



From the Headmaster

Taking 'The MAGS Way' Into Our Community



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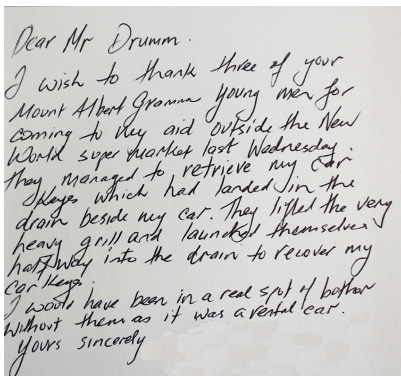
I am delighted to share with you a note I received this week from a woman in Lower Hutt. You can click on the image below to read the note.

At a time of the year when prizegivings are seeing so many of our MAGS students rightly being formally recognised for their

outstanding success and work this year, it is wonderful to see three young MAGS men doing the right thing in our community for the right reason.

In coming to the aid of a visitor to Auckland in a spot of bother, they have brought great credit to themselves, their families and our school.

Thank you to these three young men (who at this stage remain unknown)! Thank you for taking our 'MAGS Way' values out into the community.



You are the toast of our school – and, I'm sure, of Lower Hutt!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Tuesday, November 19

Junior Bytes concert,
Centennial Theatre, 7pm
(details below)

Thursday, November 21

Year 9 Interform Competition

Friday, November 22

Year 10 Interform Competition

Thursday, December 5

Year 10 Prizegiving, 9.30am
Year 9 Prizegiving, 12.30pm



Sport

Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Photo Essay



Softball Junior Girls v
McAuley College

Click [here](#)

Year 10s challenged mentally and physically



Over the past three days, Year 10 students have been enjoying a diverse and stimulating range of extra-curricular activities.

The activities have ranged from the cerebral – discussing philosophy – to the physical – athletics out on the field.

Over the three days all Year 10 classes have rotated through the three modules: Social Sciences, Technology, and Athletics and Well-being.

The Social Science module has included lectures and discussions about philosophy, anthropology, poetry, art history, criminology, Egyptology and visual culture.

Athletics and Well-being featured athletics challenges, Maori Movement classes (pictured above right), and talks about mental and physical health.

For Technology, students were challenged to design an eco-friendly house and build a model of it, as in the main picture at top.





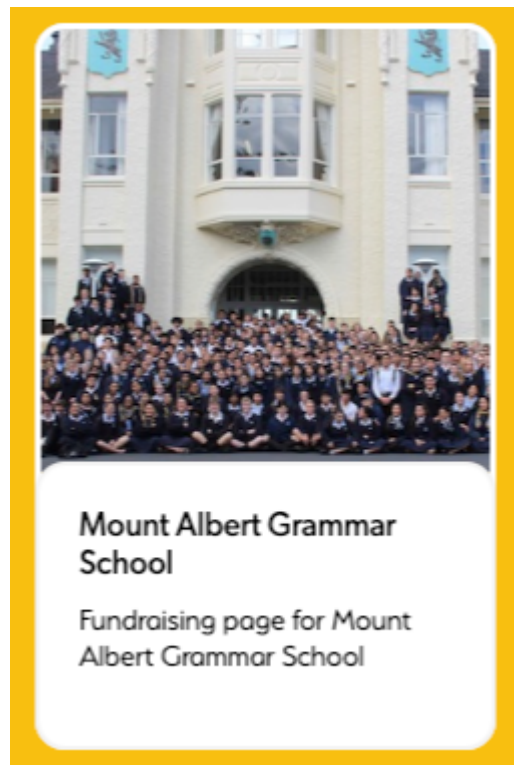
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It's an easy place to shop and includes special discount codes on big brands in fashion, beauty, entertainment, travel, utilities, money, homeware, food, drink and more.

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Ethics Olympiad winners



Ethics Olympiad winners, from left, Alex Barker, Nishera Gnanendra, Emma Cook, Tabea Leonhardt and Tiara Chettiar.

