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Friday, April 15

Good Friday

Monday, April 25

Anzac Day Holiday

Monday, May 2

Start of Term 2

Saturday, May 14

Centenary Sports Day

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

Our final week of the Term has been one of reflection and also hope.

A very special Centennial ANZAC Commemoration was held this morning around our cenotaph, which is part of the new Centennial Walkway.

Albertians, including current and former servicemen and women, joined other guests, staff and Year 9 students in remembering the 202 Albertians who have been killed in military service around the world.

The historical conflicts that claimed their lives include World War II, Malaya, Vietnam, East Timor and Afghanistan – and their names are engraved in stone around the memorial.

For our young Year 9 students, today's commemoration is an important part of their induction into MAGS. It helps to cement their connection to those former students that have gone before – and it



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Albertian Games
Girls v Albertians

strengthens that sense of belonging to our school.

And, most importantly, today's service provides a sense of hope for young people. The 100-year journey of MAGS has not been without its own dark days, but these have been successfully navigated – with our school emerging strong and confident.

So too in 2022! There is a feeling of positivity as we emerge from our own challenges of the past two years. We can and must look forward to the time ahead with confidence!

Thank you to all for rising above the challenges of this Term.

Have a safe Easter break.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

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A special ANZAC Service



The MAGS community came together today for the Centennial ANZAC Commemoration, a moving service held at the cenotaph on the new Centennial Walkway.

There were special contributions from across the school as MAGS honoured its 202 fallen Albertians.

Piper Andrew Wilkie escorted staff, students, guests and military cadets up the Centennial Walkway as Te Puna o Wairaka performed a haka. Year 9 students were also in attendance as part of their induction into MAGS.

Puna students also performed waiata, while our Centennial Choir performed *Sons of Gallipoli* (accompanied by their Director Mr Terence Maskell) and, in collaboration with the Gloriana Choir (directed by Ms Catherine Oxenham), led the singing of the School Hymn

and *The National Anthem* (accompanied by Year 12 student Kaloni Tovo).

Year 13 History student Emma Cook spoke poignantly about what Anzac Day meant to her, with past and present family serving their country across the last century.

As at every ANZAC Service, the names of fallen Albertians were read aloud, the Ode of Remembrance was read, and a laying of wreaths was performed – this year by Board of Trustees Chair Mr Moyle and Head Prefects Lucy Taylor and Wesley Donald. Wreaths were laid at the cenotaph, which is now inscribed with the names of fallen Albertians. Student Pele Meredith-Melhuish played *The Last Post* and *Reveille* as the school flag was lowered and raised.

Following the service, guests were served morning tea.

You can see more photos from today's service [here](#), and you can see a video about Albertians serving their country over the years [here](#)



Albertian Games hotly contested



The second instalment of the Albertian Games was completed last Friday with some friendly but fierce competition in Football, Basketball and Rugby Union/Rugby League Touch games.

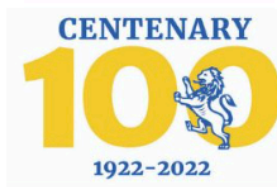
The previous Friday saw Girls and Boys Hockey and Boys Cricket playing against Albertians.

You can see photos and reports from all those games [here](#)



Save the date for Centennial Events

We have confirmed dates for two MAGS Centenary events – our Reunion Drinks (Friday, 30th September) and the MAGS Centenary Dinner (Saturday, 1st of October). Tickets should go on sale next month but, meanwhile, mark these dates down in your diary.



