



## From the Headmaster

### All Four Pillars On Show



Our first week of Term 4 has seen acknowledgement of all four of the MAGS Pillars that underpin our school culture.

The Academic Pillar is to the fore at this time of the year as senior students move towards final preparations for the upcoming NCEA Examinations.

But this week we have also recognised sporting excellence including our Netballers bringing the New Zealand title back to MAGS.

Our Arts students have enjoyed prominence through the outstanding Year 11 and Year 10 Drama performances of Niu Sila, along with the much-celebrated Media Studies Film Night held last night.

And today we recognised the pillar of Service with 68 students receiving their Service Lion at a Special Assembly.

The strength of our MAGS community relies on the strength of these four pillars. Each has a critical part to play in holding up our school and in balancing the education and learning we offer.

As we celebrate those excelling across the breadth of our school, it is good to remember that for every student the best education will always involve engagement and balance across all four pillars.

Congratulations to the outstanding Academics, Artists, Sportspeople and Servant Leaders who we are recognising at this time. Our unique MAGS culture is in good heart.

Enjoy the long weekend.

**Patrick Drumm**

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## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

#### Monday, October 22

Labour Day

#### Wednesday, October 24

Sports Dinner

#### Friday, October 26

Pasifika Dinner



### Sport



Swimmer Brearna Crawford continues her winning ways. See story below

#### Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

## Service Lions 2018



The Service Lions of 2018 were awarded at a Special Assembly today, with the guest speaker Sir Ray Avery, a renowned inventor and philanthropist.

Sir Ray, pictured right, spoke to the assembly about achieving great things by "dreaming big" and showing no respect for the status quo, something he said that came naturally for Kiwis.

Students were awarded the Lions for services to the performing arts, visual arts, the library, technology, Pasifika, School House and the wider school community. They were presented by Headmaster Mr Patrick Drumm and Sir Ray.



Sir Ray was presented with \$2000, which had been raised by students to go towards paying for a LifePod, one of Sir Ray's inventions, which is a more affordable and versatile version of an incubator that can be deployed to any country in need.

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

## Meet your National Netball Champs



Congratulations to our Premier Netball team, who brought the national title back to MAGS during the school holidays.

They beat Westlake Girls High School 32-23 in the NZSS Final at the Southern Trust Events Centre in Timaru to claim the title, the sixth for MAGS in the past nine years.

Head coach Sarah Hann and Assistant Coach Kylie Leota (pictured holding the trophy) said the key to success this year was taking a fresh approach to the game.

In what was a cut-throat tournament format, both coaches said their 40-30 win over St Kentigern College was vital in propelling the team into the final and filling the girls with self-belief.

Ms Hann said six out of the seven regular starters in the team would be leaving this year but there was a lot of playing strength coming through already.

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## Theatresports comes calling

Next Tuesday, MAGS will be hosting St Kentigern College and Auckland champions Kelston Boys High School in a Theatresports Players Night.

Theatresports is competitive acting where the aim is to improvise stories and entertain an audience. Teams are scored based



on their effectiveness.

If you have ever seen an episode of *Who's Line Is It Anyway?*, you will know what to expect. So if you want to come along for an evening of unexpected laughs, turn up at the Library at 6.30pm. Free entry.

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## First XV visit to Rarotonga



The First XV had a successful and enjoyable visit to Rarotonga during the school holidays, winning all their rugby matches and being embraced by the locals.

The won their first game 33–5 against Tereora College (Cook Islands First XV Champs) and then beat the Cook Islands U18 Residents 38-14.

Coach Geoff Moon said, "We also played and won the schools sevens tournament but with low numbers some of our boys played for the opposition team. So it turned out to be a real good fun day."

He added, "The boys had the full cultural experience of touring the Island, and we stayed at the beautiful Lagoon Breeze Resort. The boys went snorkeling and dancing with the locals." Mr Moon said the team was also hosted by Thomas Wynne and the MAGS Old Boys who currently live on the island.

