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From the Headmaster

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Let The Show Begin!



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Saturday, August 14, 10am-4pm, and Sunday, August 15, 10am to 2pm
MAGS Art Show, FW Gamble Hall

Thursday, August 19 and Friday, August 20
Arts and Culture photos, click [here](#) for schedule

Thursday, August 26
Finance Office closed

Wednesday, September 1
Out-of-zone applications close

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

I am delighted to welcome back our MAGS Art Show for 2021.

After an enforced break in 2020, the excitement is building for tonight's Gala Night in the FW Gamble Hall, and the return of this iconic event to our school calendar.

This year's exhibition promises to emulate the impressive shows of the past. Our MAGS students will once again be exhibiting alongside supporting artists from the wider Art community. Many thanks again to Art Show Committee Chair Sandra Fischer and fellow members of the Friends of MAGS Committee for their work and expertise in bringing the event together.

Proceeds from the sale of artwork will go to the Mount Albert Grammar School Foundation with a focus this year on supporting MAGS students and families in need through the newly established [Lion Fund](#)



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The show runs across the whole weekend with free entry to the public tomorrow and Sunday.

Thank you again to our exhibiting artists and to all who have contributed to what promises to be a stunning celebration of The Arts at MAGS.

the weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

I hope to see you at some stage over



Lacrosse Girls Premiers –
One Day Tournament
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Art Show all ready to go!



This morning, the MAGS Art Show was blessed, with Matua Hare Paniora and Matua Peter Walters leading the ceremony before entering and inside the FW Gamble Hall.

The blessing acknowledged the mauri (life force) and wairua (spiritual essence) of the exhibits along with the talents of their creators.

Waiata from Te Puna o Wairaka students preceded speeches from Headmaster Patrick Drumm and Art Show Committee chair Sandra Fischer, who both acknowledged the massive effort from volunteers to bring the show together.

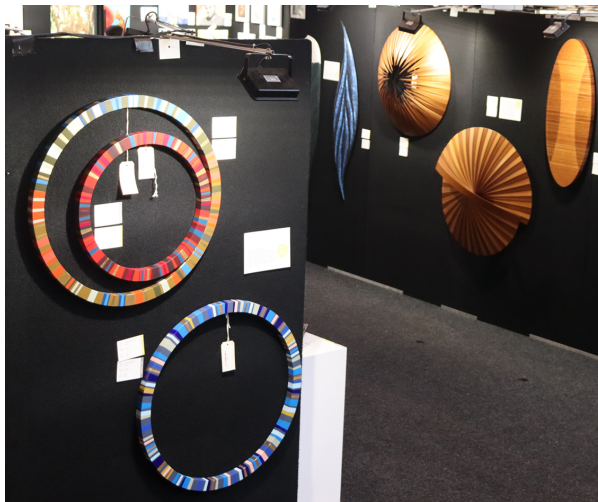
This evening, guests will be arriving from 6pm for the sold-out Gala Night, which will feature drinks and canapes, with entertainment from our Jazz Band. Guests also have the chance to be first to see and buy artwork for sale.

Admission to the show over the weekend is free (tomorrow, 10am-4pm, Sunday, 10am-2pm), and there will be further performances (ranging across Music, Dance and Spoken

Word) from our talented students every hour on the half hour over both days as well as some great raffle prizes. There will also be a food caravan and coffee truck on site.

Money raised from this event will go towards our newly established [Lion Fund](#), which provides monetary support to some of our families and students who are in need, and to our MAGS Artist in Residence programme.

All the artworks featured in the MAGS Art Show are available for purchase – so if you see something you love, you're invited to buy it and take it home at the end of the weekend.



Parking for Art Show and 1st XV Rugby

We have a fabulous, full Saturday ahead and look forward to having the support of our wider community tomorrow.

That said, our challenges regarding parking mean that our school gate must be monitored, and admittance to the school grounds is very limited.

Parking is available in the surrounding streets so please allow a few extra minutes, or longer, to be able to park and wander along to school and enjoy the MAGS Art Show, 1st XV Rugby, coffee and catering.

Musicians enjoy return to KBB



This week, we had two orchestras and our Jazz Band competing at the KBB Music Festival. Our Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Mrs Shih, performed a rather demanding repertoire, with two pieces that showcased soloists Mekal Covic (Cello) and Daniel Zhang (Violin). They also performed Beethoven's *Coriolanus Overture*.



Our Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Mrs Moon, performed its most difficult programme so far, and finished with a spectacular performance of Ravel's *Bolero*. One of the four pieces performed was for solo trombone and orchestra, featuring Kavita Sayers (pictured left).

Our Jazz Band, conducted by Mr Watson, has been working hard all year honing the repertoire, and its

performance at KBB was well received.

Mr Watson and Mrs Moon were immensely proud of how the 20 members of the band represented Mount Albert Grammar School both on and off the stage.

You can see more photos of MAGS' musicians in action at KBB [here](#)



Celebrating sporting success



Don't miss your chance to celebrate sporting success at MAGS at the Sports Dinner, starting at 6pm on Thursday, October 28 at Alexandra Park.

