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From the Headmaster

A 'hand-up' for MAGS Families



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

Launched in our centenary year, The Lion Fund has been in operation for almost 12 months and has continued to provide financial support for students to access the full breadth of a MAGS education.

The Fund is administered through the MAGS Foundation and is designed to ensure financial challenges faced by families do not become a barrier to success for our students.

Money raised from our MAGS Art Show, combined with generous donations from members of our MAGS community, have seen the Fund quickly grow to a capital base of almost \$100,000. To date, over \$30,000 has been distributed to more than 130 students to assist with uniform costs, stationery, sports fees, camps and cultural initiatives.



The Lion Fund has proved invaluable as we have restarted so many of the co-curricular activities that were lost during the Covid years.

Supporting students in re-engaging across our pillars has revived that sense of belonging that underpins our MAGS community.

The ultimate outcome will be better success in our core business –

Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Thursday, May 18

Lumino Dental arrives on site, and is at MAGS until June 30



Friday, May 19

Pink Shirt Day

Monday, June 5

King's Birthday Holiday

Sport

Trials and Registrations

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the academic pillar.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Lion Fund and special thanks to the Art Show Committee for once again pledging their support with funds raised from the 2023 MAGS Art Show.

With financial pressures set to continue for families in the time ahead, the Lion Fund will make a significant difference in the educational journey of our students.

Per Angusta Ad Augusta

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Fixtures and Results

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Donate to the Lion Fund now

Another Albertian Centenarian



Congratulations to Professor Russell Stone, who celebrated his 100th birthday on Friday, April 7.

Professor Stone attended Mount Albert Grammar from 1936 to 1940 and was heavily involved in the life of the school.

He then studied at Auckland University College (now the University of Auckland), gaining a BA in 1945 and an MA with first class honours in 1949. He taught in secondary schools until he was appointed to the staff of the University of Auckland History Department in 1964 where he completed his PhD in History for his thesis on Auckland Business and

Businessmen in the 1880s.

When he retired in 1989 he was given the title of Emeritus Professor. He has continued his research and is considered an authority of the history of early Auckland and on the life of Sir John Logan Campbell.

Professor Stone wrote the history of the school for the 75th jubilee. *Tradition and Change: Mount Albert Grammar School: The First Seventy-Five Years* was published in 1997 and



covers the first 75 years of the school. In addition, it reflects the changes in Auckland society over that period.

He was inducted into the Mount Albert Grammar School Hall of Distinction in 2000, and in the 2002 New Year's Honours list he was appointed an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to historical research.

Professor Stone has been an active member of the school's alumni associations – the Old Boys' Association and (since 2002) the Albertians Association, regularly attending functions and as a sounding board on matters of school history. Recently, he offered advice on the new history of the school *Change and Tradition*, which was published to mark the centenary. In September last year he assisted in planting the Centennial Tree.

Another Albertian centenarian is George Clark, pictured with daughter and former Prime Minister Helen Clark. George attended Mount Albert Grammar from 1936 to 1938. He celebrated his 101st birthday on March 8.

The school offers congratulations to these two Albertians. If you know of other Albertians who are centenarians or close to their 100th birthday, please contact Greg Cave at gcave@mags.school.nz

Bound for World Hip Hop Champs



*Pictured left to right, back row: Coco-Sabine Meikle, Hailey Martin, Jacob Cameron and Alecia Campbell.
Front row: Billie Twigden, Makaia Quensell, Harry Bannister, Kyra-Leigh Masina and Brooklynn Smith-Boyd.*

While other students were on holiday, a group of MAGS students were in training – often for up to five hours a day – for the HHI NZ Hip Hop Dance Championships on April 21 and 22 at the Manukau Events Centre.

The following students qualified for the NZ team to go to the world championships in Phoenix, Arizona in August:

Makaia Quensell – 1st in Junior Division with team Jr ID.

Harry Bannister, Billie Twigden, Hailey Martin, Alecia Campbell and Jacob Cameron – 1st in JV Mega crew with team JUNG ID.

Jacob's Varsity team Swagganauts also won the Varsity section, and Alecia and Hailey also achieved a 3rd in the Varsity division with MASQUE.

These students are all part of the Identity Dance Company run by Albertian Josh Cesan. IDCO won all five divisions they were entered in and took two 3rd places.

Also competing and qualifying for worlds were:

Kyra-Leigh Masina, whose team Saintz was 1st in the Open Mega Crew division (Saintz Dance Academy).

Brooklynn Smith-Boyd, whose team Ambush was 2nd in the Adult division.

Coco-Sabine Meikle, whose team Frat Pack was 3rd in the JV Megacrew division (DANZA).

Prefects to the fore at Anzac Service



MAGS' Prefects were out in force on Anzac Day, helping out with the service at the Mt Albert War Memorial Hall.

About 30 Prefects sold poppies, helped set up, served Anzac cookies and cups of tea, and laid wreaths (Head Prefects Taiarahia Moataane-Mika and Olivia Bennett). Olivia also read the war poem *In Flanders Fields*.


