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A Tradition of Excellence
9th-14th May 2022



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From the Headmaster

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Recharging The Batteries ... The Healthy Way!



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Monday, April 26

Anzac Holiday observed

Monday, May 3

Start of Term 2

Tuesday, May 18

Year 11 Meet the Mentors Night, 7pm

Monday, May 24

Lumino Dental begins at MAGS and runs for six weeks

Thursday, July 8

Last day of classes for Term 2

Friday, July 9

Staff Only Administration Day
End of Term 2

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

What a great sight it was this week seeing our students, en masse, running the Annual Mount Albert Grammar School Cross Country.



MAGS is one of the few remaining schools to make this a full-participation event. The course, which extends up to the top of the ASB MAGS Farm, offers challenge along with the ultimate sense of satisfaction on crossing the finish line. Many of our students surprised themselves with what they were able to achieve on the day!

As we move into the holiday period, we are encouraging students to continue this theme of physical exercise and movement.

A *daily* holiday routine of the following will guarantee readiness for the new school Term:



Sport

Photo Essays

1. Lots of exercise and movement (walking, running, biking)
2. Dumping the devices for long periods each day
3. Reading at least one book before returning to school
4. Doing something positive for the family and household

It's not rocket science ... and it doesn't cost a cent!

Well done on successfully navigating a challenging Term 1. Let's recharge the right way over the next two weeks.

Have a safe (and healthy) holiday break.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



School Cross Country
Click [here](#)

Fixtures and results
Click [here](#)

Dance Concert showcases diversity



The 2021 dance concert *Recollections* held at Centennial Theatre AGS on Tuesday and Wednesday night this week featured all 220 dance students.

The evening opened with a taster of the MAGS Megacrew set that will be performed at the HHI NZ Mega School competition to be held next Friday, April 23, at Vodafone Events Centre. You can buy tickets and get more event information [here](#)

The concert showcased a very diverse collection of students, including nearly 50 boys, dancing with their classes for performance assessment in a huge variety of cultural, popular and contemporary dance styles. All classes performed with commitment and joy and the dances were all enthusiastically received by both audiences.

Director of Arts Co-Curricular Ms Cesan said, "These group performances were interspersed with some engaging and beautifully crafted choreographic pieces by senior students.

"Clearly, the students were all excited to have the opportunity to perform again after a messy 2020, and the support that all dancers demonstrated for their peers was great to see."

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

Photos / Sanskriti Roy



Remembering our fallen Albertians



MAGS' 201 fallen Albertians were remembered yesterday at a stirring ceremony that began with a karanga and piper Andrew Wilkie escorting guests and Air Training Corps cadets into the FW Gamble Hall.

Hokioramai Dunn performed the whaikōrero at this year's Anzac Service Assembly before The Boys Choir, conducted by Deputy Head Prefect Tali Afele, sang *Sons of Gallipoli*, and Year 13 History students Henri Blakely and Sophie Grimes spoke about our fallen Albertians

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 during the Last Post and Reveille, played by student Oliver Bulman from the mezzanine floor, as the school flag was lowered and raised.

Following the service, Albertians adjourned for lunch, hosted at School House, where they were treated to another rendition of *Sons of Gallipoli*.

You can see more photos from the service and the Albertians Luncheon and read more about both events [here](#)





Kapa Haka on stage tomorrow morning



Our Kapa Haka rōpū is pictured today, practising their performance before Polyfest tomorrow.

Our Te Puna o Wairaka Kapa Haka is performing tomorrow at Polyfest at 8am on the Maori Stage in Division 1 in what also doubles as a qualifier for nationals.

Last year the competition was abandoned due to the pandemic but the previous year MAGS finished sixth, in what was possibly our best ever showing.

Fifty students are involved in the Kapa Haka rōpū, and have been training for eight weeks, on Wednesdays and weekends. They were in the Lower Gym all day today fine-tuning their performance.

Head of Kapa Haka Ms Paul said the rōpū would have to finish in the top five to make nationals or, failing that, win a later competition to qualify.

She said that in Division 1 you have to perform a number of items over 30 minutes. There are six different disciplines, with haka just one of them.

