



From the Headmaster

Weekly Notices

Life Lessons in the Sporting Arena

Key Dates



I am penning this message from Christchurch, having just watched our Premier Boys Football team defeat St Kentigern College 2-1 in the semifinal of the National Secondary Schools Football Tournament.

[Click here for the 2018 Calendar](#)

Wednesday, September 12
Senior Exams begin

Friday, September 14
Year 10, 2019 Options close

Following the journey of our footballers this year has been a delight. They are a team that struggled for results at the beginning of the season – yet they remained committed to each other, their coach and their school – and their improvement as the season progressed has been marked!

Sport

Our footballers, along with all of our other teams I've seen this week reinforce the critical role sport plays in our MAGS culture.

Photo Essay

To walk onto a sports field requires courage. The allure of success is tempered with an equal risk of failure. Learning to build on your wins as well as rebuilding from your losses provides a context that complements everything we are trying to do in a school setting.



Rugby U15 Colts v New Plymouth Boys High
Click [here](#)

The opportunity to build resilience in a sporting environment arms our students with skills that will be critical in the years ahead.

Thank you to all of our MAGS Sportspeople. Congratulations on your courage, character and what you are doing for our culture at MAGS.

Winter Tournament Week
Fixtures and results
[Click here](#)

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm

Football 1st XI National Runners-up



Well done to the Football Boys 1st XI, who finished second in New Zealand after their Winter Tournament Week Competition in Christchurch.

They made today's final after beating St Kentigern College 2-1 yesterday but Sacred Heart College came away with the win 3-0 this afternoon.

Also runners-up were the Netball Premiers, who lost 31-22 this afternoon to Epsom Girls Grammar in their UNISS Final at Mt Maunganui. Earlier in the day, they had beaten Howick College 31-29 to make the final.

Today, the Rugby League 1st XIII finished third in the country after beating Rotorua Boys High in their 3rd/4th playoff at Pulman Park, Takanini.

In their Co-ed Nationals Semifinal today, the Rugby First XV lost 55-18 to St Peter's Cambridge in Palmerston North. On Sunday they will play off for 3rd/4th against either Fielding or Rangiora High Schools.

A win today on the Sir BG Williams Field against St Patricks College Town meant the Rugby U15 Colts finished in seventh. They started strongly with three wins in the competition but two close losses derailed their campaign.

On Tuesday, the Basketball Junior Premier Boys claimed fourth spot after losing to Westlake Boys High in their final game.

After five games, the Basketball Boys Premiers have five big wins and go into the quarter-finals tonight against St Kentigern College, at 5.45pm at the North Shore Events Centre.

For more fixtures and results, which are constantly updated, click [here](#)

Green Room wows the crowds



More than 1000 people turned out to see the school production *The Green Room*, with almost all of the four performances at Centennial Theatre selling out.

The production, which was largely conceived by two of the leads – Ella Brislen and Seamus Stalker – was centred around a director (Seamus) who laments that he did not get the accolades he was hoping for in his final Broadway show.

In an attempt to cheer him up his PA (Ella) and production manager (Billy McColl) start to reminisce about the past, and, in a magical turn of events, all three are whisked into a parallel world of musical theatre.

Director Arts Co curricular Jacqui Cesan said, "The lead actors were all outstanding in their roles. The student choreographers did an amazing job of choreographing for the dancers overseen by Miss French, and the chorus under Mr Jaffrey took on the challenge of learning movement as well as singing with gusto. Mr Sinclair worked with the band and prepared the arrangement of the musical items. All this coupled with Miss Hughes' inspired script and direction, all came together to present a show that was magical, and all performers – supported by a student production team lead by Aislin Reid – performed with fantastic energy and 100 per cent commitment.

"We have had lots of great feedback and all students can be justifiably proud of their contribution to its success."

For a full report and more photos, click [here](#)

Firefighters inspire students



The school had two special guests today from the New York Fire Department who spoke about leadership and their experiences during the 9/11 terror attacks.

