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## From the Board of Trustees Chair

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## Hope On The Horizon



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As we look to next year, and then celebrating 100 years of MAGS, we can reflect upon the last time the School was closed during term time.

Like today, it was an epidemic, but then attacking the young not the elderly. In 1944, MAGS, along with schools throughout NZ, was closed due to a polio epidemic, with students studying at home. People were expected to be confined to their homes for three to four months.

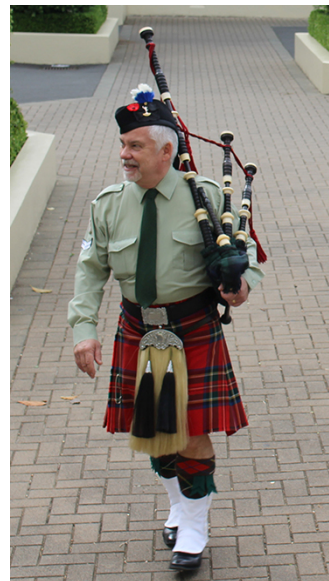
MAGS is a much larger school in 2020 than it was in 1944, but the MAGS motto of Per Angusta Ad Augusta – 'Through Hardship to Glory' – is as relevant today as it was then.

On behalf of your Board of Trustees I want to acknowledge our Headmaster, Senior Leadership, Teachers and Support Staff at MAGS. Their commitment to our School and our children's education (my daughter Eva is in Year 10) is unparalleled.

Right from the beginning of the current crisis, they have worked tirelessly to communicate, organise and facilitate on behalf of our children. This includes the remote learning programme during the lockdown period, as well as ensuring that the School is ready for reopening, which, for many of us parents, will hopefully not be too far away.

Clearly the School environment will be different but I believe the quality of our student body and their commitment to 'The MAGS Way' will overcome any obstacles and leave a legacy unique in our history.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar



**Saturday, April 25**  
Anzac Day

**Monday, April 27**  
Anzac Day holiday

**Thursday, July 2**  
Last day of classes for Term 2



**Sport**

I also wish to thank parents for their support and understanding in these challenging times.

Many of you will have already paid your voluntary donation to the School, for which I thank you. To those yet to donate, please only feel obliged to do so if your financial circumstances allow.

While donations continue to provide critical support for all we do at MAGS, we are fortunate that, with the oversight of the BoT Finance Committee and our Business Manager, the School is in a sound financial position for the current year.

We are also fortunate to have a new Science Building, which is named the Caradus Block in honour of our second Headmaster William Caradus.

This facility along with our proposed teaching facility on the ASB MAGS Farm will provide career opportunities in Science, Agriculture and Horticulture, all of which will be in demand as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally, you can be assured that MAGS will continue to be a safe environment for our children post the lockdown, as the School is determined to put their education back on track.