Students have to learn lyrics to a level of excellence in pronunciation plus melody and hand

actions. Rākau, poi and patu are used and it all needs choreography. And students need to be Kapa Haka fit to produce energetic movements and project a huge sound. On top of that, they are required to project emotion and connect spiritually with each item. All the composition is done by Ms Paul and Mr Walters, who are Kapa Haka champions in their own right. Come along and support the rōpū – it's a terrific day out at Polyfest.



Albertian Games video out now



Albertian Jack Briden has put together a [great video montage](#) of the recent Albertian Games and after-match function.

Albertians returned to MAGS on March 31 to take on our Premier teams across a range of sports.

The games were followed by an after-match function in the FW Gamble Hall. You can see a wealth of great photos from the games and the after-match function [here](#)

This was the first of many events planned as we lead up to our Centenary Celebrations next year from May 9-14.

Huge turnout for Cross Country



The School Cross Country was run in perfect conditions when the Year 9 and 10 Boys ran on Tuesday but the weather turned rough for the Year 9 and 10 Girls on Wednesday.

The event, which starts and finishes in the school grounds but is mostly run on the ASB MAGS Farm, is compulsory for Junior students, with Seniors and staff also joining in.

The cross country winners were: Year 9 Boys – Mack Devine 1st, Ben Hori-Elliott 2nd, Azahim Abdul Razack 3rd; Year 9 Girls – Nina Chalmers 1st, Eternity Williams 2nd, Piper O’Neil 3rd; Year 10 Boys – Oscar Vink 1st, Luke Sanders 2nd, Vegas Hermansson-Scott 3rd; Year 10 Girls – Maia Lythe 1st, Sophie Rednall 2nd, Lily Curnow 3rd-equal, Amelie Kelly 3rd-equal; Intermediate Boys Champion Daniel Wood; Senior Boys Champion Luke Clements; Intermediate Girls Champion Emily Rednall; Senior Girls Champion Kirsty Gage.

You can see more photos [here](#)

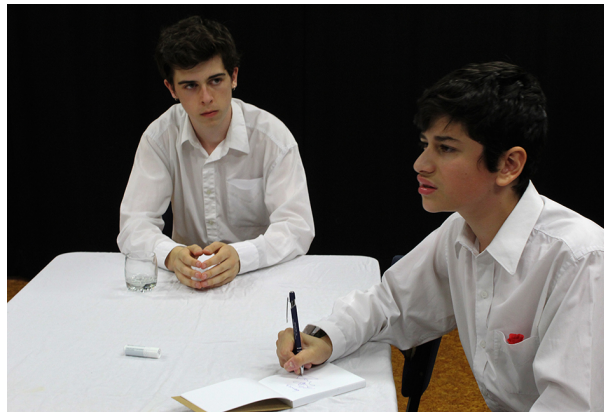
Awards at Sheilah Winn Shakespeare



MAGS' Drama students came away with two awards from their performances on April 10 at the Auckland Central Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival at Diocesan School. Molly Cavanagh and Imogen King were recognised for their acting skills and received Rising Star Awards. We also received the prize for Most Unexpected Use of Props for Camille Peterson's post-apocalyptic Gravedigger scene from *Hamlet*.

Drama students were excited by the chance to perform the 15-minute and 5-minute scenes from Shakespeare's canon. It was an excellent opportunity for them to develop their skills both onstage and backstage as well as express themselves creatively. This year there were three student-directed scenes alongside the teacher-directed scene.

Jasper Cameron directed Act 1 Scene 3 from *The Merchant of Venice* (pictured



right). The scene takes place in a restaurant that is a front for a criminal network during Prohibition Era New York. He had authentic costuming and a live band to create the seedy atmosphere.

Camille Peterson's Gravedigger scene examined the status of the characters through the return to feudalism.

Ruby Wilson and Nikitha Chinthalachervu co-directed a collection of scenes from *King Lear*. It had a traditional setting but they had dual-cast the titular character to emphasise his descent into madness.

Finally, HOD Drama Mr Urquhart directed Act 1 Scene 1 from *Much Ado About Nothing* (pictured top). Soldiers are welcomed back from the front. Love blossoms and rivalries resume.

Mr Urquhart said, "A huge thank you to the people who came to watch. Also, I have immense gratitude for the organisation by Student Leaders Molly Cavanagh and Reet Kamra."

