



## From the Headmaster

## Weekly Notices

### Time to Reflect and Look Forward



NCEA examinations, which have taken place over the past four weeks, conclude today.

Next Thursday, we will hold our Junior Prizegiving celebrations for Year 9 and 10 students that will also mark the end of the school year.

The summer break will give students and staff alike time to relax, refresh and reflect on all that has been achieved this year.

It is also the time to think about the range of opportunities that 2019 will hold. Across the four pillars – Academia, Arts, Service and Sport – MAGS offers innumerable opportunities for students to achieve their personal best or to try something new.

Our 2019 Prefects have left today for their leadership camp weekend. We look forward to the announcement of the Head Prefects for 2019 at the Junior Prizegivings.

This week has seen the acknowledgment of our staff who are leaving MAGS, collectively over 40 years of service. We are grateful for the contribution that each staff member has made both within and beyond the classroom and we wish them well for their future.

Have a good weekend

**Patrick Drumm**



### Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the 2018 Calendar

**Wednesday, December 5**  
BYOD Q&A Session, The Library, 4pm-6.30pm

**Thursday, December 6**  
Junior School Prizegiving and Last Day of School

**Friday, December 7**  
School Closed



### Sport

#### Photo Essays



Junior Boys Softball  
Click [here](#)

Fixtures and results  
Click [here](#)

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## Year 10 Girls complete competition



After a weather postponement last week, Year 10 Girls finally got to complete their year-long Inter-Form Class Competition yesterday, with 10GRG being declared overall winners, claiming the shield and a trip to the movies.

Winners of the sporting challenges yesterday were 10WOL, who receive a pizza lunch for their efforts.

This year, Year 9 and 10 form classes have taken part in quizzes, Ultimate Vortex, Basketball Shooting, Rowing, Cross Country and an Art Competition. For more photos and for results overall and from finals day, click [here](#)

## Shearing her experience



The ASB MAGS Farm is about hands-on experience (as well as classroom learning) and that was the case yesterday as girl and boy students worked as rouseabouts – clearing, handling and baling wool – while Lisa Kendall, of Nurture Farming, got stuck into shearing some of the farm's sheep.

Braver students got to handle the sheep and trace the blows that a shearer would make on the sheep using chalk.

Lisa is a great role model for the students, being passionate about rural life and agricultural work.

She is one of the few women to have made the grand finals of the Young Farmer of the Year, and is a director of Nurture Farming, an agricultural contracting company that does everything from fencing to consultancy work.

## Derived Grades for missed exams

Did your child miss an NZQA exam through illness, accident or another unfortunate event? He or she may be eligible for a Derived Grade.

Requests for a derived grade must be made on the prescribed application form available in hard copy from Deputy Principal Mark Rivalland or from the NZQA website [here](#)

Completed applications must be with Mr Rivalland by Thursday, 6 December so they can be processed in time.



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## Academic testing catch-up

Any students in Year 9 in 2019 or those who are new to the school in Year 10 in 2019 who have not completed Academic Testing, please meet at the Student Centre on Wednesday, 23 January at 8.45am.

Academic Testing is from 9am to 12pm on the day.

Any queries, please contact [enrolment@mags.school.nz](mailto:enrolment@mags.school.nz)

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## School closedown and re-opening

The last day that Mount Albert Grammar School is open is Thursday, 6 December, and that includes the Enrolment and Finance Offices.

That is also the day of Junior Prizegiving and the last day for Year 9s and 10s. Year 10 Prizegiving is at 9.30am, Year 9s at 12.30pm.

After the summer break, the Enrolment Office will be open again next year on Wednesday, 23 January.

Mount Albert Grammar School enrolments should be done online [here](#)

The Finance Office will be open again on Tuesday, 29 January **for Year 9 only**. For all other years, the Finance Office is open from Wednesday, 30 January.

Year 9s start school on Tuesday, 29 January, with the full school in on the next day – Wednesday, 30 January.



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## Uniform Shop hours over summer holidays

The Uniform Shop will be open until December 13 and then is closed for the holidays, reopening on Monday, January 7, 2019.

