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From the Headmaster

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Kapa Haka pride!

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Monday, April 4 to Thursday, April 7

Level 1 Drama Production
'Rosie'

Wednesday, April 6

Whangarei Sports Exchange

Friday, April 8

Albertian Games

Thursday, April 14

Anzac Service/Albertians
Luncheon



Tēnā koutou, e te wāhau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

Last Friday, our MAGS Te Puna O Wairaka Kapa Haka students took to the stage at Polyfest 2022.

This year's competition, like so many other events, had been significantly impacted by Covid, resulting in limitations on the number

of whanau and supporters who could physically attend the performance.

Yet rather than being an impediment, the current challenging environment seemed to galvanise our group on the day.

Many months of practice and leadership from tutors Whaea Miri and Matua Peter saw the students taking to the stage early on Friday morning. The group had come together earlier at 3.00am to allow for dressing and the final touches to be made before heading into the

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heat of competition.

An outstanding performance that you can see [here](#) was broadcast live on Maori TV and saw our students return to MAGS triumphant, having gained third place overall in the Division One competition – our best-ever achievement on the Māori Stage at Polyfest!

*Whaia te iti Kahurangi ki te tuohu koe me he maunga teitei
(Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain)*

The resilience of all involved in our kapa haka programme has been inspiring. You have scaled many lofty maunga over recent times – and richly deserve your success.

MAGS is very proud of you!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Cricket Girls 1st XI v Takapuna Grammar
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Kapa Haka group third at Polyfest



Te Puna o Wairaka put on their greatest ever performance at Polyfest last Friday to finish third in Division 1 – their best result on the Māori stage.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year's competition had moved online, with each group performing on stage to the judges and a small handful of backstage workers, while the performance was live-streamed on the Māori Television website.

For the non-aggregate (non-competition) items, Te Puna placed 3rd for 'Kākahu wahine'

(Female costumes), 1st for 'Kākahu tāne' (Male costumes), 3rd for Co-Ed Mau rākau (use of the rākau weaponry), 2nd equal for Manukura wahine (female leader), 3rd equal for Manukura tāne (male leader).



For the aggregate (competitive) items, Te Puna placed 3rd for the 'Poi', 3rd for the 'Whakawātea' (exit item), 3rd equal for 'Mita o te reo' (the command/use of te reo Māori' including clarity and diction – accurate/fluent pronunciation). Whaea Waimirangi Paul said, "This year's campaign was particularly challenging with students and one of our

head tutors, Matua Peter Walters, going in and out of isolation.

"As a result, only 38 students took to the stage, where normally we would produce a 50-strong team. Further, normally there are three divisions, with a total of 42 teams across all divisions. However, this year only 18 schools participated on the Māori stage.

"Despite these challenges, the students persevered and worked incredibly hard for seven weeks to produce an outstanding performance on stage. In the end, the performance was dedicated to te hunga whetūrangī (those who've passed on in recent times), including our Albertians who fell during World War II, in celebration of our Centenary this year. We are very humbled by these achievements and look forward to what the future has in store as this is only the beginning!"

You can watch Te Puna o Wairaka's full Polyfest 2022 performance [here](#)



Photos courtesy Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī and Māori TV

Golden day at Maadi Cup!



Maadi Cup double gold medallists Cam MacGillivray (right) and Nick Bryan with MAGS Director of Rowing Alice Denyer.

Nick Bryan and Cam MacGillivray have repeated their success of last year in the Coxless Pair Oars by claiming gold again at the Maadi Cup today.

They then teamed up later in the day with Theo Bown, James Brown and cox Kaelin Reinsfield-Bree (pictured below) to take gold in the Boys U18 Coxed Four A Final and claim the Springbok Shield.

Last year, Nick and Cam won MAGSROW its first gold medal at the Maadi Cup since 1961 by winning the A Final of the Boys U17 Coxless Pair Oars.

They backed that up today at Twizel's Lake Ruataniwha by winning the A Final of the Boys U18 Coxless Pair and claiming the Dunstan Trophy.

And there was bronze in the A Final of the Boys U16 Coxed Four for Max Jarvie, Luke Sanders, Fraser MacGillivray, Charlie Heath and cox Guy Pinfold.

MAGSROW crews are in more A Finals tomorrow, and you can watch via livestream [here](#) and see a full event schedule, entries and live results [here](#)



Save the date for Centennial Events



An exciting variety of events is coming together to help us celebrate our Centenary.

Pencil these upcoming Centennial Events into your diaries:

Thursday, April 14 – Anzac Service, Centennial Walkway, 9.45am.

