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From the Headmaster

The Lion Award



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

The final week of term has been one of celebration across two of our four MAGS Pillars.

Tuesday afternoon saw the presentation of Sports Lions to students who have represented MAGS in premier sport this year. This was followed up later in the evening where our winners of Arts Lions were recognised at the end of the Arts Alive concert.

Receiving a 'Lion' for exceptional achievement within one of our MAGS Pillars is the highest honour for a student. The award is open to students from any year level and a number of students go on to have the Lion re-awarded in subsequent years at school.



The multi-talented nature of our MAGS students sees many of them achieving highly across a range of Pillars. For those students who gain a Lion in each of our Pillars (Academic, Arts, Sports and Service), there is the ultimate award of a Gold Lion. We look forward to presenting six students with their Gold Lion at the upcoming Senior Prizegiving next term.

What a fantastic way to finish an outstanding term for MAGS! Congratulations to all of our Lion awardees.

A reminder to our senior students to bring the Academic Pillar to the fore during the holiday period. Commitment to a study plan ahead of the fast approaching NCEA Examinations is a non-negotiable.

Have a safe holiday period.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Monday, October 14

Term 4 starts

Tuesday, October 15

Year 11 Drama Production

Thursday, October 17

Media Studies Film Night

Wednesday, October 23

Sports Dinner

Friday, October 25

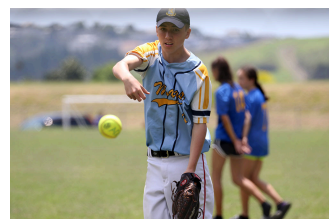
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Sport

Fixtures and results

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Sport trials and registrations

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Arts Alive celebrates excellence



The annual Arts Alive concert and presentation of Arts Lions was held at Centennial Theatre on Tuesday.

The concert showcased the performances of the Arts Lion award winners and a variety of individuals and groups from across the Arts spectrum.

As they came in, audience members were treated to a display of [work from MAGS' talented senior Visual Artists](#).

Kapa Haka Leader and songstress Assina Te Paa-Kolio opened the evening with a waiata based on a Maori proverb about our connectedness to each other. This was followed by a stellar performance from the award-winning Jazz Band.

The evening showcased a huge variety of talent across the Arts, with music performances from the Boys Choir, senior string players and a stellar piano solo by Eric Shen.

Drama pieces from the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare and Godot performances were all directed by students and highlighted their broad talent and creativity in both comedic and dramatic work.

Dance items ranged from the ever-popular Leavers Dance to choreography being submitted for scholarship.

Particular mention must be made of the very moving tribute to Geoff Moon choreographed by Allyana Mayerhofler and, of course, everybody enjoyed seeing the national champion Megacrew perform for the last time this year.

Also this year we featured the talented and vibrant Spoken Word group of Vaibhav Nayyar, Takunda Muzondiwa, Abby Irwin and Matilda Clack.

We are hugely proud of all the students who performed and were awarded the coveted Arts Lion for their talent and commitment to the Arts.

Credit must also go to the Arts Prefects and senior students who had a large role in the

organisation and running of the event. You can see more photos of the concert from Photography Leaders Renee Ng and Lars Landicho and a full list of Arts Lion recipients [here](#)



Top sportspeople recognised



On Tuesday, Sports Lions and special trophies were presented to MAGS' sports achievers at a Sports Assembly in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

Director of Sport Allie Wright announced the winners, who were presented with their Lions and trophies by Hockey Academy Director Mark Dempster and Headmaster Patrick Drumm respectively.

You can see more photos from the assembly, and a full list of Sports Lion recipients and special trophy winners [here](#)



Also at the ceremony, Arnd Arelmann and Valentina Buniato (pictured below left) were named International student Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year respectively, with Arnd receiving his Blue Cap as part of the NZSS Champion Squash team, and Valentina hers for winning an NZSS Fencing title.

Other International students recognised (and pictured below right) were Rebecca Blanco, who received a Lion for Squash, and Orion Schmok, who was awarded a Lion for Rugby and the trophy for Best Tackler in First XV Rugby.



Lisa Carrington to speak at Sports Dinner



World Champion canoe sprinter and Olympic Gold medallist Lisa Carrington has been confirmed as the guest speaker at MAGS' Sports Dinner.

Don't miss your chance to hear Lisa's inspirational story and celebrate sporting success at MAGS at the Sports Dinner on Wednesday, October 23 at Alexandra Park.

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

Tickets at \$70 will be on sale at the Finance Office in Term 4. Students are eligible to attend if representing a premier/top team or they took part in a national tournament.

Don't miss Media Studies Film Night

The annual Media Studies Film Night promises something for everyone – from mockumentaries to music videos.

