



From the Headmaster

NCEA Examinations Underway



Wednesday morning saw the beginning of the 2018 NCEA examination round, which extends through to early December.

This year, close to 2000 MAGS students will be sitting external standards across NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 as well as the New Zealand Scholarship exams.

Needless to say, it is a demanding time for our senior students but one which they have been preparing for throughout the year.

The place of examinations continues to form an important part of a MAGS education. The skills and planning required to be successful in these 'assessment events' complement much of the internal and formative assessment that occurs during the rest of the year.

NCEA external exams provide a rigorous comparison of a student's performance compared to others across the country – same day, same time, same examination conditions. There is no 'resit' or 'resubmission' opportunity available – and, as in many occasions in life, you need to be able to deliver on the day!

External examinations will never tell the full story about the learning and achievement of an individual student. But they allow students to be benchmarked within a national context that is simply not possible with internal assessment alone.

All the best to our senior MAGS students in the weeks ahead. Take confidence with you into the examination hall and trust your preparation.

Have a good weekend,

Patrick Drumm

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

Friday, November 16

Summer Sports Photos – details [here](#)

Wednesday, November 21

Year 9 Form Class Competition

Thursday, November 22

Year 10 Form Class Competition



Sport

Photo Essays



Junior Boys Softball v Tangaroa College
Click [here](#)

Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Arts Dinner celebrates talent



On an evening of celebration, Lulu Qiu and Billy McColl (pictured above) were named the Girl and Boy Dux Artium of 2018 at the MAGS Arts Dinner on Friday, November 2.

Held at Sorrento in the Park, the evening was MC'ed by Billy McColl and Allie Hawksworth, and featured a variety of performances.

Headmaster Mr Patrick Drumm spoke about how the Arts were vital in

providing a means of expression for students, and because the school was so big they got to perform and test themselves in front of large crowds whether at assemblies or school events.

The Gypsy Jazz Band – Amitai Aharon, Gary He, Viliami Moli and Himadri Podder – kicked the evening off in style with *Gypsy Swingers*. More performances followed throughout the night: Takuna Muzondiwa acted out a scene from *Spectacle: The Astonishing Life of Ota Benga*; Liam Akeli and Xavier Wong-See (pictured above) delivered physical humour with *Body Percussion*; and there was a presentation of a music video by Daniel Mackay, Samuel Dawson and Nicholas Vandervelde for the Two Feet song *I Feel Like I'm Drowning*.

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



New Science Block in 2020



Work is well underway on the new Science Block, which will provide 12 state-of-the-art Science laboratories to help meet the needs of a growing school roll and the increasing demand for Science education from our student body.

This facility will help to reintegrate the science learning area and will combine traditional laboratories with independent 'break-out' spaces for students.

A large science staff room and resource area will also be incorporated into the build. The new building is future-proofed to allow further expansion and additional rooms in the future.

Headmaster Mr Patrick Drumm said, "The new Science building is being constructed at an exciting time for Science education at MAGS with the current planning underway for the new ASB MAGS Farm Experience Centre.

"This new development will complement our Science programmes at MAGS through the emphasis on modern vocational learning in Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences along with Agribusiness."

Excavations have begun for the new building – on the site of the old tennis/netball courts opposite E Block – and it is expected to be completed in late 2019, and be in use in the First Term of 2020.



Year 10 Market Day



On Thursday, 1 November, 16 groups of Business Studies students overcame wintry cold and wet weather to run small business food stalls at lunchtime. Students learned how to plan, prepare and carry out a business activity. After profits were counted and shared among partners, students reflected on what business issues they could improve on for next time.

A further 14 groups of business students enjoyed much nicer conditions the following day selling a range of treats from chop suey and pizza to 'Otai and waffles with cream.

Students were overheard asking their Year 10 Business Studies

teachers Stuart Halstead, Sally Carwardine, Daniel Lynch and Ratinder Gill if Year 11 Business Studies curriculum included similar projects.

"Yes, you bet!", was the answer.

Year 11, 12 and 13 Business Studies programmes feature increasingly sophisticated business planning and execution culminating in the Young Enterprise National Business competition in Year 13.



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

School House names Prefects for 2019



School House Deputy Head Prefect Hamish Holst and Head Prefect Terrell Peita, in Year 13, will be handing over to the new generation.

Congratulations to the School House Boys who have been named Prefects for 2019: Harry Boswell, Finnegan Buick, Dylan Crawshaw, Blake Everson, Yuki Hayashi, Mario Hysenaj, Cees Mackenzie-Vroege, Vaughn Mika, Elijah Milich, Mikaere Parkinson, Leo Rusher, Orion Schmok, Codi Smith, Joel Tamati, Paul Watene, Conor Watson.

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.

Summer Sports Photos Schedule



Summer Sports Photos will be taken next Friday, November 16 in the F.W. Gamble Hall. Students should arrive in the hall at least 10 minutes prior to their photo time, and be in correct uniform (as per the schedule below). Students will not be photographed if wearing incorrect uniform.

For the full schedule and uniform details, click [here](#)

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

BUY OR GIFT A LUNCH NOW AT
WWW.TXTMYLUNCH.CO.NZ

SEE THE FULL MENU AT
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

Panchia brothers off to World Cup



Albertians Arun (left) and Jared Panchia are part of the Black Sticks team heading to the Hockey World Cup in India.

The Black Sticks leave next week and stop off in Malaysia to play three games against the national team.

Midfielder/defender Arun (2002-06) played his 250th game for the Black Sticks in a win against Canada last month, making him the seventh-most capped Black Stick of all time. Striker Jared (2007-09) could bring up his 100th cap in the pre-tournament series with Malaysia.

In India, the Black Sticks first World Cup game is against France on November 30, before they play current Olympic Champions Argentina, with their last pool game against 8th-ranked Spain.

Vote for our Softballers



Our Premier Boys Softball team is one of eight teams nominated in College Sport's Champion of Champions Boys teams.

After winning their sixth straight national title earlier this year, they are more than worthy of the honour.

You can vote for them [here](#)

Edie Ancell wins Gold



Edie Ancell (pictured with her team-mate Jayde Hanner, left, and coach Tom Lowe) won Gold at the recent National Surf Pool Champs.

Representing Whangamata Surf Lifesaving Club, the pair became the U16 Women's National Champions in the Line-Throw event. Jayde and Edie did this in a time of 19.77secs with the Silver medal winners a whole second behind.

General notices



ALBERTON MARKET DAY

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

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MOUNT ALBERT TEAM
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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

Alberton, 100 Mt Albert Road, Mt Albert. 846 7367. www.alberton.co.nz



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

St Luke's Church

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 10th 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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