Two teams of girls from 10AHN competed at the Auckland Middle School Ethics Olympiad on Tuesday, with one of them coming away the winners.

Nishera Gnanendra, Alex Barker, Tiara Chettiar, Emma Cook and Tabea Leonhardt formed one team while Naomi Emslie, Greeshma Kasuganti, Ella Sutton, Eva Wadsworth and Vivienne Wong formed the other.

The format of the competition is a reasoned ethical discussion rather than a debate. English teacher Erin Atchison said, "Both teams performed brilliantly in the heats and were in the running for the top spots. However, Nishera's team made it to the final two against a team from Diocesan and competed in the final, adjudicated by Professor Tim Dare from Auckland University Philosophy Department.

"The first case was on the subject of charity and wealth; the second on the use of device location tracking by parents on their children. Other teachers mentioned to me how well Nishera did today but, in the final, all five girls spoke in a thoughtful and considered way."

The Beths winners at music awards



Albertian and former MAGS music teacher Benjamin Sinclair (pictured right) won two New Zealand Music Awards last night along with another former MAGS music teacher Elizabeth Stokes as part of indie pop band The Beths.

They picked up two Tuis last night – for Best Group and Best Alternative Artist.

Mr Sinclair 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 breakthrough debut album *Future Me Hates Me*, The Beths have been touring extensively – through Europe, the United States, Australia and Asia.

The Beths were nominated for five Tuis: Best Alternative Artist, Album of the Year, Single of the Year (*Little Death*), Best Group and Breakthrough Artist of the Year.

Junior Bytes tickets on sale



The Junior Bytes concert and presentation of the Junior Arts badges will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 19 November at Centennial Theatre, AGS in Epsom.

The concert will present the best performances by our talented Junior students in Dance, Drama, Music and, this year for the first time, Spoken Word, as well as a display of Juniors' Visual Art.

Tickets are available from the MAGS Finance Office and are adults \$20, students and pensioners \$15, MAGS staff and students and children under 12 \$10.

Come and support the next generation of MAGS artists on what is sure to be a fantastic night.

Football quiz fun night

MAGS Football is holding a fun quiz night to fundraise for the Academy players and the Boys 1st XI, who are heading to Melbourne on a pre-season tour next April.

They will play A League youth sides of Melbourne Victory FC and Melbourne City FC as well as top club side Werribee City and top schools Brighton Grammar and Scotch College.

The quiz night is at 6pm on Friday, November 29 in the FW Gamble Hall. The quiz starts at 6.30pm – with a cash bar also available. Tables are \$150 with a maximum of 8 players per team.

Email nikolasutton@gmail.com to book and pay for your tickets.

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
MAGS Melbourne
Football Tour 2020
QUIZ NIGHT
Doors open at 6pm
Tickets: \$150 per table of 8 people
Email: nikolasutton@gmail.com
SILENT AUCTION, \$10 CURRY AND RICE,
SPOT PRIZES & BAR AVAILABLE.

Order your 2019 Albertian now



The Albertian
2019

Families wanting a copy of The Albertian 2019 yearbook should order it now before the Finance Office closes for the year on Thursday, December 5.

The Albertian 2019 showcases the breadth of achievement at MAGS though Academia, Arts, Service and Sport and includes formal photos of groups across those Four Pillars, as well as class photos and reports from school staff, departments, clubs and committees. To order the Albertian, parents should follow the instructions on the statement they were sent earlier this month and pay either via the KAMAR Parent Portal or by direct credit or over the counter at the Finance Office. The Albertian 2019 should be available by Term 2, 2020.

Duke of Ed Bronze tramp



Last weekend saw 30 students go out to the Karangahake Gorge to complete their Bronze journey with Mr Belson, Miss Ripley and Mr Ploeg.

The weather was changeable as they tramped around, up and through the gorge and the

Karangahake Mountain.