Retired Chief Peter Hayden and Deputy Chief Jay Jonas (pictured right) were accompanied by Auckland Airport fire crew chief Tony Scott, a driving force behind the Memorial Firefighter Stair Climb of the Sky Tower, which takes place on September 11 and honours all of the 343 NYFD firefighters who died in the 2001 attack on the Twin Towers, as well as the 59 NZ firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.



A selection of students – Prefects, Air Cadets and History students – listened as Mr Jonas and Mr Hayden recounted

being on the scene of the tragedy and the sort of decision-making and leadership that was involved in saving the lives of civilians and colleagues in a dangerously unpredictable situation.

Mr Jonas was caught in the North Tower with his crew when it collapsed but survived by staying calm and using his training and experience.

Mr Hayden and Mr Scott shared insights on what it takes to be a good leader: training, building trust, personal growth and courage.

Success at Eureka! Awards

Shalin Shah (pictured) placed in the top four at the National Finals of the Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards in Wellington yesterday and picked up \$5000 for his efforts.

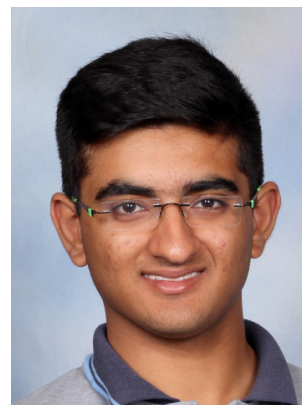
The Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards competition challenges secondary school and tertiary undergrads to deliver a 12-minute presentation about how an application of science or technology will benefit New Zealand's economic, environmental and social wealth and well-being.

Shalin's presentation 'Clean Meat: The Answer to Dirty Farming' impressed the judges, and

the two other MAGS representatives at the Finals also spoke well.

Germain Hellriegel-White delivered his presentation 'The War on Superbugs and our Secret Weapon, with gusto, as did Ellen Zhang ('The Answer is Smaller Than You Think: Nanotechnology').

Ellen had already picked up a \$5000 scholarship from Federated Farmers for her presentation in an earlier round of the Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards.



Daffodil Day raises awareness



Last week, members of MAGS' Health Committee were out collecting donations and selling daffodils to raise money for the Cancer Society, collecting \$690.90 for the charity.

Health Committee Leaders Joanna Laxon and Abby Kelsall, above left, and committee members/helpers Charlotte Wilson and Izzy MacKenzie, above right, were part of the effort to raise awareness about the effect of cancer on our community.

The money they raised will go towards helping with research and with supporting those affected by cancer.

Year 10 Option selection for 2019

Option selection for students who will be in Year 10 in 2019 has opened on MAGS SchoolPoint.

SchoolPoint is an online tool which provides information about the options offered at MAGS in 2019 and enables students to select the courses they want to do. During this

week, you son or daughter's form teacher would have talked to them about the option process and how SchoolPoint works.

The deadline for Option selection is next Friday, September 14.

For detailed information about the options and the selection process, click [here](#)

Senior Exams next week

Senior exams begin next Wednesday, 12 September and run to Friday, 21 September.

Students have been given a copy of their timetable, and arrangements should have been made for students who have exam clashes. You can download a copy of the exam timetable by clicking [here](#) Students are on exam leave during this time and normal lessons resume on Monday, 24 September.

Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students must only attend school to sit an examination or, with the written permission of a staff member, for tutorial or study purposes. At all other times they must be at home studying.

Students are not permitted to be at St Lukes mall during the school day or at the mall in school uniform.

All students need to check the timing of their exams carefully as they vary from normal lesson times – in particular on Thursday, 13 September and Thursday, 20 September.

Correct uniform must be worn to exams. Students will not be admitted to an examination in incorrect uniform.

The purpose of these exams is to provide evidence of the prerequisites required for entry into courses for 2019 and as such they should be treated with the same importance as the external examinations at the end of the year.

