

Friday January 26 2024

Dear MAGS Parents,

I am delighted to welcome you all to the new year and term knowing that, for the first time in quite some time, we have been able to enjoy what most would consider a true Kiwi summer.

Our staff have been busy and are already preparing for the year ahead and many students have also been here at school completing course confirmation and Peer Support Training in preparation for next week.

With MAGS School Start-up-dates fast approaching, I want to remind you of the specific dates and times to ensure everyone is where they need to be, when they need to be.

WEEK 1:

TUES	30 JAN	Staff Administration Day
WED	31 JAN	YEAR 9 ONLY - Powhiri and induction with Prefects and Peer Support Leaders. Students will need to bring their lunch and a drink bottle. The Tuckshop is closed on Wednesday.
THU	1 FEB	WHOLE SCHOOL on site. <u>Day starts at 8.45am for all, 5-minute warning bell will ring at 8.40am</u> Year 9 to Mentor Classes Year 10 to UPPER Gym Year 11 to LOWER Gym Year 12 to F. W. Gamble Hall Year 13 Mentor Class Lists & Rooms will be posted outside the Student Centre

NOTE:

- 1) This is not the usual Thursday day structure when students start later at 9.15am because of the MAGS Staff Professional Learning Programme that runs on Thursday mornings across the year. Please remind your son(s)/daughter(s).
- 2) All students can expect to attend 5 subject lessons across the day and will need to bring basic stationery.
- 3) Students will have both Interval and Lunch breaks. The Tuckshop facility currently operating at MAGS WILL be open from this day.

FRI	2 FEB	Whole school on timetable
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WEEK 2:

MON	5 FEB	School Closed
TUE	6 FEB	Waitangi Day Observance – School Closed
WED	7 FEB	Whole school on timetable
THU	8 FEB	Whole school on timetable
FRI	9 FEB	Whole school on timetable

2024 Start-Up:

All things being equal, this will be the first Term 1 start-up, for some years, that we will experience without needing to make allowances for lockdowns, social interaction constraints or have to be navigating the impact of extreme weather events.

We fully intend to take advantage of this and start our year as we mean it to go on: setting standards high; expecting all students in class on time every day and in correct uniform. We are generally very proud of the fact that most of our students do understand the importance of high standards and reflect this in their commitment, attitude and presentation every day.

All students are fully aware of our expectations and also understand that there are consequences for choosing not to meet standards and/or follow rules. Those who choose to come to school without showing respect for our school expectations, rules and uniform requirements can expect to be sent home.

Our collective success is dependent on our school community being respectful of and committed to walking the talk of our **MAGS PRIDE** values:

Personal excellence / Resilience / Integrity / Diversity / Empathy

GENERAL INFORMATION & REMINDERS:

2024 YEAR 12/13 TIMETABLE STRUCTURE:

Please note that Year 12 and Year 13 senior students have 24 timetabled teaching periods and are dismissed from school at 1.30pm on Wednesdays because they do not have a scheduled Period 5 class.

Any students who rely on school buses are welcome to remain at school and study.

2024 YEAR 11 TIMETABLE STRUCTURE:

Please note that Year 11 students have 24 timetabled subject teaching periods and are dismissed from school at 1.30pm on Wednesdays because they do not have a scheduled Period 5 class.

However, this is a period that from time to time may be allocated to special programmes, special assemblies and/or assessment opportunities available to Year 11 students. Students and parents will receive further and more specific information at such time as we are in a position to do so.

Any students who rely on school buses are welcome to remain at school and study.

STUDENT INVOICES:

Invoices for Year 9 will be sent on Wednesday, 31 January and Year 10 students Thursday, 1 February. Payment details will be on the bottom of the invoices. Preferred methods of payment are via the KAMAR Parent Portal or direct credit from your bank account quoting the student number off your invoice.

Invoices for Years 11/12/13 will be issued once we feel that all timetable changes have been made in regards to moving courses etc. This is to ensure that subject choices are correct and our invoicing is accurate.

KAMAR PARENT PORTAL LOG-INS::

These will be sent to parents and are important to be able to access information regarding things like your child's attendance, reporting, and financial matters.

These will be sent to **Year 9 parents on Wednesday, 31 January** and to **Year 10/11/12/13 parents on Thursday, 1 February.**

STUDENT LOCKERS FOR 2024:

YEAR 9: The sale of school lockers will be available to our Year 9 students first via an online ordering process commencing 4.00pm, **Wednesday, 31 January.** This is to enable new Year 9 students to tour the school first and try to get lockers in a position that will work with their timetable. We will not be taking orders at the Finance Office – please use the link below. As with previous years, **Year 9 students will be given priority for 24 hours – until 4.00pm, Thursday, 1 February** before locker access is opened to all other students.

YEAR 9 to reserve a locker, **from 4.00pm Wednesday, 31 January,** please click on the link below and complete the form:

<https://forms.gle/rPkRhobKnPEdr3kKA>

YEARS 10/11/12/13: may access this same link **after 4.00pm, Thursday, 1 February.**

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Locker prices = \$65 per year for a standard locker, or \$100 for a sports locker (hockey/cricket etc). Once your online order has been received and processed, you will receive an invoice and, following payment, you will receive your locker number. Students are required to supply their own padlocks.

ID NUMBERS:

All students receive their unique ID number on enrolment and keep this for the duration of their enrolment at our school. New students will find their ID number on their timetable initially and this will also then be on any invoices/statements received as well. For any queries, please email finance@mags.school.nz and we will reply as soon as we can.

DROP OFF/PICK-UP: An important reminder is that, in the interests of Health and Safety for all, vehicles are not permitted into the school grounds to drop off / pick up children. We are a school community of well over 3000 students on site and our school driveway cannot accommodate unnecessary traffic congestion. Please respect our duty staff who are required to ensure this safety measure is adhered to.

Please drop off / pick up your children well away from the front entrance and school gates. Please work out a meeting point for any pick-up, well away from the school gate, so as to avoid adding to delays caused by traffic congestion.

To support this our **school gates are closed:**

Monday – Friday 8.00am-9.00am

Monday – Friday 2.45pm-3.30pm

Thank you to those students and parents who already recognise the safety challenges that the school manages on a daily basis and who actively respect this request.

As mentioned above, across this week, many staff have been on site re-connecting with each other, managing Peer Support Training and also working with students to manage requests for course changes. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back next week and settling into our new school year. Likewise, I hope our students are all well-rested and ready to get stuck into all that 2024 has in store for us.

Warm regards,

Jo Williams
Associate Principal