



From the Headmaster

Only 14 School Days Left for Seniors



Senior students return to school from study leave next week with only 14 school days remaining in the year before the commencement of exam leave for final NCEA Examinations.

Students will also be receiving results from their recent practice examinations and this will form the basis for preparation and study programmes throughout the time ahead.

There is no time like the present for students to commit to the hard work required over the next few weeks. We all may wish we had better used our time during the year to date – but reflecting too much on the past will be energy wasted.

The reality is that we can achieve much in the time ahead and our focus must be clearly on what we can do now (rather than what we should have done) in order to achieve our academic goals.

The business end of the school year can appear on the horizon very quickly for our Senior students. It will include a time of celebrations, awards ceremonies and acknowledgments of the great things that have happened within our MAGS community this year.

Throughout this festive time in the school year, our Senior students must remain true to the academic pillar of our school. This will only happen if they make every day count!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

Monday, September 24

Junior Bytes concert and Junior Arts Badges, 7.30pm

Tuesday, September 25

Arts Alive concert and Arts Lions awards, 7.30pm
(see story and ticket information below)

Thursday, September 27

Albertians Luncheon, 12.30pm



Sport

Photo Essays



Football Boys U13s win Knockout Cup Final
Click [here](#)

Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Celebrating Music, Dance and Drama



Come and support our talented Performing Arts and Music students next week as they put on two concerts with an exciting variety of performances.

On **Monday, September 24**, the Junior Bytes concert will be held at Centennial Theatre at 7.30pm and feature performances as well as the presentation of Junior Arts Awards. There will be music items from classical pianists, R&B singers, rock musicians, various bands and the MAGS choir. There will also be some amazing dance students including the Junior performance group, spoken word, and some funny and powerful Drama pieces by Junior Drama students.

On **Tuesday, September 25**, Arts Alive kicks off at the same time and same venue with a dazzling array of performances and the presentation of the 2018 Arts Lions. Come and see some great music from the jazz band, Gypsy Jazz musicians, the wonderful Wondercats plus the best of Drama with some amazing scenes from the Sheilah Winn Festival and school production The Visit. There will also be performances by the award-winning MAGS Megacrew Hip Hop team, Year 13 graduating Dance class and, as always, the ever-popular rite of passage for our student leaders: The Prefect Dance. Tickets available now from the Finance Office – or on the door on the night if not sold out. Prices are Adults \$20, Students/Pensioners \$15, Children under 12 and MAGS Staff and Students \$10.

Honda's generous gift to farm



Farm Manager Brett Harris (pictured above left) was grinning from ear-to-ear yesterday when Blue Wing Honda surprised him with a gift of a new farm vehicle – a Honda Pioneer 500 ATV. The surprise was organised by ASB MAGS Farm Experience Centre Development Manager Peter Brice and Darian Paul (above right), Product Manger for Blue Wing Honda, who are the distributors for Honda motorbikes in New Zealand.

Mr Brice said, "This is an advancement in our Health and Safety from the current Honda ATV. This is such an important part of agriculture: keeping our people in the industry safe. It is an amazing upgrade from our TM250 ATV, which has been an absolute workhorse for the farm. This new machine will help with normal farm duties and also help do some of the smaller work that the tractor has been used for."

He said that Blue Wing Honda had also provided a demonstration model ATV for a week for students to complete their ATV training, meaning they are learning on an up-to-date model.

Mr Brice (pictured right with HoD Agriculture and Horticulture Esther Hancock) said, "We cannot thank Blue Wing Honda enough, and this is an example of how the farm development is progressing. Keep your eyes peeled for more good news. Any questions or comments please email asbmagsfarm@mags.school.nz."

You can follow the farm on Facebook [here](#) and on Instagram [here](#)



Hugo Young joins Board of Trustees



Year 12 student Hugo Young has been elected as the student representative on the Mount Albert Grammar School Board of Trustees. Hugo said, "I decided to run for the BoT representative because I felt that there needs to be more student voice in the way school is run." Hugo is studying English, History, Calculus, Media Studies, Accounting and Physics. He is involved in debating at MAGS and swims for fitness.

