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## From the Headmaster

### A Time To Be Grateful



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

As we move towards Easter, I trust we are all beginning to adjust to the new lockdown routines, which have quickly become part of our daily lives.

Preparations are well underway for the start of Term 2 next Wednesday, and information is being forwarded to parents and students regarding the

'online' learning programme.

Many, if not most in our MAGS community will still be feeling a degree of apprehension about the weeks ahead. Concerns around the health of our people – physical, mental, educational and economic – will certainly be at the forefront of thoughts.

Yet we still have much to be thankful for. We can take great confidence from the leadership of our Prime Minister and Government. They have had a plan from the start and the early indications are that it is proving successful.

The government's financial response is putting people first as we transition through this period.

And then there are the champions who continue to provide essential services for the rest of us. To those essential workers who are part of our MAGS community – we salute you and thank you!

Traditionally, the Easter break is a time for gathering. Faith, family and friends are so important for many of us at this time of the year. And while 'distancing' is curbing many of our normal Easter activities, let's still be grateful for the people we have around us – and the strength of our MAGS community.

## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

#### Wednesday, April 15

Term 2 starts



#### Saturday, April 25

Anzac Day

#### Monday, April 27

Anzac Day holiday



### Sport



#### Winter Sport registrations

Click [here](#)

## Term 2 expectations and online learning

All parents should have received an email from Associate Principal Jo Williams about Term 2 expectations and online learning.

You can see that letter to parents [here](#) and click [here](#) to see the document 'MAGS Term 2 Online Expectations & Schedule', which includes a copy of the 25-minute subject timetable (pictured right).

This provides a framework for online contact with teachers via Google Classroom to ask questions, seek clarification, and maintain connectivity.

- Students can connect with both their teacher and classmates.
- 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:** When there is a clearer picture of how long the lockdown may exist, there will be more information available. Decisions will be made, in due course, to ensure fairness.

### ONLINE TIMETABLE 25-MINUTE SUBJECT BLOCKS

Junior School Year 9-10	Senior School Year 11-13
<b>Getting Organised 8.50-8.55</b> <b>You must take your attendance (Roll Check) online</b> (The daily link is in your Year Level Google classroom; you can sign in until 11.00am)	
<b>Period 1 9.00-9.25</b> (Your usual class from your school KAMAR timetable)	
<b>Period 2 9.30-9.55</b> (Your usual class from your school KAMAR timetable)	
<b>AMP 10.00-10.15</b> <b>Well-being Focus</b> (check your Year Level Google classroom for updates and tips)	
<b>Break 10.15-10.35</b> <b>Y9-10 Physical Challenge</b> (check your Year Level Google classroom)	
<b>Period 3 10.40-11.05</b> (Your usual class from your school KAMAR timetable)	
<b>Period 4 11.10-11.35</b> (Your usual class from your school KAMAR timetable)	
<b>Period 5 11.40-12.05</b> (Your usual class from your school KAMAR timetable)	
<b>Lunch 12.05-12.50</b> <b>Eat, rehydrate, connect, get active, relax, or help out at home where you can.</b>	
<b>Reading 12.50-1.15</b> Take a break from your devices and read something you enjoy. Get comfortable and avoid distractions.	<b>Self Manage 12.50-1.15</b> Seniors to read or carry on with set work and internals. Communicate with fellow students for advice on work or contact your teacher.
<b>Co-curricular 1.20-2.00</b> <b>Game-related play</b> (e.g basketball, netball, football). <b>Specific training</b> for sport, cultural, arts teams (cardiovascular fitness, yoga, stretches, singing and instrument practices etc). <b>Connect</b> with your committees or groups (Interact, SADD, Health, Theatresports, etc)	
<b>Self Manage 2.00pm onwards</b> Complete work due today. Check off any task sheets or upload any work you needed to show your teacher.	

While it's not possible to enjoy the great outdoors at the moment, that doesn't mean you can't dream about or make plans for your next trip.

Because the publishers of *Adventure* magazine can't print or distribute their April issue, they have made it available free online [here](#)

Appropriately, in these trying times, it is also their 'Survival Issue'.



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## 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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## Resources for coping in these times

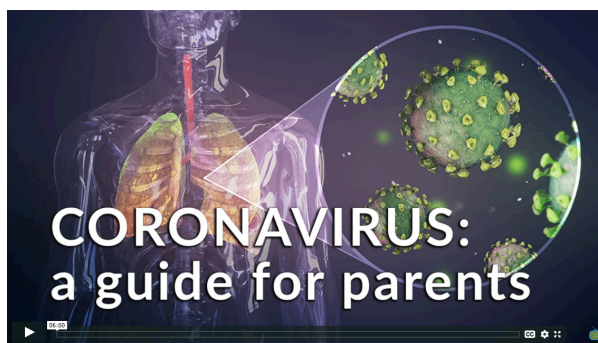


In these times of disruption to normal routines and anxiety about COVID-19, there are many helpful resources created by health and mental health experts that the public can access.

For parents, [here](#) is a video that can help you to talk to your children and reduce their anxiety about COVID-19.

The Mental Health Foundation provides extensive information about mental wellbeing [here](#) as well as contacts for advice or counselling.

And [here](#) are some resilience strategies for coping in these challenging times.



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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 are MAGS' only Aerobics athletes to perform at the top level. Jennifer Ayres (2004), Michelle Barnett (2005) and Stephanie Sokolich (2007) are also the only girls in their sport to win Sport Lions.

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## Sign up to the Centenary database



As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, we warmly invite all Albertians (including those pictured above in the undefeated debating team of 1972) 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

### Adi Ashok honoured

Congratulations to MAGS' 1st XI Boys Cricket Captain Adithya Ashok, who has been named Auckland Cricket's Secondary School Boys Players Player in their Cricketer of the Year Awards for 2019/20.

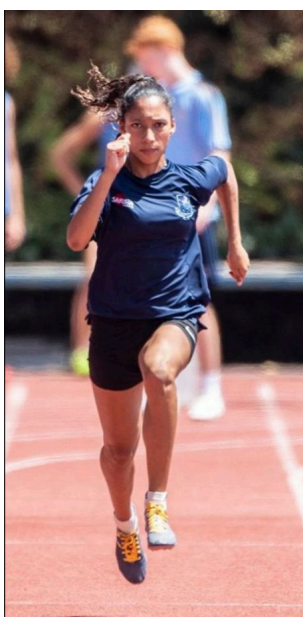
Adi was also part of the NZ team that finished fourth at the 2020 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup in South Africa earlier in the year.





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## Athletics records broken



A review of results from the Central/West Zone Athletics Championships held on March 10 has revealed that two more school athletics records were broken at the meet.

Zayyaan Smith (left) surpassed her own school record set at this year's school athletics day with a time of 12.12s in the Intermediate Girls 100m Final.

Luke Clements (right) broke a 34-year-old record by nearly five seconds in the Intermediate Boys 3000m race with a time of 9:18.89.



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## 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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