"The boys were welcomed by Cook Island TV when arriving at the airport and were in the local papers on a daily basis. Many families also made the trip and the boys enjoyed



playing in front of large local crowds. The team objective of getting next year's team bonded and ready to play was achieved.

"Many Thanks to Ben Koteka from the Cook Islands Rugby Union, and Thomas Wynne from the MAGS Old Boys as well as coach Glen Anderson and hard-working manager Anthony Curry for making this tour happen."

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## Academic Testing and Sports Academy Trials

Academic Testing for all Year 8 students has been scheduled as follows:

Girls – Wednesday, 31 October from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

Boys – Thursday, 1 November from 9:00am to 12.00pm.

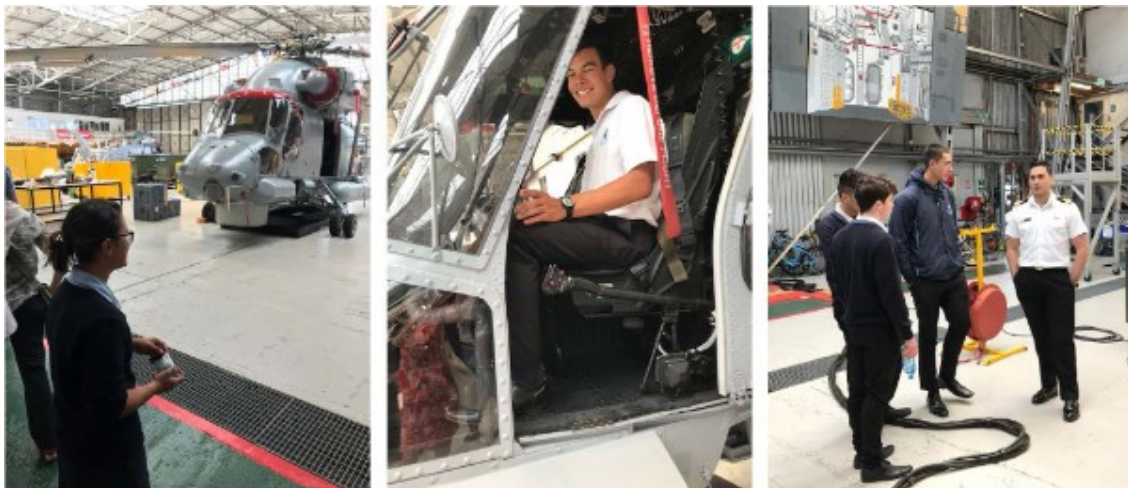
Sports Academy Trials for those students who wish to try out will also be held on these days for Girls and Boys following their academic testing. After a brief lunch break, trials will be held between 12.30pm and 2.30pm.

Students who cannot make the trials, can arrange an alternative time with the director of the relevant Sports Academy.

For more information about the academies, click [here](#)

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## Defence Force careers on show



Throughout the year, the Careers Department takes students who are interested in the NZ Defence Force to open days at Whenuapai Airforce Base.

Each tour covers a different aspect of careers within the forces – but the overall experience is the same – to see if being part of our armed forces will fulfil their goals.

Pictured above, from left to right: Carla Robertson in the helicopter hangar; Jordan Pickering testing out a seat in the chopper; Sam Middleburg, Joshua Talataina and Terepai King in discussions with one of the pilots (and their tour guide).

Students interested in any area of the Defence Force are encouraged to contact the Careers Department to register for future visits.

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## Duke of Ed in the Kaimais

Towards the end of Term 3, 26 students completed their Duke of Edinburgh Silver qualifying expedition in the Kaimai Ranges.

They tramped from Dickey's Flat, up and over to Daly's Clearing hut for the night. The next day saw the students have a long walk down Daly's Clearing track, across the Waitawheta River and ascend a long and steep hill, eventually coming to the spectacular Ananui Falls – 120m straight down!

The return downhill to camp at Waitawheta hut was another long stretch but everyone made it in good spirits. The day was nine and a half hours from when they left, covering 15.1km with over 800m of ascent.



