menu offered throughout the country!

meals designed by a team of nutritionists for kiwi school kids, so they have the right fuel to learn!

The message is clear:

EAT WELL. DO BETTER.

So what does this mean for us? Eat

The Eat Smart menu features balanced

We are going digital with Txt My Lunch

Txt My Lunch is the solution to giving parents the guarantee that their hungry learner is getting a healthy, balanced meal - all for just \$6. Use Txt My Lunch to send a lunch directly to a student's phone by text!

Save that 20 minutes of your day making lunch and buy or gift a meal ticket today at www.txtmylunch.co.nz

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QR code on a smartphone screen.

At the beginning of Term 1, 2019, our Tuckshop providers Libelle Group are teaming up with the Heart Foundation, Fueled4Life and BioPak to launch the Eat Smart menu.

The aim is to provide children with healthy, fresh, value-for-money and environmentally sustainable food.

You can find out more [here](#)

Sports update

Isaiah's Kiwis debut



Albertian Isaiah Papali'i (2012-16) made his debut for the Kiwis Rugby League team in their big win against England in the third and final test last weekend. He also knocked over the final conversion in the Kiwis' 34-0 victory.

It's been a fast rise for 20-year-old Isaiah, who captained the Junior Kiwis last month as part of a triple-header when the Kiwis, Kiwi Ferns and Junior Kiwis played their Australian counterparts for the Trans-Tasman Cup at Mt Smart Stadium.

Second-rower Isaiah, a former MAGS 1st XV player who won 1st XV Player of the Year in 2016, has been putting in impressive performances at the Warriors and was named Warriors Rookie Player of the Year at the club's annual awards.

Juniors looking good



Head Boy and Premier Boys softballer Isaac Munro (at centre) went along this week to support the Junior Boys Softball team, who were playing Green Bay High School. They rewarded his attendance with a 23-5 victory.

The Junior Girls also had a good win this week, 9-1 over One Tree Hill College.

General notices



**Specialty produce, artisan crafts,
flowers, food stalls, entertainment,
music, coffee, pop-up tea room!**

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2nd Sunday monthly

Sunday 11 November 2018

Sunday 9 December 2018

Sunday 10 February 2019

Sunday 10 March 2019

Sunday 14 April 2019

10 am - 2 pm

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