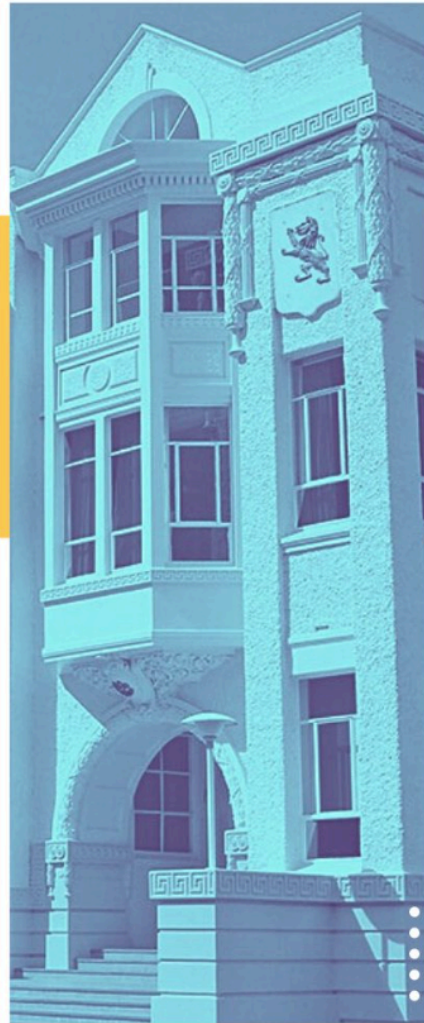
Ticketed Centenary Events

Mt Albert Grammar School Centenary 2022

 **Reunion Drinks Evening** - all decades
Friday 30th September, 6pm (\$35 & Cashbar)
F.W Gamble School Hall, MAGS.

 **MAGS Centenary Dinner**
Sat. 1st October, 6pm (\$125 & Cashbar)
Grand Millennium Hotel, Mayoral Drive, Auckland.

Limited Tickets On Sale From 1st May
Join the Albertians and/or buy tickets at
<https://mags100.ptly.com/nz/mags/#centenaryevents>



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](#)



Arts extravaganza in Term 2

Term 2 will be a huge term for the Arts. During Week 2 of the holidays there will be rehearsals for a number of groups for the Unity Concert, Big Sing choirs, Hip Hop Mega Crew and Chamber groups as they get ready for events.

Arts events at MAGS kick off with the Year 12 Drama production *Noughts and Crosses* in Week 3. This play by Malorie Blackman is reminiscent of *Romeo and Juliet*, following star-crossed lovers Callum and Sephy, a Nought and a Cross, trying to navigate growing up in a society torn apart by prejudice, segregation and rebellion.

The Level 2 Drama classes will be performing together over two nights (May 18 and 19), so be sure to secure yourself a seat when tickets become available.

At the end of Week 3 there will be Rockquest and Spoken Word preliminary competition rounds over the weekend.

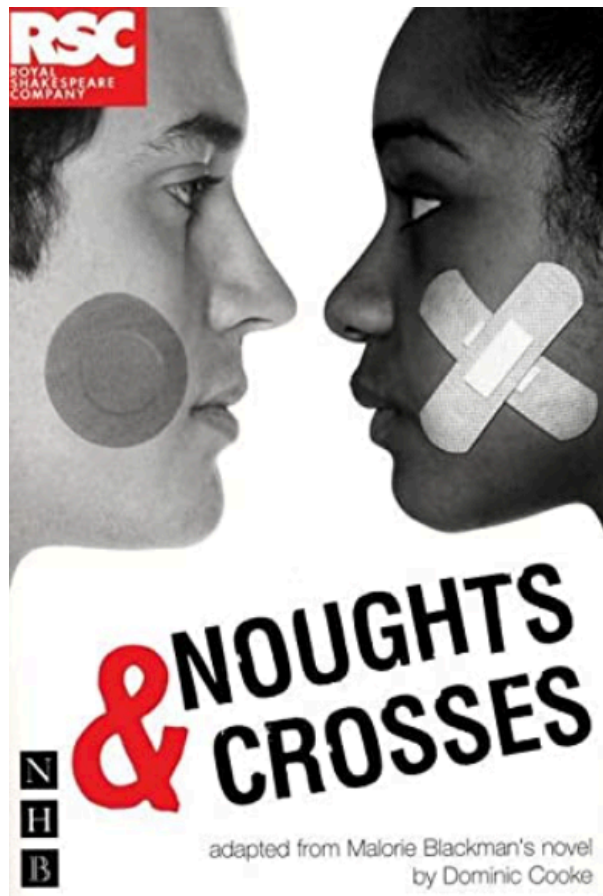
In Week 4, MAGS will host a Theatresports evening.

Week 5 is exam week but once Queens Birthday is done things really ramp up with the Regional Chamber Music Contest in Week 6, followed by the Big Sing Choral competition AND the Contemporary Music Concert (Raye Freedman Arts Centre) in Week 7.

Week 8 is both the Youdance Auckland youth dance festival and the Centennial Unity Concert (AGGS), and Week 9 is the Centennial Dance Concert (RFAC).

The term will close with the Classical Music Concert on the last day of term.

Watch out for notices for all these wonderful events.



Art exhibition in The Small Gallery

In Term 2, there will be an exciting new show on display in The Small Gallery, located in lower GT block.

