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## From the Headmaster

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## Rowing for Gold!

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**Thursday, April 14**  
Anzac Service, Centennial Walkway, 9.45am

**Thursday, April 14**  
Last day of classes for Term 1

**Friday, April 15**  
Good Friday

**Monday, April 25**  
Anzac Day Holiday

**Monday, May 2**  
Start of Term 2



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

Last weekend saw our MAGS rowers returning home triumphant from the Maadi Cup Regatta.

This year's New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Championship was held at Lake Ruataniwha near Twizel. Travelling to the South Island has traditionally proved a daunting prospect for Auckland Schools as they encounter the very strong South Island Schools on their own water.

Compounding the challenge for this year's crews was the loss of over half of the rowing season due to the Covid lockdown in Auckland.

Yet, true to our school motto, our rowers produced the best results for MAGS at a Maadi Cup for over 60 years!

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Last Friday turned into a golden day as crews claimed two gold medals! Firstly, the pair of Nick Bryan and Cam MacGillivray won the U18 event before teaming up later in the day with Theo Brown, James Brown and coxswain Kaelen Reinsfield-Bree to win the Under 18 Coxed Four (pictured above). This elite event brings with it the Springbok Shield (pictured right) – a trophy never before won by a MAGS crew.



### **Albertian Games**

Girls Hockey

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Boys Cricket

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Our Under 16 Coxed Four of Max Jarvie, Fraser MacGillivray, Luke Sanders, Charlie Heath and coxswain Guy Pinfeld rounded off the medal count with a bronze medal.

The A Finals for MAGS continued into Saturday with perhaps the most satisfying achievements being both our Senior Girls and Senior Boys Eights making their respective finals. No other school in the country could claim similar!

Little over 10 years since the renaissance of MAGS Rowing, here we are stamping a new level of excellence in this most competitive of sports!

Congratulations to our students and to our Director of Rowing, Alice Denyer. And thank you to members of our steering committee and supporters who put those early wheels in motion to allow MAGS crews to return to the water. Our success is your success.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm

Headmaster

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## **Albertian Games continue**



The second instalment of the Albertian Games got underway this afternoon, with Football, Basketball and a Rugby Union/Rugby League Touch game.

There will be a full wrap-up with photos next week.

Last Friday saw Girls and Boys Hockey and Boys Cricket playing against Albertians.

You can see photos and reports from those games [here](#)



## Anzac Service next Thursday



MAGS is excited to be holding its annual Anzac Service next Thursday and to be hosting it at the new Centennial Walkway in our Centenary Year.

The names of fallen Albertians are to be added to the plinth around the flagpole, and this will be the focus of the event, which begins at 9.45am on April 14.

Apart from being held outdoors in front of the main building – instead of in the FW Gamble Hall – the service will follow its traditional format in honouring our 202 fallen Albertians, with our Year 9 students in attendance along with guests.

Following the service, guests will be served morning tea.



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## Save the date for Centennial Events



An exciting variety of events is coming together to help us celebrate our Centenary.

Pencil these upcoming Centennial Events into your diaries:

**Thursday, April 14** – Anzac Service, Centennial Walkway, 9.45am.

**Thursday, May 5** – Warwick Gibbs, Albertian of the Year Dinner, at MAGS, 6pm.

**Saturday, May 14** – Centennial Sports Day with MAGS teams playing at home. A highlight of this will be the Centenary Rugby Game between MAGS and Auckland Grammar.

**Sunday, September 25** – Thanksgiving Service, in the FW Gamble Hall, 10am.

**Tuesday, September 27** – MAGS Pasifika Centennial Dinner, time and venue TBC.

**Friday, September 30** – Golf Day, TBC

– Reunion Drinks with snacks, in the FW Gamble Hall, 6pm.

**Saturday, October 1** – MAGS Community Saturday with a festival-style atmosphere with sport, small cultural performances, food and spaces to gather and celebrate.

– MAGS Centennial Dinner, Grand Millennium Hotel, 6.30pm.

You can see more Centennial Events and sign up to our Albertian Online Community [here](#)



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## 'Rosie' plays to full houses



This week the Drama Department staged its Level 1 Production *Rosie* to full houses across four nights.

The show was a testament to the passion and dedication of the students to the Drama whānau, as Year 10 and senior students stepped in to fill roles of students who were

isolating or unwell.

HOD Drama Ms Hughes said, "A special mention of praise must be given to the individuals for whom this was their debut performance. The students performed with energy, enthusiasm and excellent performance skills.

"The feedback from the audiences was heart-warming, specifically from those who felt a personal connection to those who lived through WWII in Aotearoa."



The play centres around Rosie, who is

navigating her fourteenth year alive as her family of five, living in Dunedin during the peak of World War II, is rocked by the circumstances of wartime.

Ms Hughes added, "This show will be remembered as a feat of perseverance for everyone involved."

