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## From the Headmaster

## Key Dates



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**Monday, April 24**

School Closed

**Tuesday, April 25**

Anzac Day Holiday

**Wednesday, April 26**

Term 2 begins

## Lest We Forget



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

This morning our ANZAC Assembly returned to the F.W. Gamble Hall after an enforced break over recent years.

Year 9 students joined with Albertians and members of the wider MAGS community in commemoration of the 202

Albertians who have lost their lives in conflicts around the world.

Our Centennial Walkway at the front of the school, constructed last year, stands as a memorial to these treasured former students. Their names are inscribed in stone for all to see – a reminder to present-day MAGS students that we have much for which to be grateful.

The laying of wreaths at the base of the flagpole is a further mark of respect, honour and connection for us all.

## Sport

### Photo Essays



**AKSS Athletics**

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Today's service is an important milestone in the induction of our youngest students. It brings to the surface that which is so important to our MAGS culture.

Our current students enjoy a school created by those who have gone before – and for some, the sacrifice was immense.

But equally we are all now charged with building the MAGS of the future – and we take great strength from the courage of Albertians past.

*We Will Remember Them*

All the best for the Easter break.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

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**Our Lion Fund programme aims to provide financial support to allow every MAGS student to access the breadth of opportunities we offer at our school.**

**Donate to the Lion Fund now**



**NISS Water Polo: Senior A Girls**

Click [here](#)



**NZSS Qualifying Tournament: Cricket Girls 1st XI**

Click [here](#)

**Trials and Registrations**

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**Fixtures and Results**

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**Fallen Albertians remembered**



MAGS' 202 fallen Albertians were remembered today at a ceremony that began with piper Andrew Wilkie escorting staff, students, guests and cadets into the FW Gamble Hall. Hokioramai Dunn performed the mihi and Mihimere Hope the karakia at this year's Anzac Service Assembly, which also saw performances from our Gloriana choir, singing *Home*, and our Centennial Choir, singing *Sons of Gallipoli*. Year 13 History student and Deputy Prefect Kairo Ah-Kuoi Simich spoke about the sacrifices of 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 at our cenotaph during *The Last Post* and *Reveille*, played by student Sylvie Edwards, as the school flag was lowered and raised both inside the hall and at the cenotaph, where the names of the fallen Albertians are inscribed in stone. You can see more photos from the Anzac Service Assembly [here](#)



## Kapa Haka does MAGS proud



Our Te Kapa Haka Te Puna o Wairaka group had a massively successful day yesterday performing on the Māori Stage at Polyfest.

They were named the Most Improved Group (trophy pictured right) as they finished sixth overall in Division 1.

The also won, for the first time, the best male and female costumes (Kākahu



Tāne and Kākahu Wahine) and were awarded the Alice Berridge Trophy and Adelaide Kaka Memorial Cup respectively (pictured below right). Leaders Libby Johnson and Hokioramai Dunn are pictured above during the performance.



## Relay for Life hits gold standard



Our MAGS Relay for Life team has raised more than \$48,000 for the Cancer Society and won the Gold Fundraising Award at the weekend for top fundraising group.

TIC Miss Fraser said, "It was a fantastic event on Saturday with over 165 MAGS students and numerous staff attending to participate in the relay that ran for 12 hours from 10am to 10pm at AUT's Millennium Stadium on the North Shore."

Overall, our top fundraisers were: Italia McLeay (\$1607), Paige Barnes-Kilgour (\$1535), Quinn Bell-Purchas (\$1320), Toby Forster (\$1177) and Anaila Anisi (\$1076), all pictured above right.

We also dominated the relay track with our top runners, pictured below, being: Johnny Gilmore (210 laps), James Milne (160 laps), Henry Hills (150 laps), Reuben Adye (137 laps), and, on 125 laps, Sam Carryer, Alistair Clarke, Joseph Gracie and Priyansh Singh. Miss Fraser added, "During the day there were all sorts of events and activities that our



students took part in when they weren't doing laps on the track such as volleyball, acrobatics lessons, quizzes, games, tug of war competitions and a talent quest that members of the MAGS Indian group ended up winning. "It was an incredible culmination of months of hard work and fundraising by everyone involved for a very worthy cause." You can still donate [here](#)



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## Unity wows audiences



The Unity Cultural concert took place last Thursday and Friday at the Dorothy Winstone Theatre at AGGS.

The concert has a long tradition at MAGS. The first concert in 2011 was devised and arranged as an alternative to Polyfest by Director of Arts Ms Cesan and former MAGS Music teacher Mr Tagaloa Peter Su'a.

Ms Cesan said, "It quickly established itself as part of our cultural identity as this is a wonderful opportunity for all cultures to come together on one stage and celebrate the diversity of MAGS.

