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From the Headmaster

Weekly Notices

A Time To Be Measured



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

Senior students have completed school examinations ahead of the final push towards NCEA External Examinations set to begin in early November.

Examinations are an important part of a MAGS education and this round of testing will provide valuable feedback for students about progress towards their academic goals.

Students need to be reminded about the formative nature of our school exams. Marked scripts returned to students will provide confirmation of strengths and weaknesses relating to their knowledge and skills to date. This will be further followed up by teachers as they communicate the next steps for improvement.

The best students will be using these exam results as a foundation for a quality revision programme in the time ahead.

When it comes to academic success, nothing can be left to chance. Sound planning, hard work, keeping a balance – a focus on these will ensure students are healthy and well-prepared for the business end of the academic year.

We can still get so much better in the remaining weeks of this year. Your teachers believe it – our students need to believe it as well.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Tuesday, September 24

Arts Alive concert, Centennial Theatre, 7pm

Thursday, September 26

Last day of classes for students in Term 3

Friday, September 27

Staff Only Day



Sport

PHOTO ESSAY



MAGS Invitational v Brisbane Titans U13s Rugby

Click [here](#)

Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Sport trials and registrations

Click [here](#)

Swim team national champions



The MAGS Swim Team have won the NZ Secondary Schools Co-Ed Swimming Championships for the first time in the school's history.

The event, which ran from September 12-15 at Waterworld in Hamilton, attracted 733 swimmers from 160 secondary schools.

Swimming Captain Vasilina Shipilova led the 21-strong team to this inaugural victory in her final year at MAGS with strong personal performances including two Bronze medals, 10 Top 8 placings and was a member of the Gold medal-winning women's relay team.

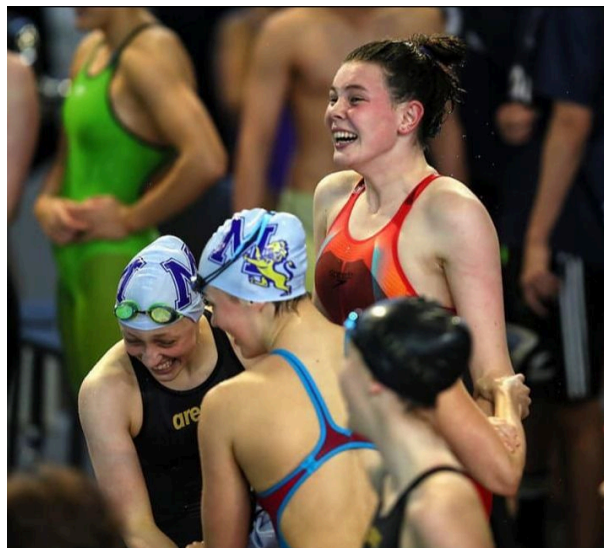
FINA World Junior Swimming representative Brearna Crawford was also in devastating form and rewrote the record books, smashing three NZ 16 Years records, one Auckland Open and four Auckland Age Group records as she collected nine individual Gold, and one Silver medal.

House Boy and MAGS Academy's top male swimmer of the meet Quin Walden produced outstanding results on his way to winning Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Quin achieved nine Top 8 national placings to lead the male points score for MAGS.

Anna McGowen, who trains with the Central City Swim Club, was the

youngest member of the team and won Gold and her first ever national title in the 13 Years 100m Backstroke.

Coach Paul Kent said, "The team came together beautifully to produce this outstanding result for our school. I have no doubt that we will look back on this event with very fond memories, and the swimmers should feel very proud of this achievement. Each team



member played their part in producing these outstanding results.”
For full results and more photos, click [here](#)

Faolan Okan wins scholarship



Faolan Okan has been awarded a \$5000 scholarship as part of an internship with the Department of Conservation following the Finals of the Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards in Wellington last week.

On top of the scholarship, Faolan was awarded \$1500 for reaching the finals stage, at which he presented his talk: *Ammonia Treatment in Wastewater: A New Approach*.

While in Wellington he also took part in the Governor General's Young Science Leaders Forum.

The Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards competition challenges secondary school and tertiary undergrads to deliver a 12-minute presentation about how an application of science or technology will benefit New Zealand's economic, environmental and social wealth and well-being.

Spoken Word team impresses at finals

Last Saturday, the MAGS Spoken Word team competed in the sixth annual WORD – The Front Line Grand Slam.

While the team was unsuccessful in their bid to lift the trophy, they delivered powerful and articulate performances that brought audience members to their feet.

The team members (from left to right) – Abby Irwin, Matilda Clack, Takunda Muzondiwa and Vaibhav Nayyar – were selected by audition at the start of the year, and these students worked hard to write original material and polish their performances for each of the demanding competition rounds, as well as manage their studies.