Per Angusta Ad Augusta

Greg Moyle  
Board of Trustees Chair

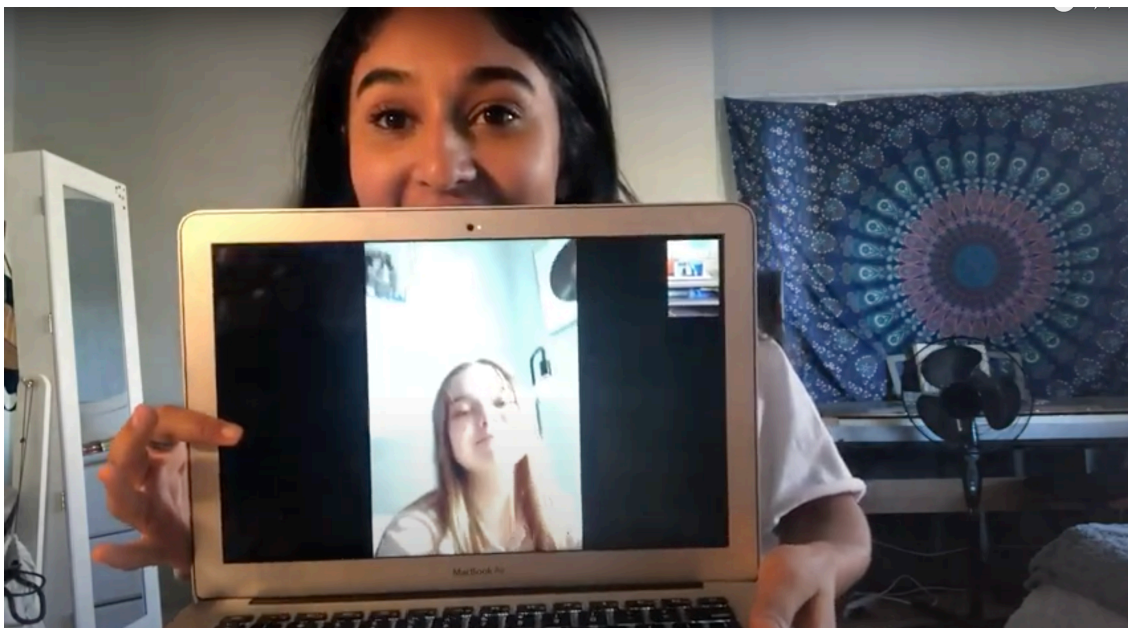
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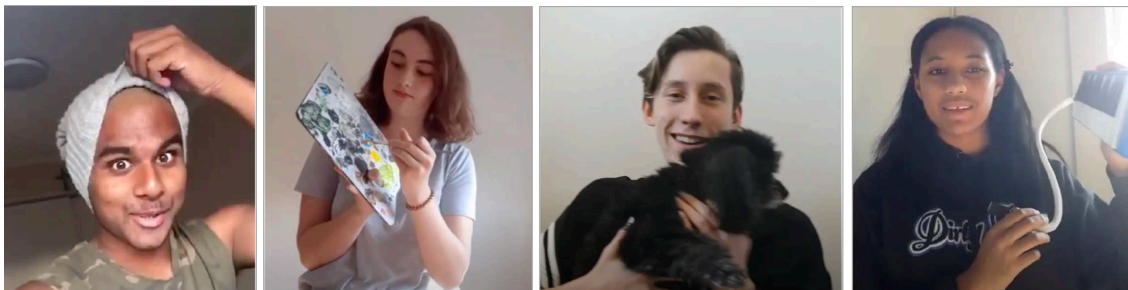


**Winter Sport registrations**

Click [here](#)

## Prefects produce Gratefulness Video






MAGS Prefects have put together a heart-warming video about all the things they are grateful for during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can see it on Facebook [here](#) or on YouTube [here](#)

## Online learning continues

Term 2 Classes Start 15th April

MAGS' Online Learning Behaviours



BE PRESENT ✓

- Mark your own attendance between 8.30am-11.00am each day
- Be online & present for all scheduled check-in periods your teacher sets
- Be present for compulsory quizzes, check-ins, workshops, experiments or demonstrations

BE ORGANISED ✓

- Plan your day the night before using your MAGS diary or your Outlook calendar
- Join all your online classes (including your Year Level Google Classroom)
- Present your best 'school' image in terms of dress and visual surroundings if going on LIVE video. (Wearing PJs during the day will not help your mindset to learn.)

BE PRODUCTIVE ✓

- Get some learning finished each day
- Set small achievable goals
- Submit work on time or communicate beforehand why this might not be possible
- Take screen breaks at designated times for your own well-being
- Help others at home
- Work in 25-minute chunks


BE KIND ✓

- Speak & post politely - say thanks.
- Help others with useful posts, links & sharing your ideas
- Be inclusive & appreciative of other learners who you didn't previously know
- Be kind to yourself - stay positive, ensuring you are sleeping, eating healthy, exercising, relaxing & staying socially connected

COMMUNICATE ✓

- Show you are engaged by making comments or giving feedback to posts during 'class'
- Contact staff during your class but not late in the day or night as they have family too
- Use your words to help other students & your teachers (as we are all learning together)
- Communicate with your teacher, mentor, dean or counsellor if you're lost or falling behind in your learning (they will understand).

'Through Hardship to Glory'  
Isolation to Elimination  
**STAY SAFE!!!**



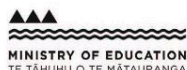
**NEED TO TALK?** Freecall or text 1737 anytime for a trained counsellor / Free text Youthline on 234 or email [talk@youthline.co.nz](mailto:talk@youthline.co.nz)

As the School awaits further instructions from the Government about a possible re-opening, online learning via Google Classroom resumed on Wednesday as Term 2 began.

