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## From the Headmaster

### The Gold Lion

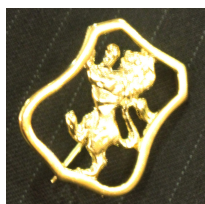


Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

A proud point of difference in a MAGS education centres around the breadth of learning opportunities that we offer.

The experiences and opportunities offered within each of our Four Pillars (Academic, Sport, Arts and Service) ensure there is something for everyone at MAGS. There is no excuse for not finding your niche in our school – a context where you can strive to be the best you can be.

Many MAGS students seize the chance to excel in more than one Pillar and as such are recognised in each Pillar with the highly valued Lion Award. And then there are a group of exceptional students who achieve excellence across every Pillar – true all-rounders of the highest quality!



At our recent Senior Prizegiving it was a delight to recognize seven students (pictured above), who have received a Lion Award in each of the MAGS Pillars and as such have been awarded a Gold Lion.

Of special mention is our Head Girl, Takunda Muzondiwa, who becomes the first student to receive a Gold Lion in both Year 12 and Year 13!

Congratulations to these exceptional students on gaining this premier award. The breadth of your success has set the standard for all in our community.

## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

#### Wednesday, November 13

BYOD Drop-in Session,  
3.30pm to 6.30pm  
(details below)

#### Tuesday, November 19

Junior Bytes concert,  
Centennial Theatre, 7pm  
(details below)

#### Thursday, November 21

Year 9 Interform Competition

#### Friday, November 22

Year 10 Interform  
Competition



### Sport

#### Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

#### Photo Essays



Touch Junior Girls A v EGGs  
Click [here](#)

All the best to our senior students, who began NCEA Examinations today.

Have a good weekend.

**Patrick Drumm**  
Headmaster



Touch Junior Boys A  
Click [here](#)

## Te Puna o Wairaka Prizegiving Dinner



*Te Puna Leavers, from left, Tuhaka Te Pou Kohere, Abbey-Jean Kaipara, Phoenix Karaitiana, Richard Mann, Assina Te Paa-Kolio, Kisepi Ma'afu-Roberts and Tylah Williams. Absent: Princess Elliott.*

Te Puna o Wairaka celebrated its Leavers and achievers at a special dinner on Monday night at Te Mahurehure Marae.

There was also a formal hand-over of the kaitātaki wahine (female leader) and kaitātaki tāne (male leader) for the Kapa Haka group in 2020. The sounds of waiata and haka rang out as this year's leaders Assina Te Paa-Kolio and Kisepi Ma'afu Roberts handed over the 'mauri' in the form of a taiaha and patu to the two new leaders: Niuia Pomare-Khanna and Charlotte Mann (pictured right).

Headmaster Patrick Drumm was the first speaker on the night – MC'ed by Year 12 students Niuia Pomare-Khanna and Tayla Bamber – and he emphasised the importance of Te Puna in keeping te reo alive, empowering Māori students and maintaining diversity at MAGS.

Junior members of Te Puna performed a haka in tribute to the Year 13s, who performed

their own thunderous haka towards the end of proceedings.

When it came to the awards, Abbey-Jean Kaipara won the Top Senior Academic Award and was named All-Round Top Senior Student.

Richard Mann won the “Manu Tute” Award For Services to Puna and the wider community, while Assina Te Paa-Kolio received the “He toka tū” Award For Contribution to Kapa Haka. Bree Tipene was All-Round Top Junior Girl, and the All-Round Top Junior Boy was Isaiah Nin. The Top Junior Academic Award went to Nikora Morehu. The award for Top Senior Māori Language Orator went to Niua Pomare-Khanna, and Te Waaka Popata-Henare was named Top Junior Māori Language Orator.

When it came to sports achievement, Princess Elliott won the senior award and Stella-Rose Woodman the junior award.