"This year over 1400 audience members over the two nights were treated to stellar performances by a host of groups."

You can read a full report and see more photos [here](#)

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## Tournament Week highlights



*Basketball 3x3 Junior Boys Open Champions, from left, Teo Pilot-Roswell, Jack Lawrence, Dylan Yare, Luciano Petronelli and Seb Gibbs.*

Medals in the Rowing at Maadi Cup and a win in the Basketball 3x3 were among highlights of Summer Tournament Week.

You can see reports on both these events in the Sports section below.

And you can see more results and team placings from Summer Tournament Week [here](#)



*MAGS' Maadi Cup medallists, from left, Lily Curnow, Olivia Tattersfield, Ethan Green, Max Jarvie, Luke Sanders and Fraser MacGillivray.*



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## Sensational Shakespeare Showcase



Monday afternoon saw a great new innovation from the Drama Department with the first ever Shakespeare Showcase - held in the amphitheatre outside the Library.

There were performances of items that have been submitted to the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition, as well as Level 2 Drama students' group Shakespeare pieces and a selection of Level 3 monologues.

## Vibhaa makes NZ Physics team



Vibhaa Sharma is the first MAGS student to make it into the New Zealand team to compete in the world's most prestigious experimental Physics competition, the International Young Physicists Tournament.

This competition requires students to carry out original investigative work on some challenging and interesting subjects and then, like a Masters or PhD student, present their findings to a panel of judges that includes university professors and leaders in industry. The panel rigorously questions the competitors on their experimental processes and conclusions.

Vibhaa's research involved investigating physical parameters that determine the fascinating fractal patterns seen in nature; in particular the patterns formed when ink is added to white paint that Vibhaa is demonstrating in the pictures above.

Physics teacher Mrs Gray said, "The School wishes Vibhaa well, as she prepares to represent New Zealand with her team of four other young Kiwis to take on the world in Pakistan in July."

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## Busy times for Agriculture students



Agriculture students have been busy in inside and outside the classroom in recent times.

Year 11 Ag classes, for their practical investigation, are looking at fertiliser (nitrogen) rates and the impact on pasture growth.

The Year 13Ag class has been looking at the profitability of gold kiwifruit in NZ, and harvested the crop.

Both Year 11 classes were fortunate to have a panel of six guest speakers who are in the primary industries come and speak to them about what they do. It was a great showcase of a few out of the hundreds of careers available in the sector.

The Year 12 Agriculture class and the Year 12/13 Agribusiness class were fortunate to have Tim Dangen talk to them about pathways in Agriculture. Tim is the MPI Food and Fibre Promotor, and also the 2022 Young Farmer of The Year.



## ASB MAGS Farm holiday 'busy-ness'

This Term 1 study break, starting Friday 7 April and extending to the 26 April, offers a great opportunity for Farm Manager Deb Crump to get busy on both new farm projects and general farm maintenance.

The effective and efficient use of this time is critical to have farm jobs completed without cutting across the curriculum time needed for our student programmes.

It is important that our wider MAGS community is mindful that, at all times, including weekends and study break periods, the farm remains a restricted area and, for health and safety reasons, cannot have unauthorised visitors.

The operation of the farm and animal care does not stop during weekends or breaks. There are vehicles and machinery operating on the farm during weekends, along with normal farm practices like the movement of stock, and unauthorised visitations are a major concern.

Also of concern is the casual discarding of garden waste over fence lines, that can also be of serious concern due to the toxic nature of some waste (e.g. rhubarb leaves), and the potential impact on grazing animals. This is also disappointing because such action can create conflict and tension if, and when, any individual is challenged in this regard.

Our ASB MAGS Farm is a unique resource, of huge benefit to both our school and our wider community, but reaching its full operational capacity will require us all to both support and



respect all necessary operational rules and regulations.  
We thank everyone for their ongoing support of our farm operation.

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## Donation receipts sent out

Tax Donation Receipts (for rebate claims) for the financial year (1/4/22 - 31/3/23) were sent out on Monday via email.

Due to the nature of the mass email to our MAGS community, if you have not received this email, please check your junk/spam folder.

For any queries, you can email the Finance Office – [finance@mags.school.nz](mailto:finance@mags.school.nz)

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## Whanganui trip tests decision-making



Last week the 13 Outdoor Education class travelled south to canoe the Whanganui River. Entering the river at Whakahoro, they spent four days paddling to Pipiriki. The highlights included the stunning scenery and settled weather, visiting the Bridge to Nowhere, unexpected capsizes and developing friendships.