- Students can connect with both their teacher and classmates via Google Classroom.
- Students are reminded that the 25-minute allocated subject periods are designated times for teacher contact rather than periods of time within which set work must be completed.
- Students should check any instructions, make contact as they feel necessary, and then complete their various tasks across the day – using blocks of time as they are available to them
- **Signing In:** Students must 'sign in' each day and this will serve as a sort of virtual 'attendance' and provide the school with an overview of how many of our students are online and engaging with the learning opportunities available.
- **Assessment and Extensions:** An email about applying for NCEA extensions has gone out to students. Teachers are using normal assessment procedures where possible.

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## Free filter for online safety



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND N4L

# switch on safety

When children learn from home, it's important to help them stay safe online.

Network for Learning (N4L) helps to keep your child safe at school. So while your child is learning from home, we have a simple, **FREE** way to block the worst of the web.

To Switch on Safety, you need to change the 'DNS' settings on your child's device. We've outlined simple instructions for the different devices at [switchonsafety.co.nz](https://switchonsafety.co.nz)

[VISIT SWITCHONSAFETY.CO.NZ](https://switchonsafety.co.nz)

Crown company Network for Learning (N4L) has partnered with the Ministry of Education and Netsafe to provide free internet filtering – Switch on Safety – to keep children safe online.

To enable Switch on Safety, you need to change the 'DNS' setting on your child's device. Click [here](#) for information and instructions about how to use Switch on Safety.

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## Archery world record



Archer Lauren Emirali added a world record to her many achievements in the sport when she set a new mark in the Junior Women's Barebow division.

Barebow is a new bow type to be incorporated into World Archery competitions and officially came into being as a World Archery classification on January 15 this year. Mountain Green Archery Club took the opportunity to set records in the Barebow by holding a tournament on January 15. Lauren set her record of 345 points in the Junior Women's division (50m – 72 arrows).

Her record has only recently been ratified as many countries around the world also staged events on or close to that date.

The Barebow is essentially a recurve bow that has no extras – no sights or stabilisers – but is not as basic as a traditional longbow.

Two MAGS parents, Meike Voigt and Kerry Hoole, who help the MAGS archers, also set Barebow records.

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## E-Sports teams advance



The nationwide lockdown has curtailed a lot of activities but E-Sports has continued, with MAGS teams featuring in Clash Royale, which was introduced this year to the High School League.

Three MAGS teams made it into the top eight of the Australia/New Zealand Split 1 Clash Royale competition.

One of those teams – Warlocks, comprised of Hayden Groves, Bryn Burke and Faisal Sohail – is now into the semis of Clash Royale, a multiplayer combat game.

Their semifinal is on Monday at 6pm and can be viewed [here](#)

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## Art Show cancelled



Due to the nationwide lockdown to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's MAGS Art Show has been cancelled.

Art Show Committee chair Sandra Fisher said, "Each year the MAGS Art Show is a highlight on the school and community calendars and a showcase for the talents of more than 150 exhibiting artists from around New Zealand and our own talented MAGS arts students."

"Normally, we would be in the thick of contacting artists and getting the wheels rolling for this August event but in light of COVID-19 and the impact this will have across the rest of this year, MAGS Art Show has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's event.

"As the school's major fundraising event of the year, the MAGS Art Show takes a massive amount of organisation, liaison, sponsorship, volunteer hours, goodwill and artists' commitment and talents. This, combined with the high involvement and support of MAGS staff, the Arts Department and all the amazing MAGS students who create work, makes this an event that can't be quickly arranged.

"By now, planning would already be underway in earnest but we cannot start planning for a show we may not be able to hold. We can't ask our artists to take time to create work for a show that may not happen, or ask sponsors and volunteers to donate time and money when they are already under immense stress and financial pressures.

"So thank you all for your support to date, thank you all who have already volunteered to help us. We would love to see you next year ... and we'll be back in 2021 with a MAGS Art Show to be celebrated."



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## Health Committee Instagram page

Check out the [MAGS Health Committee's Instagram page](#) for some great photos, and everything from advice about mental and physical wellbeing to Dad Jokes. There is also a [video message](#) from Head Boy Eric Shen and Head Girl Megan Williams about managing mental health during the COVID-19 lockdown.