The campsite at Dickey Flat is the perfect place to learn about camping, tramping and cooking with limited facilities – there was a lot of burnt pasta and porridge!

The students learned how to navigate, manage their group, as well as themselves, and generally be prepared and safe in the outdoors.

Mr Belson said, "All the students were enthusiastic, committed and energetic and tackled their respective journeys in a positive manner. It was a great first introduction to basic bushcraft and tramping skills in preparation for the next level.

"They now need to ensure they complete the remaining three sections of the award before continuing on to Silver. They were all a credit to the school."

Motutapu restoration continues



The Environment Group has been part of the volunteer days to Motutapu Island for four years now, and even in that short space of time they have seen great progress made. The Motutapu Restoration Trust is coordinating the largest ecological restoration project in New Zealand and it is only 30 minutes from downtown Auckland.

Last Sunday, 10 students – mostly Year 9s – went planting in the wetlands.

Group Leader Helen Dunham said, "We planted 450 native trees, which will eventually be a home for threatened species in NZ. This contributes to the 10,000 trees already planted this year."

On the school front, the group has helped to get recycling bins placed around the grounds and is educating staff and students about recycling.



Year 13 Leavers Celebrations

The Year 13 Graduation Ceremony and Celebration will take place at MAGS on Tuesday, 3 December from 5pm.

We will be hosting a two-part 'formal dress' event for students and parents, commencing with a formal ceremony held in the F. W. Gamble Hall followed by a 'street food' buffet banquet and celebrations.

The MAGS Lions of 2019 will have this one last opportunity to celebrate their time at MAGS alongside their peers and teachers, before officially becoming Albertians.

We encourage everyone who can make it to come and enjoy this event.

Tickets are \$35 per head and available for purchase from the Finance Office until Tuesday, 19 November.

Mount Albert Grammar School Class of 2019



GRADUATION CEREMONY & CELEBRATION

Year 13 Leavers Event – Tickets \$35

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 2019 – 5PM FOR A 5.15 START
FORMAL CEREMONY IN FW GAMBLE HALL
STREET FOOD BANQUET & CELEBRATIONS TO FOLLOW

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Albertians Christmas Luncheon

This year's Albertians Christmas Luncheon will double as a celebration of Associate Academic Dean and HoD Classics Greg Cave being named Albertian of the Year. Mr Cave is retiring at the end of this year after 46 years of teaching at MAGS, and his service will be recognised at the annual Albertians Christmas Luncheon to be held at School House at 12pm on Tuesday, November 26.

As a student, Mr Cave spent five years at MAGS before coming back to teach. His father attended MAGS from 1923, and Greg's two sons came to MAGS in the 1980s.

Mr Cave began at MAGS in 1974 as a teacher of Latin. During his time he taught French and Economics, and introduced Japanese as a subject in 1980.

He has been invaluable in his Academic Deaning role, supporting students as they prepare to transition to university and tertiary study.

Tickets to the Christmas Luncheon are \$35 each and can be paid for on the day at School House but please RSVP to confirm your attendance with Events Manager Emma John via events@mags.school.nz

You can also email her for more details about the event or for how to pay online.

Sign up to Centenary database



As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, we warmly invite all Albertians to sign up to the database [here](#) to keep up to date with information and communications leading up to the Centenary celebration.

School closedown and re-opening

The last day that Mount Albert Grammar School will be open is Thursday, December 5, and that will also be the last day that the Enrolment and Finance offices will be open.

The final day of school on December 5 for Year 9s and 10s is also Junior Prizegiving day with Year 10s' prizegiving beginning at 9.30am and the Year 9s' starting at 12.30pm.

The Enrolment Office will be open again on Monday, January 20, 2020. Mount Albert Grammar School enrolments should be done online [here](#)

Senior Re-Enrolment is on Wednesday, January 22 (10.30am-3pm).

The Finance Office will be open again on Tuesday, January 28 **for Year 9 only**. For all other years, the Finance Office is open from Wednesday, January 29.