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 XV's, 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](#)

Engineering opportunity for Aka

Congratulations to Aka Bloomfield, who has been chosen to attend Canterbury University's inaugural WiE CAN Women in Engineering Residential Programme.

Aka was chosen from a large group of applicants representing 119 schools. The selection committee advised that the quality of applications was very high, presenting them with a difficult challenge.

The programme takes place from 21-24 January, 2019 and is aimed at inspiring the next generation of female engineers by giving them an opportunity to explore engineering study options and career paths.



Albertians Association Luncheon



The Mount Albert Grammar School Albertians Association is pleased to invite you to this year's second Albertians Luncheon, to be held at 12.30pm on Thursday, 27 September at School House.

The speakers at the luncheon will be Headmaster Patrick Drumm and Peter Brice, ASB MAGS Farm Experience Centre Development Manager. Mr Brice will give a presentation on the future of the ASB MAGS Farm and its impact on attracting future students to the school.

The cost of the lunch is \$30 per person, which is 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.

RSVP by Thursday, 20 September to: Martin Sykes, Phone: (09) 846 2044 ext 8135
or email: msykes@mags.school.nz

Unfortunately, car parking will not be available on school grounds, however drop-off at the front of School House is fine.

In memoriam

Last week saw the passing of two distinguished Albertians: Assid Khaleel Corban OBE (1939-1944), former Mayor of Waitakere City and Albertian of the Year in 2002; and Allan Herbert Seagar (1958-61), a Commonwealth Games swimmer who features on the Sporting Honours Board.

Assid Corban (pictured right) was part of the pioneering Corbans wine-making family in West Auckland and was the Mayor of Henderson Borough from 1974 to 1989, and the first Mayor of Waitakere City in 1989. He was awarded an OBE in 1988.

At MAGS he picked up many Academic Certificates, and participated in Athletics, Association Football, Choir, Rifle Club, Boxing, Chess, Drama, and was a Platoon Commander.

Assid was a proud Westie and during his decades of public service drove the development of Henderson and the wider area, pushing through projects such as libraries, and sports and swimming complexes.

When the Corbans winery site in Henderson was sold in 1992, it was purchased by the Waitakere City Council and has since been transformed into the Corban Estate Arts Centre. Assid had a love of fishing and shooting, and was passionate about orchids, serving as president of the New Zealand Orchid Society.

He passed away at age 93 and is survived by wife Miriam, his son and three daughters and their children.

Allan Seagar swam for New Zealand at the Perth Commonwealth Games (1962) and Kingston Commonwealth Games (1966), competing in Breaststroke, Backstroke and the Individual Medley. He just missed out on a medal at the 1966 Games, finishing fourth in three events.

At MAGS, he was swimming champion in 1961, and played rugby in 1958.

He was a top competitor and stalwart of the Piha Surf Life Saving Club and last year was awarded his 50 Year Badge, given to members who have dedicated 50 years of service to Surf Life Saving within New Zealand.

