



## From the Headmaster

### One of Our Own



Yesterday the school held a special service to re-establish the 'Peter Whitehead Memorial Tree' within our school.

Peter Whitehead was a Mount Albert local who attended MAGS in the late 1970s before completing a Computer Science Degree at Auckland University.

As a keen mountaineer he had an immense enjoyment of the outdoors but at the age of 21, both he and his climbing partner tragically lost their lives in a climbing accident on Mount Tutoko in the Milford Sound area.

This obviously devastated Peter's family and friends and sometime later they organised a memorial service for Peter that included the planting of a small kauri tree along the Roy Clements Treeway. A large rock with a plaque was also laid to mark the tree.

At some stage, both the tree and the rock disappeared from their original place. This added to the grief for Peter's family and friends who used to visit the memorial at times. But a while ago the rock was rediscovered in the stream and at the end of last year the school recovered the rock and plaque.

Yesterday morning, Peter's father along with former school friends, current prefects and MAGS staff (some of whom taught Peter) gathered to bless and re-dedicate a new Peter Whitehead Memorial Tree – a kowhai sitting in the centre of our school near E-Block.

The school is grateful to Peter's family for allowing us to re-establish his memorial – and in doing so keeping Peter's story alive in the hearts of MAGS students in the time to come.

Have a good weekend and, for our students, a productive study break.

**Patrick Drumm**

## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

**Friday, September 28**

End of Term 3

**Monday, October 15**

Start of Term 4

**Thursday, October 18**

Media Studies Film Night



### Sport



Xterra Team victorious, see story below

**Fixtures and results**

Click [here](#)

## Performing Arts talent on show



On Monday and Tuesday, MAGS' talented performers and musicians got to strut their stuff in two spectacular concerts at the Centennial Theatre.

On Monday, Junior Bytes featured a variety of performances as well as the presentation of Junior Arts Awards. Music items ranged from rock bands to classical piano and choir.

All Junior Dance classes performed, presenting a range of themes and all displayed expertise and commitment. For the first time, Spoken Word was part of the programme, and the poetry was accompanied by duet choreography by

Year 10 NCEA students. The Drama scenes were entertaining and varied and the audience was very appreciative.

You can see more photos from Junior Bytes [here](#)

On Tuesday, Seniors took to the stage for Arts Alive, with a dazzling array of performances and the presentation of the 2018 Arts Lions.

The Music Department again showed its diversity with jazz, gypsy jazz, the entertaining funk rock group The Wondercats, stellar classical items from The Moonstars chamber group, and Nadine Hidalgo and Hannah Houghton on piano and violin.

Drama presented two polished and entertaining excerpts: from the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival submission and the popular Year 13 play The Visit, and a devised



solo by Maddi Bencich, who channeled controversial choreographer Martha Graham. Dance items ranged from Hip Hop to contemporary, with the Year 13 Leavers Dance choreographed by Ms Samantha French a crowd favourite. The show concluded with the highly entertaining Prefects Dance – and then 38 senior students were awarded the coveted Arts Lion for their excellence in the Arts. You can see more photos from Arts Alive [here](#)

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## Peter Whitehead Memorial Re-dedication



*Pictured above at the Peter Whitehead Memorial Re-dedication (from left): Bob Whitehead, friends Lindsay Esler and Jacqui Traffon, and Headmaster Patrick Drumm.*

In a moving ceremony yesterday morning, a memorial to Albertian Peter Whitehead (1976-1979) was re-dedicated in the school grounds.

Peter was 21 when he died in a climbing accident on Mt Tutoko in Fiordland in 1985, and his body was never recovered.

To honour his memory, in 1986 a kauri was planted beside Meola Creek along the Roy Clements Treeway. Beneath the kauri, a plaque with the legend 'Peter Whitehead Memorial Tree' was embedded in concrete.

Some time later, the tree died and the plaque-embedded concrete disappeared – thought to have been dragged out by vandals and rolled into the creek.

When the plaque was rediscovered and MAGS learned of its significance, arrangements were made to have it re-dedicated in the school grounds.

That culminated in yesterday's ceremony with Peter Whitehead's family, friends and former teachers in attendance.

