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From the Headmaster

Service: The Glue That Binds the MAGS Community



Last weekend, more than 300 MAGS students and staff descended on Millennium Stadium on the North Shore for the Annual Cancer Society Relay for Life.

This charity run has become cemented as a major event in our school calendar and symbolic of the growing importance placed on service as a core part of a MAGS education.

We are a school of many parts – so many opportunities being provided across our four pillars. Learning is highly valued in academic, artistic and sporting contexts – but it is within a culture of service that these pursuits find their true purpose.

Our MAGS students show time and time again that they understand our school is a better place when we look to lift up others within and beyond our community. The rising tide of service at MAGS is certainly lifting all boats!

The MAGS Relay for Life team have raised more than \$91,000 to date for the Cancer Society – and we're still counting!

Thank you to our students, staff and parents who continue to bring our service pillar to life.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

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Tomorrow, Saturday March 17
MAGS groups at Polyfest (see story below)



Monday, March 19

Maadi Cup rowing begins (see story below)



Sport

Registration and trials for summer and winter sports

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PolyFest heats up



Five of MAGS' seven groups took to the stage today at PolyFest at the Manukau Sports Bowl under beautiful blue skies.

First up was the Indian group on the Diversity Stage, followed by Cook Islands, Niue, the Chinese and Samoan groups.

Tomorrow it's the turn of the Tongan and Kapa Haka groups, meaning the school will be represented by a total of 276 students.

MAGS' Niuean group did a great job of warming up the crowd for Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, the newly crowned "daughter of Niue", who took to the stage afterwards. She joked with the audience, explaining that she didn't have Niuean blood as evidenced by her fair skin but was called a "daughter of Niue" because her father was High Commissioner there.

For more photos from PolyFest, [click here](#)

Relay for Life closing in on magic \$100,000 mark



Organisers of MAGS' Relay for Life charity run set themselves an ambitious target of raising \$100,000 for the Cancer Society but they are closing in on that total.

To date, more than \$91,000 has been raised, boosted by the \$4046 collected at last Friday's Mufti Day.

Relay for Life was held last weekend, with 292 students running a total of 25,000 laps at the Millennium Institute on the North Shore.

Donations are still being accepted – up until March 30 – so dig deep to help to crack the \$100K barrier.

To donate, [click here](#)

Premier Girls netballer and basketballer Sharne Pupuke-Robati has been named as one of the inaugural recipients of the Tania Dalton Foundation scholarships.

Sharne, in Year 13, will receive three years of mentoring and support from The Foundation, which was set up in honour of the late Silver Ferns netballer Tania Dalton to support young women in sport.

Sharne is pictured with her scholarship partner, Tim Fitzsimmons, from Goodman.

The scholarship programme will provide financial, mentorship and personal development support to Sharne and 10 other young women, helping them to unlock their talent and go on to great things.

One of the main goals of the programme is for these young women to then contribute back to their communities and continue Tania Dalton's legacy for future generations.



Weeding and righting the neighbourhood



MAGS students are invited to take part in a competition to remove as many moth plant pods (pictured) as possible from their neighbourhood.

There is a prize pool of \$3000 to be won, with prizes ranging from \$50 Westfield St Lukes vouchers all the way up to a \$1000 pre-loaded Prezzy Card.

[Click here](#) to find out more about moth plant and why it's a problem.

More information on prizes and the Conditions of Entry can be found [here](#)

The competition ends on Sunday, 15 April.

Arts update

ARTS EVENTS IN TERM 1

March 28-29: Year 13 Drama production The Visit in N Block at MAGS. Watch out for more details about this production next week.

April 5-7: Sheilah Winn Shakespeare – Venue TBC

April 10-11: Annual Dance Concert – Centennial Theatre

For any inquiries regarding Arts co curricular events or groups, please contact Jacqui Cesan (Director Arts Co Curricular)