Dress rehearsal photos by Tess Gough Stalker

Albertian: Failure isn't final



Albertian Dr Molly Swanson was the guest speaker at a special Scholarship Assembly on Monday, aiming to inspire students to take Scholarship exams.

Dr Swanson is a research fellow in the Motor Neuron Disease (MND) lab at the Centre for Brain Research, University of Auckland, but her path to that career was far from straightforward.

In fact, she told students that it was her failures that had contributed to her success and helped her find work that she loved.

She said her failure to get into medical school devastated her at the time but had changed her career path for the better. She said she had also failed at some of her exams and, as a triathlete, deals with a chronic injury – all these things had changed her outlook on life and opened up new and unexpected avenues.

She urged students not to be afraid to challenge themselves and to learn from and overcome failure.

Rugby Boys debut haka



The U14 Rugby Boys were the first to perform Takatū – our new school haka – at an away fixture when they went on a rugby-playing tour of Northland at the weekend.

The boys performed the haka again for their peers at the Year 9 Assembly in the Albertian Quad on Monday (pictured above).

The 40 rugby players went up to Matauri Bay on Friday morning, and stopped at the local primary school and completed a training session before heading to their accommodation at Lonsdale Park Outdoor Camp.

Year 9 Boys Dean Mr Coghill said, "On Saturday, the boys played their first set of games against Kaeo and Kerikeri rugby clubs. Our two teams played a quarter each against both teams, winning all but the second quarter. There was terrible weather throughout the game but the boys did well and didn't let it bother them.

"On Sunday we headed down to Whangarei where we played Whangarei City Rugby Club – a home club to some of the boys. The boys presented the haka here – the first MAGS team to perform this away to another team. The boys went down in the overall score in this game, playing quarters with different line-ups, similar to the day before.

"Overall an awesome experience for the Year 9 boys, led by seven Year 10s, two parents, Mr Ledger, Mr Murdoch, Mr Naylor, Mr Cartwright and myself."



Calling all budding musicians



Online registrations are open for Smokefreerockquest and Smokefree Tangata Beats but must be completed by May 12.

Both competitions aim to motivate young musicians – individuals or groups – to prove their ability and realise the heights they can reach in their music careers, and to encourage their peers to support original New Zealand music.

Any students can come and see Mr Watson in the Music Department if they are interested in taking part.

You can find out more about Smokefreerockquest [here](#) and Smokefree Tangata Beats [here](#)

The Albertian out in Term 2



The Albertian yearbook is on track to be printed over the school holidays and delivered to MAGS early in Term 2.

The Albertian will be distributed to those who have ordered it via their mentor classes.

Year 13s from 2020 who have ordered The Albertian will be contacted and can collect it from the Finance Office.

Duke of Edinburgh's connection with MAGS



This week, MAGS had its school flag at half mast to acknowledge the Duke of Edinburgh passing away last week at the age of 99.

In 1956, the Duke of Edinburgh visited MAGS while on a tour of a number of Commonwealth countries. You can see a slideshow of his visit [here](#)

As part of his visit to New Zealand he was invited to observe young people involved in a variety of sports.

Mount Albert Grammar School was chosen to host a sports day on December 14. Students from a large number of schools from around Auckland came and competed in athletics, cricket, gymnastics, swimming and tennis.

The school benefitted in a number of ways from this visit. For the first time, the main building was painted, the lower fields were levelled and organised so they could be used for sport, and the first tennis courts were built, on the current site of the pool carpark.

This was the first time girls had competed at the school, and Prince Philip was escorted around the various activities by the Headmaster, Mr Murray Nairn (pictured right).



At the conclusion of the day, the competitors attended an assembly in the FW Gamble Hall where they were addressed by His Royal Highness.

Finally, he inspected a guard of honour (pictured below) made up of school cadets.