On the last day, it was a relatively short tramp along the beautiful Waitawheta river to finish at Franklin Road. It was a successful trip in good conditions for the time of year. All the students who completed the 31km tramp carrying all their own gear, food and tents for three days were still able to remain cheerful to the end.

At the same time, eight students also used this as their Gold practice trip. They will be completing their Gold journey in December in the Abel Tasman National Park. Teacher Andy Belson said, "My thanks to Mr Fullerton for his help organising the trip and Ms Hancock and Mr Denisov for their assistance in running this camp."

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**Albertian of the Year tickets on sale**



Portia Woodman has been named Albertian of the Year and will be honoured at MAGS' Annual Dinner on October 31.

The celebration hosted by the MAGS Foundation and Albertians Association will also feature some other special guests: the Men's and Women's Rugby World Cups and the Women's Sevens World Cup.

The cups will be on display during the dinner at the Northern Club to honour Portia as 2018 Albertian of the Year.

Portia (2005-09) is a Black Ferns member in Sevens and XVs, and last year was named World Rugby Women's Player of the Year.

This special occasion includes welcome drinks at 6pm, a two-course meal, selection of beverages and presentations by the Headmaster Patrick Drumm and Albertians Association President Aftab Moosa.

For tickets, click [here](#)

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## Conquering the ranges



At the end of September, 120E students completed an expedition in the Kaimai Ranges, having planned routes, meals and the necessary gear.

This was the first time MAGS students had used this venue due to the closure of the Waitakere Ranges and it provided challenging and varied terrain. The two classes had planned to start at different ends, cross in the middle and end where the other had started. Both groups had their challenges.

On Day 1, Mr Belson's class climbed over 500m up Mt Eliza and spent the night at Motutapere hut/bush camp. Ms Absolum's class had a relatively short tramp along the Waitawheta River to Waitawheta hut for the night.

The next day saw Mr Belson's class up at 5.30am, walking by 6.30am in order to make their intended destination by nightfall. A rugged ridge walk along the North-South track provided spectacular views but the gusty wind made going slow. They eventually got to the Te Rereatukahia hut for breakfast and then pushed on down into the Wharawhara valley, eventually meeting up with their peers from the other class.

Due to a number of factors, all the students ended up at the Waitawheta hut that night, cooked their meals, and were all asleep by 9pm! Mr Belson's class had climbed over 1640m during the day, covered 17.1km in 11hr 7 mins and were exhausted.

The final day saw all students walk out along the beautiful Waitawheta River to finish at Franklin Road.

All the students completed the expedition carrying their own gear, food and shelter for three days – and were still able to remain enthusiastic to the end.

Thanks to Ms Absolum, Miss Gibbins and Maika Hemera for their help and assistance in making this a safe and successful trip.

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## Reminder about absence and leave

### Student absence

Parents must notify the school on the morning of the absence. They may do so in the following ways:

- By telephone: 09 846 2044 x 8142
- By email to the Attendance Officer: [attendance@mags.school.nz](mailto:attendance@mags.school.nz)



- Via the school app: Free to download from the App Store or Google Play. Search for 'Mount Albert Grammar School'
- By note to the Student Centre
- If a student's absence was not notified on the day they were away, they should bring a note explaining the reason for their absence on the day they return to school.
- The absence note must be delivered to the Student Centre.

### **Late to School**

If a student is going to be late to School, the School should be notified in any of the ways listed above. The student must visit the Student Centre on arrival at School to receive a Late Pass.

### **Exeats for appointments**

Where possible the student should bring a note to School to show their teacher at the time of leaving, enabling the teacher to release them from class.

A confirmation email or phone message to the Attendance Officer or Student Centre at the contacts above is also required prior to the time the student must leave School.

The student must visit the Student Centre to sign out before leaving the School grounds.