You can read more about Peter Whitehead and the ceremony, and see more photos [here](#)

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## Albertians Association Luncheon



Yesterday's Albertian Luncheon, the second of the year, saw past students pack out School House for a special presentation by ASB MAGS Farm Experience Centre Manager Peter Brice (pictured above).

Mr Brice gave the assembled Albertians an idea of his rural background and outlined the vision for redeveloping the farm so that it became an educational and industry leader in the Agri-food and Fibre sector.

The \$12 million Experience Centre will be the centrepiece of the 8.1ha farm and give students and visitors a world-class experience and educational environment with classrooms, an exhibition space and a seminar area.

The experience centre will take up to 500 students a year and also demonstrate

the innovation, science and environmental best-practice used on farms across New Zealand to around 25,000 Auckland school students every year.

Opening proceedings, School House Director Geoff Moon (pictured above right) welcomed guests and gave them an idea of the ethos of School House. He pointed out some new additions – mounted photos on the wall of sporting greats such as Sir Peter Snell and Sir Bryan Williams – that were there to inspire boarders to have a go.

Headmaster Patrick Drumm said while sport played a big part at the school, it was just one piece of the larger picture as shown by events of the past week, which included Performing



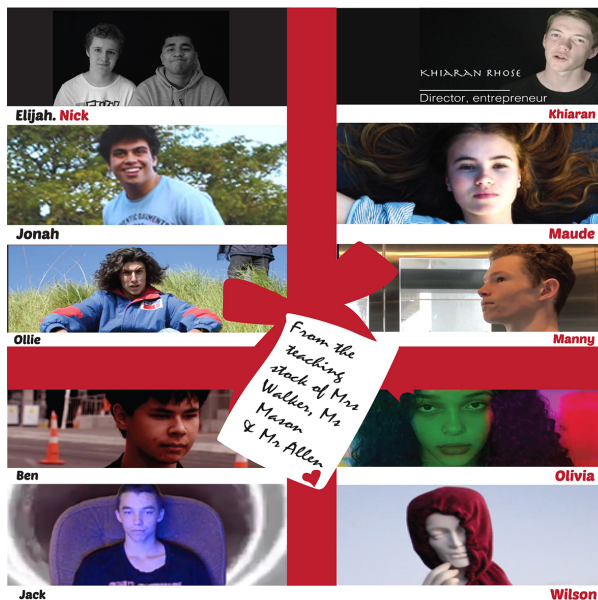
Arts concerts by Juniors and Seniors, Calculus students winning the CalcEX challenge, and the re-dedication of the Peter Whitehead Memorial earlier that day.

## Roll up for Media Studies Film Night

Tickets to the ever-popular Media Studies Film Night are \$11 and are on sale from the Finance Office for all Staff, Year 12, Year 13 and selected Year 11 Students – and their friends and family. Film Night takes place at Event Cinemas St Lukes on Thursday, October 18 at 6.20pm.

Year 11 'general admission' tickets will be available in the first week of Term 4. It is a very popular event and seats will sell out so get in fast!

You can get a taste of what is on offer by viewing the trailer for Film Night [here](#)



THE ULTIMATE STUDENT FILM NIGHT

**MAGS**actually  
Very dusky. Very Augusta

At St Lukes Event Cinemas  
Thursday 18th October  
Cinema 2  
6:20-8:30

## Tickets on sale for Pasifika Dinner



MAGS Pasifika Initiatives is holding a dinner to honour Year 13 students on Friday, 26 October at Sorrento in the Park, One Tree Hill Domain.

The MAGS Pasifika Parents Network is generously subsidising Year 13 Pasifika students and will pay \$25 towards their tickets so they only have to pay \$30 to attend.



Any outstanding subject fees must also be paid before you can purchase your ticket to the Pasifika Dinner.

Year 13 students must RSVP to Mrs Anisi, Mr Taulapiu or one of the Pasifika Prefects and pay for their tickets (\$30) at the Finance Office by Friday, 19 October.

If you do not RSVP, but still wish to attend the dinner, you will need to purchase a fully priced ticket (\$55).

Parents and family who wish to attend should buy their tickets for \$55 through the Finance Office by Friday, 19 October.

There are no door sales and there is a seating plan. The theme is "Pasifika" so please wear formal Pasifika dress.