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Sports update



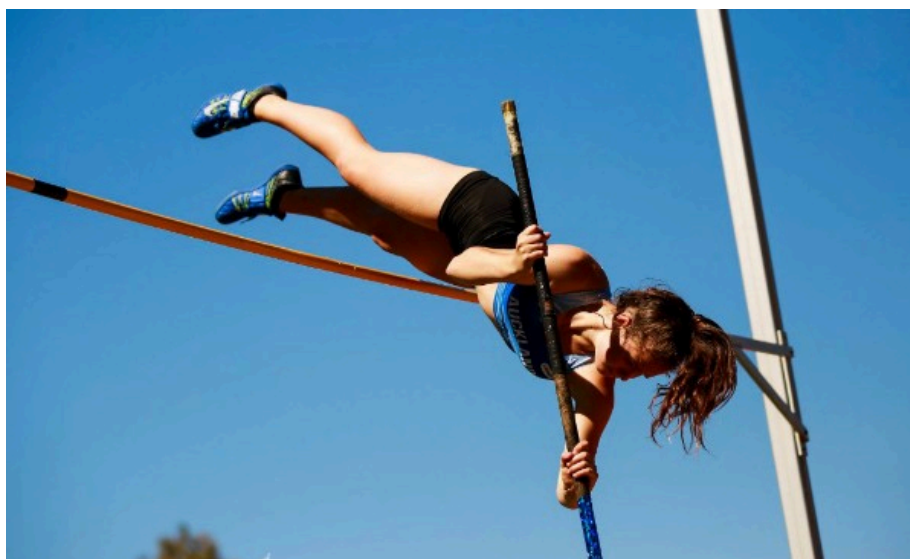
Good luck to our team of 51 rowers and five coaches who are heading to the South Island for the Maadi Cup at Lake Ruataniwha. Medal winners from the North Island Secondary School Championships such as Holly Chaafe, Hannah Zwalve and the U15 Boys Coxed Quad Sculls will be looking to translate that success to the national stage.

The Maadi Cup regatta is the National Championships for school rowing in New Zealand and is the country's largest rowing regatta. More than 2000 competitors from 120 schools are expected, and about 10,000 people watch the finals from the bank.

The regatta is launched with a parade in Twizel this Sunday before heats begin on Monday. A and B finals take place on the Friday and Saturday.

Live results can be followed [here](#), and live streaming of finals begins on Thursday [here](#)

Athletes soar at National Champs



Hannah Adye and Max Brooke-Cowden enjoyed success at the 2018 Athletics New Zealand Championships held at Porritt Stadium in Hamilton over the weekend. Hannah, pictured above, won a silver medal in the U18 Women's Pole Vault with a best of 3.46m then went on to win silver in the U20 Women's Pole Vault with a height of 3.57m that broke the MAGS Open Pole Vault Record. Max, pictured right at centre, ran the Under 20 Men's 200m Final in 22.36s to claim a bronze medal.



National honours for MAGS students and Albertians

James Dougal will represent New Zealand at the the Australian Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne in May.

Year 11 student James competed in trampoline competitions over the past few weekends in Rotorua and Christchurch, with his results helping to qualify him for the Australian Champs.

He has moved into the Junior International Men's division, which is for 15 to17-year-olds even though he's only 14.

The two competitions were trial events for the NZ team, and at both events he picked up gold and silver medals. He won gold in the synchronised event (pictured, with James at rear) and silver in the individual event.

Beth Reid, **Mikayla Cross** and **Brooklyn Temu** have made the Emerging Sox NZ Girls Softball team that will travel to Canada in July. Also, **Nerida Elson**, who left MAGS last year, has been selected in the Junior White Sox to compete in Canada in July with the Emerging Sox.

Brearna Crawford, MAGS' 2018 Intermediate Girls Swimming Champion, has been selected for the New Zealand team to compete at the



Blake Chandler nominated for Coach of the Year



Blake Chandler, the Premier Boys Water Polo coach, has been named as one of the finalists for the 2018 Premium NZ Water Polo Awards being held this weekend. Mr Chandler, pictured above left, is one of two finalists named for the Coach of the Year Award. For further details, [click here](#)

Singapore netballers' return visit



MAGS' Year 9 and 10 netballers got the chance to test themselves against overseas opposition when Singapore Sports School paid a visit on Tuesday.

The top Year 9 and Year 10 teams played against older girls but came out winners 33-27 and 40-28 respectively. The Year 9s' result was particularly impressive as it was their first game together, having just been selected.

MAGS has sent U15 sides up to Singapore since 2010, so it was good for the school to see the Singaporeans here.

For a photo essay on the visit, [click here](#)

School House go down fighting



A scratch rugby team from School House made a great comeback but were beaten 19-17 by Sapporo Yamanote High of Japan at MAGS yesterday.

The team was coached and organised by the School House prefects and captained by Vaughn Mika. Before the game, all 105 School House students performed the House haka, which was answered by the Japanese team, who are trying to gain experience for the Sanix World Rugby Youth Tournament

For a photo essay on the game, [click here](#)

Sports trials and registrations



Students are encouraged to register for sports teams and trials taking place in Term 1. Sports seeking registrations include Hockey, Basketball, Squash, Football, Badminton and Netball.

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