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From the Headmaster

Playing to Win Does Matter!



Over 200 students across 14 teams have represented MAGS this week at Winter Sports Tournaments across the country.

Students have travelled far and wide to compete against the best school sports teams in New Zealand.

The passion and pride of our young MAGS sportsmen and women in the national sporting arena has been a credit to both them and their coaching staff.

Our Sports Pillar plays such an important role in the formation of a MAGS student. Being competitive and 'playing to win' is a critical component of this. Furthermore, learning to win goes hand in hand with learning to lose.

The instant feedback of a sporting contest provides a perfect context for the building of resilience in our young people. A dropped ball, a missed shot – there is a level of immediate personal accountability that is hard to re-create in the other experiences of day-to-day life.

At MAGS we always play to win! Anything less and we are not showing respect to our opposition, school, coaches and families who have invested in providing quality sporting opportunities as part of the MAGS education.

We can rightly savour the joys of winning ... but equally embrace the lessons in losing. Both have an important role to play for our students.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Weekly Notices

Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Monday, September 9

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori/Māori Language Week starts

Wednesday, September 11

Senior Exams start

Friday, September 20

Staff Only Day/ Senior Exam Catch-ups

Friday, September 27

Staff Only Day

Sport

PHOTO ESSAY



Hockey Girls 1st XI v Nga Tawa College

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Sport trials and registrations

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Winter Tournament Week



A big effort from the Hockey Boys 1st XI (pictured above), who beat Rotorua Boys High 3-2 in their last game today to finish third at their tournament in Whangarei.

In Christchurch, the Football Girls 1st XI were also in a playoff for 3rd/4th but went down 1-0 to Epsom Girls Grammar.

The Rugby U15s rounded off their tournament with a good win – 31-19 over Westlake Boys High – in Napier.

Also in Napier, the Football Boys 1st XI lost their final game 1-3 to Tauranga Boys High to finish 6th.

Our Netball Premiers lost their last game today – to Baradene College – to finish 8th at UNISS.

Earlier in the week, the Basketball Junior Girls showed a lot of grit to finish second in their tournament at Takanini's Pulman Park Arena.

Most of the tournaments wrap up with their final games today but Premier Basketball, Lacrosse (both at Pulman Park) and Fencing (at MAGS) continue into the weekend.

You can read more about Winter Tournament week and see photos of the teams [here](#) and keep up to date with fixtures and results [here](#)

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.

Science successes



NIWA Auckland Science and Technology Fair

For the first time in many years, MAGS' Science Department encouraged students to enter the NIWA Auckland Science and Technology Fair.

Science teachers Robina Nisha, Fiona Gillies and Greg Frank have challenged students throughout this last term to get some awesome projects together.

There were more than 250 projects entered from various Auckland schools, and MAGS obtained some great results.

Ethan Chester won first prize in the Technology section and a prestigious Gold Award (University of Auckland Dodd-Walls Centre Prize for Excellence in a Junior Project).

Tabea Leonhardt and Alex Barker won first place in the Earth and Beyond category and a Silver Award from the Science Fair Committee.

Jack Millar was third in Technology, and Poppy Morris and Maddy Walker were Highly Commended in Living World.

HOD Science Aase Diegel said, "Some absolutely great results, which are testament to the hard work and dedication of the teachers involved – especially considering the science fair has not been done by MAGS for a long time. It is great to see MAGS involved in this competition again."

2019 Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards

Faolan Okan has been selected to compete at the National Finals of the Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards in Wellington next Thursday. He will also participate in the Governor General's Young Science Leaders Forum at the same time.

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.

Ms Diegel said, "Nearly 60 students submitted entries so to have a finalist (for the second year in a row) from MAGS amongst the 12 finalists is fantastic – 6 of the 12 finalists are university students!

Selection for the National Finals means Faolan receives a Merit Award of \$1500, competes for the Premier Award Trophy and a total of \$10,000 in prize money, becomes a member of the Eureka! Alumni, and spends time with New Zealand science leaders.

Tongan Language Week



The Tongan language was celebrated this week with performances, students wearing cultural attire and activities such as a Staff v Pasifika Council Turbo Touch game in the gym.

The staff members had a convincing win in the Turbo Touch yesterday, and won't be letting the students forget about it any time soon!

At Assembly today, William Filimoehala, Inoke Halaholo, and Lavinia and Tuiaki Fiuloi (pictured above) performed a beautiful rendition of a Tongan song. The Tongan flag was also flown from the flagpole beside the Sir BG Williams Field.