You can see the Head Boy get mildly injured jaywalking or the Head Girl exploring the pitfalls of dictatorship among a huge range of the best student-produced films from the Senior School.

This popular event celebrates the acting, film-making and scriptwriting abilities of our Media Studies students.

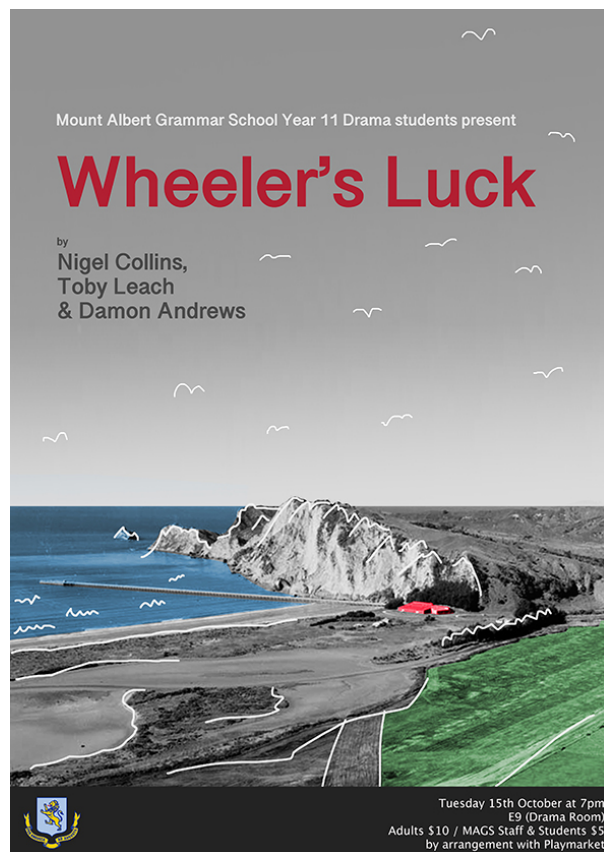
Film Night is on Thursday, October 17 at 6.30pm at Event Cinemas, St Lukes. Tickets \$10 from the Finance Office.

You can get a taste of what's on offer with a trailer for the film night [here](#)



Year 11 Drama next term

Year 11 Drama students present *Wheeler's Luck*, a funny portrait of what happens to a small Kiwi beach town when a big city developer moves in. The play, which is something of a farce, is about small town New Zealand, land ownership, folklore, values and karma. The one-off performance takes place on Tuesday, October 15 at 7pm in the Drama Room (E9). Tickets are \$10 Adults, \$5 MAGS Staff and Students, and are available through the Drama Department or on the door.



Calcex team wins again



Our Mathematics students have won the Auckland East Calcex for a third straight year, with MAGS' other team claiming third spot.

These great results came in the face of strong opposition from Macleans, Pakuranga, St Kentigern, Botany and Ormiston high schools.

Mathematics teacher Michael Walden reports that this means that MAGS is still the only winner of this event, much to the frustration of the other schools.

MAGS' winning team was Logan Allomes, Minh Nguyen, Stephen Stuart and Junjian Zhang; and the third-placed team comprised Jamila Chen, Cole Hickey, Caitlin Mitchell and Adam Bateman.

The format of Calcex is a 30-minute mathematics quiz consisting of 20 questions. Each question is worth five points, for a maximum of 100 points. The winning team is the first team to reach 100 points, or the team with the most points after 30 minutes.

Year 13 graduation celebrations

Save the date for the Year 13 Graduation Ceremony and Celebration, which will take place on Tuesday, 3 December from 5pm. Tickets are \$35 per head.

More details are to come in the first weeks of Term 4 about this celebration of, and farewell to, the Class of 2019.

Former teachers up for music awards



Former MAGS music teachers Elizabeth Stokes (above left) and Benjamin Sinclair (above right) have been nominated for five New Zealand Music Awards as part of indie pop band The Beths.

Mr Sinclair, an Albertian, was an itinerant music teacher and Jazz Band director at MAGS, while Ms Stokes was a brass teacher before commitments with The Beths took over. Following the release last year of their debut album *Future Me Hates Me*, The Beths have been nominated for Best Alternative Artist, Album of the Year, Single of the Year (*Little Death*), Best Group and Breakthrough Artist of the Year.

The annual awards – at Auckland's Spark Arena on November 14 – will be broadcast live on Three from 8.30pm

Cancer Society – Student Vaping Survey

Maintaining the health and well-being of our young people and ensuring that they make good life choices is at the heart of much of what we do at MAGS.

As we go into the Term 3 study break when our young people have more time on their hands, parents are encouraged to read [this media release](#) from the Cancer Society that presents some worrying statistics about vaping, showing that too many of our young people are making the wrong choices in this regard.

From the Archives

Albertian Steve Bate (1991-94) is an adventurer and sportsman who has triumphed over adversity.