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## Busy time for Year 13 Outdoor Ed



During the second half of Term 3, the Year 13 Outdoor Education class fine-tuned their mountain biking skills and fitness in preparation for the Day Night Thriller at the Cougar Mountain Bike Park in Tokoroa.

This is a 12-hour relay event, where teams attempt to accumulate the most laps of a 6km course. Student lap times were used as the final assessment task for a Performance Achievement Standard. A highlight for many was riding in the dark using a torch mounted to their helmet. Congratulations to Ned Kerr, the fastest in the class with an impressive ride, two minutes faster than the rest.

Following on from this, the class participated in a 48-Hour Solo experience. The objective of solo is to further develop an individual's self-awareness, self-esteem, self-confidence, personal responsibility and personal motivation. It was a test both mentally and emotionally, and helped each student further consider their own values and provide them with a time to set their own goals.

The experience helped them to learn how to reflect in order to devise strategies for lifelong well-being. Thank you to the Waller Family, who kindly allowed us to use their stunning farm at South Head, which gave the students extensive views over the Kaipara Harbour.



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## Spirited effort at Theatresports



Our Theatresports team received the Team Spirit Award (as shown by Logan Allomes at left) at the Theatresports Youth Programme end of year awards. HoD Drama Gerald Urquhart said that while the team didn't make the final last Friday, TYP organisers referenced the demeanour of our students, both during workshops and at competitions. He said, "I feel it is a mark of the culture created by student leaders Dan Bell and Zoe Holden, as well as all the students involved."

Mr Urquhart said for those keen to see Theatresports in action, MAGS will be hosting Auckland champions Kelston Boys High School and Auckland finalists Saint Kentigern College on Tuesday, October 23.

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## Sailing off into the summer holidays



Since 2016, Mount Albert Grammar School has offered a multi-day sailing trip in December for Year 11s on Sir Peter Blake's round the world yacht Steinlager 2.

Depending on the weather, multi-day trips can take a group to the outer islands of the Hauraki Gulf, Great Barrier Island, Great Mercury Island, Poor Knights or up as far as the Bay of Islands. A multi-day trip will provide students with opportunities to strengthen skills in leadership, teamwork, communication, determination, courage, and respect.

Due to the popularity of the trip, we are now able to offer the opportunity for a second boat: Lion New Zealand.

Students will get first-hand experience of the different aspects of sailing with each participant being allocated a role (Helmsman, Meteorologist, Navigator, Communications Officer, Engineer, Safety Manager, Switch Board Operator, Sail Trimmer, Tactician etc) allowing the group to work and communicate together to sail the vessel. Throughout the sailing journey participants will engage in all aspects of sailing and will learn skills such as: Passage planning and safe navigation of the vessel; Hoisting, setting and lowering of the sails; Helming the yacht; Food preparation and cooking for the crew; Care for the maritime environment.

Additional to sailing, activities such as tramping, mountain biking, kayaking, fishing, rafting and snorkelling can be incorporated.

The group will learn all about life on board a round the world yacht, cooking and eating in





the same way as our famous New Zealand sailors. The crew will share stories and experiences about Sir Peter Blake and his teams, and the history of the vessel they are sailing on.

The four-day trip is for Year 11 students only, takes place from Thursday, 13 December to Sunday, 16 December, and costs \$432 per student.

For more details click [here](#) and if you have any questions, email [cgoff@mags.school.nz](mailto:cgoff@mags.school.nz) or collect an expression of interest form from Miss Goff in the Physical Education Department.

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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 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](#)

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## Ready for take off

MAGS students visited Air NZ Engineering, as part of an annual program to introduce and promote Engineering Careers to secondary students.

The information and tour provided by management, graduate engineers and current apprentices, covered a diverse range of engineering areas, from fleet and system management to hands-on maintenance.

At the time of the visit, three planes were in on their maintenance schedules, so students were able to see what happens during routine maintenance.

A new engine was being fitted to an A320, while on the ground, in an engine cradle, was the one being replaced. This allowed our students to see the systems and layout at close range.

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## Search on for 1958 Prefects



Yesterday's Albertian Luncheon provided a chance for three Prefects from 1958 to get together and talk about old times.

Wayne Edwards, Maurice Williams and Milton Kayes (pictured above left to right) were part of a cohort of 13 Prefects in 1958.