For more about the night and more photos, click [here](#)



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## Albertian of the Year: Greg Cave



Associate Academic Dean and HoD Classics Greg Cave is retiring at the end of this year after 46 years of teaching at MAGS but not before being named Albertian of the Year. Mr Cave will be recognised as Albertian of the Year at the annual Albertians Christmas Luncheon to be held at School House at 12pm on Tuesday, November 26.

As a student, Mr Cave spent five years at MAGS before coming back to teach. His father attended MAGS from 1923, and Greg's two sons came to MAGS in the 1980s.

Greg began at MAGS in 1974 as a teacher of Latin. During his time he taught French and Economics, and introduced Japanese as a subject in 1980.

He has been invaluable in his Academic Deaning role, supporting students as they prepare to transition to university and tertiary study.

Tickets to the Christmas Luncheon are \$35 each and can be paid for on the day at School House but please RSVP to confirm your attendance with Events Manager Emma John via [events@mags.school.nz](mailto:events@mags.school.nz). You can also email her for more details about the event or for how to pay online.

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## **Tribute to Mr Cave at Assembly**



Greg Cave's 46 years of service to MAGS was acknowledged at a Year 13 Assembly by Caitlin Baber (pictured above), who is in Mr Cave's Year 13 Classics class.

Caitlin said, "Mr Cave's expertise is so wide-ranging, coming into class you don't even know what you'll be getting; but one thing's for sure you can expect a crossword about it.

"Mr Cave is notorious for having dry yet timeless dad jokes. His classroom is decorated wall-to-wall not with typical classroom décor, but rather with random memes from Facebook, which he points to when he tries to tell us off. A personal favourite of his would be when you're caught talking and he comes in with a "Is my teaching interrupting your talking?", pointing to a meme on the wall with the same inscription.

"He is also a very keen supporter of all things sport, particularly rugby. He coached third grade rugby with intense passion and dedication for the sport. Mr Gibbs has mentioned that "he was not a calm coach" and that "he had issues with incompetent referees which he was very happy to point out to them". This just proves that Mr Cave is willing to go the extra mile for his students and will stop at nothing to ensure they achieve and get the success they deserve.

"Regardless of if you know him or not, he knows you. As strange as it sounds, Mr Cave probably knows every little detail about every one of you in this hall. He has sifted through countless university accommodation applications, unbeknownst to you he had a part to play in your plans for next year. He will be slaving away writing up favourable testimonials over the exam period, which is a huge ask for a cohort of over a few hundred people. So when you leave this school and go job-hunting, just remember Mr Cave's effort.

"Mr Cave, I would just like to say thank you for everything you have done, you are a one-of-a-kind teacher. We wish you all the best for your retirement and for the future. Thank you sir."

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**Junior Bytes tickets on sale Monday**



The Junior Bytes concert and presentation of the Junior Arts badges will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 19 November at Centennial Theatre, AGS in Epsom.

The concert will present the best performances by our talented Junior students in Dance, Drama, Music and, this year for the first time, Spoken Word, as well as a display of Visual Art.

Tickets will be available from Monday, 11 November from the MAGS Finance Office and are adults \$20, students and pensioners \$15, MAGS staff and students and children under 12 \$10.

Come and support the next generation of MAGS artists on what is sure to be a fantastic night.

## Measles concerns at exam time

### Measles during exams

Measles can stop students sitting exams and taking part in end-of-year activities.

If students get measles they may miss NCEA and other exams.

Their friends and classmates may also have to stay away from exams, if they have not had a measles vaccination.

**Doctors will vaccinate your young person for FREE.**

Do it now, so measles doesn't interfere with exams, sports, camps, activities or holidays.

**Be aware of measles symptoms:**

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Rash
- Sore red eyes

**For advice, call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116)**

**Measles info at: [arphs.health.nz/measles](http://arphs.health.nz/measles)**



The Auckland Regional Public Health Service reports that while the number of measles cases is declining, the virus is still circulating in Auckland school communities.