### **Student leave requests**

Requests for non-school related leave of one day or more during the school year must be addressed to the Headmaster, Mr Patrick Drumm, at least two weeks before the start of the proposed leave. Please give the dates of proposed absence from school and the purpose of the leave. If in writing, please address the letter to:

The Headmaster, Mr Patrick Drumm, Mt Albert Grammar School, Alberton Avenue, Mt Albert, Auckland 1025

If emailing, please send to: [paheadmaster@mags.school.nz](mailto:paheadmaster@mags.school.nz)

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## **Sports update**

### **Brearna smashes more records**

More amazing swimming results by Brearna Crawford, this time at the State Teams Championships in Canberra, where she won Gold, two Silver and a Bronze.

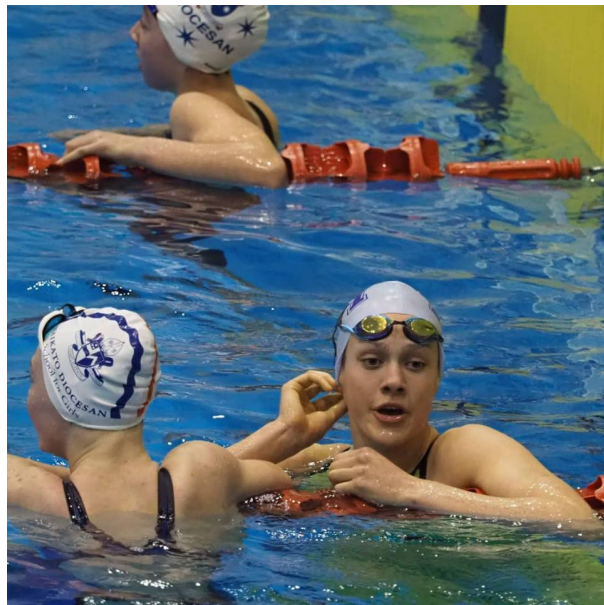
During the meet, taking on Australia's best, she set two New Zealand Age Group Records, four Auckland Age Records, one World Short Course Championships Qualification time, and 8/8 Personal Best times.

She had three swims faster than the winning Open time that won the 2018 NZ Short Course Championships, five swims faster than the top three at Open level, and eight swims faster than the Gold medal winner in the 15yrs age group at the NZ Short Course Champs.

At the State Teams, she won Gold in the 50m Fly (NZ Record 15yrs, ASA Record, 2018 Rank #16 in the World, 0.1s off the Open NZ Record), Silver in the 50m Breaststroke (NZ Record 15yrs, ASA Record), Silver in the 200 Individual Medley (ASA Record, 0.2s off the NZ Record), and Bronze in the 100m Breaststroke.

Around the same time, Edie Ancell won Silver in the 50m Freestyle at the NZ Short Course Championships.

At the meet, held on the North Shore, Vasilina Shipilova also finished fourth in the 400m Individual Medley.



## Harriet Neradt wins again



Congratulations to champion mountain biker Harriet Neradt, who won the NISS Cross-Country champs for U16 Girls held at Papamoa recently. She also came first in the Mixed U16 Relay with two riders from other schools (who, like her, are part of the JafaKids MTB Academy).

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## Lacrosse U15s in Australia



Year 10 students William Couldrey and Sam Nash represented New Zealand at Lacrosse as part of an U15 squad that took part in the Australian Lacrosse Association's U15 National Tournament, held in Melbourne during the first week of the school holidays. This is the first time NZ has fielded an U15 national squad since the sport came to our

shores in 1884. The NZ U15s faced off against eight representative teams from across the Australian regions.

Following a tough [Auckland Schools Championship Lacrosse Final](#) between the MAGS Premier Boys and arch rivals Rosmini College on the last day of Term 3, William and Sam joined forces with four of the Rosmini boys in the 16-strong NZ squad, made up of players from Auckland and Waikato.

Sam (white helmet) formed part of a rotating mobile midfield combination, while vice-captain William (black and red helmet) played in goal for every minute of every game and earned himself Most Valuable Player medals for two of the matches.

The NZ players learned a great deal playing against much more experienced opposition. The NZ boys convincingly won one game, and did well to keep some of the leading teams to low scores.