Mr Kayes said he knew that one of that group had passed away but he would like to find the others so they could get together for a 60-year reunion.

The other Prefects are the Begg twins (A.J.C. and A.C.C.), A.D. Grover, R.A. Lamont, J.M.W. Lightbody, D.S. Lincoln, J.B. Stevens, G.R. Ward, and T.R.T. Williams.

If anyone has any information on their whereabouts, please contact Mr Kayes [here](#)

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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

### Hannah and Luke Cross Country champs



Two terrific performances by our champion runners Hannah Houghton and Luke Clements, who have won the Senior Girls and Junior Boys titles respectively at the Auckland Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships held at Saint Kentigern College on Tuesday.

## Xterra Teams does the triple



For the third year in a row, the MAGS team has won the Auckland Xterra Series. The last of the six trail runs in the series was at Riverhead Forest and MAGS came into that race leading the teams event.

The race was through forested and recently deforested areas of Riverhead, and included a huge amount of slippery clay slopes and muddy trails. The MAGS runners all put in a strong performance and their combined race placings contributed to the overall first place

for the team. Two runners, Harry Thurman and Oliver Bulman, also won their respective distance divisions.

**Individual Placings from Race 6:** 1st Oliver Bulman (Mid course), 2nd Liam Grozev (Mid course), 5th Jack Cavanagh (Mid course), 1st Hannah Houghton (Mid course), 2nd Holly Bannister (Short course), 3rd Sonali Mistry (Short course), 4th Ella Mitchell (Short course), 4th John Stirling (Short course).

**Overall Placings from Series (combined six races):** 1st Harry Thurman (Long course), 2nd Liam Thompson (Long course), 1st Oliver Bulman (Mid course), 2nd Liam Grozev (Mid course), 3rd Jonty De Pledge (Mid course), 2nd Holly Bannister (Short course), 3rd Ella Mitchell (Short course).

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## Rowing success overseas



Three MAGS rowers in Year 12 have been training in the Auckland Light Blues squad over the winter that raced successfully last weekend in Rockhampton at the Queensland Secondary School Rowing Champs.

Marcus Winter and Lewis Brown were in the Boys Eight and Four that won their respective finals. Holly Chaafe was in the Girls Eight and Pair that finished fourth in both finals.

Rowing training for this summer is underway at the school and crews will be going away to train at Lake Karapiro in the second week of the upcoming holidays.

There are still some positions available for Year 9 boys who would like to compete in rowing as a summer school sport. They should contact [jcook@mags.school.nz](mailto:jcook@mags.school.nz)

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## Weather hits snow sports



Two race teams and one slopestyle team represented MAGS at the North Island Secondary Schools Ski Championships at Whakapapa and produced a couple of strong results.

Year 13 student Jordan Pickering placed sixth overall in the Senior Men Giant Slalom, and younger brother Andre Pickering, in Year 11, finished 12th overall in the Slopestyle Individual division.

Poor weather at Whakapapa over September 17-19, when the competition was held, meant the first two days were cancelled, but on the final day a shortened version of the competition took place.

The race teams finished equal 24th and equal 56th, and the Slopestyle team were 14th overall.

Teacher in charge Matt Bindon said, "A successful competition and school trip in spite of the weather. Very good results; well done to all the skiers."

The school's Snowboarders – competing after the skiers – had even worse luck with the weather and their competition was cancelled.

Teacher in charge Matthew Huang said the team had a good time regardless.

You can see more photos of both teams [here](#)



## Soane Vikena in NZ Schools



Soane Vikena is in Brisbane playing for the New Zealand Schools side after being named in the team following a development camp at Massey University's Sport & Rugby Institute in Palmerston North.

The New Zealand Schools team is in Brisbane for three matches – they played Tonga Schools first up (winning 54-0), and next face Australia Schools' Barbarians (October 1) and Australia Schools (October 6).

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## Lacrosse Boys into Final



The Lacrosse Premier Boys take on Rosmini College in the final today at Auckland Grammar at 5.30pm after they came back from four goals down to win their semi-final in extra time against Mt Roskill Grammar last Friday.

Against Mt Roskill Grammar, they were down 2-6 at half time but stepped up the pressure in the second half. Captain Zane Harrison had 5 assists, Jack Norris scored 6 goals and Shaan Patel had a great game, scoring 5 goals including the winner 30 seconds into golden point for an 11-10 scoreline.

