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From the Headmaster

A School in Mourning

Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

We finish this week as a community mourning the loss of our staff member, Mary Kerrigan, who passed away on Wednesday afternoon after a short illness.

Mary joined our staff this year as Head of the Commerce Department. Prior to this, Mary had taught alongside many current MAGS staff members in her previous roles at Aorere College and Papatoetoe High School. Mary is the sister of current MAGS Humanities Teacher Joe Kerrigan.



Mary will be remembered as an outstanding educator. Her direct approach to resolving issues was legendary! She possessed the highest expectations of students and fellow staff

members – and was even quite comfortable about providing constructive advice to the Headmaster around how we could continue to get better as a school (something I welcomed!).

Though only with MAGS for a short time, Mary's positive impact on her students was significant. Her funeral service will be held at MAGS on Sunday at 11am.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Paul, daughters Nicole and Holly and extended family.

We will miss her dearly.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Tuesday, December 3
Year 13 Leavers Celebration,
FW Gamble Hall, 5pm

Thursday, December 5
Year 10 Prizegiving, 9.30am
Year 9 Prizegiving, 12.30pm

Friday, December 6
School closed



Sport

Fixtures and results

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Photo Essay



Softball Junior Boys One
Day Tournament

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New Science Block Blessed



Headmaster Patrick Drumm with Board of Trustees members Lemauga Lydia Sosene and Simon Mitchell in the new Science Block.



On Tuesday, the new Science Block was handed over and blessed in a ceremony led by Matua Hare Paniora, pictured left.

Te Puna o Wairaka staff and students also took part in the ceremony, after which staff and members of the Board of Trustees inspected the new building.

Mr Drumm said, "It is a

wonderful facility and the Science Department will commence moving in over the next two weeks. The 11 new science laboratories will be operational for the start of the 2020 school year.

"A special thank you to the MAGS Property Team and Business Manager Debbie Forsyth for their ongoing work and time involved with this project."

This facility will help to reintegrate the science learning area and will combine traditional laboratories with independent 'break-out' spaces for students.

A large science staff room and resource area has also been incorporated into the build.

The new building is future-proofed to allow further expansion and additional rooms in the future.

Carpentry students' surprise gift



HoD Technology Brian Murphy with Year 13 Building and Carpentry students Senio Amaama Su'e and Matthew Paul, and childcare centre owner Linda Petrenko.

Building and Carpentry students surprised and delighted children and staff at a childcare centre on Tuesday with the gift of a play fort.

Year 13s Devon Carr and Jeremiah Schuster undertook the project, which was a huge boost for the Mangere Bridge centre after it had its play equipment stolen almost a year ago.

HoD Technology Brian Murphy's daughter Saoirse goes to the Small Kauri Early Childhood Education Centre and he came up with the idea of students helping out the centre as a great practical project and doing community service.

"So the brief I gave the students was, 'Can they design or make something that helps or enhances people's lives within a community', and I used what happened at Small Kauri as an example."

Two forts were built with one going to Roger Pauling, of Pauling Engineering Ltd, which helped move the play fort to the daycare centre.

Mr Pauling's fort, which will go to his grandchildren, was built by Senio Amaama Su'e, and Matthew Paul came in to help him finish it off.

Because Devon and Jeremiah had other school commitments when the play fort was delivered, Senio and Matthew helped out with its delivery and installation at the daycare

