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A Tradition of Excellence
9th-14th May 2022



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From the Headmaster

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Breaking the Drought!



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Friday, April 2 to

Tuesday, April 6

School closed for Easter holidays

Thursday, April 8

Summer Sports Photos

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Thursday, April 15

ANZAC Service Assembly and Albertians Luncheon

Thursday, April 15

Last day of classes for Term 1

Friday, April 16

Staff Only Administration Day;
End of Term 1

Monday, May 3

Start of Term 2

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

In March 1936, MAGS Woodwork Teacher Jack Jenkin brought together a squad of 16 MAGS boys to form the first Auckland schoolboy rowing crew.

Over the years that followed, MAGS stamped its mark on the Auckland schools' rowing scene, including in 1947 when our Senior Eight brought the Maadi Cup back to MAGS as inaugural national champions (beating Sacred Heart College by half a boat-length).

As an aside, Jack Jenkin used his skills to fashion a wooden base for the Maadi Cup (pictured) which is still part of the trophy today!

The golden era of MAGS rowing continued right through until 1961 – the last time a MAGS crew won Gold at the Maadi Cup.

Fast forward 60 years and a MAGS crew has once again returned triumphant to the podium at the national tournament.

Last week, Nick Bryan and Cameron MacGillivray (pictured above with Director of Rowing Alice Denyer) rowing in the U17 Coxless Pair Oars, left competitors in their wake as they claimed MAGS first national rowing title in six decades.



Sport

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MAGS was also able to add two Bronze medals to this tally through the performances of Ava Paynter and Kate Grubi in the A Final Girls U17 Coxless Pair Oars, and the novice boys crew – Max Jarvie, Luke Sanders, Fraser MacGillivray, Charlie Heath and cox Max Murphy – placing third in the A Final of the Boys U15 Coxed Four.

The personal commitment and effort of these students is unquestionable and they have been richly rewarded with their medals. But they stand on the shoulders of many, many MAGS people who have brought our rowing programme to this point.

From those early days in the Depression era right through to the visionary group of MAGS rowing alumni who, after a 30 year hiatus, restarted MAGS Rowing in 2010 – our school has been blessed along the way with those who would step up as guardians of our programme.

The end result is an incredible growth and development experience for our MAGS young people in an unparalleled context for building character and resilience.

Congratulations to Director of Rowing Alice Denyer, coaches, parents, Albertians and all involved in MAGSRow.

We are very proud of your achievements and it's great to finally break the drought!

Have a safe Easter Weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Albertian Games

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Fixtures and results

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Albertians turn out for fun and games



Some ageing bodies were put to the test as Albertians returned to MAGS on Wednesday to take on our Premier teams across a range of sports for the Albertian Games.



The school motto – Per Angusta Ad Augusta – was invoked as the Old Boys registered wins in the Basketball, Football and Hockey, while the Netball was won by the Premier Girls. There were also friendlies played across Cricket and Touch.

Director of Sport Allie Wright said, "The Albertian Games was a great success despite the weather. Despite being shy on numbers in some sports, past and present students played well and the school enjoyed seeing some parents playing alongside their kids. "We look forward to next year's Centenary Albertian Games."

The games were followed by an after-match function in the FW Gamble Hall, with a cash bar and savouries supplied by Westie Pies.

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.



First Maadi Cup Gold in 60 years



The Bronze medal-winning Boys U15 Coxed Four of Max Jarvie, Luke Sanders, Fraser MacGillivray, Charlie Heath and cox Max Murphy.

MAGSROW has secured its first Gold medal at the Maadi Cup since 1961, with Nick Bryan and Cam MacGillivray winning the A Final boys U17 Coxless Pair Oars last weekend with a flawless row at Lake Karapiro against tough competition from around the country. The MAGSROW squad also secured two Bronze medals with Ava Paynter and Kate Grubi (pictured left) coming third in the A Final Girls U17 Coxless Pair Oars, and the novice boys



crew – Max Jarvie, Luke Sanders, Fraser MacGillivray, Charlie Heath and cox Max Murphy – placing third in the A Final of the Boys U15 Coxed Four.

