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## From the Headmaster

### Beginnings and Endings



A key message across the school at this time of the year has been around the importance of beginnings and endings to periods in our lives.

We are well into the time of celebration and acknowledgement of our achievements throughout the school year.

Prizegivings and awards dinners are being held on an almost daily basis as we mark endings to an immensely successful year for MAGS.

Our recent Leavers' Dinner was a chance for graduates and families to come together to acknowledge a job well done.

Completing 13 years of formal schooling is as much an achievement for students as it is an acknowledgement of the support and investment of parents in their sons and daughters.

I congratulate our MAGS parents who have walked this journey with their children – a journey that almost certainly would not have been a straight road at all times!

In the weeks ahead, our senior students have the opportunity to mark the end to their year in the most appropriate way: the best possible performance in the upcoming NCEA exams – now that will be an ending to remember!

Have a good weekend

**Patrick Drumm**

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## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

**Monday, November 5**

Junior Examinations  
Commence

**Wednesday, November 7**

NCEA Examinations  
Commence

**Friday, November 9**

Te Puna o Wairaka Dinner,  
7pm, Te Mahurehure Marae

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### Sport

#### Photo Essays



Junior Boys Sevens win  
Auckland title, click [here](#)



Boys 1st XI Cricket v Westlake  
Click [here](#)

#### Fixtures and results

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## 2018 Albertian of the Year



*Albertians Association President Aftab Moosa presents Portia Woodman with the Albertian of the Year silver plate.*

Women's rugby star Portia Woodman was named 2018 Albertian of the Year at the MAGS Annual Dinner hosted by Mount Albert Grammar School and the Albertians Association at the Northern Club in Auckland City on Wednesday night.

Portia (2005-09) earned the accolade for 'Services to NZ Sport'. She is the reigning World Rugby Women's Player of the Year, and a Black Ferns member in Sevens and XV's, and has been nominated again for World Rugby Sevens Player of the Year, a title she won in 2015. She is the only player to have won the World Rugby Player of the Year title in Sevens and XV's.

She won a Commonwealth Games Gold medal in Sevens this year, and picked up a Silver medal at the last Olympic Games.

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

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## 2018 Girl and Boy Dux named



The Mount Albert Grammar School Girl Dux and Boy Dux for 2018 are Miriam Leonhardt and Gary He, pictured above with Headmaster Mr Patrick Drumm.

The school's top academic students were named at MAGS' Senior Prizegiving ceremony in the F.W. Gamble Hall on Monday. The event was attended by parents, staff, members of the Board of Trustees, representatives of tertiary scholarship providers, and former Headmasters Mr Greg Taylor and Mr Maurice Hall.

For a report from the prizegiving, more photos and a list of winners, click [here](#)

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## **Pasifika Celebration Dinner**



The Pasifika community came together at the annual MAGS Pasifika Dinner to acknowledge and celebrate the success of MAGS Pasifika students in Academia, Sports, the Performing Arts and Service to Pasifika and the school.

The Best All Round MAGS Pasifika Student for 2018 is MAGS' Deputy Head Girl Rosarina Pillissi (pictured above with Headmaster Mr Patrick Drumm). She was also named Top Year 13 Pasifika Academic Student and Best All Round. Along with Liam Akeli, she won the Tagaloa Peter Su'a Award for Performing Arts, and Rosarina also won the Ulugia-Pua Award for Outstanding Services to Mount Albert Grammar School.

The dinner, on Friday, 26 October at Sorrento in the Park, also acknowledged Tupuola Apisaloma Taulapiu for his 26 years of service as Pasifika Liaison to Mount Albert Grammar School, for which he recently received the 25 Years Service Medallion.

He is the first Pasifika person to have been acknowledged for this and he was congratulated and thanked for his ongoing loyalty and support to Pasifika.