Thursday, May 5 – Warwick Gibbs, Albertian of the Year Dinner, at MAGS, 6pm.

Saturday, May 14 – Centennial Sports Day with MAGS teams playing at home. A highlight of this will be the Centenary Rugby Game between MAGS and Auckland Grammar. After-match function in the Albertian Quad.

Sunday, September 25 – Thanksgiving Service, in the FW Gamble Hall, 10am.

Tuesday, September 27 – MAGS Pasifika Centennial Dinner, time and venue TBC.



Friday, September 30 – Golf Day, TBC

– School Reunion with drinks and snacks, in the FW Gamble Hall,

6pm.

Saturday, October 1 – MAGS Community Saturday with a festival-style atmosphere with sport, small cultural performances, food and spaces to gather and celebrate.

– MAGS Centennial Dinner, Grand Millennium Hotel, 6.30pm.

You can see more Centennial Events and sign up to our Albertian Online Community [here](#)

Get your Centenary apparel now!



MAGS Official Centenary apparel is now available to order, with more Centenary merchandise to be added over the coming months.

Available now are stylish hoodies, rugby jerseys, basketball singlets, caps, beanies, ties, scarves and face masks – all in MAGS colours and most of them boasting the Centenary logo.

You can order the MAGS Centenary apparel [here](#)



Albertian Games underway



The Albertian Games got underway today with a cricket match that saw Albertians get the win over our Premiers.

School will be finishing lessons at 1.30pm next Friday (8 April) to accommodate the next instalment of the Albertian Games – Celebrating 100 Years of Sport at MAGS – and featuring games across a number of codes.

Students will be dismissed for the day from 1.30pm and it is hoped that many will remain across the afternoon, and enjoy watching the Albertian Games competition with ex-MAGS students playing current MAGS students across a number of sporting codes.

Please note that normal school bus services will continue to run at the usual times, and any students who may need to remain at school are able to study or complete their work in the library or school hall.



ALBERTIAN GAMES



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2022 PREMIER PLAYERS

GIRLS & BOYS IN EVERY CODE



DRAW

1st April

CRICKET 10:30AM @MAGS

HOCKEY 4:30PM GIRLS 6PM BOYS @AGS

1st April aftermatch 7pm The Goodhome

8th April

BASKETBALL 2PM GIRLS 3PM BOYS

FOOTBALL 1.30PM GIRLS 2.30PM BOYS

NETBALL 1:30PM

2.30PM RUGBY UNION/RUGBY

LEAGUE TOUCH GAME

8th April aftermatch 5pm The Kingslander

1ST & 8TH OF APRIL @ MAGS

Register at <https://forms.gle/f4voBFpL1pu2o8uf9>

Farm hosting Young Farmer competition



The ASB MAGS Farm is hosting the northern region Young Farmer of the Year event tomorrow.

Some of the best farmers in the region will be competing across a variety of challenges for thousands of dollars of cash and product prizes from generous sponsors along with their chance to compete at the national final later in the year.

All welcome from 8am to 2pm. On site there will be a sausage sizzle fundraiser for girls rugby, as well as a coffee cart and real fruit ice cream available for purchase.

Interform Competition up and running

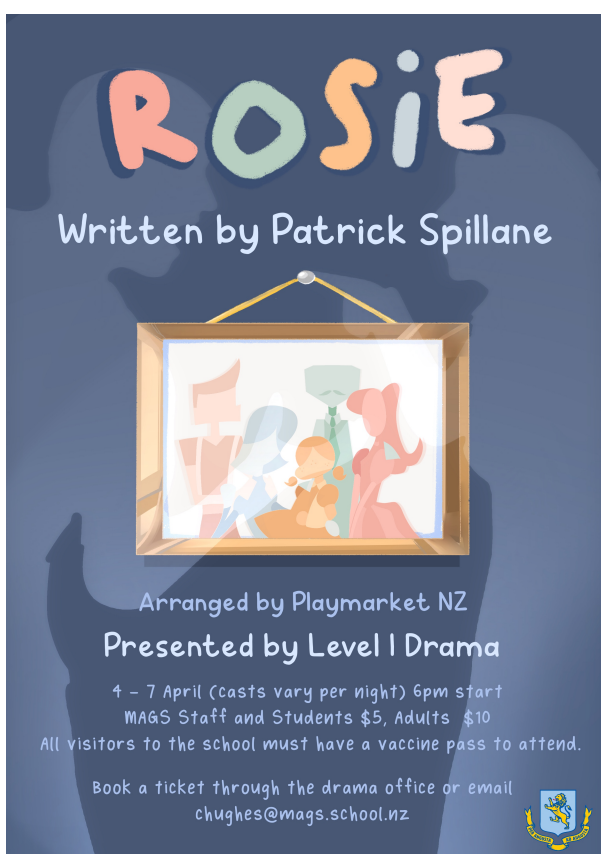


Always fiercely contested, the Junior Interform Competition got underway on Wednesday with a quiz run by the Academic Prefects.