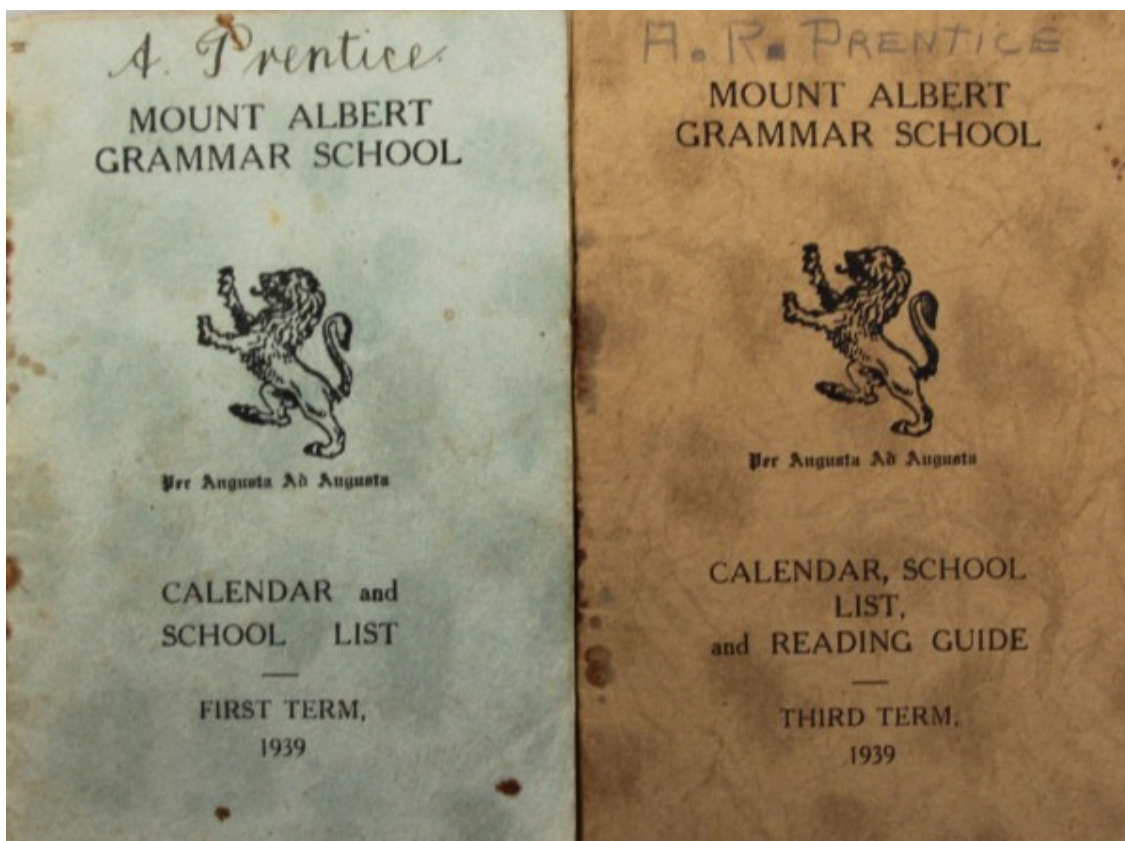
He was a highly respected Life Member of the club and long standing Active Reserve (Grey



Watch) Patrol Captain. He was also involved in setting up the club's Nippers programme and, as an experienced bricklayer, in the re-build of the clubhouse. He passed away at age 74 and is survived by wife Valerie and three sons and their children.

Assid Corban picture courtesy of Auckland Council

Guided by The Calendar



These two booklets are examples of what was simply known as 'The Calendar'. Archivist Brian Murphy said they fitted into the top pocket of the uniform shirt. There was a light grey shirt for summer and a heavy navy shirt for winter. The Calendar lasted from 1922 to 1978. It had school lists of various sorts, including class lists and rooms. These copies are a gift of Nancy Prentice, daughter of Alan R. Prentice (1939-41). In 1939, A.R. Prentice was in Junior 3A, a class for clever young boys. You can see more of the school's history in the archives [here](#)

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
- 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

Sports update

Brearna piles up the medals and trophies



Swimming sensation Brearna Crawford added to her already impressive haul of trophies this year when she broke a national age group record, set three Auckland age group records and won eight Golds, three Silvers and one Bronze at the 2018 NZSS Swimming Championships in Wellington last weekend.

She broke the 15yrs 50m Fly NZ record in a time of 26.98sec, and swam five overall best female times.

Brearna, in Year 11, is pictured with an assortment of medals and trophies she has won this year at events including the Auckland Age Groups, Auckland Open, New Zealand Age Group Championship, New Zealand Secondary School Championship, and College Sport Individual Champs and Central Zone Champs.