HOD Outdoor Education Mr Whitehead said, "This trip provided students with an amazing opportunity to practise their transferrable skills and focus on safety management issues and strategies.

"Our students excelled at making considered decisions related to their self-management, choice of equipment and menu."

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## Join the Art Show crew

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED!



28th – 30th July 2023

We're looking for volunteers to help bring the annual MAGS Art Show to life and make it another fabulous success!

You don't have to be an art expert to join us, it's all about teamwork, having fun and that "feel good" feeling you get from helping a great cause.

This is MAGS' biggest annual fundraiser and we need your help!



If you're keen to join our great team, please email Wick at [magsfom@gmail.com](mailto:magsfom@gmail.com)

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## Care with electric scooters

Our school has received a number of communications from worried drivers and worried parents regarding MAGS students riding Lime scooters in ways that are both potentially dangerous for themselves and others.

The reality is that these are very accessible and a lot of fun, and so are understandably very attractive to our young people.

Unfortunately, some of our students are reportedly riding them without helmets, and/or tandem, often without a lot of road sense and sometimes without any regard for pedestrians.

As we head into the study break, there is greater opportunity for the same and we raise these concerns as something to be discussed at home so as to prevent any serious incidents.

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## Moth Plant Competition is back!

# **SANDRINGHAM** Moth Plant Competition 2023

help us eradicate this invasive pest species!

Moth plant is a pest plant taking over the gardens and parks of Sandringham. This autumn we are encouraging the Sandringham community to help us tackle this problem by entering our Moth Plant competition. Grab some friends, get outside, find moth plants and take them down!

## CATEGORIES

1. PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
2. HIGH SCHOOL
3. COMMUNITY

**GET TOGETHER A TEAM OF 5 AND REGISTER!**



### **1ST PRIZE**

FOR THE MOST PODS & SMALL VINES WITH ROOTS  
- \$500



### **2ND PRIZE**

FOR THE MOST PODS & SMALL VINES WITH ROOTS  
- \$300



### **BONUS PRIZE!**

THICKEST VINE  
- \$100



Registrations open from 27 March to 16 April.

Collect pods until 21 May!

Go to [www.spice.org.nz/moth-plant-comp.html](http://www.spice.org.nz/moth-plant-comp.html)

to register.

## Sports Update

Medals and records at AKSS Athletics





The Auckland Secondary School Athletics Championships yesterday at Waitakere Stadium saw several students finishing in podium places and school records being broken.

The Junior Girls 4 x 100m Relay team (pictured above) won gold with a time of 52.81, breaking the school record set in 2021. The team consisted of Zara Bint, Sienna Todd, Peggy Taylor and Maddie Earley.



Peggy Taylor showed her promise as a sprinter, finishing 2nd in the 200m and the 300m.

Maddie Earley won the Junior Girls Triple Jump and came 3rd in the Long Jump. Sienna Todd came third in the Junior Girls 100m and Shotput. She broke the school record with a throw of 11.65m. Kendra Scally-Tui made the finals of the Intermediate Girls 100m and 200m, finishing 3rd in both.

Nina Chalmers finished 2nd in the Intermediate Girls 800m after running a strong last 100m in a close finish with a time of 2:14.75, beating the school record by 5 seconds. She also finished 2nd in the 400m, also breaking a school record with 59.62.

Taya Lewis showed her promise as a thrower, finishing 2nd in the Senior Girls Javelin, 3rd in the Discus, and narrowly missed a medal in the Shotput. Anika Todd finished second in the Senior Girls High Jump and finished 4th in the Javelin.

The Junior Boys 4 x 100m Relay finished 3rd. The team consisted of Jarno Andrewes, Nate Meikle, Lafaele Mikaele and James Wenceslao.

Benjie Fairclough finished 3rd in a competitive 300m Hurdles. Elliot Kitchener came 2nd in a fast 100m Senior Boys final where the winner set a meet record.

Sam Carryer competed in the Steeplechase and finished a credible 3rd in an event that he does not normally run.

Kingston Pupuke-Robati and Jirah Esekia finished 1st and 2nd respectively in the Intermediate Boys Shotput. Dimitri Fruean narrowly missed a MAGS clean sweep by 1 cm. You can see more photos from the meet [here](#)

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## Sun shines on Cross Country



The school cross country took place on Monday and Tuesday this week.

The Year 9 Girls race was won by Olivia Appleton, finishing 18 seconds ahead of Hazel Helmore. Bianca Chan finished in 3rd place.

The Year 10 Girls race saw a mirror image of their placing as Year 9 students last year. Peggy Taylor finished first with Macy Hains and Isabel Spreitzer in 2nd and 3rd respectively. This was a close race with only eight seconds separating the three placegetters.