Overall, the crews successfully qualified for eight A Finals and nine B Finals – breaking the previous MAGSRow record. Securing a place in these finals shows these crews are among the top secondary school rowers in the country. The 2021 Aon Maadi Cup attracted more than 2000 competitors from 120 New Zealand schools.

Director of Rowing Alice Denyer says the Maadi Cup squad of 51 rowers (Year 10 – Year 13) worked incredibly hard over

the season and were well-prepared going into this national event.

“Our coaches are so proud of what the squad achieved. Over the past few years we’ve seen our MAGSRow crews getting stronger each year and this year saw another big step up in our performance,” she said.

“It was great to see some of our senior crews winning medals and making it into finals, and it’s also very exciting to have strong novice rowers in the squad.”

Relay for Life at almost \$80,000



Relay for Life last weekend was a huge success with 264 students taking part and raising almost \$80,000 after completing 17,839 of the Lovelock Track during the 14-hour event. Since MAGS began taking part in the event in 2014, our school has raised more than \$500,000 for the Cancer Society. That is an incredible effort, helped in no small part by the tireless organisation of TIC Ms Pulham ([pictured below right]).

Ms Pulham said there were some very sore and tired students at school this week after they covered 7700km between them from 6pm Saturday to 8am Sunday.

Forty five groups of students brought tents along this year so there was a small tent city in the MAGS area.

Ms Pulham said, "The security guy at the gate was surprised by the number of MAGS students; he said he ended up just asking each kid walking past if they were MAGS and pointing them to our spot."

She added, "Students had the chance to reflect and remember family and friends who they have lost to cancer during our lap in silence. It really showed the support the students gave to each other during a difficult lap seeing students support one another. Many students created a candle bag, which they personalised to people who they had lost. These bags lit up the track as we walked throughout the night around the track."

There were also 25 teachers who came out to support the students and help out

over the course of the night. Many of the teachers had zero sleep and ran some significant amounts of laps alongside the students. Students also enjoyed the silent disco from 1am to 3am that kept them awake and also avoided disrupting the neighbours

Ms Pulham said, "There were lots of students keen to help the teachers pack down and tidy up our area despite a sleepless night and 14 hours of walking. The tired teachers really appreciated the support and yet again it reminded us of what a great school we work at."

To donate to MAGS' Relay for Life effort, click [here](#) and you can scroll to the bottom, click donate and then search for the name of a student. The final tally should be known after the end of the term.





Dance concert tickets on sale now

MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL DANCE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Recollections

7:30PM
TUESDAY APRIL 13
WEDNESDAY APRIL 14
CENTENNIAL THEATRE,
MOUNTAIN ROAD, EPSOM



TICKETS
STUDENTS AND PENSIONERS \$15
MAGS STAFF, STUDENTS AND UNDER 12S \$10
ADULTS \$20



The annual MAGS Dance Concert ,this year entitled *Recollections*, will be held on Tuesday, 13 and Wednesday, 14 April at Centennial Theatre.

Featuring performances by all Dance classes and all 215 dance students in a range of popular, cultural and contemporary dance styles, the concert will also feature choreography from some of our senior students and our MAGS Hip Hop MEGACREW.

Tickets available from the MAGS Finance Office.

MAGS at Sheilah Winn Shakespeare



Next Saturday, April 10, MAGS will be competing in the Auckland Central Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival at Diocesan School.

Our students are excited to perform the 15-minute and 5-minute scenes from Shakespeare's canon. It is an excellent opportunity for them to develop their skills both onstage and backstage as well as express themselves creatively. This year we have three student-directed scenes alongside the teacher-directed scene.

Jasper Cameron is directing Act 1 Scene 3 from *The Merchant of Venice*. The scene takes place in a restaurant that is a front for a criminal network during Prohibition Era New York. He has authentic costuming and a live band to create the seedy atmosphere.

Camille Peterson has chosen to interpret the Gravedigger scene from *Hamlet*. She has given it a post-apocalyptic aesthetic, examining the status of the characters through this return to feudalism.

Ruby Wilson and Nikitha Chinthaleruvu are co-directing a collection of scenes from *King Lear*. It has a traditional setting but they have dual cast the titular character to emphasise his descent into madness.

Finally, HOD Drama Mr Urquhart is directing Act 1 Scene 1 from *Much Ado About Nothing*. Soldiers are welcomed back from the front. Love blossoms and rivalries resume.

