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A Tradition of Excellence
9th-14th May 2022



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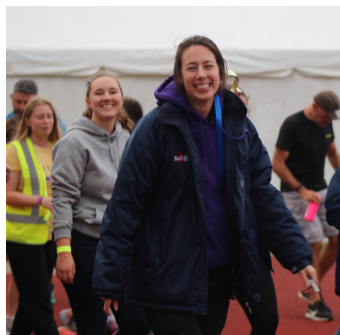
Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

The MAGS Service pillar was brought to life recently with almost 300 MAGS students and staff taking part in the annual Cancer Society [Relay for Life fundraiser](#).

Over the years this event has become cemented in the MAGS calendar with more and more students joining in the fundraising for cancer research.

With MAGS students walking a collective **7700 kilometres** over the weekend event, we are tracking to raise at least \$80,000 for the Cancer Society. Combine this with funds raised over the past seven years, and the MAGS community has provided over **\$500,000** for this worthy cause.

And through those years – since 2014, when MAGS started taking part – a special MAGS staff member has continued to promote and organise the MAGS Relay for Life for our students. The work of Alayna Pulham (pictured right) has given students a tangible way to show service and make a difference to the lives of others – and raise an incredible amount of money along the way!



Everyone at some stage has been touched by cancer – whether directly or indirectly. The caring response of our MAGS community over many years has been impressive.

Thank you to all who have taken part in Relay for Life over the years.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

**Tuesday & Wednesday,
April 13 & 14**

Recollections Dance Concert,
Centennial Theatre, 7.30pm

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

Saturday, April 17

Te Puna o Wairaka Kapa Haka
perform at Polyfest, Manukau
Sports Bowl

Monday, May 3

Start of Term 2



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And thank you to Alayna – our own 'Half Million Dollar Woman'!

Enjoy the weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



T20 Final: Cricket Boys 1st XI
v King's College

Click [here](#)

Fixtures and results

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Outstanding academic achievement celebrated



At Scholars Assemblies today and on Wednesday, our Year 12s and Year 13s were recognised for their outstanding academic achievements in 2020.

Among the stand-out results, Matthew Batcheler (pictured above with Mr Drumm and Board of Trustees Chair Greg Moyle), as a Year 12 last year, gained three Scholarships (Calculus, Physics and Statistics) and will have his name inscribed on the Honours Board. As a Year 11 in 2020, Deboprana Mallick (pictured below left) gained an Outstanding Scholarship in Calculus and attained Level 3 Endorsed with Excellence. Year 11s in 2020, Eva Wadsworth (pictured below right) and Josh D'Arth were Endorsed with Excellence at Level 2.

A number of Year 12s in 2020 gained Scholarships: Cole Hickey (Statistics and Calculus), Rosa Jack (Statistics and Geography), Nicole Muir (Calculus and Geography), George Allen (Statistics), Angus Edwards (Statistics), Harding Gong (Statistics), Abigail Miller (Statistics), Alexander Pritchard (Calculus), Victor Qui (Health and Physical Education), Ella Vuetilovoni (Statistics) and Jennifer Zhang (Statistics).

You can see the Scholar Lions and top achievers for 2020 exams in Year 11 [here](#) and in Year 12 [here](#)



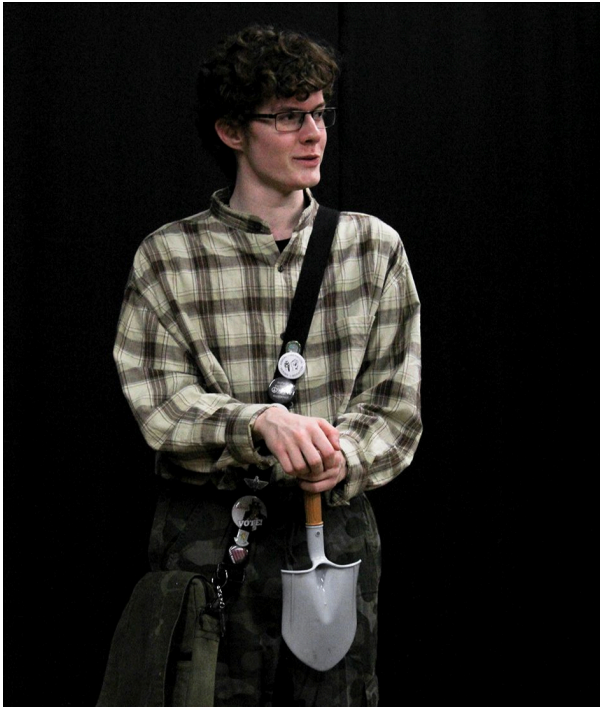
Tuning up for Sheilah Winn Shakespeare



Tomorrow at 10.15am, 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* (pictured above). 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* (pictured left).