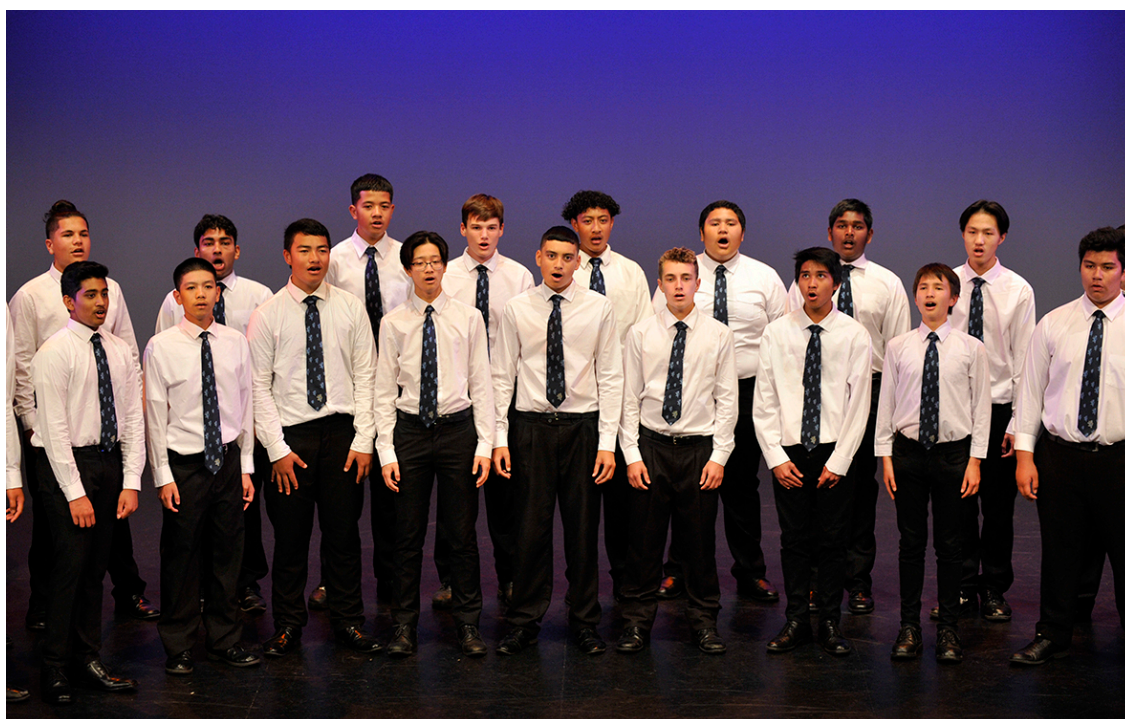
centre. You can see the TVNZ current affairs show Seven Sharp's story about the play equipment being delivered [here](#) Once they had the slide, tyre swing and ladder in place, there was no holding the kids back as they swarmed over the play fort.

Mr Murphy said, "I believe we have some amazing people here in New Zealand and amazing communities; unsung heroes who people do not hear about and Linda is one of them.

"Plus our amazing students in Building and Carpentry, who don't get a lot of praise or notice. So without them we couldn't make magic and dreams like this come true. They truly made a difference in Linda's life, the students' lives and the lives of her amazing staff." You can read more about this project and see more photos [here](#)



Junior Bytes showcases young talent



The Junior Bytes concert celebrating the very best of our Performing Arts and Artists from the Junior School took place on Tuesday at the Centennial Theatre.

The full house was treated to a PowerPoint of some of the amazing artwork by junior

students as they settled in the theatre.

Hosts Eric Shen and Bethany Fletcher then opened the evening by acknowledging the talent and diversity in the programme.

The evening held multiple highlights: there were music performances from two of the school rock bands – Unintended and Borderline, solo performances by Tahlia Petersen and Lucy Taylor, who were winner and runner-up respectively of MAGS Idol, and a stellar rendition of *Edelweiss* by the 40-strong Junior Boys Choir led by Mr Maskell.

Drama performances ranged from comedic to dramatic. Scenes from *Pygmalion*, *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations*, *Tia Lavendera* and the very compelling *Children of the Black Skirt* showed the strength of our young actors.

There were dance items from all junior dance classes and these ranged from funky disco to an item inspired by Māori poetic proverbs, *Whakatauki*, and also dance inspired by the relationship of the four elements. The final dance performed by the junior performance group called *Emergency* was based on the speech by a young climate activist encouraging the audience to consider the seriousness of this global issue. Young spoken word artist Sonia Airehrour also performed – the first time this art form has appeared in Junior Bytes.

At the end of the evening those students who have been awarded the Junior Arts Badge for Excellence in the Arts were presented with these by Headmaster Patrick Drumm and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Greg Moyle.