The festival runs on both Friday, 9 April and Saturday, 10 April, with MAGS presenting from 10.15am on the Saturday.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased [here](#)

Mr Urquhart said the Drama team would greatly appreciate the support of friends and family.

Interact raises \$2000 for Yemen crisis

Throughout Weeks 7 and 8, Interact partnered with Unicef to fundraise to provide aid for those suffering in the humanitarian crisis in Yemen.

Interact fundraised by going around form classes selling lolly bags and raffle tickets, exchanging stickers for donations, and holding a barbecue and a bake sale.

Over 100 students participated in these efforts on behalf of Interact and many more

donated generously. The total raised is in excess of \$2000, over double what the group raised for Unicef in 2020. TIC Ms Barlow said, "It was really awesome to see how generous and caring our students are. So many were willing to get involved wherever they could and it made the whole two weeks run really smoothly."



'A Day in the Life' Arts Challenge

Pick a medium of your choice to express what a day in your life is like as a student. This can be in any form, including paintings, videos, dances, songs, poetry and more. We will select winners for each year group, interform points up for grabs! Fill in the google form on your year level google classroom page, and share your piece with ibeam@students.mags.school.nz. For any questions, please email jcesan@mags.school.nz or talk to any arts leader.

DUE: WEEK 1 TERM 2 @9AM
PRIZES AVAILABLE!

The latest Arts Challenge is up and running with students asked to get creative using performing arts or visual arts to give an insight into their lives and hobbies outside school.

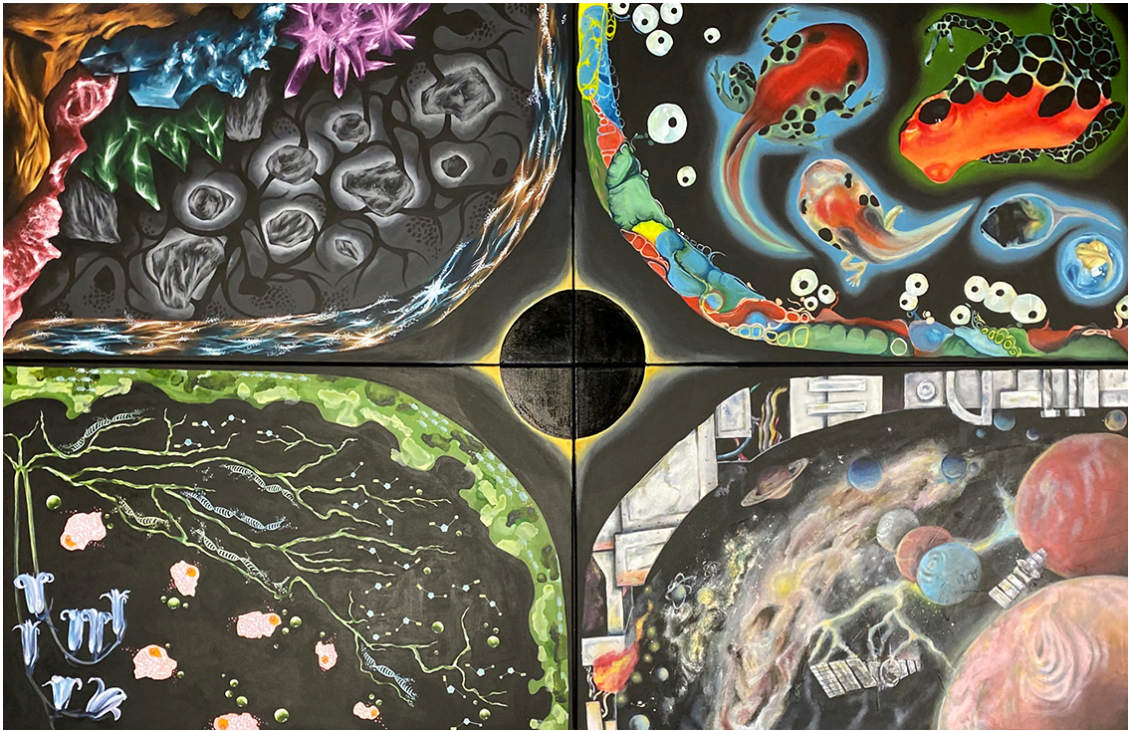
There are great prizes for winners at all year levels and form class points for juniors.