The Year 9 Boys race was a competitive race with Matias Nunez Gutierrez

finishing 1st, closely followed by Conrad Priest. Luca Darling finished third with not much distance between the three.

The Year 10 Boys winner was Oliver Mayers, who managed to hold off last year's Year 9 champion Myles Kelly in a tight finish. William Wood finished third.

The Year 11 PE classes and Senior categories were combined this year. The first girl home was Year 12 student Millee Loxton. Ayano Yamada finished 2nd and Khalen Quensell finished 3rd.

In the Boys section Year 11 student Theo Bray won a close contest with Oliver Sutton, with only one second separating them. Sam Carryer finished 3rd overall and was the best placed senior student.

You can read a full report and see more photos [here](#)



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**Maadi Cup medals come in pairs**



A strong season of rowing has finished with three podium finishes for MAGS at the [2023 Maadi Regatta](#), the national championships for school rowing.

The Maadi Regatta was held at Lake Karapiro last week and, after a massive week of heats, repechages and finals, the MAGSROW squad won medals in three U17 pair events in the space of less than 30 minutes.

Lily Curnow and Olivia Tattersfield (pictured above) were the first to take home a medal, winning bronze in the Girls U17 Coxless Pair Oars. Around 10 minutes later Fraser MacGillivray and Luke Sanders won silver in the Boys U17 Coxless Pair Oars event, while their team-mates Max Jarvie and Ethan Green won bronze in the same event.

Olivia Tattersfield also narrowly missed out on a medal in the Girls U16 Single Sculls, crossing the finish line in fourth place by a margin of 1.2 seconds.

Across the squad's novice, U16 and senior rowers, MAGS qualified for eight A finals and eight B finals.

Both the Boys U17 Coxed Eight crew and the Girls U17 Coxed Eight crew made it into the A Final of their event, putting them among the eight fastest school crews in the country. The boys eight finished in fourth place, and the girls eight finished in seventh place.

"Our squad can be incredibly proud of the results they have achieved this year," said James O'Sullivan, MAGSROW Assistant Director of Rowing. "Being able to perform at that level and compete with the best rowers in the country is very impressive and is a direct reflection of all the on and off-water training the squad – and their coaches – have put in over the course of the season."

In news announced over the weekend, four MAGS rowers and one coxswain have also been invited to attend the [2023 U18 North Island trials](#) at Lake Karapiro from 15-17 April – Olivia Tattersfield, Lily Curnow, Fraser MacGillivray, Luke Sanders and Hamish Toogood.

MAGSROW will run their Learn to Row (LTR) programme next term. Anyone interested in learning more about rowing at MAGS can email [James.OSullivan@mags.school.nz](mailto:James.OSullivan@mags.school.nz) or visit [www.magsrow.org.nz](http://www.magsrow.org.nz)

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## 3x3 Basketball winners



The NZ Secondary School 3x3 Basketball Nationals were held at Pulman Arena over four days last week.

In this growing format of the game, 154 teams competed across eight grades.

MAGS entered teams into the Elite Boys, Elite Girls, Senior Open Boys, Junior Elite Boys and Junior Open Boys grades.

Members of the Premier Boys Basketball team finished in a highly credible third place in the Elite Boys grade.

However, the highlight for MAGS was the performance of our Junior Boys Open team, with Seb Gibbs, Jack Lawrence, Luciano Petronelli, Teo Pilot-Rowsell and Dylan Yare, winning their grade in the most exciting fashion.

After finishing top of their pool, the team had tight wins in the quarter-final against Manurewa High, and the semifinal against Westlake Boys High.

This set up a grand final encounter against a strong St John's College team.

The nail-biting final was tied at the end of regulation time. In the overtime period, where the first to 2 points wins, it didn't look good for MAGS when St John's went up by 1. After a tense few possessions, a deep two-point shot from Dylan Yare sealed the Junior Boys Open grade championship.

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## Challenge shield retained



MAGS retained the Inter-School Challenge Shield when it travelled to Whangarei Boys High School this week for a competition across seven events. WBHS won the Football, Squash and Hockey but MAGS claimed victory in Chess, Rugby, Junior Basketball and Senior Basketball to win 4-3 overall.



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## Mixed team triumphs at Touch



Congratulations to our Premier Mixed Touch team, who took out their Auckland competition last week.

Some good wins against Papatoetoe and Macleans College saw them book a place in the semifinals, where they faced Botany Downs College – the central zone champions – and came away with a 10-4 win.

The final against One Tree Hill was tight in the first half before MAGS eventually took control, winning 9-4 in the end.

TIC Mr Coghill said, "It was a solid outing to come away as Auckland schools champions, as the team looks to build towards nationals at the end of the year."

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