It was during this visit that the Duke of Edinburgh scheme was instituted, and students from Mount Albert Grammar School have an impressive history of success in this [scheme](#)



Sports Update

Trio win wrestling medals

The Auckland Wrestling Championships took place on March 26 at Dilworth School. MAGS had three students competing. The results were as follows:

Tiger-Lily Cocker-Lemaile: 1st Senior Girls, Under 75 kg division

Max Shallard: 1st Junior Boys, Under 42 kg division

Alex Reddy, 2nd Senior Boys, Under 76 kg division

Following that, the New Zealand Secondary School Wrestling Nationals were held on April 10 at Katikati College. Mount Albert Grammar had the same three students represent the school with great success. In the overall placings we were 4th in New Zealand.



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Sporting exchange revived

Yesterday, MAGS and Whangarei Boys High School (WBHS) revived a sports exchange that had gone into hibernation about 20 years ago.

MAGS travelled to Whangarei with the Rugby Boys 1st XV, Premier Boys Basketball, Premier Boys Squash, Boys Hockey and the Chess team to compete for a new Shield gifted by WBHS.

In the Rugby, MAGS won 17-7; in Basketball, MAGS won 93-66; in Hockey, WBHS took the game 3-1, and also won the Squash 4-1, while our Chess team triumphed 11-5 to help MAGS win the Shield Exchange.

Next year, the games will be at MAGS in the first week of Term 2. Thanks to WBHS for being fantastic hosts.



Archers' successful season



MAGS archers competing in the College Sport Archery competitions have had a very successful season.

In the weekly round robin competition, the MAGS team won two of the five recurve divisions. MAGS A (pictured above from left) – Lily Brislen (Captain), Sylvie Morrison, Nick Lees and Ronan John – were convincing winners in their division.

MAGS B (Hannah Jordan, Louise Clarke, Samuel Holmes and Siena Pound) had to wait for the results of the final night before they were crowned the outright winners of their division. In the fiercely competitive recurve individual competition, awards are presented to the top 15 archers.

MAGS had three archers who won awards here as well: Sylvie Morrison (6th), Nick Lees (9th) and Lily Brislen (13th). Sylvie, in particular, finished right alongside a number of NZ representative archers.

To finish the season, there was a One Day College Sport Match Play Championships held last Sunday at One Tree Hill Domain.

Coach Jan Lees said, "MAGS has not previously entered any teams into this event, so to have three teams plus an Individual Compound Archer was wonderful."

In the individual competition, Sylvie Morrison made the quarter-finals. To finish off the season in style, MAGS A fought their way through to the Gold Medal match before finally being beaten by Baradene A.

"There were some very tired shoulders and sore fingers after a long day of mixed weather, but the whole team did their school proud."

Sam first to 50-TRYathlon milestone



Amazing effort from Year 10 student Sam Ryan, who is the first competitor in NZ or Australia to achieve the milestone of completing 50 Weet-Bix TRYathlons!

You can read the NZ Herald story about his achievement and his challenges [here](#)

Lacrosse Boys runners-up



The MAGS Senior Boys Lacrosse team faced off against Rosmini in yesterday's final of the AKSS Premier Boys Lacrosse Competition.

The hard-fought encounter was a tough workout for the MAGS defence, but despite eventually being defeated 6-16 there were excellent transitional and attacking moments for our boys.

The entire MAGS squad grafted tirelessly with positive spirits and their heads held high for the duration. The boys can be incredibly proud of their achievements this season, ending 2nd overall in the competition.

Special mentions go to Benji Norris and Sam Nash, who each had massive seasons in the midfield, and William Couldrey who topped the score chart for MAGS with 20 goals this season.

This year also saw a group of keen and talented MAGS juniors join the lacrosse ranks, and their skills and knowledge of the game have developed enormously under the mentorship of the MAGS seniors and coach.

Planning has started for a Junior 6-a-side competition in Term 4, which will provide more great experience for our rookies leading into next year.

General Notices

Community consultation on Health Education

At least once every two years, Boards of Trustees are required to produce a written statement about how schools will implement Health Education under the requirements of the Education Act 1989 (Section 60B).

Boards of trustees consult with their community to:

- Inform the school community about the content of the health curriculum.

- Ascertain the wishes of the school community regarding the way in which the health curriculum should be implemented, given the views, beliefs and customs of the members of that community.

To help with community feedback, you can complete a survey [here](#)



Open Day

Saturday 15 May

Come and explore our campus and meet students and staff. Hear about our programme, campus life and admissions pathway.



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