Now she has her sights set on the 2018 State Teams Championships starting on October 3 in Canberra, where she expects tough competition from the Australian swimmers. Next year, she aims to compete in the World Junior Swimming Championships in Budapest. She has also been talking to her parents about some alterations at home to accommodate the growing collection of silverware that she has been amassing since age 10.

At the NZSS Swimming Championships, MAGS had more medal winners in Edie Ancell, who took Bronze in the 14yrs 50m Freestyle; Michael Chapman, who won Bronze in the 14yrs 200m Fly; and Bede Aitu, who claimed Bronze in the 16-18yr 50m Breaststroke. The relay team of Edie Ancell, Eva Williams, Vasilina Shipilova and Brearna Crawford won Silver in the 4x50m Freestyle and Bronze in the 4x50 Medley.

There were numerous other top 10 finishes by MAGS' swimmers over the six sessions from September 13-16.

Swim coach Paul Kent said, "Congratulations to the entire MAGS swim team on some great results. The team looked really good and had a fantastic time at the meet. Now their focus shifts towards the NZ short course championships and State Teams."

And Bede Aitu (pictured) has been chosen to represent the Cook Islands at the 2018 Youth Olympics to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 6–18 October, competing in the 50m and 100m Backstroke events. He will be the sole participant from all sports for the Cook Islands and will be the country's flag bearer at the opening ceremony.

Leading up to this, Bede competed at the 2018 Oceania Swimming Championships in Papua New Guinea, setting Cook Islands records in the 50m & 100m Backstroke and Breaststroke, and 200m Individual Medley.



Football U17s qualify for World Cup



Congratulations to MAGS footballers Luca Taylor and Hayden Aish, who are part of the NZ team that has qualified for the FIFA U-17 World Cup in Peru next year.

They qualified by beating Tahiti 4-1 in the semifinals of the 2018 OFC U-16 Championship in the Solomon Islands this week.

In the Final tomorrow at 4pm, they play hosts Solomon Islands, who beat them earlier in the tournament in group play.

For more pictures from NZ's semifinal win, click [here](#)

And you can watch the Championship Final between the Solomons and NZ live [here](#)

Terrell Peita named in Māori U18 team

Rugby First XV captain Terrell Peita has been named in the NZ Māori U18 Rugby team to play games against the New Zealand Schools Barbarians (on 27 September) and Fiji

Schools (on 5 October) in Wellington. Players were identified through regional and national camps and selected on form from school, regional and club rugby.

The team will assemble in Wellington on 22 September



Weightlifting Bronze medals



Three MAGS weightlifters came away with medals from the Olympic Weightlifting NZ Secondary Schools Nationals.

Shuaib Ali, Thomas Roffey (pictured) and Tate Walker each won Bronze medals in their weight classes.

All the boys competing represented MAGS well, and most of the boys were the youngest in their weight class which looks great for the future.

Football U13s win Knockout Cup



The Football U13s won the Knock Out Cup at Mt Wellington's Bill McKinlay Park last weekend when they beat Auckland Grammar School 1-0 in the Final. In a closely fought game, MAGS scored just before fulltime to claim the cup. For a photo essay from the game, click [here](#)

Sports Dinner tickets on sale



Tickets are now on sale for the Sports Dinner on Wednesday, 24th October, 2018. The dinner will be held in the Tasman Room, Alexandra Park, with Cam Calkoen as guest speaker. Mr Calkoen, who was born with cerebral palsy, has forged a career as an inspirational speaker after refusing to let his illness get in the way of his dreams. The Sports Dinner is opened to all Premier Sports teams. Tickets are \$65 and need to be

purchased by Thursday, 18th October. Each student from a Premier team can purchase one ticket. Trophy winners, Blue Cap and Black Cap recipients can purchase a maximum of three tickets. Doors open 5.45pm, with guests to be seated by 6.05pm.

The night will also feature the presentation of Black Caps to students who have played sport for New Zealand, either individually or in teams.

To buy tickets, click [here](#)

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 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

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](#)

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](#)

General notices



SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

MAGS Melbourne
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10:30-2:30



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11-17yrs

October 2018

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