This exhibition is a striking display of a diverse range of Year 11 painting students' work.

Each student selected their favourite piece for the exhibition. The works range across drawing, collages and paintings. Many thanks to Pipiana Coventon, one of our Visual Art Prefects, who thoughtfully curated this show.



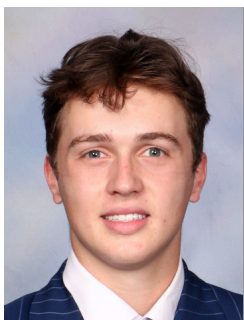
Many of these artworks can also be seen on the [MAGS Visual Arts Instagram page](#)

Jack Millar new BOT representative

Congratulations to Year 13 Prefect Jack Millar, who has been elected as the new student representative on our Board of Trustees.

Here is his statement to his fellow students in support of his election:

"I believe that this role is a fantastic opportunity to get involved with the school community



and I would be very grateful to represent all students at Mount Albert Grammar.

I'm confident I would be able to fulfil the responsibilities of this role to the best of my abilities for the benefit of all students. I believe that it is vital for students to have input and a voice to decisions that impact the students.

I am able to see a diverse range of perspectives and want only the best for all students at MAGS.

I believe my prior leadership and community experience as the Year Level Representative in Years 9 & 10, being previously a part of the SPiCE School community group, being a current committee member at the North Harbour Radio Controlled Car Club and also helping to lead the Academic Council gives me the confidence to advocate and represent the student body on the Board of Trustees. I would be humbled to be trusted by the student body with this position and would love to contribute to the school and community again through the Board of Trustees."

Remembering Dick Lawrence



Albertian (1942-47) Dr Richard George (Dick) Lawrence MNZM, MBChB, FRACP, MRNZCGP died at home in Te Aroha last Friday at the age of 92.

Dick, who was a House Boy at MAGS, was inducted into MAGS' Hall of Distinction in 2002 for 'Services to School House and the Community'.

At MAGS, Dick proved himself a fine athlete as well as a good student. He was the Senior Steeplechase champion (1944-47) and Distance Champion (1946-47), and held the Mile Record (1947).

He was a Prefect in 1947, and when he left MAGS he studied Medicine at Otago University (1948-53).

By 1957, he was in practice as a GP in Te Aroha.

Our Archivist Mr Murphy said, "Dick was forever the most beloved GP in Te Aroha."

In Te Aroha, he was heavily involved with many community groups, including the primary school, football club, tennis and squash club, the Rotary Club and Waihi Surf Lifesaving Club.

He was honorary surgeon to St John Ambulance, the Te Aroha Jockey Club and the Fire Brigade.

He also gave back to MAGS.

Mr Murphy said, "Dick poured a bucket of money into getting the squash courts at MAGS started, which he saw as a facility for House Boys."

He also donated the following trophies to MAGS: Captain 1st XV Rugby in 1974, the Dick Lawrence Cup for Best Senior Squash Player (Girls) in 2006, and Best Junior Squash Player (Girls) in 2003.

In April 2007, Dick organised a reunion of 1947 Prefects at MAGS. He is pictured below with his 1947 Prefects, front row, second from left.

Mt. Albert Grammar School
Prefects 1947



ALAN BLAKEY STUDIO

Back Row—J. W. Rankin, C. H. Hoskins, G. O. McIntyre.
Middle Row—M. A. Otway, M. Y. Harris, E. B. Ashby, W. J. Tinnock, T. M. Barrett, D. L. Badley.
In Front—R. O. Moore, R. G. Lawrence, J. G. Wharfe, A. J. M. Carmichael (Head), R. C. Anderson, D. L. Perry, W. W. Olsen.

Albertian of the Year 2019

Lisa Oakden, Foundation Girl, lawyer, member of the Albertians Association Executive and member of the Board of Trustees presents the Albertian of the Year Plate to the retiring Greg Cave, Albertian, HOF Classical Studies and Associate Academic Dean.

The occasion was the Albertian Christmas Luncheon on 26 November, 2019.

This image is part of Set 73, recently added to our website's [Historical Images](#), compiled and annotated by our Archivist Mr Murphy.



Sports Update

Fast conditions for Cross Country



The annual School Cross Country took place on Monday (Year 9 Girls, Year 10 Girls, Year 11 PE Classes and Senior students) and Tuesday (Year 9 and Year 10 Boys).