Tickets at \$75 each go on sale next week from the Finance Office. Students are eligible to attend if representing a Premier/top team or they took part in a National tournament. Organisers are also looking for table sponsors at \$500 per table to cover the cost of coaches' and managers' tickets. Sponsors logos will be promoted on the dinner

programme and on the table.

Please contact Director of Sport Allie Wright at alliewright@mags.school.nz

Performances speak volumes



Junior Debating team members Sneha Mandadi, Ryan Antia, Nishka Arora and QiQi Deng.

The Junior Debating team has distinguished itself in two different debating competitions this year.

In the Junior Open, they beat the rest of the Western schools' 32 debating teams to earn a place in the Octofinals, which they competed in on Monday night.

Sadly, by a small margin, they lost this one to ACG Parnell but have done so well to be one of the top 16 debating teams in Auckland.

Prior to that, in the Junior Championships, they placed fourth out of 46 teams, which earned them a place in the quarterfinals at Auckland University. They lost this round to ACG Parnell, again by a narrow margin.

However, Qi Qi Deng won the award for Top Speaker at the whole event, which featured 138 speakers.

New arrivals on the Farm



Lambing on the ASB MAGS Farm is complete, with 29 lambs from 17 ewes, including two sets of triplets (one of them pictured above).

Farm Manager Peter Brice says there is also one other pet lamb, which was not accepted by its mother.

He says a Year 11 class got a close-up look at what it is all about when they watched him help to lamb a ewe.

Last chance for Albertian of the Year tickets

The Albertians Association will honour Warwick Gibbs as 2021 Albertian of the Year at a function on August 20 for his outstanding contributions to MAGS over 50 years.

The event will take place in the FW Gamble Hall starting at 6pm and feature beverages and canapes, with tickets costing \$60. Another Albertian of the Year and a long-time colleague, Greg Cave, will speak to the many talents of Mr Gibbs, who is currently our Academic Dean.

Mr Gibbs has taught languages at MAGS since 1972, and was HoF Languages for 30 years. He has been a Dean since 1986, and in 2019 won the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award.

Tickets and more details available [here](#)



Arts and Culture photos next week



Next Thursday and Friday (August 19 and 20) is set down for Arts and Culture photos to be taken in the FW Gamble Hall (and outside for large groups).
Click [here](#) for the schedule

Finance Office closed August 26

Our Finance Office will be closed all day on Thursday, August 26, to allow Finance staff to undertake professional development.
Payments can still be made online or via the KAMAR Portal.

Out-of-zone applications close soon

Out-of-zone enrolment applications may be made for Year 9 and 10 students only for 2022 and must be received by 4pm, Wednesday, 1 September, 2021.
If application numbers exceed places available, a ballot for applications will be held on Wednesday, 8 September, 2021.
More information [here](#)

Staying safe online

switch on safety

When children learn from home, it is important to make sure they stay safe online.

Click [this link](#) for instructions about how to use 'Switch on Safety', a simple, **FREE** way to block the worst of the web.

This is an initiative from the Ministry of Education, the Network for Learning and Netsafe.

Manea Scents on sale

A group of Business Studies students called Manea Scents is producing reed diffusers aimed at decreasing chemical pollution.

They have also intertwined culture into their scents, inspired by the Pacific Islands and Asia.

The scents are Kiana Aroha from the Pacific Islands (coconut, watermelon and lime), Amara from India (sandalwood and ylang ylang), and Hua Man Cheng from China (white jasmine and blood orange).

The entrepreneurs behind Manea Scents are Angel Butler, Thanushree Saragadam, Davinya Lulia, Keming Zhou, Tupou Veikune and Olly Kasieli.

To find out more and buy their diffusers, click [here](#)



Sign up for Centenary Celebrations



Mount Albert Grammar School
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MAGS is excited to announce that its [Centenary website](#) is up and running, with a schedule of events available for our Centenary Celebrations across May 9-14, 2022. There will be more details to come about these events, and more events added as we move towards the Centenary Celebrations. These events will bring together current and former students and staff, parents and supporters of MAGS as we celebrate our tradition of excellence. The site will also allow you to buy tickets – when they are released – to our premier ticketed events such as the Centennial Gala Dinner and Albertian Reunion 'Pub Night'. There will also be free arts, cultural and sporting events, culminating in a festival at MAGS on May 14.

edit menu



Albertians are also encouraged to register at our [Albertian Online Community website](#). This is a legacy website that will endure beyond the Centenary Celebrations and will allow current and former staff and students to connect and reconnect for years to come. Through the site you can find former classmates, stay up to date with school news and browse the photo galleries and archives. The Albertian Online Community registration process is rigorous but we have these measures in place to ensure that only Albertians are registering – and to protect privacy and personal data.

Queen Mother honours Albertian



In 1959, Albertian Ashley Lawrence BSc LRMS (1948-1952) received the Tagore Gold Medal from Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.