You can see more photos from the concert and the list of awardees [here](#)



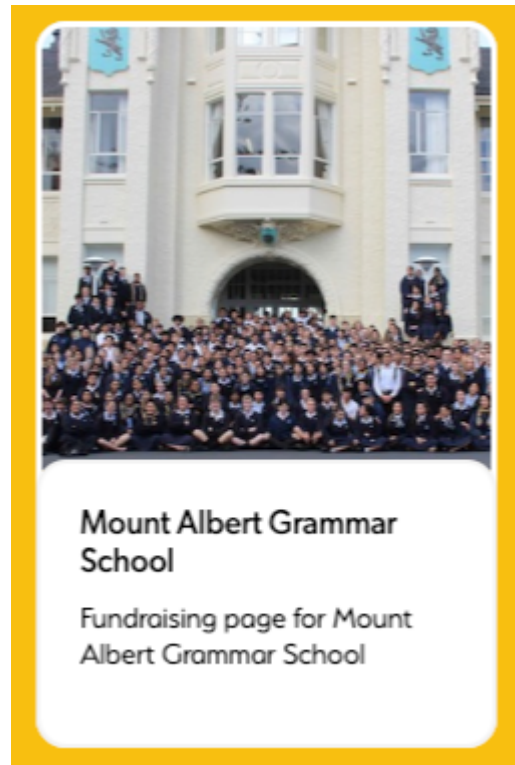
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New stream of funding



A project to help to restore the stream that runs through the ASB MAGS Farm is now fully funded to the tune of around \$16,500.

The farm had just signed up to the Million Metres Streams Project when two big donors came in and helped to hit the funding target.

You can check out the MAGS page on the Million Metres Streams Project website [here](#)
The Million Metres Streams Project is overseen by the Sustainable Business Network and is the result of discussions with people, businesses and organisations across the country who have committed to work together to accelerate the riparian restoration activity in NZ by injecting a new funding source.

The idea is to make it easy and exciting to invest in the health of our waterways – to open it up to everyone in New Zealand – to people and businesses wanting to do right by the environment.

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 eight 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

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 through 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.



The Albertian
2019

Sign up to the Centenary database



THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, LORD JELlicOE FORMALLY OPENING THE MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL AT AUCKLAND LAST WEEK.

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, communications and events leading up to the Centenary celebration.

Please encourage your friends and peers who were with you at MAGS to attend with you, and to also register at the link.



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.

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 International Office will close on Friday, December 13, and will reopen on January 8, 2020.

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

Rowers shine at Memorial Regatta



The young MAGSROW Girls crew (pictured above) won their A Final in the Novice Octuple Sculls event at the Memorial Regatta last weekend at Lake Karapiro.

Holly Chaafe won the Girls Under 18 Single Sculls Final.

Crews performed very well and for many of the new rowers it was the first time racing over a 2km course.

Unlucky in their race, the Boys Novice Octuple Sculls (pictured below) broke a scull mid-race and did well to hang onto fourth place in the final.

A number of crews were placed in the finals, including filling second and third placings in the Womens Club 8 race, and Cam MacGillivray finishing third in the Intermediate Single Sculls Final.



Junior Boys win Softball tournament



Following impressive performances during the Central Zone season, MAGS Junior Boys travelled to Rosedale Park to compete in the annual Auckland One Day Tournament hosted by Harbour Softball on Tuesday.

They joined teams from Mission Heights Junior College, One Tree Hill College and Rutherford College.

Round robin pool play saw the boys win all three games, with some power hitting and sound fielding. This took them to the semi-final where they met Rutherford High School. The first innings saw Rutherford score four runs. However, our boys were not daunted and went on to score 16 unanswered runs for a comfortable win.

The final against Mission Heights Junior School was another one-sided affair with the boys coming out winners 20-0. Again, power hitting as well as some smart running between bases were the highlights of the game.

Special thanks to coaches Devon Carr and Jack Olson, who expertly organised and led the boys. Also thanks to the many parents who supported the team throughout the day.

You can see a photo essay from the day [here](#)



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