Vaibhav was singled out for his solo piece, which addressed the issue of absent fathers, by judge and Children's Commissioner Andrew Becroft. In Judge Becroft's final comments to all contestants he described how, as a first time attendee at a poetry slam, he hadn't been prepared to be so moved and was impressed by the bravery and intelligence of the young people who took the stage.

He said that Vaibhav's message had resonated with him particularly due to his time working as a Principal Youth Court Judge. He described it as an "important poem" that deserved a wider audience. Abby was acknowledged by international slam poet Carrie Rudzinski, who described Abby's [poem about the harassment young women face as part of their daily life](#) as "fresh". She said that Abby's poem covered a topic that slam poets regularly traversed but that Abby's skill as a writer and performer were obvious and the message was worthy of repetition. Spoken Word is a discipline that is growing steadily, both globally and nationally.

In 2019, WORD – The Frontline attracted 40 high school teams from around Auckland and was described by seasoned attendees as the strongest showing yet.



Sports Dinner tickets on sale next week



Don't miss your chance to celebrate sporting success at MAGS at the Sports Dinner on Wednesday, October 23 at Alexandra Park.

Tickets at \$70 each go on sale next week from the Finance Office. Students are eligible to attend if representing a premier/top team or they took part in a national tournament. Organisers are also looking for table sponsors at \$500 per table to cover the cost of coaches' and managers' tickets. Sponsors logos will be promoted on the dinner programme and on the table. Please contact Director of Sport Allie Wright at alliewright@mags.school.nz

Survey of student health



On Wednesday, 400 Year 9 and 10 students took part in the Youth'19 survey, which aims to collect reliable and up-to-date information on the health and well-being of young people in New Zealand.

This information will help to improve health services and programmes for young people.

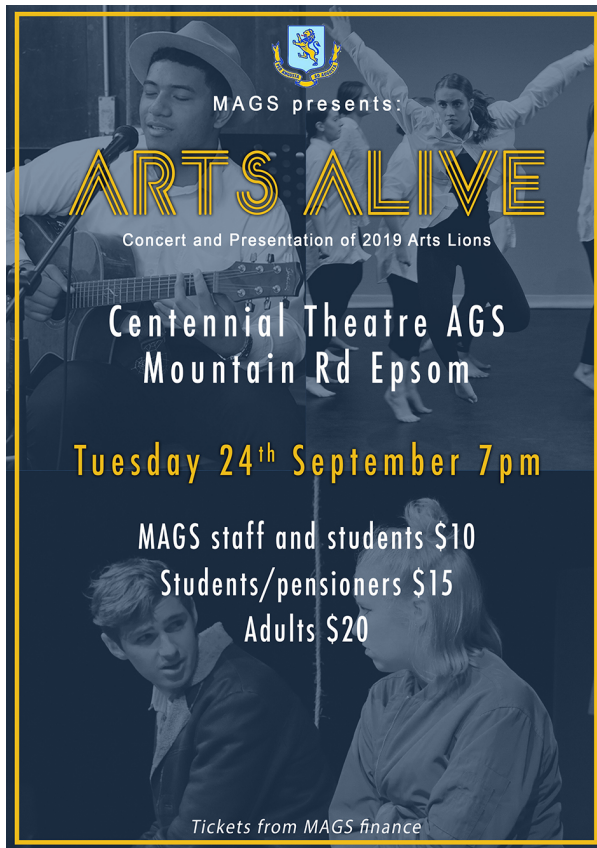
A random sample from the MAGS year groups was selected to take part in the survey, joining more than 50 secondary schools throughout the Auckland, Northland and Waikato regions.

The 45-minute survey via tablets is private and anonymous. It is organised by researchers from the The University of Auckland, Victoria University and AUT, and funded by the Health Research Council of New Zealand.

Next Wednesday, it will be the turn of the Senior School to take part in Youth'19.



Arts Alive tickets on sale



The annual Arts Alive concert presenting the very best of Dance, Drama and Music performances and a stunning display of our talented Visual Artists' work will be held at Auckland Grammar's Centennial Theatre on Tuesday, September 24 at 7pm.

At the conclusion of the concert, Headmaster Patrick Drumm will present the 2019 Arts Lion recipients with their award.

Please come and support our talented students.

Tickets are on sale from MAGS Finance Office and are Adults \$20, students/pensioners \$15, MAGS staff and students \$10.

Year 9s' option selections for 2020

Year 9 students and their parents should now have received information about choosing subject options for Year 10 in 2020.