She has given it a post-apocalyptic aesthetic, examining the status of the characters through this return to feudalism.

Ruby Wilson and Nikitha Chinthalacheruvu are co-directing a collection of scenes from *King Lear* (pictured below). 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.

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

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

Dress rehearsal photos by Tess Gough Stalker



Dance concert next week

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 at 7.30pm.

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.

Robotics team reaps rewards



Front row (from left): Matthew Batcheler, Darcy Clark. Back row (from left): Arnav Bhatiani, Agam Aharon, Max Davison.

MAGS' Robotics Team came back from VEX Robotics Nationals last weekend with two special awards.

Team captain Matthew Batcheler said, "We entered four robots, each designed, built, and programmed by teams of around four students since April last year. Out of 52 teams in the



competition, two of ours achieved high enough in the qualification matches to enter the elimination rounds."

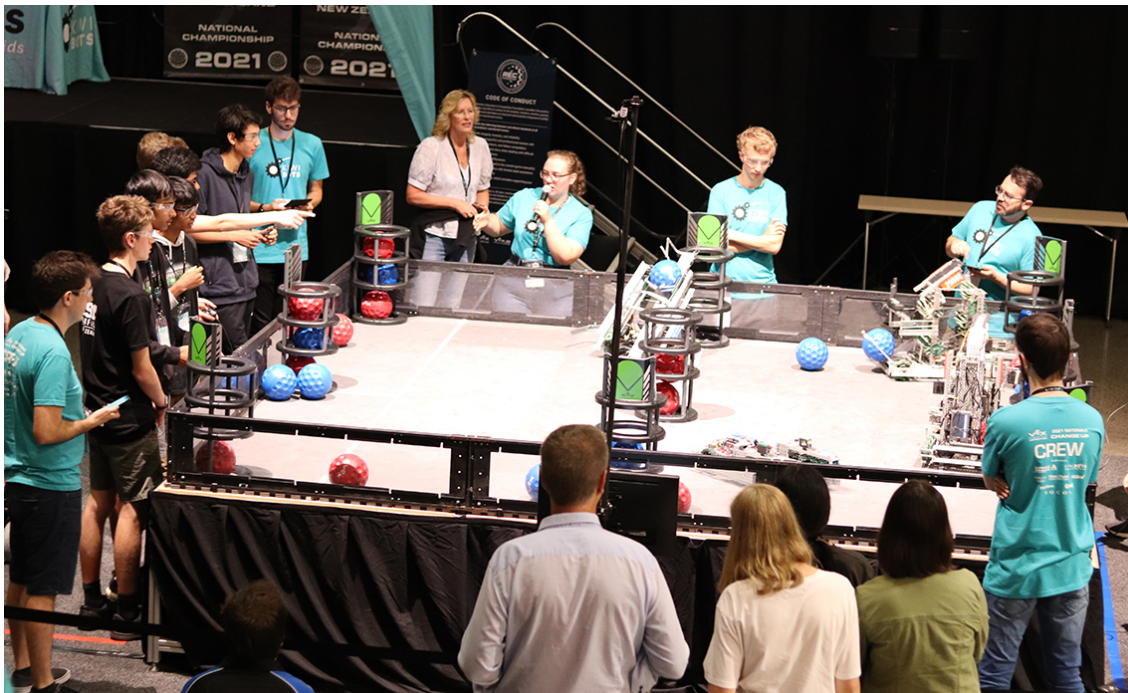
One team – Matthew Batcheler, Arnav Bhatiani, Agam Aharon and Max Davison – won the Create award, which is presented to a robot which "incorporates the most creative engineering design solution to the challenges of this season's game".

Year 9 student Darcy Clark won the Judges Award, for "special attributes, exemplary effort and perseverance" after his team-mates abandoned him due to other commitments.

Matthew said, "He therefore persevered

in building an entire robot mostly by himself, and performed admirably at the competition."