You can see a video promo about the Arts Challenge [here](#)

UPCOMING IN THE ARTS:

Megaschools dance competition –
Friday, April 23, Vodafone Events Centre.

Inspirational mural for Science Block



Over the past few months, Ullrich Von Reiche, Dasha Leonhartsberger, Elka Aitchison and Lucy Woodall have been working collaboratively on a mural to highlight the different areas of science taught at MAGS.

The group planned and painted using their different styles, creating a work that will be displayed in CS block later this year.

The brief for the painting was to show how science helps to demystify the world around us and to show the tension between what we see, what we have discovered and what we have yet to discover.

Ullrich said, "The piece starts on the outside and moves methodically from large physical objects to show the unpacking of the mysteries contained within them. Even science has its limits though, represented by the large black eclipse in the middle symbolising the hint of what we cannot yet see."

Tax Donation Receipts have been sent

If you have paid any donations to MAGS in the last year, Tax Donation Receipts have been emailed to you now.

These can be used to claim your tax credit from the IRD.

Please note, if you have not received your receipt, it may have gone to your spam/junk box.

Anzac Service and Albertians Luncheon



On Thursday, April 15, MAGS will be holding its ANZAC Service Assembly followed by the Albertians Association Luncheon.

Those attending the ANZAC Service should assemble in the foyer of the main school building by Reception at 11am and from there you will be shown into the FW Gamble Hall. Following the service, please make your way down to School House for the luncheon. The cost of the lunch is \$35 per person.

Payment can be prepaid online (to MAGS Albertians Association, account number 12 3029 0376398 00, using your name as a reference) or by cash, cheque, or EFTPOS at School House on the day.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, 6 April 2021 to Emma John, Events Manager, either by email to events@mags.school.nz or by phone: (09) 846 2044 extn 8198 and leave a message.

A reminder that car parking is unavailable on school grounds, however drop-off at the front of the school is fine.

Sign up to the Centenary database



As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, with events planned for May 9-14, we warmly invite all Albertians to sign up to the database [here](#) to keep up to date with information 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.

Sports Update

Medals galore at AKSS Athletics



The Gold medal-winning Junior Girls 4x100 Relay team of, from left, Ella De Coek Nina Chalmers, Gezreyal Maiu'u and Tommee Paeu.

Twenty nine students represented MAGS at the Auckland Secondary School Athletics Championships on Tuesday at Mount Smart Stadium.

Our students performed exceptionally well in wet and windy conditions for the first part of the day. Overall, MAGS students won 18 medals at the meet.



Gezreyal Maiu'u won three events – the Junior Girls 200m, Junior Girls 70m Hurdles, the 300m Junior Girls Hurdles – and came second in the Junior Girls Triple Jump.

In the process, she set two school records: in the 300m Junior Girls Hurdles, with a time of 42.76 seconds (eclipsing the record of 48.12 seconds set by Amelia Caltaux in 2018), and she broke the Junior Girls Triple Jump record by 30cm with a jump of 10.10m. The previous record had been standing since

2008, and was set by Natalie Booth.

A special mention goes to Benjie Fairclough, who broke an Auckland Secondary Schools Championship meet record with a time of 45.44 seconds in winning the Junior Boys 300m Hurdles. This may also be a school record as well. Previously there had been no time recorded for this event.

The 4x100m Junior Girls relay team (Gezreyal Maiu'u, Tommee Paeu, Nina Chalmers and Ella De Coek) won Gold and beat the record they set at the zone meet two weeks ago with a time of 53.20 seconds.

The Senior Boys 4x400m relay team of Shay Russek, Luke Clements, Eamon Buick and Troy Middleton also won – in a close race – and surpassed a record set in 2016 by 10 seconds with a time of 3:34.26.

Sylvia Brunt threw 12.72m in coming second in the Senior Girls Shot Put to beat a record set by Yoko Tsukushi last year by 28cm.

Gold medals were also won by Tommee Paeu (Junior Girls Long Jump), Troy Middleton (Senior Boys 200m) and Luke Clements (Senior Boys Steeplechase 2000m).

You can see more photos and results from the meet [here](#)

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