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## Spencer climbing the ranks

Continuing his success in climbing, School House boy Spencer Graham won the Speed Climb and placed second in the Top Rope in Round 3 of the Inter-School Climbing



Competition held recently at Extreme Edge Glen Eden.

He was unlucky in the Top Rope when one of the grips that he grabbed, rotated and cost him time to recover.

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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.



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**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](#)

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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 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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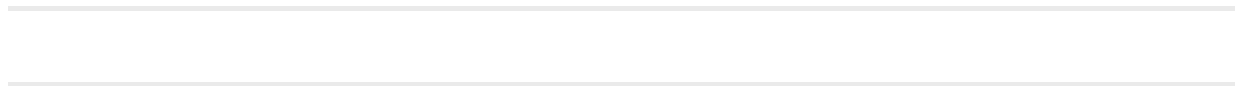
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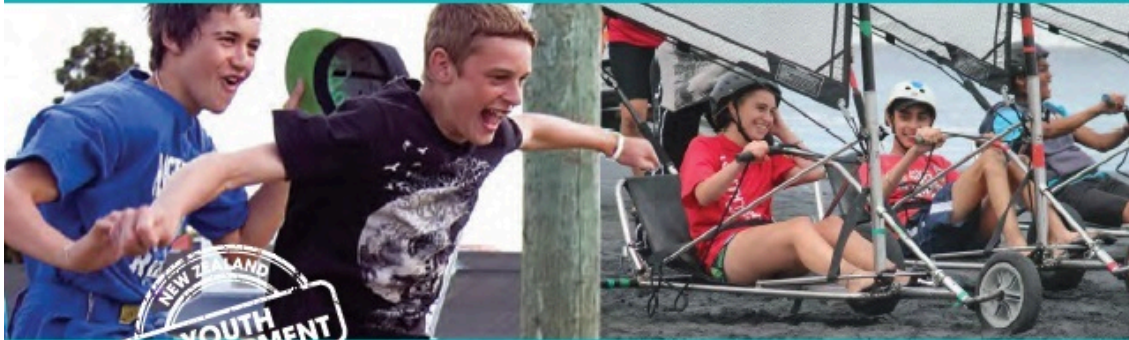
warmly invite you to our Open Office Day

**Saturday 29th September 1pm - 3pm**  
Level 1, 327 Dominion Rd

On display will be a collection of models, publications, drawings and projects.  
Join us for light refreshments and children's activities whilst discussing  
architecture, design and a career in architecture!



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**YOUTHTOWN** 



# AGES 11 - 17 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Sports, Cooking, Youth Development, Team Building and Creative Activities.

**Locations:** Rosehill College  
Avondale Intermediate

2nd - 5th October 2018 and/or  
9th - 12th October 2018

**Time:** 9:30am - 4pm

**Bring:** Please bring a packed lunch, togs, towels and covered shoes.

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# OPEN DAY

**WAITAKERE BMX**

**Saturday 29th September | 11am - 3pm**

## TRY BMX FOR FREE

**EVENTS ON THE DAY**  
Avantiplus Westgate Bike Check - Learn BMX Basics - Demos  
Fun Races - Prizes - Try the Gate - 2nd Hand Market Stall  
Canteen - Free Sausage Sizzle

**WHAT TO BRING**  
Bike: BMX, Balance, Mountain ... all welcome.  
Protection: Long Pants, Long Top, Shoes, Gloves & Helmet.  
*Limited Hire Bikes & Full Face Helmets are available for \$5 each.*

**WAITAKERE BMX CLUB**  
Te Rangi-Horia Park, 103 Glen Rd, Ranui, Auckland  
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**SPORT**  
WAITAKERE

**Drowning Prevention Auckland**

# SPLASH

**Break-Away Holiday Programme**

**11-17yrs**

**October 2018**

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.

**Franklin Pool & Leisure Centre  
Manurewa Pool & Leisure Centre  
Mt Albert Aquatic Centre**

Mon 1st, Tue 2nd, Wed 3rd, Thurs 4th October

9.00am - 2.30pm daily.

**Includes FREE lunch**

To Register email: [Splash@dpanz.org.nz](mailto:Splash@dpanz.org.nz)



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

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