He joined the school in 1992, and since that time, he has worked closely with our Pasifika students, the staff and our Pasifika community. He has been part of the school's strategic plan in raising academic achievement and ensuring the well-being of our students. Mr Taulapiu is pictured above right with Soane Vikena, Pasifika Sportsman of the



Year.

There was also thanks to the Pasifika Parents' Network (PPN), under the leadership of Katerina Taumaoe, for their tireless work year-round, fundraising so that the dinner allows successes to be celebrated and for as many students as possible to attend. Without their support the success of this event would not be possible.

For a full list of winners and more photos, click [here](#)

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## Prefects for 2019



*This year's Prefect Leaders, Rosarina Pillissi, Hannah Houghton, Isaac Munro and Billy McColl on their last day at school.*

MAGS is very excited to announce the 2019 leadership group who have been chosen from an exceptional field of students through a rigorous process.

The Prefect's role carries great responsibility around service, leadership and guardianship of our school culture.

All 2019 Prefects must attend the compulsory Prefects Camp (Friday, November 30 – Sunday, 2 December).

Please note the Prefects Executive Team (Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies) will be announced after this time. Head Boy Isaac Munro and Head Girl Hannah Houghton will hand over the korowai donated by the Gallagher-Sullivan family to their successors.

**Girls:** Abbey-Jean Kaipara, Aka Bloomfield, Alyssa Houma, Assina Te Paa-Kolio, Charlotte Barrand, Claudia Saunders, Ella Brislen, Emily Thurman, Eva Williams, Holly Chaafe, India Bulman, Jamila Chen, Karla Akeli, Maraea Ah Kuoi-Atmore, Maxime van Luijken, Sarah Sherlock, Sophie Rippon, Sophie Thomson, Takunda Muzondiwa, Theresa Anisi, Yuwen Mora Ye.

**Boys:** Adam Bateman, Darhys Simone, Dylan Moon, Eli Margison, Frank Anderson, Germain Hellriegel-White, Gio Aguilar, Hasan Pathan, Hayden Aish, Isaac Young Montgomerie, Jake

Paxton, Jordan McCrae, Karkeat Low, Lachlan Pearce, Logan Allomes, Orion Schmok, Oscar Graham, Philip Taua, Richard Mann, Thomas Brendolise, Vaughn Mika.

Congratulations to all our 2019 Prefects on their appointment. We trust that the 2019 Year 13 student body will support this group in their significant role.

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## Fond farewells at Leavers' Dinner



The Year 13 students of 2018 enjoyed their last chance to get together at the annual Leavers' Dinner, held at the Alexandra Park function centre on Monday.

The relaxed evening was MC'ed by Deputy Principal Shameen Hayat. Headmaster Mr Patrick Drumm said the school had prepared the Year 13s well for life beyond MAGS but now it was up to them to fulfil their potential and he wished them well with that.



Each student received a Graduation Certificate and was welcomed as an Albertian by Mr Dale Griffiths of the Albertians Association.

Head Prefects Isaac Munro and Hannah Houghton gave their final speeches, with reflections on their time at MAGS and how far they had come since starting at the school. Year 13 Deans Mr Gordon Smith and Ms Natalie Absolum (pictured above) also gave speeches, saying it was a privilege to see how much their charges had grown as people since Year 9, and how much they had achieved. Mr Smith issued one last challenge to the Years 13s, saying he wanted them to be the "most valued year group", setting academic records in their end-of-year exams that would take years to break.

Ms Absolum and Mr Smith also featured in the MAGS Leavers' Video, a humorous look at school life that is always a highlight of the evening. The video should be available to view

on YouTube soon.

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

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## Year 11 Prizegiving



*Top Year 11 students (from left to right): Bethany Fletcher, Eric Shen, Eloise Muir and Vaibhav Nayyar.*

Eloise Muir and Vaibhav Nayyar won the top awards at the Year 11 Prizegiving, held in the F.W. Gamble Hall on October 26.