The medal, for Music, was gifted by the Bengali scholar, politician and philanthropist Sir Jatindamohan Tagore. Lawrence was an outstanding conductor of Ballet at the highest level.

You can see more images like these, in Set 62, recently added to our Historical Images section [here](#)

Sports Update

Squash team sixth at Nationals

Having lost two top players from last year, MAGS' Squash Boys Premiers were seeded 6th out of 32 boys teams for the New Zealand Secondary Schools National Teams Squash Championship held in Tauranga last weekend.

The team – Tarin Love (Captain), Jaeswan Kwan, Riley McCracken, Max Conder and Harrison Wills– played their first match last Friday morning against Cambridge High School (seeded 27) and won 5-0. In the afternoon, the Boys played Taupo Nui-a-Tia College (seeded 11) and won 4-1.

This set up a quarterfinal with the third seeds, Marlborough College – a very close encounter at two matches all going into the final game, with Marlborough winning to take the tie 3-2.

This meant MAGS' final two ties were playing off for 5th to 8th placing.

The next tie against St John's College, Hastings (seeded 7) was won 4/1, and the final tie for 5th/6th against Hamilton Boys High School (seeded 5) was lost 3-2, with three of the five matches going to 3/2 – a very tight contest.



This meant MAGS came 6th in line with its seeding.

At the conclusion of the tournament, the New Zealand Secondary School Squash Association named a NZ team that normally plays against a number of the Australian Secondary School State teams and then a best-of-three Test match series against the Australian team. This year, two of our team were selected – Tarin Love in the Senior Boys and Riley McCracken in the Junior Boys.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Test series and associated matches will not be played.

Thanks to coaches Julian Conder and Michael Blanchard for another successful year at the squash Nationals.

Lacrosse Girls second at ODT



Our Lacrosse Girls Premiers were undefeated coming into the Final of the One Day Tournament at Avondale Racecourse yesterday but once again came up against their nemesis in Epsom Girls Grammar.

EGGS took the final 8-1, meaning our Lacrosse Girls finished second once more.

In pool play, our Lacrosse Girls beat Pukekohe High School 5-1, Mount Roskill Grammar 6-4, and Diocesan 6-0 to reach the semifinal against Westlake Girls High School. They won that game 4-3.

You can see a photo essay from the team's One Day Tournament [here](#)

Black Cap applications open



The Sports Department is taking applications [here](#) for the MAGS Black Cap.

You must have represented New Zealand between October 28, 2020 and October 28, 2021. To receive your Black Cap at the Sports Dinner, you will need to submit your application by Friday, October 1. Any performances after October 1 will still be celebrated at the Sports Dinner but the student name will not appear in the programme and your Black Cap will not be embroidered until after the dinner.

- You must have played in a game/sport
- Non-playing or paper teams do not count
- You must be a current MAGS student when you competed in the event

A formal photo of all Black Cap recipients will be taken at School on Wednesday, October 27.

The Black Cap will be presented at the Sports Dinner on Thursday, October 28. Venue is to be confirmed. Ticket information will follow in due course.

Any queries, please email sports@mags.school.nz

Young Sportsperson nominations

College Sport Auckland's Young Sportsperson of the Year (YSPOTY) Awards have been held since 1991 to celebrate the outstanding sporting achievements of Auckland secondary school students.

This year, the Annual YSPOTY Awards will be held Thursday, November 25 at 6.30pm at Eden Park to recognise outstanding achievement across many sports.

You can find out more about the awards and fill out a nomination form [here](#)

Nominations close Thursday, September 9.

Upcoming Premier Sport



There are plenty of must-win games for our Premier teams in the coming week as many of them are into or approaching finals.

Today, our Badminton A Premiers play Auckland Grammar at Auckland Badminton at 5pm.

Tomorrow, our Netball Premiers play Diocesan at Auckland Netball Centre at 9.30am, a game they need to win to keep them in the semifinals mix with only one round of the regular season to go after this weekend. Our Football Boys 1st XI, currently third on the table, has a tough game – away to top-of-the-table St Kentigern College at midday tomorrow – then follow that with their last game of the season against second-placed Kelston next Friday.

The Rugby Boys 1st XV, sitting third in the 1A competition, have a crunch home game tomorrow at 2.30pm against fourth-placed King's College. A win will give them the chance of grabbing a home game in the semis, especially as they take on second-placed St Peter's next Saturday in the final match of the regular season.

On Monday, our Rugby Girls 1st XV is finally back in action with a home semifinal against



Manurewa High at 4pm.

On Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI plays Baradene in the APC Final at Seddon Field at 5.30pm, following their 4-3 semifinal win over EGGs on Wednesday. The Football Girls will have a supporters' bus leaving MAGS at 4.45pm and returning to school after the game. Also on Wednesday, the Hockey Boys 1st XI have a 3rd/4th playoff with Westlake Boys, with the time and venue yet to be released.

On Thursday, the Hockey Girls 1st XI are scheduled to play, with the draw yet to be released.

For updated fixtures and the latest results, click [here](#)

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