The course requires the students to run around our lower fields, Alberton Avenue, and the school farm before finishing back on the lower fields. The distance is slightly over 3km for the Junior students and the Seniors do one extra lap.

With pleasant running conditions over both days, the standard of running was high with interform points on offer for Year 9 and 10 students. Year 11 PE students do the run as part of their course assessment.

Highlights over the two days included Nina Chalmers winning the Year 10 Girls race by over a minute with a time of 12:11. Peggy Taylor won the Year 9 Girls race by 36 seconds and completed the course in 12:09.

Ben Hori-Elliott won a competitive Year 10 Boys race, finishing in a time of 10:48.

Myles Kelly continues to show he is a promising distance runner, winning the Year 9 Boys race in a time of 11 minutes flat.

In the Year 11 races, last year's Year 10 champion Maia Lythe won the Girls section by a comfortable margin. Jesse Burge ran strongly to finish first in the Boys category.

The Senior Girls section was won by Emily Rednall, completing the Senior Girls 5.3 km

course in a time of 23:46.

The Senior Boys category was won by Ben Mitchell, completing the 5.6km course in 23:11 and winning by 51 seconds. Ben has won the Senior Boys 1500m, 3000m and Cross Country this year.

Assistant Director of Sport Mr Crossan said, "Thanks to the senior classes who assisted with marshalling. A big thanks to all the staff that ran the course with the students and that assisted with the organisation of the two days."

Placings:

Year 9 Girls: 1st Peggy Taylor, 2nd Macy Hains, 3rd Isabel Spreitzer. Year 9 Boys: 1st Myles Kelly, 2nd William Wood, 3rd Blake Climo. Year 10 Girls: 1st Nina Chalmers, 2nd Eternity Williams, 3rd Anna Batcheler. Year 10 Boys: 1st Ben Hori-Elliot, 2nd Oliver Sutton, 3rd James

Milne. Year 11 Girls: 1st Maia Lythe, 2nd Sophie Rednall, 3rd Amelie Kelly. Year 11 Boys: 1st Jesse Burge, 2nd Gianni Kingstone, 3rd Sam Carryer. Senior Girls: 1st Emily Rednall, 2nd Bella Houghton. Senior Boys: 1st Ben Mitchell, 2nd Callum Wishart, 3rd Daniel Wood.

You can see more photos from the Cross Country [here](#)



Volleyball teams on the up



MAGS Volleyball has been going from strength to strength over the last couple of years. This year, both MAGS teams were top qualifiers from the Central/West Zone, which meant they gained automatic entry into Division 1 (out of 4) at Auckland champs. This is the first time both the Boys and Girls teams have been in Division 1 for over 10 years, which is a huge achievement.

A highlight of the Boys' season was going through the zone competition winning all but two games. And then moving into AKSS finishing 9th. That now gives them entry into next year's Premier competition, which includes the top nine Boys volleyball teams across Auckland and the North Shore.

The Girls had a fantastic zone competition, winning all but one game. They narrowly missed out on their first crossover game, ending up 11th.

A highlight of the girls season was Marylynn Penn being named in the Auckland Champs Tournament Team.



Waka Ama NZ representatives

Three MAGS students competing at the Waka Ama Sprint Nationals at Lake Karapiro have qualified to represent NZ at the IVF World Sprints Championships in London in August. To qualify for worlds, the quota is New Zealand top three for the U16 men, and top six for U16 women.

Eternity Williams-Harris represented Te Tai Tokerau in the U16 Women's event and placed second in the final.

Marnie Toloa represented Auckland in the same event and placed 6th overall.

Marlin Toloa represented Auckland in the U16 Men's event and placed second in the final. Also, LaRome Waihirere represented Auckland in the U16 men's event and made a semi-final, where he bowed out.

Eternity, Marnie and Marlin have now qualified to represent New Zealand in the V1 500m sprint event in London.

Marlin is also still in the final trial for the New Zealand U19 Men's team.

The IVF World Championships also hold a world club champs event, so at club level Eternity has also qualified as a member of Nga Hoe Horo (based in Northland) U16 Women, as has Marnie and Marlin, in the U16 Women's and Men's teams respectively with Horouta (based in Gisborne).

Milly Clegg scores for NZ U20s



Football Girls 1st XI player Milly Clegg scored for the NZ U20 Women's team in their 1-1 draw against their Australian counterparts in a two-game series in Canberra in the past week.

The side are preparing for the FIFA U20 Women's World Cup 2022 in Costa Rica in August.

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