You can see more photos from *Rosie* [here](#)

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## MAGS retains sports exchange shield



MAGS retained the Inter-School Challenge Shield after the sports exchange with Whangārei Boys High School on Wednesday.

This year, WBHS visited MAGS and there were teams involved in Tennis, Squash, Football, Rugby, Hockey, Basketball and Climbing. WBHS were the better at the racquet sports but the others were won by MAGS, meaning MAGS retained the shield.

The sports exchange between the two schools had gone into hibernation about 20 years ago but was revived last year, with MAGS travelling to Whangārei.

You can see more photos from Wednesday's contests [here](#)





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**Get your Centenary apparel now!**



MAGS Official Centenary apparel is now available to order, with more Centenary merchandise to be added over the coming months.

Available now are stylish hoodies, rugby jerseys, basketball singlets, caps, beanies, ties, scarves and face masks – all in MAGS colours and most of them boasting the Centenary logo.

You can order the MAGS Centenary apparel [here](#)



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**Kumara come out of lockdown**





Mrs Milich's Year 10 Ag/Hort students got more than they bargained for when they went digging in the school's kumara patch on Monday.

They unearthed some absolute whoppers, the results of a planting session by Mrs Milich and Mr Fullerton during lockdown last spring.

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## **Climbers take on vertical limits**

The MAGS Rock Climbing Team had its first inter-school competition of the year on Sunday.

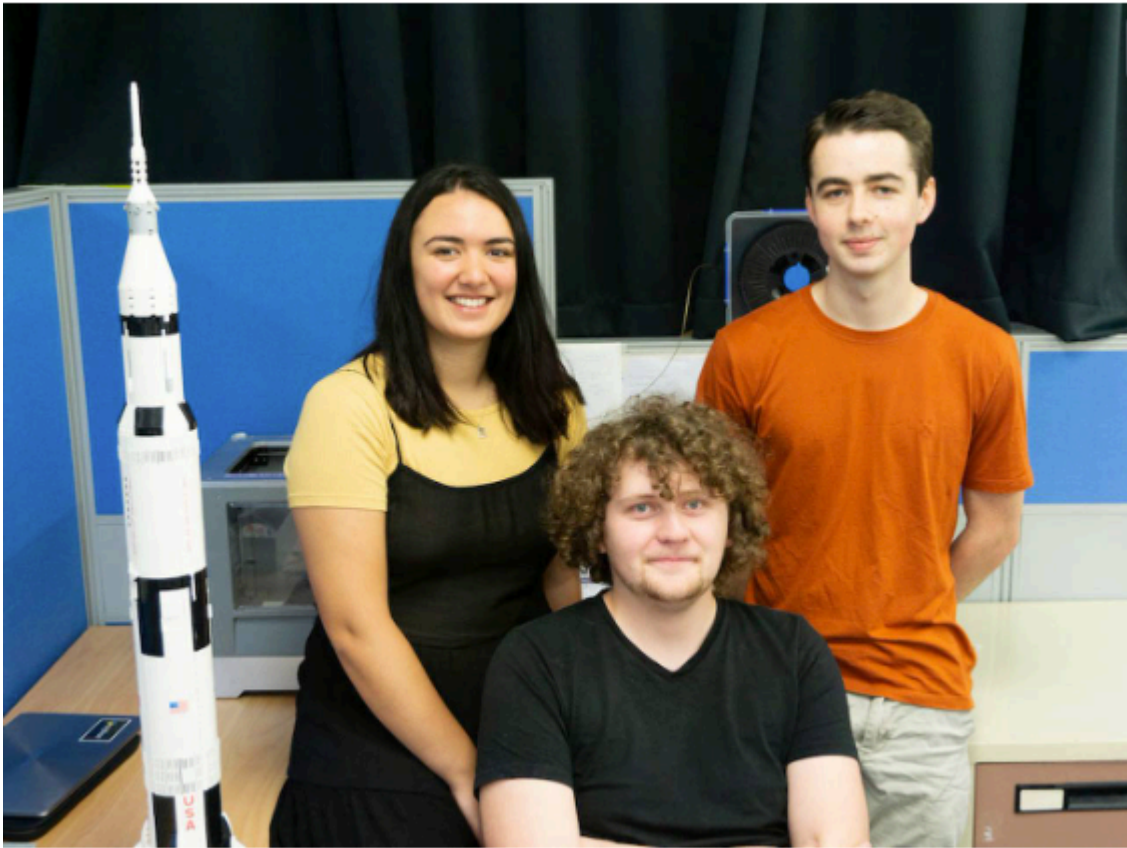
Phys Ed teacher Mr Hemara said, "We had a good representation of our students as they took on the steep and overhung climbs at Extreme Edge. "Nerves were quickly settled after the students did their first climbs. After two hours the climbers were stopped and scores were tallied, with many feeling great about their efforts.

"Students received a wide variety of spot prizes and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to Anna Swan who placed 9th-equal in the Intermediate Girls category."