It advises parents to ensure that their children are immunised.

For secondary schools this is a worrying time with external exams underway. Unvaccinated students exposed to measles – or mumps – may need to miss NCEA and other exams.

MMR vaccines have been prioritised for anyone under the age of 30 and teachers under the age of 50 years.

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## Cover art winner



Year 13 student Ryan Snook has won the Play It Strange Cover Art Competition, with his work *Sludge*. Ryan won a \$300 Gordon Harris art

supply voucher and his work will be the cover art for the 2019 Play It Strange Lion Foundation Songwriting Competition.

Play It Strange was established in 2003 and encourages young people to get into songwriting through competitions and various programmes.

The judges said of Ryan's work: "From the cool variety of entries received the judges kept coming back to *Sludge* – one character in a deep state of thought and the other sitting on the shoulder perhaps in a support role. We loved the use of colour, too!"



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## Food challenge champions



*From left, Science teacher Blanche D’Cunha with winners David Wu, Liam Middlebrook, Max Hertzum and David Li, along with food challenge mentor and Albertian Sarah Leakey.*

Four Year 11 students triumphed in the NZIFST CREST Food Innovation Challenge, for which senior secondary school students must develop a consumer food product. David Wu, Max Hertzum, David Li and Liam Middlebrook were mentored by Tip Top and the winning product they created was a protein-enriched milk tea-flavoured ice cream, ‘Wheytea’. The production of Wheytea was extensive and difficult as the ice cream had to be made using commercial grade agents such as emulsifiers and stabilisers. Students must follow the principles of food product development as used in the food industry. Two MAGS teams began the challenge in early February this year and worked hard to produce two high-quality products. Each team received sponsorship of \$250 towards the cost.

The other group was mentored by Kerry and produced a high-protein chocolate drink ‘Pro-Teen’. This group was also comprised of Year 11 students: Pasilika Ulugia-Pua and (pictured below with Mrs D’Cunha) Jessica Marginson, Genevieve Taua and Tamasa Lavea. ‘Pro-Teen’ received a highly commended from the judges





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## Tuck Shop becoming more sustainable

MAGS' Tuckshop is aiming at becoming more sustainable by using biodegradable packaging and cutlery.

Cold meals are served in BioPak packaging, made from sustainably sourced, rapidly renewable materials. The items in the warmers and on the shelves that look like they are wrapped in plastic are actually in Natureflex Cello Bags, which are both biodegradable and compostable.

The cutlery is a bamboo product, and containers are made from a natural sugar cane pulp.

The Tuckshop, run by Libelle Group, is also in the process of changing all of its cleaning products to biodegradable products.

You can see the Tuckshop's Eat Smart menu and learn about Txt My Lunch [here](#)



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## BYOD Drop-in Session

There will be a BYOD drop-in question time from 3.30pm to 6.30pm next Wednesday, 13 November in the school library.

Parents are encouraged to come along to discuss which device from those recommended will best suit their child's needs.

The school has reviewed which device is best suited for our students' needs and you can visit our BYOD page [here](#) for our preferred devices, with relevant specifications and guidance for parents.

Smartphones are not considered as a suitable main device in the BYOD programme, but can be used in class for educational purposes with teacher approval.

Please feel free to e-mail Mrs Elise Goddard if [the BYOD pages](#) do not answer your queries.

Director of E-Learning: [egoddard@mags.school.nz](mailto:egoddard@mags.school.nz)

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## Sign up to Centenary database



As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, we warmly invite all Albertians to sign up to the database [here](#) to keep up to date with information and communications leading up to the Centenary celebration.

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## Year 13 Leavers Celebrations

The Year 13 Graduation Ceremony and Celebration will take place at MAGS on Tuesday, 3 December from 5pm.

We will be hosting a two-part 'formal dress' event for students and parents, commencing


with a formal ceremony held in the F. W. Gamble Hall followed by a 'street food' buffet banquet and celebrations.