In addition, they give an indication of progress to date and clear strategies for improvement before the final exams in November.

Some students sitting Scholarship examinations may have their exam on Monday, 24 September or Tuesday, 25 September if necessary.



Changes to school bell times

To accommodate Senior Exams, bell times will be adjusted across the school day, from next Monday, 10 September to Friday, 21 September.

Lunchtime will occur at 12.30pm and the start of afternoon lessons will coincide with the start of the afternoon exams at 1.10pm during Weeks 8 & 9.
Please also note that three-hour afternoon exams do not finish until after 4.10pm and this may be outside normal transport arrangements.
Click [here](#) for the adjusted bell times during this two-week period.

Students acting up



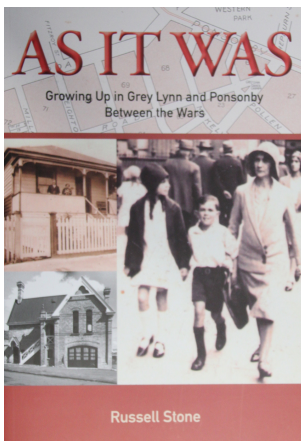
On Wednesday, MAGS competed in the TYP Theatresports Festival at St Kentigern College. Although the team of (l-r) Zoe Holden, Dan Bell, Ella Brislen and Logan Allomes did not win, they improvised well and crafted some excellent stories. The quality of the work by all the teams was universally high and a great time was had by the audience. HoD Drama Gerald Urquhart said, "A big thank you to the parents and our supporters who came along."

Two recent books by Albertian historians

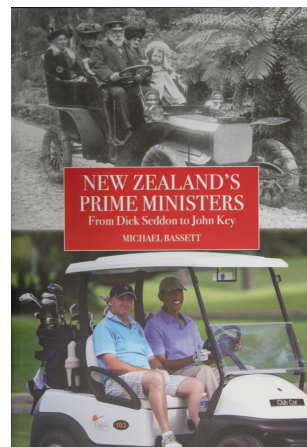
Two Albertian authors have each produced recent works that have come to the attention of our archivist, Brian Murphy.

The first is a memoir by Russell Stone – *As it Was: Growing Up in Grey Lynn and Ponsonby Between the Wars* (David Ling Publishing, 2017, 240pp).

Professor Stone ONZM, PhD (1936-1940) has written nine books on early Auckland. He is



the leading authority in that field. He is also the author of *Tradition and Change: Mount Albert Grammar School: The First Seventy-five Years* (Mount Albert Grammar School, 1997, 405pp). The second is a political history by Michael Bassett – *New Zealand Prime Ministers: From Dick Seddon to John Key* (David Ling Publishing, 2017, 594pp).



The Hon Dr Michael Bassett CNZM,

QSO HhD (1953-1955) has written a number of books including biographies of four New Zealand Prime Ministers.

He was an MP from 1972-1990, including various cabinet portfolios. After politics he was Professor of History at the University of Western Ontario.

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

Enrolments for 2019

To assist with planning for 2019, MAGS would appreciate it if in-zone applications were submitted by 1 October, 2018.

Click [here](#) for the enrolment process.

Out-of-zone enrolment ballot applications for 2019 have closed for Priority 2 students – that is, for siblings of current students at MAGS, a current student being one that is attending in 2019.

Because of the pressure on the school roll, only Priority 2 applications are eligible for the ballot.

The ballot will be conducted next Wednesday, 12 September, 2018.

Sports update

Isaiah Papali'i in Kiwis squads



It's been a massive week for Albertian Isaiah Papali'i (2012-16), who was named Warriors Rookie Player of the Year on Sunday night at their annual awards and then named in both the Kiwis and Junior Kiwis Rugby League squads at the age of 19.

The squads have been named in preparation for a triple-header on Saturday, October 13 when the Kiwis, Kiwi Ferns and Junior Kiwis will come up against their Australian counterparts for the Trans-Tasman Cup at Mt Smart

Stadium.