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**Albertian's space age venture**



*Astrix Astronautics co-founders Fia Jones, Max Daniels and William Hunter.*

Albertian and tech entrepreneur Fia Jones (2013-17) has an exciting time ahead of her as she and her business partners take the next step in developing more efficient solar arrays for satellites.

One of New Zealand's youngest entrepreneurs, Fia, along with her Astrix Astronautics co-founders, is awaiting launch of their prototype, which will be part of the payload for Rocket Lab's next Electron launch, scheduled for April 19.

You can read the NZ Herald story about Fia and Astrix Astronautics [here](#)

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**Twelve years ago today**



Pictured above are the 2010 Junior Cross Country Champions Jochim Nobel and Rachel Head with their trophies and certificates.

Next Monday and Tuesday sees the latest running of the Cross Country, which has long been a fixture on the MAGS calendar. These days it is compulsory for Junior Girls and Boys but optional for Seniors, with Staff also taking part.



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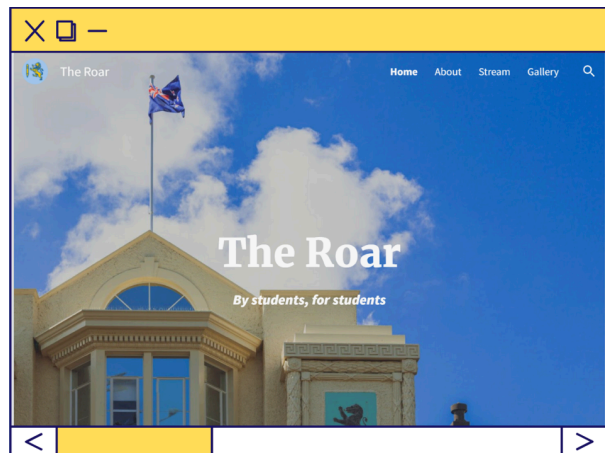
## MAGS bloggers are back!

Our school's student-led blog *The Roar* is back for our Centenary year with a new website, new authors and new stories to share.

Our bloggers are extremely excited to be up and running again after the disruption and isolation of the past two years, and are bursting with stories and ideas.

Check out their new website [here](#) *The Roar* is a blog by students, for students, and that includes all students.

If you have a club to promote, cause to support, or story to share, tell them! Contact them on their website.



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## Whanganui River expedition



Our Year 13 Outdoor Education class travelled south to canoe the Whanganui River over four days last week.

Highlights included the stunning scenery and beautiful weather, visiting the Bridge to Nowhere, unexpected capsizes and developing friendships.

This trip provided students with a real-life event to focus on safety management issues and strategies. Within this unit, each student was required to complete a Risk Assessment and Management Strategies (RAMS) form from which they could monitor their identified risks while on the trip and implement the strategies that they had devised.

With very little rainfall, the river was low but clear. The students enjoyed the extra responsibility of organising everything including the timings, their equipment and their menu.

Head of Outdoor Education Mr Whitehead said, "A massive 'thank you' to Miss Chelsea Ripley for her help this term, and she now leaves us to undertake many overseas adventures."



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## Wolf Fisher Scholar



Dr Nigel Evans, Secretary of the Woolf Fisher Trust, is pictured with the 2009 Mount Albert Grammar School Woolf Fisher Trust Scholar, Ashwin Marwah, the 2008 Dux. This image is part of Set 72, recently added to our website's [Historical Images](#), compiled and annotated by our Archivist Brian Murphy.

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## Sports Update

### Top athletes and swimmers recognised

At assembly on Tuesday, our top athletes and swimmers from our athletics day and swim sports day respectively were named and presented with trophies and certificates.



### **Athletics Champions**

*Back Row: Ben Skelton (Senior Boys Champion), Ryan Shen (Intermediate Boys Champion)  
Front Row: Myles Kelly (Junior Boys Champion), Inara Dutta (Intermediate Girls Champion),  
Aria Gardiner (Junior Girls Champion)  
Absent: Milly Clegg (Senior Girls Champion)*



### **Athletics Category Champions**

*Back Row: Ben Skelton (Open Field Events Champion & Senior Shot and Discus Champion),  
Elliot Kitchener (Open Sprints Champion & Open 400m Champion), Jirah Esekia (Intermediate  
Boys Shot and Discus Champion)*

*Front Row: Ben Mitchell (Open 1500m Champion & Open Distance Champion), Aria Gardiner (Junior Girls Throws Champion)*  
*Absent: Milly Clegg (Girls Sprint Champion), Kingston Pupuke-Robati (Junior Boys Throws Champion)*



**Swimming Champions**

*Back Row: Palepua Afoa (Intermediate Boys Champion), Hiro Tau (Junior Boys Champion)*  
*Front Row: Khalen Quensell (Intermediate Girls Champion), Zoriah Wong-See (Junior Girls Champion)*  
*Absent: Amber George (Open Girls Champion), Hunter Dobson (Open Boys Champion)*

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