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From the Headmaster

Juniors to the Fore



With the end of the year fast approaching and NCEA exams in full swing, Year 9s and 10s have the opportunity to get involved in a variety of different learning activities.

The Junior School Inter-Form Class Competition finals were held this week and it was clear that students enjoyed the competitive edge of inter-form events as well as the opportunity to have fun with their friends.

Likewise, Year 8 students who will be joining the MAGS community in 2019 have visited over the past few weeks for academic testing as well as trialling for sports, drama and dance academies.

It's great to see students with the enthusiasm and commitment to get fully involved at MAGS before they have even started.

The recruitment of high-quality teaching staff is crucial for MAGS to continue offering all students the best possible educational opportunities.

We are fortunate that there is a strong interest in working at MAGS and we have been able to fill teaching and leadership positions for 2019 with talented professionals who will add to the richness of our school.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2018 Calendar

Thursday, November 29

Condor Sevens Rugby tournament begins

Friday, November 30

Prefects Camp begins

NZSS Athletics Championships



Sport

Photo Essays



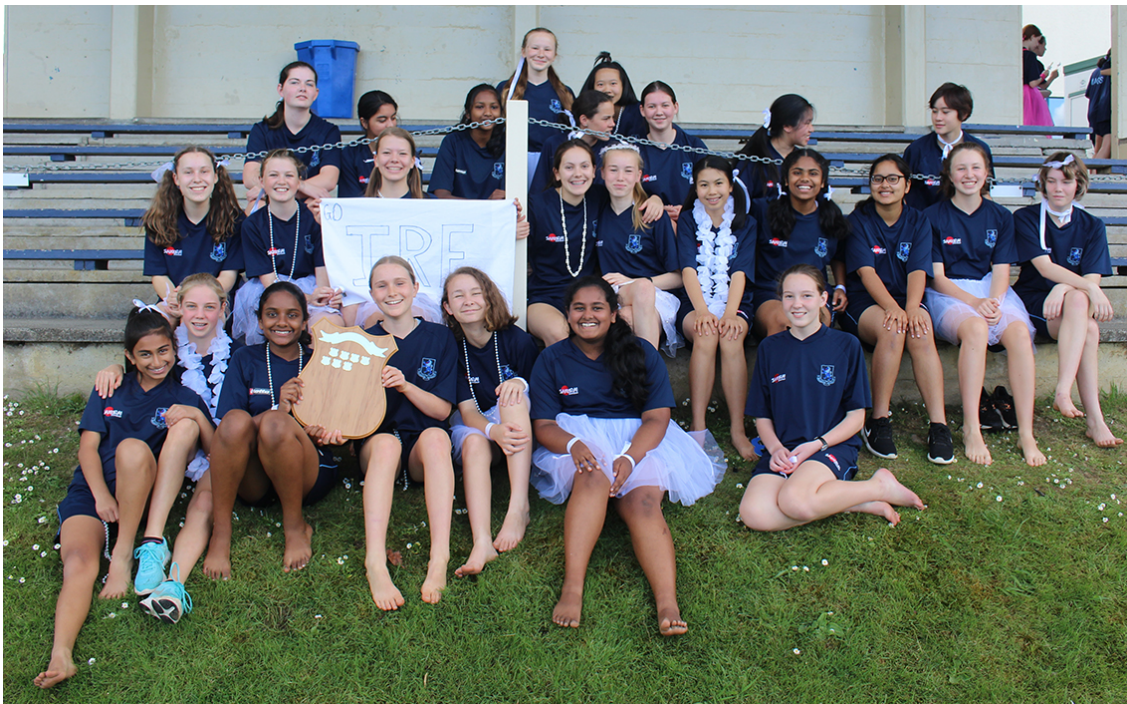
Junior Girls Touch v EGGS

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Fixtures and results

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Form Class competition wraps up



Competition was fierce but fun-filled as the 2018 Junior School Inter-Form Class Competition came to a conclusion with finals days yesterday and on Wednesday.

Bad weather prevented the Year 10 Girls finals from going ahead on the morning of 21 November, with their competition to be rescheduled next week.

Points gained in the finals day challenges were added to those gathered through the year and the winning form classes announced. The



year-long competition is a fun series of challenges, with classes gaining points depending on their placings in each event. Extra points are given for participation, support, fair play and team work.

The competition – overseen by Year 9 Boys Dean Kerry Baker – includes both academic and sporting challenges, and aims to help junior students settle into high school life and get to know each other and the school, while learning new skills and games.

This year they have taken part in quizzes, Ultimate Vortex, Basketball Shooting, Rowing, Cross Country, a Social Studies Quiz, and an Art Competition.

On finals day, they played games such as Long Ball, Capture the Flag, Killer Ball and Sideline Turbo Touch.

Overall winners are treated to a movie, while the winners on finals day get a pizza lunch.

This year, 10WGV won overall and on finals day so they go to a movie but because they can't claim both prizes, second place-getters on finals day 10DNA score the pizza.

Overall winners for Year 9 Boys were 9MZS, and for Year 9 Girls it was 9IRE.