MAGS staff were also involved, with Anna Cooper singing in the Methodist Combined Choir, and Mark Bingham playing in the Auckland City Brass Band.

Boost your business with the Art Show

The MAGS Art Show is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a significant local community and art enthusiast turnout.

If you're looking to increase your business's visibility, the Art Show sponsorship packages provide excellent opportunities for exposure.


For further information, please contact Leah or Jane via email: magsfom@gmail.com.



SPONSOR THE

MT ALBERT GRAMMAR ART SHOW 2023

28-30 July 2023



SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS


- Show your community spirit to your customers.
- Promote your business to our established audience.
- Marketing via social posts with links, website, customer and school newsletters, Facebook groups, signage etc.
- Help students reach their potential through education, the arts, sports, and basic needs.

REVIEWS

"Very professionally run, great exhibition space, food & wine were superb. Good all round night out or day out." **C Cornwall**


"A fabulous event, that I have attended since it's inception that never disappoints." **J Flatt**

"A winter highlight- so much talent and joy in one room! Delicious food at the gala too!" **S King**



YOUR BUSINESS IN FRONT OF NEW CUSTOMERS

- Aged 35-70 years
- 60 % female 40% male
- Live in Central Auckland
- Serious art collectors
- Like to support local businesses and community



USEFUL STATS


Website traffic: 5,100 visits, 3,900 unique users
 Social Media: 3,200 followers
 Art Show Newsletter: 874 subscribers
 Gala Evening attendees: 400 people
 School Newsletter: 6,000 subscribers

HOW SPONSORSHIP IS USED

Proceeds from the Art Show make a real and significant change to the students and families in the MAGS community.


2023 proceeds will be used for:

- 40% New performing arts and media venue.
- 10% Visual Arts Faculty.
- 50% MAGS Lion Fund (helping financially disadvantaged students reach their full potential through academic and co-curricular activities).



OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Sponsor tea towels to be printed: \$1200. These are available for sale at the show.
- Donate student prizes: eg-\$200
- Sponsor art panels: \$350+GST



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Gold - \$10,000
 Silver - \$5,000
 Bronze \$1,000

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Arts Calendar for the term

WEEK	DATE (S)	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
3	Performance dates TBC	BITS OF BROADWAY	PA02	TBC
6	30/31 May	LEVEL 3 DRAMA PRODUCTION Pride and Prejudice	PA02	TBC
6	8 June	VISUAL ARTS BOARD SHOW/MARKET DAY	E Block and Quad	4pm
7	TBC	CHAMBER MUSIC COMP	TBC	MAGS Performance times TBC
8	14 June	YOUDANCE YOUTH DANCE FESTIVAL	RFAC EGGS	7.30PM
8	15 and 16 June	Contemporary Music nights	E9 and E10	TBC
9	21 and 22 June	THE BIG SING	Auckland Town Hall	MAGS Performance times TBC
10	27 and 28 June	DANCE CONCERT	RFAC EGGS	7.30 pm
10	29 June	CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT	RFAC EGGS	7pm
July Holidays	9 July	BLUEPRINT SCHOOLS HIP HOP COMP	Due Drop Events Centre	MAGS Performance times TBC

Historical Images



This image from Set 86, which has just been loaded to the [Historical Images](#) section on our website, shows Junior Housemasters in 2004 getting ready for a School House photograph during the Towers Hall period. They are: Rob Green, Robert Cortesi, Eion Jennings and Gavin Milne. They are wearing the five-dorm-in-a-pentagon ties. The second image shows this tie.



Sports Update

Athletics champions recognised



*Back Row: Benjie Fairclough (Intermediate Boys Champ), Elliot Kitchener (Senior Boys Champ), Nate Meikle (Junior Boys Champ).
Front Row: Nina Chalmers (Intermediate Girls Champ), Taya Lewis (Senior Girls Champ), Maddie Earley (Junior Girls Champ).*

At assembly on Wednesday, MAGS' athletics champions were recognised and congratulated for their achievements at the MAGS Athletics Championships held mostly at Lovelock Track, with some of the finals at MAGS.



Back Row: Hokioramai Dunn (Open Field Events Champion & Senior Shot and Discus Champ), Jirah Esekia (Intermediate Shot and Discus Champ), Elliot Kitchener (Open Sprints Champ, Open 400m Champ, Open 800m Champ).

Front Row: Thurston Nomani (Junior Boys Throws Champ), Sam Carryer (Open 1500m Champ and Open Distance Champ), Sienna Todd (Junior Girls Throws Champ).

Two golds at Waka Ama Nationals



MAGS had a strong presence at the Waka Ama Nationals in Rotorua, with entrants in the following events: J19 Mixed W12, J19 Men's 500m, J19 Men's 250m, J19 Men's W1 250, J16 Women's W1 250m.

There was fierce competition with 108 schools entered, some with long-established and strong Waka Ama programmes.

A girls team joined with the MAGS boys to enter the Mixed W12 race. MAGS won its heat and went straight to the Championship semifinals where they showed real determination to place in the top 3 and would have qualified for the final but for being disqualified due to a technicality.