Ms Inwood, who is running the competition this year, said, "The atmosphere was awesome, with the prefects doing an amazing job. All students were fully engrossed and had their eye on the prize!"

The competition includes academic and sporting challenges, and aims to help junior students settle into high school life and get to know each other and the school, while learning new skills and games. It culminates in sporting challenges held on Finals Day, at the end of Term 4.

Tickets on sale for Rosie now!



The first drama production of the year is on next week with the Level 1 Drama presentation of *Rosie*.

The Ryans are a family of five living in Dunedin during the peak of World War II. The youngest, Rosie, navigates her fourteenth year alive as her family is rocked by the circumstances of wartime. With themes of acceptance, loss, and childhood naivety, this is a heartfelt story that combines humour and tragedy.

When: April 4-7 (two casts alternate each night), 6pm

Price: \$5 for MAGS staff and students, \$10 for all others

Where: Dance and Drama Rooms

Tickets: Email

chughes@mags.school.nz

Tax Donation Receipts have been sent out

Tax Donation Receipts (for rebate claims) for the financial year (1/4/21 - 31/3/22) were sent out today via email.

Due to the nature of the mass email to our MAGS community, if you have not received this email, please check your junk/spam folder.

For any queries, you can email the finance office – finance@mags.school.nz

NZ Football Girls' and Women's Month



On Wednesday, MAGS held a Girl's and Women's Football Festival as part of NZ Football Girls' and Women's Month.

Director of Football Peter Smith said, "This is a yearly celebration of women's football, and the idea was to encourage some of the girls who do not normally play football to have a go.

"It was good to see several members of staff get involved – Jemma Forsyth, Jess Wilson and Kate Inwood."

Today, the Football Girls 1st XI are playing against a [New Zealand All Stars](#) team at Keith Hay Park, with a 6pm kickoff. The All Stars team will be made up of current and ex-international players.

Sheilah Winn Shakespeare



Every year, Mount Albert Grammar School students participate in the Otago University Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition. This is a nationwide competition for secondary schools, and winners receive the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel to London and perform on the stage of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. This year, MAGS presented four scenes from Shakespeare's works. Molly Cavanagh directed a scene from *Othello*, Max Cumberpatch directed a scene from *Taming of the Shrew*, and both Jorja Stevens and Miss Augustine presented scenes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the teams were unable to perform their pieces live this year, and instead filmed their scenes on Wednesday this week.

Miss Augustine said, "A massive congratulations to all the directors and actors who did such a great job at producing heartfelt and entertaining performances, and special thanks to Jaiden Patel and his team for creating beautiful lighting for the scenes."

Shine fundraiser tops \$1100



Interact members have been busy raising money for local charity Shine, and will have at least \$1100 to give towards its work combating domestic abuse.

The fundraiser began with Carol Herbert from Shine speaking to students about domestic abuse. Then Interact members collected money and sold jewellery at form time. They finished up the fundraiser yesterday at lunchtime by holding a jewellery stall in CS Quad, having coin collectors in bright orange vests out and about, and a photographer taking photos with an orange photo frame.

Interact President Lucy Makinson said, "It was a super successful first fundraiser for Interact and we can't wait to see what more we can achieve this year.

"We're thankful for everyone who gave a little something or bought jewellery."

The money will help Shine (Safer Homes In New Zealand Every Day) with its work raising awareness of domestic abuse, offering non-violence programs, and supporting victims in many ways here in Aotearoa.

You can find more information about what they do and how to support them [here](#)



Dystopian fairytale



In the *Little Red in the Hood* production in 2008, Little Red (Mieke Johnston) returns to Utopia to find a dystopic world. She is assured by Peter Pan (Clay Roberts) that goodness still exists, but is it strong enough to counter the evil of the Big Bad Wolf? This image is part of Set 71, recently added to our website's [Historical Images](#), compiled and annotated by our Archivist Brian Murphy.

Sports Update

Girls 1st XI make semifinals



After a high quality Premier grade season, it was with great excitement that eight of the top teams in Auckland met to decide who would represent the area in the National Championship later in the year.