Students, who should make option choices through [SchoolPoint](#) in consultation with their parents, have been given a form to complete to help ensure that they are selecting the right combination of choices. Their mentor teacher will then check the form and collect it from students before they enter their choices into [SchoolPoint](#)

The form that students have been given is [here](#) and the instructions about option selection are [here](#)

If there are any problems with option selection, please contact your child's mentor teacher or Dean.

The deadline for completing option choices on SchoolPoint is Monday, September 23.

Feast of music at MAGS

THE GRADUATE CHOIR NZ
PRESENTS

KARANGA



SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 | 2:30 PM
MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL HALL
WWW.ITICKET.CO.NZ | 0508 ITICKET

MAGS' Jazz Band and the newly-formed Boys Choir will be taking part in KARANGA, a concert being staged by the Graduate Choir NZ on Sunday in the F.W. Gamble Hall at 2.30pm.

The title of the concert takes its name from the opening work – Karanga – written by David Hamilton for The Graduate Choir NZ in 2005. It received huge acclaim from British audiences when the choir toured the UK the same year.

The concert will also feature music from other New Zealand composers, interspersed with folk songs from around the world.

[Tickets](#) \$10 for MAGS students, \$25 concessions, and \$35 adults.

In-Zone enrolments for 2020

An urgent reminder to all MAGS families that Year 9 enrolments for 2020 are currently being processed.

Parents will appreciate that being able to process enrolment information, and being able to determine student numbers as early and accurately as possible, is important for making the best staffing decisions for next year.

Our MAGS families are urged to get their new enrolments in as soon as possible and asked to remind any friends, who they know to be In-Zone for our school and intending to enrol their child, to do the same.

Enrolments for Year 8 students coming to MAGS in 2020: Please enrol online using the ['Enrolment' link](#) on the MAGS website.

Please note: Class and Options for 2020 are filling fast and it is critical that our In-Zone enrolments for 2020 are received as soon as possible to ensure students are able to take their preferred option choices.

MAGS Academic Testing

Year 8 Girls – Tuesday, 5 November – 9.00am-12.00pm (approximately).

Year 8 Boys – Wednesday, 6 November – 9.00am-12.00pm (approximately).

MAGS Year 9 Sports Academies Trials (after a brief lunch break)

Year 8 Girls – Tuesday, 5 November – 12.30pm-2.30pm.

Year 8 Boys – Wednesday, 6 November – 12.30pm-2.30pm.

Upcoming Staff Only Day

The last Friday of Term 3 – September 27 – is a staff only day to allow for administration tasks and responsibilities.

The last day of student attendance for Term 3 is Thursday, September 26. Term 4 starts on Monday, October 14.

From the Archives



Our archivist, Brian Murphy, has been surveying the school grounds and cataloguing some of the fine specimen trees such as the handsome rimu (pictured right), near the main entrance.

The native was planted on Arbor Day 1940 (which was then celebrated on August 4), with a group of be-gowned masters and the student body present (pictured above).

Many mature trees around the school were planted on Arbor Day, and Mr Murphy has documented the provenance of some trees while the origins of many are unknown. You can read all about them [here](#)

And you can read more about the school's history in the [The Archives](#)



Sports update

Adithya Ashok back in U19s

MAGS' Cricket First XI captain Adithya Ashok has been called back into the New Zealand U19 squad to play against Bangladesh later this month. Adithya toured Australia in July with the U19s for four one-day matches, and will join the 18-man squad in Lincoln for five one-day matches against Bangladesh, starting September 29. The team is building for the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup early next year in South Africa.



Skiers at NISS Champs



Eleven Mount Albert Grammar school pupils competed in the North Island Secondary School Skiing Championships this week at Mt Ruapehu.

On the first day, inclement weather meant races were postponed and practice was limited to a small portion of the mountain. The poor weather continued into Tuesday and the competition was postponed again.

The ski team travelled the circumference of Ruapehu, stopping at the Waiouru Army Museum to view the Mount Felix Tapestry. The tapestry tells the tale of an ANZAC field hospital located in Walton on Thames in the UK. In an interesting coincidence, Mr Bindon had completed some stitches on a panel with his last school and was very proud to share this with pupils.



On Wednesday, there was beautiful sunny weather and both the Giant Slalom and Slopestyle went ahead. All the team impressed by completing the course and recording a time.

Andre Pickering placed 6th overall in the Slopestyle competition. In the Giant Slalom, Nico Stroud and Cassia Reinsfield were the fastest of the Junior Men and Women respectively from the MAGS team.

Also part of the team were Bryn Williams, Jade Robertson, Caitlin Graham, Holly Fisk, Mila Medley, Mena Ren-Fritzke, Kaelin Reinsfield and Baxter Hilson.