Marnie Toloa (pictured above right at centre) competed in the W1 category, winning her heat and, based on her time, gaining a spot in the Championship semis. She won her semi and entered the final as fastest qualifier.

Marnie had a quick start and the strength and fitness to hold off the chasers and win the gold medal, the first medal winner for MAGS at a waka ama nationals event.

Following his sister, Marlin Toloa entered the boys W1 J19 event, as an U16 paddler, to challenge himself further. Marlin's heat time was fast enough to earn a Championship semi, which he won to make the final.



Marlin's explosive start meant he was ahead of the field after about 50m, and he maintained his composure and canoe speed to hold off a very fast field to take out the U19 Men's championship.

It is believed to be the first time siblings have held current National Waka Ama Championship status.

Following that, MAGS competed in Men's U19 teams events in the 500m (turn event) and the 250m sprint, making it through the heats and semifinals and earning a place in both Championship finals.

The boys put it all together for two personal best races but missed out on the medals, with a 5th place and 8th place – but this was a significant achievement on the national stage.

Archers in Trans Tasman win

Three MAGS archers were part of the New Zealand youth archery team that won the Trans Tasman Challenge in Adelaide over the April school holidays. Nick Lees, Year 13, Phoebe Newcombe, Year 11, and Lily Brislen, captain of the MAGS archery team as a Year 13 in 2022, joined 14 other youth archers from across New Zealand in the four-day tournament against Australia in the Adelaide Hills.

Despite being the coldest Easter Adelaide had seen in 30 years, the New Zealand team overcame the weather to triumph with 70 points to Australia's 50. This was a back-to-back win for the New Zealand team, after winning the last Challenge which was held in Auckland in 2019.

The next Challenge will be hosted in New Zealand in 2025, with all three Albertians hoping to represent New Zealand once again and successfully defend the trophy.



Orienteering Boys' seven-year winning streak



Last weekend MAGS took a team of 30 Orienteers to Wanganui for the North Islands Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships.

The Boys came away with a resounding win (for the seventh year in a row), beating Auckland Grammar by 193 points, which is a record winning margin.

The Girls (hindered by late Covid misfortune) finished third for the fourth year running, beating Diocesan by 50 points.

There were some stand-out performances, especially in the Junior Grades where all five new Juniors performed incredibly well.

Tahi Harris won the Sprint and Long in the Junior Boys as well as winning the

Junior Boys relay with Charlie Milne (2nd in Sprint and Long) and Reuben Bruce.

Sam Carryer (pictured above right at centre) took out the Senior Boys Long with acting Boys Captain Matthew Greenwood (pictured alongside Sam) making it a 1-2. Sam also finishing 2nd in the Sprint, and Oscar Vink (4th in the Sprint) joined them to win the relay.

Zara Bint had an outstanding debut in the Junior Girls, finishing 5th in the Sprint and 2nd in the Long.

James Milne, with a strong Sprint finishing 3rd, was part of the Intermediate Boys team (with Reuben Adye and William Wood), which finished 2nd in the Relay. Izzy Spritzer had a fantastic Long to finish 4th.



Also on the weekend, the selection committee picked the Junior Boys for the upcoming World Schools event in Rio de Janeiro.

The team is Reuben Bruce, Victor Coen, Tahī Harris, Charlie Milne, Jack Trowsdale and William Wood, with Caleb Green as Reserve.

Fencers on the podium



MAGS Fencers recorded some great results at the National Age Group Championships held in Auckland over the weekend at St Kentigern College. In the U15 Boys individual Epee, Patrick Barham-Wang and Nico Meyer (pictured left) finished 3rd-equal. Emi Mason won gold in the U17 Girls Epee Teams, representing Fencing North A, and QiQi Deng, representing Fencing North A, won silver in the U17 Boys Epee Teams.

North Island honours for rowers



MAGS had four of its five rowing trialists selected to represent the North Island against the South Island last week.

This regatta pits the best rowers against each other to find out which island is fastest in a variety of boat classes.

The selection process was very tough with both on- and off-water testing over a number of days during the school holidays. The athletes selected for the North Island team were Lily Curnow, Olivia Tattersfield (both pictured above), Luke Sanders and Hamish Toogood (Coxswain).

MAGS Director of Rowing James O'Sullivan said, "Unfortunately the South Island won the trophy for overall points, however our rowers provided some great results to help the North Island team. These included: Luke Sanders (1st Place in the Men's Coxed Eight), Lily Curnow and Olivia Tattersfield (3rd in the Women's Coxless Pair) and Luke Sanders (1st Place in the Men's Coxed Four.)

"It was great to see so many MAGS rowers representing the programme at this premiere event."

Upcoming Premier Sport



The Winter Sport Season got underway this week with some codes kicking into gear.

Tonight at 7pm, the Football Boys 1st XI play St Peter's at Crum Park.

Tomorrow, the Rugby Boys 1st XV play a pre-season game against St Peter's at 12.30pm on the Sir B.G. Williams Field.

On Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI play Epsom Girls Grammar at 4pm at EGGS.

On Thursday, the Premier Girls Lacrosse have a grading game against Marist College at MAGS at 4pm.

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