On finals day, the Year 9 Girls winners were 9DRK, and the Year 9 Boys winners were 9PWL, earning themselves a pizza lunch.

For more photos and results from the day, click [here](#)

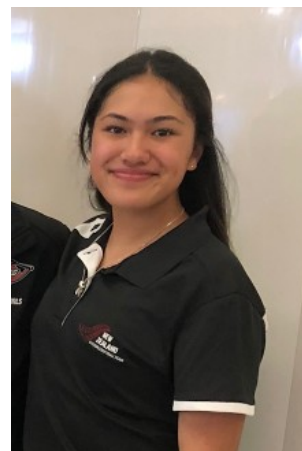
Sportsperson of the year winners

Our top sports people were recognised last night at the Young Sports Person of the Year awards.

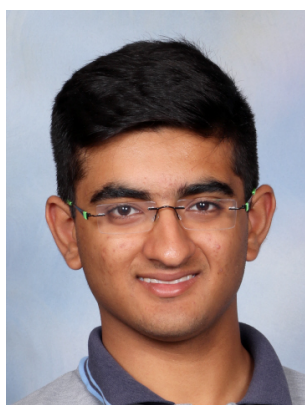
Winners of their categories were Sharne Pupuke-Robati (Basketball), Liam Thompson (Orienteering), Taine Slaughter (Softball), Beth Reid (Softball), and cricket coach Tony Sail was recognised for Service to Sport.

Beth Reid (pictured) was also one of four finalists for Sportswoman of the Year.

Our other finalists in their sports were: Hannah Houghton (Distance Running), Tessa Talo-Tomokino (Basketball), James Dougal (Gym Sports), Kayne Mave (Touch), Antonio Wulf (Touch), Samuel Kamu (Rugby League), Floyd Nola (Softball), Brock Evans (Softball), Mikayla Cross (Softball), Addi Albert-Jones (Netball), and Brearna Crawford (Swimming).



Shalin's potential recognised



Shalin Shah has been picked among 40 talented senior secondary school students to find answers to challenging questions posed by scientists at *Powering Potential*, taking place in Wellington from 10-13 December.

Organised by Royal Society Te Apārangi in partnership with Freemasons New Zealand, *Powering Potential* will bring many of New Zealand's most promising science students together to work alongside a scientist or PhD student, who will act as their mentor over three days. The students will work in teams of five on a question submitted by their mentor.

Online safety presentation

MAGS is excited to be able to host a seminar with John Parsons, New Zealand's leading authority on safeguarding children online.

On Monday, December 3, at 7pm in the F.W. Gamble Hall, Mr Parsons (pictured) will cover topics such as online grooming, sexting, damaged reputations, cyber bullying, reputation management, learning to repel and report, and future-proofing for employment.

Mr Parsons' message is clear: "Educating young people to understand the value of identity

is the first step to using ICT safely and ethically and therefore educating young people to respect and protect friends and family identity is the second step.”

We understand that the last week of school is a very busy time for all but Mr Parsons is booked up to two years in advance and this may be your only opportunity to hear from him. You are encouraged to bring your Year 9 or 10 child, too.

MAGS wishes to continue to bring in highly relevant and experienced speakers and therefore we would appreciate a gold coin donation on entry to the hall.



Venue: Mt Albert Grammar School F.W. Gamble Hall.

Date: Monday, December 3.

Time: 7.00pm – 8.15pm (approx).

For more information, click [here](#)

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

Back gate closure from Monday

The school was advised yesterday by a member of the Auckland Council that there has been a change of date to works to be carried out on the pedestrian bridge and culvert at the back of the school.

The council advises that this is to commence on Monday, November 26 (as opposed to their previous advice that work would begin on Monday, December 3) and that the pedestrian bridge will be closed.

As a result, there will be no access either in or out of the school via the back gate from Monday, November 26. The school has not been told how long this work will take.

Students who usually enter and exit via this gate will need to factor this into their day, especially those who are still sitting NCEA examinations and who up until this point have been able to use this gate at the beginning of the day.

Students will need to use the boardwalk along the School House boundary and be aware of the extra time this will take.

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 students 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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WWW.LIBELLE.CO.NZ

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

Junior Boys win Touch Rugby final



The Junior Girls and Boys Touch Rugby teams played their finals this week, with the Boys being crowned champions and the Girls finishing third.

For a photo essay of the Boys' 7-6 win in the final over St Peter's College, click [here](#)

The Girls were beaten by EGGs in the semis – you can see a photo essay from that game [here](#) They then went on to beat Marist College in the 3rd/4th playoff.

Novice rowers enjoy success



New rowers to the MAGSROW squad enjoyed a successful start to the season at Lake Karapiro last weekend, competing for West End Rowing Club. The Girls Novice Coxed Four finished second, the Boys Novice Coxed Four came third, and the Boys Coxed Quad Sculls ended up fourth.

A number of crews made the finals, including Holly Chaafe, who won the Girls Under 18 Single Sculls. It was also the final race for Jacopo Salvatori, pictured right, who returns home to Milan, Italy after being an international student at MAGS since mid-July.



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

FREE ENTRY

Discounted entry to the house

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