They were named the Best All-Round Girl and Boy, winning The Brian Murphy Cup and The Warwick Gibbs Cup respectively.

The two other top prizes for Year 11 were won by Bethany Fletcher (The Jo Williams Cup for Diligence) and Eric Shen (The Robert Willmott Memorial Prize for Quality of Effort).

For a report from the prizegiving, more photos and a list of winners, click [here](#)

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## Faolan Okan taps into talent





Faolan Okan travelled to Wellington last weekend and came back with the NZAMD Tap Scholarship for 2018.

Selected students from around NZ who have achieved Distinction in their examinations vie for the trophy and a \$1200 scholarship.

Faolan, in Year 11, had received Distinction and a perfect score for his Solo Seal. He is pictured with international teacher and choreographer Keith Clifton, who was this year's judge.

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## **Year 10 Sports winners and Lions**



At a Special Assembly this week, the Year 10 Sports Winners and Lions for 2018 were announced and presented with their trophies and/or certificates. For a list of the winners and Sport Lions , click [here](#)

## Sports update

### Boys U15s Sevens win Auckland Champs



MAGS' U15 Boys Sevens team completed the trifecta of AKSS Sevens Rugby titles following on from the Senior Boys' and Girls' wins. Unfortunately, the school could not field an U15 Girls team because the girls had too many

other commitments.

The U15 Boys came from behind to win the final against De La Salle College 34-14, having beaten National Condor champions Kelston Boys High School in a tight semi-final.

However, despite defending their Auckland title, the U15s do not get to go to the Condor Sevens national tournament as it is invitation-only at U15 level.

The Senior Boys and Girls are preparing for the tournament, which starts on November 29.

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## Terrell Peita up for 1st XV Player of Year



First XV Rugby captain Terrell Peita has been nominated as one of the five finalists for Boys First XV Player of the Year.

The No.8 from the Te Rarawa Kaiwhare tribe also captained the New Zealand U18 Maori team, who upset both the Barbarians Schools and Fiji.

You can vote for Terrell [here](#)

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## Sataan Tawera in Basketball U15s

Sataan Poutasi Tiare Tawera has been named in the Aon New Zealand Boy Basketball team to compete in the FIBA Oceania U15 Championships in December, to be held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Sataan was named after a selection camp held over Labour Weekend.



## Princess Elliott joins Sevens programme



Princess Elliott has joined nationally ranked sprinters, provincial netballers, age-grade AFL stars, and New Zealand Secondary Schools rugby representatives named to take part in a high-performance Sevens Rugby programme.

New Zealand Rugby is behind Ignite7, designed to uncover the next generation of Sevens superstars.

Athletes will be split into four men's and four women's teams, with playoffs broadcast live on Sky Sport 1 from The Trusts Arena on Saturday, 24 November.

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# Auckland Sportsperson nominations

Congratulations to all the MAGS students named as Auckland Young Sportsperson of the Year Finalists for 2018:

Addi Albert-Jones – Netball, Antonio Wulf – Touch, Beth Reid – Softball, Brearna Crawford – Swimming, Brock Evans – Softball, Floyd Nola – Softball, Hannah Houghton – Distance Running, James Dougal – Gym sports, Kayne Mave – Touch, Liam Thompson – Orienteering, Mikayla Cross – Softball, Samuel Kamu – Rugby League, Sharne Pupuke-Ropati – Basketball, Taine Slaughter – Softball, Tessa Talo-Tomokino – Basketball.

And congratulations to cricket coach Tony Sail, who has been nominated for Service to Secondary School Sport.

The awards will be held at Eden Park on Thursday, 22 November.

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## General notices

St Luke's Church

# QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm  
St. Luke's Church Hall

**A SUBSTANTIAL SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED  
THROUGHOUT THE EVENING ALONG WITH TEA  
AND COFFEE**

**\$20**  
per ticket

Soft drinks are also available and alcohol for a koha  
Bring money for silent auctions and raffles



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