On Tuesday, January 28, Year 9s start school, with the full school in on the next day – Wednesday, January 29.

The term dates for 2020 can be found [here](#)



Uniform Shop hours

The last day the Lion's Den Uniform Shop will be open this year is Thursday, December 12 (3pm-6pm) and it won't reopen again until January 6 (9am-1pm).

It is also open on Auckland Anniversary Day – Monday, January 27 (9am-12pm) – to alleviate any last-minute rush before school opens for Year 9s on January 28 and for the full school on January 29.

Please don't leave getting your uniform to the last few days as it will be extremely busy and stocks will be depleted. Also, please bring your own bag when you come in to purchase items.

Click [here](#) for the Uniform Shop hours at the end of this year and for the first term next year.

You can contact the Lion's Den on 021 727 430 or email lionsdenuniforms@gmail.com

Sports update

Young sportsperson winners



MAGS had 13 nominees for the College Sports Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards held at Eden Park last night.

Brearna Crawford (Swimming) and Ryan Earley (Softball) won the award for their sports, and Brearna was also named as a finalist for the Sportswoman of the Year award.

The other nominees – named in the top three for their sports – were Adithya Ashok (Cricket), Luca Taylor and Genevieve Ryan (Football), James Dougal (Gymsports), Adam Bateman (Orienteering), Oscar Clark, Ryan Earley, Liam Jardine-Ngauamo, Mikayla Cross and Brooklyn Temu (Softball), and Princess Elliott (Touch).

Also, congratulations to MAGS Sports Administrator Anthony Curry (pictured above second from right), who was given a Service to Sport award on the night in recognition of his services to Athletics, Distance Running and Rugby Union.

Blues U17 Squad selections

Congratulations to Tama Anderson, Henere Leefe and Jackson Meecham, who have been selected in the Blues U17 squad for 2020.

The players and their parents are invited to attend two day-long development camps over the summer holidays.

The camps will involve a variety of learning experiences for the group, from education sessions in the classroom to physical testing and position-specific training delivered by Blues coaches and players.

Second ton in a row



First XI cricketer Maximus Soares backed up his century the previous week with another one at the weekend, scoring 140 against Takapuna Grammar as MAGS won by 188 runs. The No. 3 batsman helped his side to 288 all out before Takapuna Grammar were bundled out for 100.

The 1st XI play Rosmini at MAGS tomorrow at 10.30am.

Lacrosse Boys runners-up

Following impressive performances in pool play this term, MAGS finished top of the league in the Auckland Secondary Schools 6-a-side competition and faced Auckland Grammar in the semi-final of the tournament yesterday.

After being locked 0-0 at halftime, the game was broken open by MAGS as they worked their way forward with some great combinations on attack that earned them a 3-0 win. In the final, they were up against their arch-rivals Rosmini, who had beaten Westlake Boys in the other semifinal.

The final was a neck-and-neck tussle, with end-to-end play and an even trading of goals. MAGS' keeper Matt Pellegrom pulled out some top-drawer saves to keep MAGS in the hunt, while Arjan Rahmati and Will Couldrey shored up the defence. Benji Norris won the ground-ball battle in the midfield, with great support play from Tom Grant, Henri Blakely and Hayden Phillips. On a couple of occasions, Liam Baber drove deep to feed Ned Stevenson, who had cut to the crease to convert some great team goals.

The game was level at 5-5 deep into the match but the penultimate minute of play saw Rosmini go up 6-5, and they went on to shut out MAGS until the final whistle.

MAGS MVP was awarded to Matt Pellegrom for several incredible saves.

Having developed their lacrosse skills so well over such a short time, the Junior Boys will be pushing hard for places alongside the seniors when the Premier Boys schools competition gets underway in Term 1, 2020.

Special thanks goes to co-coaches Sam Nash and Eric Terpening, and team manager Steven Avis for corralling the Junior Boys this term.



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