The MAGS Lions of 2019 will have this one last opportunity to celebrate their time at MAGS alongside their peers and teachers, before officially becoming Albertians.

We encourage everyone who can make it to come and enjoy this event.

Tickets are \$35 per head and available for purchase from the Finance Office until Tuesday, 19 November.

**Mount Albert Grammar School**  
**Class of 2019**





**GRADUATION CEREMONY & CELEBRATION**

Year 13 Leavers Event – Tickets \$35

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 2019 – 5PM FOR A 5.15 START  
FORMAL CEREMONY IN FW GAMBLE HALL  
STREET FOOD BANQUET & CELEBRATIONS TO FOLLOW

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## Edendale pupils studying stream



Edendale Primary School has been conducting a project at MAGS studying the health of the stream around the school and on the ASB MAGS Farm.

They have been looking at ways to clean up and maintain the health of the waterways.

They also intend to do some planting of natives around MAGS as – being a feeder school – many of the students will end up here.

They have done analysis of the stream, looking at the pH and nitrate levels as well as documenting its ecosystem. The team is led by Amanda Ray, who has children at MAGS.

MAGS Science staff and Year 13 Will Newton have also helped out with the project.

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## Sports update

### Tons for two batsmen



Maximus Soares (115 from 123 balls) and Keertivaasan Prakash (108 from 127 balls) scored centuries last weekend as MAGS Cricket First XI beat St Kentigern College in an away game by 99 runs.

The pair combined for a partnership of 241 for the third wicket, with MAGS making 274 all out batting first.

St Kentigern could only reply with 175/9 as MAGS' bowlers tied them down. Umang Patel bowled 10 overs and took 2/19, Adithya Ashok, 10 overs – 1/17, and Yahya Bin Zeb, 10 overs – 3/40.

You can see a photo essay of the game [here](#). The team next play Takapuna Grammar away tomorrow.

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### Lacrosse Boys into finals



MAGS Junior Boys Lacrosse have made the 6-a-side Auckland secondary schools finals next Thursday evening (4pm-6pm at Auckland Grammar Turf).

They performed strongly in pool play, with three straight wins on the last day of competition this week against Westlake Boys (6-2), Rosmini (7-3) and Auckland Grammar (8-5).

For those junior boys keen to give lacrosse a go, come down to the MAGS bottom fields on a Wednesday after school (3.30pm-5.30pm) and try it out. The team will be training for the rest of the term.

There is gear that you can use, but bring your PE gear and shoes/boots. And sign up to the "MAGS Lacrosse 2019" Facebook page for more information.

If you are interested in seeing where this can lead, check out this [YouTube video](#) featuring MAGS students Liam Baber (#27), William Couldrey (#19) and Sam Nash (#33), who only starting playing lacrosse when they joined MAGS at Year 9 and have gone on to represent New Zealand at Under 15s, who came third in the Australian state competition last month.

There is also a new Auckland youth mixed lacrosse competition starting from this Sunday for beginners to lacrosse aged 13 years and under. All gear will be provided. Full details [here](#)

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## General Notices

### Alberton Market Days kick off



Alberton Market Days resume this Sunday, and continue on the second Sunday of every month until April.

The garden of the historic house will come alive with over 30 stalls, music, talks, children's activities and a pop-up tearoom.

This month's special guest is Hazel the lamb from the ASB MAGS Farm who will be bottle fed at 11.45am.

Nadene Hall, editor of *Lifestyle Block* magazine and co-author of *How to Care for Your Poultry*, will give a free talk on backyard chicken keeping at 12.30pm.

Young ones will be entertained by a dream catcher workshop with Lyn Marie from Dizzie Pixie Designs.

Come along to shop for specialty produce, home-made and handcrafted products, have brunch, lunch or tea – and welcome in the summer.

**Sunday, 10 November, 10am–2pm. Free entry.**



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