A good time was had by all. Thank you to the parents involved who helped make the trip a success: Mr Williams, Mr Graham and Mr Medley.

Introduction to Archery

Start Your Archery Adventure At NZ's best archery club!



Saturday 12th October

Open Day

10am Summit Drive, Ōwairaka

- 1pm Domain, Mt Albert

Mountain Green Archery Club, in collaboration with Mount Albert Grammar School, is running a six-week beginner course for MAGS students to learn archery.

The course runs on Sundays beginning October 20. No prior experience is required and equipment is supplied. The goal is to get students interested and to support those who wish to continue with archery.

Once the course is completed, archers can join the club, can shoot at this or other archery clubs, or enter competitions.

You can find out more [here](#)

And Mountain Green Archery Club is holding an open day next month for anyone interested in archery (see poster).

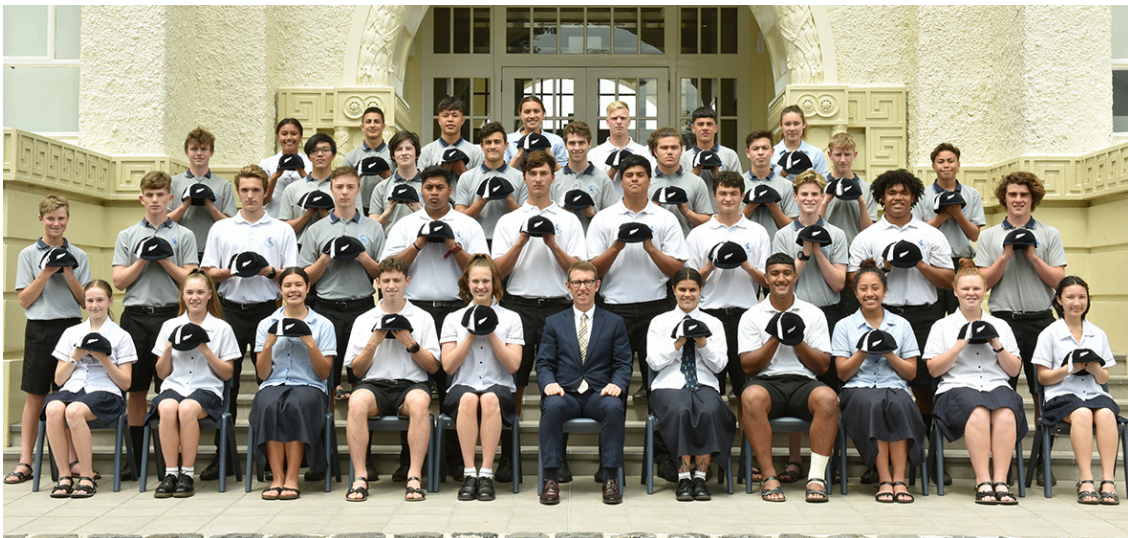
Summer Sport registrations and trials



With the Winter Sport season coming to an end, it's time to start thinking about Summer Sport in Term 4.

Click [here](#) to see which sports have trials, registrations or musters taking place.

Black Caps nominations



Nominations are open for MAGS' Black Caps. To be eligible:

- You must have represented New Zealand between the 24 October, 2018 and the 23 October, 2019.
- 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

You can register your nomination [here](#)

Applications close 24 October 2019. Applications after 14 October will be acknowledged but names will not appear in the Sports Dinner programme.

General Notices



SUMMER ATHLETICS

SKILLS | COMPETITION | COACHING | FUN

Join New Zealand's friendliest athletics club

Wednesdays 6-7 pm at the Lovelock Track, Mt Roskill

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Register now!

1ST CLUB NIGHT
16 OCTOBER 6PM



Drowning Prevention Auckland

SPLASH

Break-Away Holiday Programme

11-17yrs

October 2019

FREE school holiday programme - Have fun, make new friends, strengthen your swimming skills and learn how to keep yourself and your mates safer around water. Previous water experience not essential.

Mount Albert Aquatic Centre

38 Alberton Ave, Mount Albert

Monday 30th September, Tue 1st, Wed 2nd, Thur 3rd October

(Must attend all four days)

9.00am - 2.30pm daily.

Includes FREE lunch

To Register email: Splash@dpanz.org.nz



Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-in basis. Registration essential.

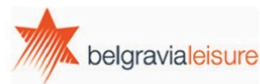
Drowning Prevention Auckland is the trading name of WaterSafe Auckland.

FREE PROGRAMME

- water safety
- aquatic games
- beach safety
- snorkeling

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