The first two days were given over to pool play, and first up for MAGS on Monday morning was Diocesan. While Dio managed to bat through their 20 overs, making 95/9, MAGS passed that total after 14.3 overs. Next was Takapuna – the team who had beaten MAGS in the regular season by just 1 run. Takapuna set a tough target with 143/4 from their innings and while both Anika Todd and Georgia Nansett hit



impressive 41s, it was not quite enough, with MAGS finishing on 133/5, 10 runs short.

Day two morning session was St Kents. After bowling them out for 89 with three balls to go, a solid team performance saw MAGS reach 90/3 in just 12.4 overs.

For the final game, MAGS faced St Cuthbert's, one of the favourites to take the whole tournament. What followed was one of the best performances of the season. Holding St Cuthbert's to 126/3, the chase was on. Despite a couple of wickets falling, a fourth wicket partnership from Anika Todd (47 not out) and captain Natalie Brook (22 not out) saw MAGS steal victory in the 17th over and march into the semifinals for the second year in a row.

Our opposition there, as it was last year, would be defending champions EGGS.

With MAGS bowling first, another great whole team performance saw EGGS finish on 128/6.

But EGGS' clinical finishing meant MAGS were bowled out, beaten but very proud of their performance. EGGS then went on to win the final in emphatic fashion.

Team Manager Miss Hobbs said, "The tournament was a fitting swansong for our departing Year 13 players, in particular Isabella Cain, Hannah Brook (who sadly could not

take the field because of injury) and captain Natalie Brook, who have all played for the 1st XI for all five years of their time at MAGS, and who have been exceptional role models to our younger players both on and off the field."

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

Tag teams finish first and third



Our Senior Boys and Senior Girls Tag teams finished 1st and 3rd respectively at the Central/North/West Tournament on Monday at Moire Park in Massey.

This was rescheduled from late February due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The tournament was played on a warm day with both teams playing four games in their section, which tested the durability and fitness of all teams competing.

The girls team had two wins, one draw and a loss in their section. After a loss in their first game to Avondale College they showed signs of improvement and finished the day with a convincing 14-2 win over Epsom Girls Grammar.

The boys team went through the tournament undefeated, playing some attractive Tag football, including scoring 34 points and only conceding 11 points.

There were two impressive wins against Mount Roskill Grammar and Westlake Boys High, racking up double digit scores.

The highlight of the day was a last-second-win against Kelston Boys High.

With the scores being 4-4 when the fulltime hooter went and Kelston being in possession, Lima Fatu (Year 13) made a timely intercept to score a two-point try, making the final score 6-4.

A special thanks to Tutu Tairea and Cale Baker for coaching the girls and boys teams respectively.

A big thanks goes to Ms Wright for her efforts in spending many hours on Sunday sewing Velcro on shorts to ensure the teams had suitable shorts to wear.



Archers on the podium



MAGS C Blue (above from left: Cormac Fell, Oscar Holmes, Ollie Stevenson and Kathy Mitchell) with their Most Improved award.

All the MAGS archers were on the podium at the CollegeSport prizegiving on Wednesday night.

A very proud Coach Jan Lees said, "MAGS A White finished third in the super-tough Division One competition. MAGS B Black finished second in Division 2 behind Grammar A – that division is getting harder every year, with the teams wanting to make Division One.

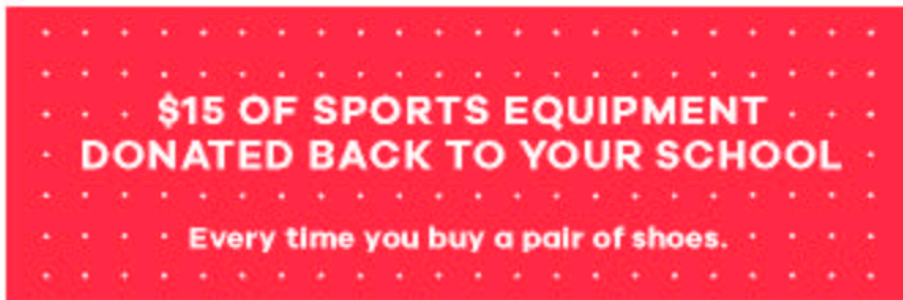
And my young archers in MAGS C Blue won the award for the Most Improved Team across the whole competition."

MAGS also had three archers finish in the Top 15 of the Individual Recurve competition: Lily Brislen 5th, Sylvie Morrison 9th and Samuel Holmes 11th.



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