You can read a full report and see more photos [here](#)

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## Stanley Iongi named MVP



Year 10 student Stanley Iongi picked up the U15 MVP award at Rugby League's National Youth Tournament in Rotorua, crossing for the Auckland Vulcans' game-winning try in their 16-14 Grand Final victory over Southern. He was also named Man of the Match in the Grand Final, and named in the U15 Merit Team for the tournament.

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## Sharne makes Tournament Team

Congratulations to Sharne Pupuke-Robati on making the NZSS Basketball Tournament team during the school holidays.



The Premier Girls and Premier Boys Basketball teams travelled to Palmerston North for the tournament, with the Girls finishing seventh in NZ and the Boys 12th.

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## James Dougal wins Gold

Well done James Dougal, who was crowned the Junior Men's International Individual Trampoline Champion at the 2018 NZ Gymnastics Championships held in Tauranga.

James also won Silver in the Junior Men's International Synchronised Trampoline event, with partner Regan Langford, only missing out on Gold by 0.075 of a point.



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## Two Blues selections

Rugby players Eli Margison and Nikola Vikena have been selected for the 2019 Blues U17 Development Squad.

They will be attending a series of development camps at the end of this year and at the start of the new year.

The programme is designed to provide the developing players with some insight into the life of a professional rugby player. Each player will be able to work with expert staff and professional players during the camps.

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## Lawn Bowls is back on!

With the weather warming up again, Lawn Bowls is back on the agenda. Rocky Nook Bowls Club invites all interested students – especially Juniors – to come along on Wednesdays and give the sport a try. See below for details.



## Let the good times *roll*.



Did you know that our 2018 Commonwealth Games Lawn Bowls team included a 19 and a 22 year-old? Or that MAGS are the current Auckland Secondary School Girls Champs?

Rocky Nook Bowls Club hosts and provides coaching to the MAGS Lawn Bowls club. Students are given full coaching, full bowls club membership and the opportunity to compete in inter-school competitions. You don't need to be athletic and you get to enjoy playing and competing in a fast-growing outdoor sport.

**Rocky Nook Bowls Club, Fowlds Park,  
Starting from Wed 17th October (Term 4)  
All equipment is provided.**

Coaching and playing sessions are held weekly from 3:45-5pm on Wednesday afternoons.

Full Club membership fees are **\$20 for the season (T4 2018 - T1 2019)** plus a tournament fee for any inter-school events entered. Existing MAGSLBC members from T1 are already covered until the end of the year.



**@RockyNookBowlingClub**

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## MAGS Sports Black Cap applications open

Applications are now open for a MAGS Sports Black Cap.  
To qualify:



- You must have represented New Zealand between the 1st October, 2017 and the 24th October, 2018.
- You must have played in a game/sport.
- Non-playing or paper teams do not count.
- You must be a current MAGS student when you competed in the event.

Please note that that the programme will be printed on the 14th October and this is the last date for embroidery, so any performances after the 14th October will still be celebrated at the sports dinner but the student name will not appear in the programme and your black cap will not be embroidered until after the dinner. Applications close 24 October, 2018.

Any queries, please email [sports@mags.school.nz](mailto:sports@mags.school.nz)

A formal photo of all Black Cap recipients will be taken at School on Wednesday, 24 October, 2018 at 1.30pm in the School Hall.

The Black Cap will be presented at the Sports Dinner on Wednesday, 24 October, 2018 at Alexandra Park from 6pm.

To download the application for a MAGS Sports Black Cap, click [here](#)

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## Sports trials and registrations



Students are encouraged to register for sports teams and trials taking place in Term 3.

[Click here for the registration forms](#)

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## General notices

# Whānau Day

## Māori and Pacific 'Family Day'

Explore where study can take you with your whānau and Unitec.

**Where:** Unitec Mt. Albert Campus

**When:** October 27th, 2018 | 9am - 2pm

## Entertainment - Activities & Food!

Community event for the whole Fanau to visit & find out about courses

**Song & Dance contest with great prizes and giveaways!**

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