This year's robotics game involved two competing alliances (red and blue) of two robots each placing different coloured balls in goals arranged in a grid.



'A Day in the Life' Arts Challenge

**A DAY IN THE LIFE
MGS 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 sbraun@student.mgs.school.nz. For any questions, please email jossan@mgs.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.

Calling all budding musicians



Online registrations are open for Smokefreerockquest and Smokefree Tangata Beats but must be completed by May 12.

Both competitions aim to motivate young musicians – individuals or groups – to prove their ability and realise the heights they can reach in their music careers, and to encourage their peers to support original New Zealand music.

Any students can come and see Mr Watson in the Music Department if they are interested in taking part.

You can find out more about Smokefreerockquest [here](#) and Smokefree Tangata Beats [here](#)

End of Term 1 schedule

Next week – Week 11 – is our final week of Term 1, and continues to offer opportunities for students to be involved with both the School Cross Country and Dance Concerts held across Tuesday and Wednesday; our ANZAC Service Assembly on Thursday, and Te Puna o Wairaka competing in Kapa Haka at Polyfest next Saturday. All this, along with subject-specific trips and sporting events.

Please note that **Thursday, 15 April is also the last school day of Term 1 for our students**, with Friday, 16 April being a Staff Only Administration Day.

Please also note that due to our ANZAC Service, and to accommodate senior Albertians who attend this event, the bell times for Thursday have been adjusted and the term will end at 2.40pm.

Any students who need to remain at school to catch school buses at the usual times are, of course, welcome to wait in the hall.

Lion's Den Uniform Shop hours

During the school holidays, the Lion's Den Uniform Shop will be open for two days – Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1, from 8am to 10am both days.

The Lion's Den hours for Term 2 are detailed at left and are on our website, with other



MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**Please come and purchase your
Winter Sports uniform now**

OPENING HOURS

During the School Holidays

FRIDAY April 30 8.00am – 10.00am
SATURDAY May 1 8.00am – 10.00am

TERM 2

MONDAY May 3 8.00am – 11.30am
TUESDAY May 4 8.00am – 9.00am
WEDNESDAY May 5 8.00am – 9.00am
THURSDAY May 6 8.00am – 9.00am
FRIDAY May 7 8.00am – 9.00am
SATURDAY May 8 8.00am – 10.00am

MONDAY May 10 8.00am – 11.30am
TUESDAY May 11 8.00am – 9.00am
WEDNESDAY May 12 8.00am – 9.00am
THURSDAY May 13 8.00am – 9.00am
FRIDAY May 14 8.00am – 9.00am
SATURDAY May 15 8.00am – 10.00am

MAY 17 – JULY 8

MONDAY 8.00am – 11.30am
WEDNESDAY 8.00am – 9.00am
FRIDAY 8.00am – 9.00am

We will not be open **MONDAY JUNE 7** – Queen's Birthday

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Study and play sport in the USA

Join EducationUSA and the NCAA to learn about student-athlete eligibility requirements and the process of earning US sports scholarships.

In response to the growing interest in university sports scholarships among New Zealand high school athletes, EducationUSA New Zealand is hosting a representative from the Eligibility Center of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Elizabeth Thompson, NCAA Associate Director of International Outreach and Strategic Partnerships, will connect virtually to share her knowledge about eligibility requirements and the process of earning sports scholarships to higher education institutions in the United States. A live Q&A will follow the presentation.

This will take place via [Facebook Live](#) on Monday, April 19, at 1pm.



Anzac Service and Albertians Luncheon



Next 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 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

Orienteers win national golds

Last weekend, two of MAGS Orienteers won Gold medals at the Orienteering National Championships.

Tom Aish (left) won the highly competitive Men's 18 title in the Long event and Oscar Vink (right) won the Men's 16 Middle event.

Other MAGS Orienteers also won medals – Matthew Greenwood came 2nd in the Middle event and 2nd in the Relay, Daniel Wood came 3rd in the Middle event and was part of the winning Relay team, and Ami McGowan finished 3rd in the Relay. MAGS coach Kieran Woods also finished 3rd in the Elite Relay team.

The week before, in the third and final event of the Auckland Sprint Series, MAGS Orienteers won all 6 races and took 17 of the 18 podium places.