It will also be open on Auckland Anniversary Day – Monday, January 28 – from 9am-12pm to alleviate any last-minute rush before school opens for Year 9s on January 29 and the full school on January 30.

For the full hours, click [here](#)

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## Spreading love with Christmas cards



When told that many people experience extreme loneliness over the Christmas period, Junior School students were keen to help to remedy this situation.

Students from 9MZS, 9KNA, 10SAL, 10 DNA, 10WOL, 10GRG, 10SLE and 10AHN created handcrafted Christmas cards filled with messages of love and kindness for the elderly and the lonely in rest homes.

English Teacher Mary Niulesa said, "All too often, today's youth are accused of being self-interested and driven solely by social media. However, a large number of our students clearly disproved that negative stereotype in their efforts over the last week.

"The levels of kindness and compassion that emanated from our students during the production of these cards was both truly profound to witness and very empowering for the students. Through a simple act of kindness our students were able to demonstrate their true community spirit and this task allowed them to understand the incredible impact they can have on the world around them. This is the second year that students here at MAGS have joined with Sending Love to make a real impact in communities right across the country."

Sending Love started last year when Hannah and Jayden Rogers realised that many elderly in rest homes suffered greatly from loneliness. So, the Auckland-based mother and her five-year-old son wrote Christmas cards for the elderly in their local rest home. This simple act has now morphed into a nationwide movement, which you can find out more about [here](#)



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## 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](#)

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## Student device use in 2019



In 2019, students at all levels will be expected to bring their own device to assist with learning in the classroom.

Full information about this is on our school website [here](#)

Please note:

- We are aware that some families have purchased other devices for use at intermediate school. These will continue to be suitable as well, as long as they have a screen size of at

least 7.9".

- A mobile phone is not considered by the School to be a suitable primary device for learning, especially with regards to the creation of published work.
- A device which is more than three years old is usually not a good option for students. They are slower, cannot always update to the latest software and their batteries may not last the school day.

If purchasing a device, the school has arranged special pricing with Cyclone Computing and PB Tech via this link [here](#)

Other retailers will also offer special deals worth considering in the lead-up to Christmas and in January.

### **Q & A Evening**

Parents and caregivers of students enrolled for 2019 may have questions about devices for learning in addition to the information provided on the school website. Deputy Principal John Stradwick and Elise Goddard, the Director of E-Learning, will be available to answer these questions next week.

**Date:** Wednesday, 5 December, 2018

**Venue:** The Library, Mount Albert Grammar School

**Time:** 4pm-6.30pm (please drop in at any time with your questions)

If you have any queries, please email Mrs Elise Goddard, the Director of E-Learning, [egoddard@mags.school.nz](mailto:egoddard@mags.school.nz)

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## **Adobe Creative Cloud 2019 Subscriptions**

Adobe Creative Cloud device licences are again available to our students for an annual subscription. The cost for 2019 will be \$13.

Adobe has introduced a new scheme for students called "named-user licences" and reduced the cost considerably.

A named-user licence includes all the latest Adobe Creative Cloud desktop apps. It includes all the latest Adobe mobile apps, including Capture CC and Photoshop Mix. The licence also includes file sharing and syncing.

The Adobe software programmes that we use in the senior school include Photoshop, Light Room, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro and After Effects. These are the current industry standard programmes for designing work for print, web and moving image.

A student may install the software on a laptop and on a machine at home, but only use Creative Cloud on one computer at a time. There is no need to request two licences.

The School can only offer licences to our students with a school email address, not to families.

Adobe Creative Cloud is not required, but access on a home computer provides students studying NCEA courses in Art Design, Photography and Media Studies with a significant advantage. The software is also useful for many other subjects.

Payment for a 2019 subscription will need to be made before Friday, 8 February, 2019. We will make the order according to payments made. The best option is to use online banking for the \$13 payment to this account:12-3029-0300684-00. Please make sure you include references as follows: **Student Name** and **Adobe**.





This will help you avoid queues at the start of the school year. You may also pay at the Finance Office when it is open during term time.