## Facebook group to boost studies



MAGS' Academic Council has started a collaborative Facebook page called [MAGS Student Studies](#). This is a new platform for students to join together as a community and lift each other up into academic success. Its purpose is to replicate the sort of help from peers and tutors that students would get in a classroom environment.

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## More historical photos on website



Throughout the year, more historical images will be added to the website [here](#). This is an ongoing collection of images sourced and annotated by our archivist Brian.

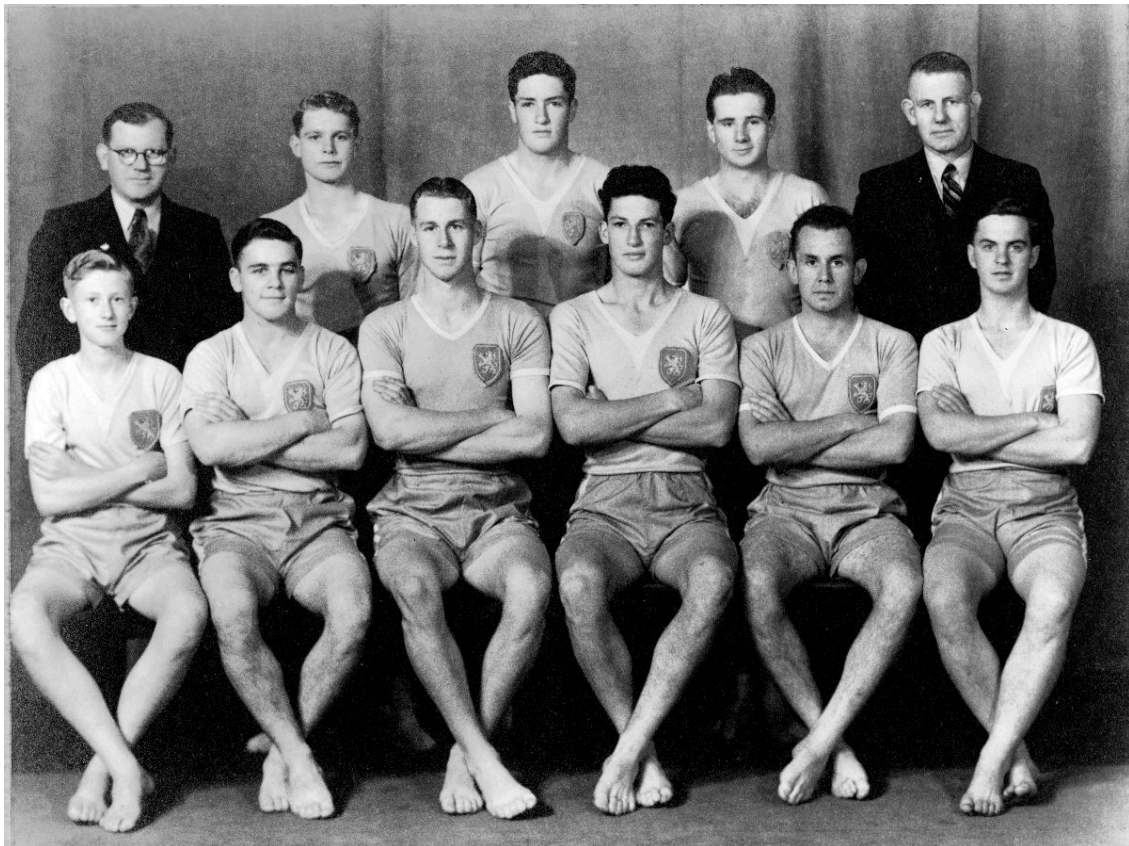


Murphy.

In the image above – part of the recently added Set 33 – are lighting operators Miles Mason, Ivan Luketina Johnston and Jamie Lamb at the School's fifth entry in the annual Stage Challenge (the New Zealand franchise of the Global Rock Challenge), at the Aotea Centre on 16 June 2005.

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## Sign up to the Centenary database



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.

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## Sports update

### Trials and registrations

While trials are on hold, the Sports Department is asking students to still register for sports in Term 2.

Trials and registrations are posted on the website [here](#) and will also appear in the Daily Notices, accessed via the website or the MAGS App.



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