Firefighters' message about courage



At a special assembly yesterday, Year 9s benefited from a presentation by two New York firefighters who were involved in rescues following the 9/11 terror attacks on the Twin Towers in 2001. Deputy Assistant Chief John Buckheit (pictured near right) and Assistant Chief Howard Hill from the New York Fire Department talked about leadership and courage as they detailed their roles in the events of that day and the aftermath. They both said that their courage came from confidence in their training and in their colleagues, which gave them the strength to go into dangerous situations. The firefighters took questions from students about how events unfolded on 9/11, why they became firefighters and how they stayed strong in the face of danger. To thank the guests, Te Puna o Wairaka students (pictured above) performed a haka at the conclusion of the assembly. The two firefighters are in New Zealand to take part in 9/11 commemorations.



Digital Day promotes online safety



On Tuesday, The Digital Leaders held their Digital Day event in the Albertian quad at lunchtime.

Students entered free competitions to win packets of sweets by answering questions based on good online practice to help keep them and others safe.

They were also able to enter a raffle to win major prizes including \$20 App Store cards, headphones or a bluetooth speaker by donating \$1 to Youthline, which support students suffering from the poor online behaviour of others.

There was a board where students also posted their views on the positive aspects of social media.

At the same time there was also an online competition where students were charged with explaining what makes a good digital citizen.



The Digital Leaders are a student group interested in promoting digital citizenship by encouraging students to be capable and socially responsible online.

The students involved on the day were Maya Azam, Paige Tyson-Taylor, Alex Pullen, Connor Voigt, Kaemon Ah Kuoi-Simich, Humeera Imran and Samantha Pullen.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Next week is Te Wiki o te Reo Māori/Māori Language Week, with the theme 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' (Let's make the Māori language strong).

At Assembly today, Year 12 Te Puna o Wairaka student Tayla Bamber (pictured) spoke about learning te reo as part of growing knowledge, and encouraged everyone to have a try. Karawhuia! (give it a go!)

Te Puna o Wairaka is planning classroom resources for the week and there will be activities such as a Staff v Prefects game of Ki o Rahi (a traditional Māori game) at lunchtime on Tuesday.

Māori Language week has been celebrated each year since 1975.

Māori Language Day is September 14 and

commemorates the presentation of the 1972 Māori language petition to parliament.



Stream cleaners strike twice



During this term the MAGS Environment Committee has twice held clean-ups of the Roy Clements Treeway stream.

Lois Wadsworth, of the Environment Committee, reports: "A group of nine students volunteered for the first clean-up and were appalled to find the stream in such poor condition. There were copious amounts of facial wipes dumped and plastic waste dropped

by the public. This rubbish hung off low branches near the water and slowly suffocated the trees, and it floated downstream making its way to the ocean. After two hours of cleaning, the exhausted volunteers came away with eight bags of rubbish from the stream and boardwalk area.

Just over a month later, a second group of 12 volunteers went back to the same part of the stream. During their clean-up they discovered an eel nesting in plastic bags and cleared the plastic away immediately. Thanks to these students getting in and doing the dirty work the stream has become a cleaner habitat for wildlife living there. After being in the river for one hour they came away with three bags of rubbish. There was a significant decrease in the amount of rubbish found in the river during the second clean-up compared to the first. Rubbish finds itself in the stream after being dropped on roads and footpaths and swept away by rainwater to reach the ocean. Please be mindful with your rubbish as "out of sight, out of mind" doesn't mean it's no longer an issue. Thank you to the volunteers who gave their time to make the Treeway behind MAGS a cleaner place."

For any inquiries about future clean-ups happening with MAGS, please contact lwadsworth@students.mags.school.nz

Green Valley farm visit



On Thursday, 29 August, Year 12 Agribusiness students were lucky to be invited to Green Valley Dairy/Marphona Farms, home of Lewis Road Creamery.

On the trip they learned about Marphona Farms' organic milk production and the Green Valley processing plant.

The students have been learning about the amazing export of fresh milk to China by Green Valley. NZ fresh milk is a trusted brand in China and the growing middle class in China is prepared to pay a hefty premium for fresh milk imported from New Zealand.

The students commented on how interesting and informative the trip was and how engaged and interested the staff were in the students' questions. The visit was crowned by samples of Lewis Road Moccha milk and Green Valley chocolate milk.



Students dish up charity dinner

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Five MAGS students will be preparing food for a charity dinner on October 9 to help the Child Cancer Foundation. Caitlin Tubman, Sohail Varma, Jody Li, Novalee Enosa Rapana and Kanhaiya Naidu will join students from other schools to bring the four-course meal together and provide guests with a goody bag. The MAGS students will be preparing the canapes/entree. Join in and book your tables and support this event.

From the Archives

Our archivist Brian Murphy continues to be busy illuminating the rich history of MAGS.