Second-rower Isaiah, a former MAGS 1st XV player who won 1st XV Player of the Year in 2016, has been putting in impressive performances as the Warriors power into their first NRL finals campaign since 2011. He has been named on the bench for tomorrow night's must-win clash against Penrith.

NZ Orienteering selection



One of MAGS' top runners, Liam Thompson, has been selected for the New Zealand Junior Pinestars to compete against the Australian Bushrangers at the Australian Orienteering Championships in Adelaide from September 29 to October 6.

Basketballers named in national squads

Congratulations to MAGS students Rishon Royce and Sataan Tawera, who have been named to attend Basketball NZ's U17 and U15 camps respectively.

The camps will be held at Pulman Park in South Auckland over Labour Weekend, October 20-22.

For the Under 15 national squad members, this is the final selection camp for the team that will travel to Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea to compete in the FIBA Oceania Championships in December. The top two teams will qualify for next year's Under 16 Asian Championships.

For the Under 17s, this is their first preparation for next year's FIBA Oceania Championships, which will be held in Noumea in August.

Xterra team still running hot



MAGS' team of runners are still in first place after Race Five of the Xterra Auckland Trail Series 2018.

This penultimate race in the series was held at Totara Park and included stunning native forest, open grass and farmland areas. No cow attacks occurred during the race but the students all performed incredibly well amongst a strong pack of competitive secondary school students.

With one race to go, MAGS is still on top, with the final trail run at Riverhead Forest.

Individual Placings in Race Five: 1st Nick Sykes (Superlong course), 1st Harry Thurman (Long course), 2nd Oliver Bulman (Mid course), 3rd Liam Grozev (Mid course), 5th Jonty De Pledge (Mid course), 6th John Stirling (Short course), 7th Holly Bannister (Short course), 8th Sonali Mistry (Short course).

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 25th October, 2017 and the 24th September, 2018.
- You must have played in a game/sport.
- Non-playing or paper teams do not count.

Applications close 25 September, 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. Ticket information will be published later in Term 3.

To download the application for a MAGS Sports Black Cap, click [here](#)

Sports Dinner sponsors sought

MAGS' Sports Dinner is coming up on October 24 at Alexandra Park, and table sponsors are being sought to help to reduce the costs for students who are attending.

Sponsorship of a table costs \$500 (incl GST) for a dinner that all MAGS' top sporting teams are invited to and which will have Cam Calkoen, pictured right, 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. If you would like to sponsor a table, please contact Director of Sport Allie Wright AllieWright@mags.school.nz



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

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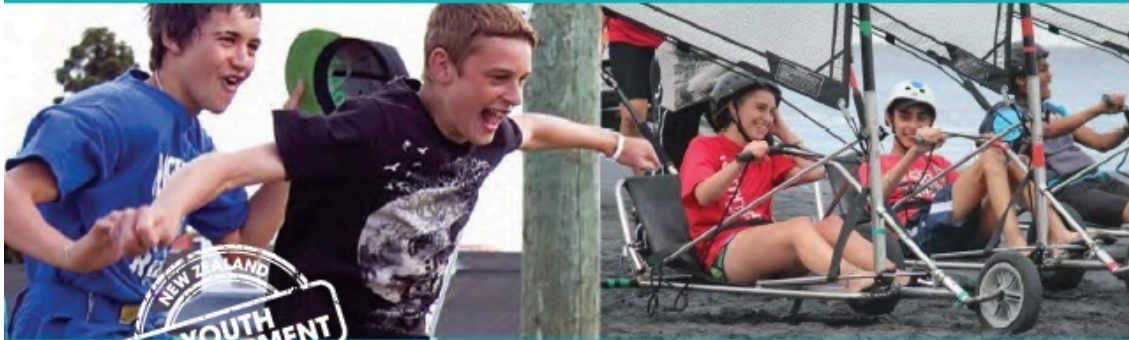
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