He has an incurable degenerative eye condition, retinitis pigmentosa, with just 10 per cent vision, but that has not stopped him from climbing mountains, winning a cycling Gold medal at the Paralympics, and taking part in endurance cycling events.

Steve, who was awarded an MBE in 2017, is also a motivational speaker.

You can read all about Steve Bate [here](#)
And you can read more about the school's
history in the [The Archives](#)



Sports update

Luca Taylor selected for World Cup



Congratulations to Football First XI goalkeeper Luca Taylor, who has been named in the NZ squad for the FIFA U17 World Cup in Brazil next month.

The NZ U17s are based at Bezerrão Stadium – close to the capital Brasilia – where they play Angola on October 26 then hosts Brazil followed by Canada as they attempt to qualify from their group to make the knockout stages.

Luca was in the NZ U16 squad that won the Oceania Football Championship in the Solomon Islands last year to book their place at the World Cup.

Adithya Ashok back in NZ Cricket U19s

MAGS' Cricket First XI captain Adithya Ashok has been called back into the New Zealand U19 Cricket 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 on Sunday. The team is building up for the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup early next year in South Africa.



Bowen Crawford joins NZ Swim Team



Bowen Crawford leaves on Sunday to represent NZ for the first time at the 2019 Australia State Teams Championships.

The 40-strong NZ swim team will be training on the Gold Coast for four days before heading on to Canberra for a team-formatted competition between the Australian state teams and a NZ team.

Bowen was selected to swim the 50m, 100m and 200m Breaststroke events after winning two Golds and one Silver at the 2019 National Age Group Championships in March.

Snowboarding Boys claim Bronze



In what is thought to be a first for our school, the Boys A team won a Bronze medal at this week's NISS Snowboarding Championships at Mt Ruapehu. MAGS' team left early on Sunday – at 3am – to get to the mountain and had a great day of practice in perfect conditions.

On Monday, there were two competitions: the Banked Slalom and the Slopestyle, with weather switching from clear and sunny to white-out. Andre Pickering and Ronan Guthrie-Hoven reached the Slopestyle Final but due to the deteriorating weather they did not land their finals run.

However, with the team's solid results, it accumulated enough points to claim Bronze.

Pictured above are the Bronze-medal winning Boys A Team of Codi Smith (Captain), Andre Pickering, Ronan Guthrie-Hoven, Archie Shaw, Matthew Ray and Cameron Hartley.



Introduction to Archery

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.

Start Your Archery Adventure

At NZ's best archery club!

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).



Saturday 12th October

Open Day

10am Summit Drive, Ōwairaka

- 1pm Domain, Mt Albert

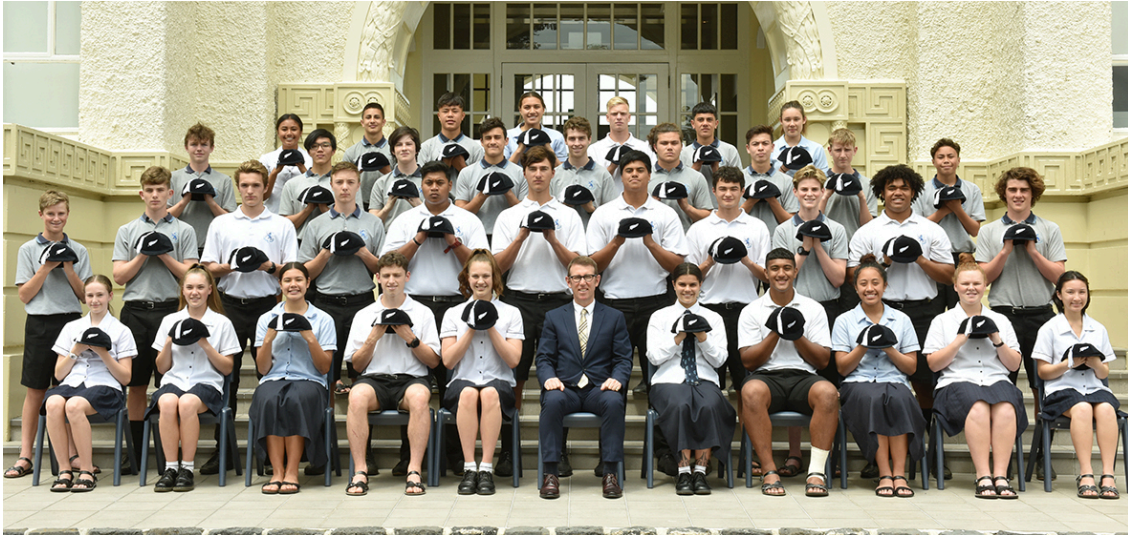
Summer Sport registrations and trials



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



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