Among articles he has added to [The Archives](#) is one about the medals (pictured) that belonged to Sergeant Alfred Leslie Dodds, who served in the 6th Field Regiment, 2NZEF, during World War II.

He was at Mount Albert Grammar School from 1922-1924. Sgt Dodds' medals, along with his diaries and other memorabilia, were a gift to the school by his sister Mrs Audrey Thompson-Davies, on 20 September, 2000.

You can read about Sgt Dodds and see more of his wartime collection [here](#)



Celebrating 20 years of girls at MAGS



MAGS is planning a cocktail party for female Albertians on Friday, September 27 to celebrate 20 years of girls at the school.

We'd like you to join us for a celebration and a commemoration of this significant event in our school's history.

Please register your interest by signing up to our Girls Alumni database [here](#) and share this link with your old school friends and classmates. Click on the link [here](#) to the post on the MAGS Facebook page to see who is talking about the cocktail party and who is interested in going.

More details about the event and a formal invitation will be issued soon.

Please share this far and wide with your friends and classmates. The school will be celebrating 100 years in 2022 and we hope to build our database of alumni so we can

celebrate with as many of you as possible and at other alumni events over the coming three years.

Sports update

Xterra wraps up

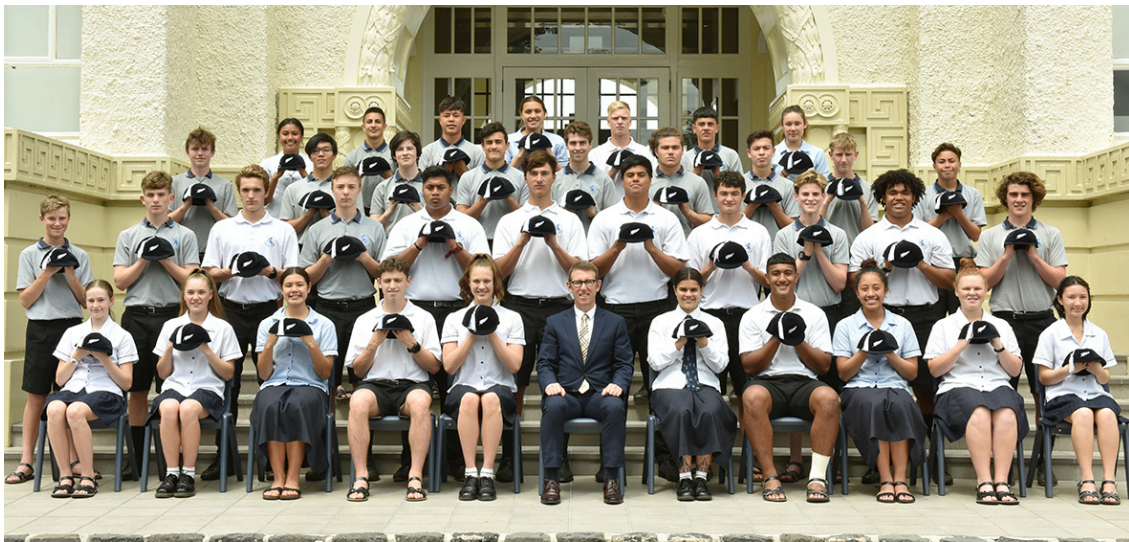


Last Sunday, MAGS runners raced in the Hunua Ranges in the final of the six Xterra Trail runs for the season.

The race was through native forest, rivers and winding hill trails. The MAGS runners all put in a strong final performance but could not defend their title and finished the season, and the Teams Challenge, in fourth position.

Individual Placings from Race 6: 8th Oliver Bulman (Mid course), 4th Holly Bannister (Short course), 5th Sonali Mistry (Short course), 7th Ella Mitchell (Short course), 13th Jacob Bannister (Short course), 14th Bryn Williams (Short course).

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.

Young Sportsperson of the Year

Nominations are now open for College Sport Auckland's Young Sportsperson of the Year (YSPOTY) Awards, which have been held since 1991 to celebrate the outstanding sporting achievements of Auckland secondary school students. Nominations close September 9. The 29th Annual YSPOTY Awards will be held Thursday, 14 November at 6.30pm at Eden Park to recognise outstanding achievement across a wide range of sports. Click [here](#) for the nomination form and to find out more.

General Notices

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Jellicoe Park Tennis Club
Karaka Tennis Club
Kohimarama Tennis Club
Koru Pakuranga Tennis Club

Lynfield Tennis Club
Mission Bay Tennis Club
New Lynn Tennis Sports and Social Club
Orakei Tennis Club
Papatoetoe Tennis Club
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October 2019

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