Students can access and use all Adobe software programs on their laptop or home desktop computer for 12 months. The licence is for Windows or Mac Computers. It is not available for Android tablets, nor iPads. Those with Adobe Creative

Cloud in 2018 will need a new subscription if it is still required in 2019. The 2018 subscription expires on Friday, 8 February 2019.

This offer is available to all students at Mount Albert Grammar School. Although this offer is in place to assist senior students, junior students also wanting to have an Adobe Creative Cloud annual subscription may do so. Please remember that Adobe Creative Cloud is not for iPads, nor Android devices, although some mobile apps are available.

If you have any queries with regards to this offer, please contact Mrs Elise Goddard, the Director of E-Learning, via email, [egoddard@mags.school.nz](mailto:egoddard@mags.school.nz)

## The Steeplechase Shield



This shield was presented by RB Brown in 1927.

There was no RB Brown on the staff, nor on the Board of Governors and he cannot be found in class lists. He may have been a father of a boy at school or a benefactor.

The Steeplechase is now called the Cross Country. The class of each finisher was recorded and points allocated; the class with the greatest number of points was the winner for that year.

Once the shield was full in 1959, there was not a second shield. In 1960 no results were recorded in The Albertian. From 1961 on, the first six finishers were recorded for each of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior races, though the form classes were not recorded.

You can see more from the archives [here](#)

## Back boundary gate closed

Due to Auckland Council works commencing on the pedestrian bridge and culvert at the back of the school, there is no access either in or out of the school via the back gate.

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

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## 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:  
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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](#)

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## Sports update

### Athletes at NZSS Championships



You can follow the progress of MAGS' athletes competing in track and field today and through the weekend at the NZSS Championships in Dunedin [here](#) where there are live results and comprehensive start sheets.

MAGS athletes and their events are listed [here](#) and there will be updates on the MAGS Athletics and Distance Running Facebook page [here](#)

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## Junior Boys Softball steamroll opposition



Well done to the Junior Boys Softball team, who cleaned up at the Auckland Junior One Day Tournament at Rosedale Park yesterday.

They won all five games: 15-0, 21-0, 20-0, 18-0 (semifinal) and the final 24-0.

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## Condor Sevens Nationals



Three teams are competing at the Condor National Sevens at Sacred Heart College. The Boys U15s played pool games yesterday, winning all three against Palmerston North Boys, Wesley College and St Kentigern. A 15-19 loss this morning to Hastings Boys High knocked them out of contention for the semis but a win against Sacred Heart put them into a playoff for 5th/6th. The Senior Girls and Boys play their pool games tomorrow, with knockout games on Sunday. Tomorrow, the Senior Girls play Tauranga Girls (9.30am), Manurewa High (11.50am) and Manukura High (2.50pm). Senior Boys play De La Salle (10.30am), Otago Boys (12.50pm) and Hastings Boys (3.10pm). If you can't make it to the ground, most games can be watched via SidelineApp, with feature games televised live on Sky TV.

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## Strong finish for Junior Girls Softball



The Junior Girls Softball team beat St Mary's 11-1 to make it into the final against Rutherford, at the Auckland Central Zone Competition on Wednesday at Eden/Roskill. Unfortunately, the Girls couldn't keep that winning streak going and went down 1-7 but did supremely well to come runners-up in this weekly competition. They were also runners-up to Rutherford yesterday in the Auckland Junior One Day Tournament.

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## **Lawn Bowls team rolling along nicely**



In the second inter-school tournament that the MAGS Lawn Bowls Club has entered in its first year, two teams played great bowls in the Secondary Schools Junior Pairs Tournament yesterday.

Bella Krikorian and Liam Baber won 4 from 4 to become the A Green winners, while Ruby Wilson and Imogen King won 3 of their 4 games - only losing in a tie-breaker to the eventual B Green winners.

Liam also won the fun 'Corner 2 Corner' event with Ruby being second closest to the jack. A fantastic MAGS showing in these players' first tournament.

In the first tournament MAGS LBC entered, it won the Girls Pairs Trophy in Term 1.

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