There was a real family affair with wins for Ella and Angus Edwards, and Molly and Ami



McGowan, with Matthew Greenwood and James Milne also taking first places. James Milne and Ami McGowan won all three of their races for a maximum 3000 points.

MAGS will be highly represented at the Sprint Finals on Sunday.

The team is also preparing for North Island Secondary Schools Championships at the end of this month when they aim for their fifth successive winner's trophy.



Cricket Boys fall short in T20 Final

Following a rain-out the previous week, the Boys Cricket T20 Final got underway at MAGS on Wednesday on a bright, fine day. MAGS won the toss and elected to bat and were seemingly too cautious against a good King's College attack. The run rate seldom rose above 4 but wickets were not being lost either – apart from an unlucky decision against opener Zac Lorimer. Solid work from Ohm Patel and Priyam Mistry saw a launchpad developed but only 14 runs in the final 5 overs equated to a disappointing final score of 90/6.



Runs on the board are always good in a final though, and two wickets in the second over of King's' innings from Maaz Zeb breathed some life into the game.

The bowling plan continued to bear fruit, along with excellent fielding, and with four overs to go King's required 20 but with only two wickets in hand.

They held their nerve better and got over the line to win their second T20 championship in two years.

You can see a photo essay from the final [here](#)

MAGS 90/6 – O Patel 24, P Mistry 27

King's 91/8 – M Zeb 2/7, P Mistry 2/20, D Patel 2/21, A Nigudkar 1/17

Lacrosse Boys win tight semifinal



The MAGS Boys Lacrosse team defeated their Mount Roskill Grammar rivals 10-8 in a hard fought semifinal of the AKSS Premier Boys Lacrosse Competition yesterday.

The teams were neck-and-neck with alternating scores during the first quarter, and MAGS edging to a 6-5 lead by half-time.

The entire MAGS squad of 18 was clearly up for it from the outset, showing urgency and hunger for the ball, while working hard for each other throughout. The third quarter saw some excellent zonal defence by MAGS and key saves from the 2021 debutante goalkeeper, Jason Jacob, while MAGS converted several attacking moves to lead 10-6 midway into the 4th quarter.

Mount Roskill laid on some heat in the final period to claw back a couple, but MAGS held their shape and nerve to shut out the game for the win.

The final will take place at 4pm next Thursday.

Girls cricket flagbearers at Eden Park



Our Girls Cricketers were originally meant to act as flagbearers for the White Ferns/Black Caps games at Eden Park that were hit by lockdown so were delighted to be invited back for the Twenty20 game last Thursday.

Eight of our junior players, drawn from both the 1st and 2nd XI teams, did the honours.

TIC Ms Hobbs said, "Alas though, the rain was the winner on the day. While we did get onto the pitch, the White Ferns game lasted just a few balls.

"Although a lack of actual cricket was disappointing, the girls were then invited to the press conference where they got a chance to pose questions to stand-in White Ferns captain Amy Satterthwaite (pictured below). Maybe, one day, one of them might become the second MAGS girl to wear that fern themselves."



Pair enjoy Champ of Champs Tennis



Nathan Hrstic (at right) and Nikolai Consedine represented MAGS at the Tennis Champion of Champions competition yesterday. They played in the Intermediate Singles and Intermediate Doubles grades, and while they didn't make it through to the next round, they enjoyed the experience.

General Notices

Alberton Market Day

Just before Autumn sets in, a final Market Day at Alberton takes place in the garden on Sunday.

Featuring specialty produce, flowers, plants and handcrafted items, and with live music, prizes, workshops and kids activities on offer, it's always a great outing.

This month, special guest Wilbur the spoodle – the inspiration behind children's book *Wilbur's Cosmic Cone* – will be on site. Join a book reading with author Alan D. Parr or drawing activity with illustrator Anna Lee at 10.30am,



11.30am, 12.30pm or 1.30pm.

Also on the itinerary: an introduction to sourdough bread starters with Italian baker Chiara Chiusolo. Learn all about making and maintaining a starter in this free demo at midday.

There are starter samples to take away so you can get baking at home.

Grab a bite from one of the street food stalls or enjoy tea and light English scones with cream and jam from the vintage china in Alberton's pop-up Tearoom. Explore the majestic house built in 1863 and enjoy the garden.

Alberton Market Day – Sunday, 11 April, 10am-2pm, free entry



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