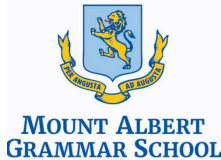




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From the Headmaster

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We've Been Here Before



Key Dates



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

As you are aware, the move back to Alert Level 3 across Auckland this week (and now continuing for the next 12 days) has been accompanied by extra challenges for our MAGS community with the news that one of our own had tested positive for COVID-19.

Expert medical advice has reinforced the fact that the actual health risk to our MAGS people is low.

The response and support from the wider MAGS whanau has been overwhelming. The school is offering full support to the affected student and their family, and I'm pleased to communicate that they are currently doing very well.

We are also keeping in mind the almost 100 'close contacts' (staff and students), who have been notified personally and are in the self-isolating period.

It is important for parents to remember that if you have not been directly contacted by the Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) about the health status of your MAGS children, then they are classified in the lower-risk bracket as 'casual contacts' – as are all other staff at MAGS.

These are uncertain times but as a school we are well prepared for the learning of our students to continue. And students can gain great confidence in how they successfully navigated their way through the earlier period of on-line learning this year. That confidence must now translate into full commitment to our school work each day – and to the success that will follow.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Monday, August 31

Winter Tournament Week scheduled to begin



Thursday, September 17

Anzac Assembly

Wednesday, September 23

Arts Lions Assembly

Friday, September 25

School Ball, 6pm, Ellerslie Event Centre



Sport

As a school we, too, have great confidence in the resilience of our MAGS students. We've been here before and we'll emerge even better than before.

Per Angusta Ad Augusta

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Prefects' positive message



Our amazing Prefect Leadership Team has put together a video for their fellow students with a message of hope about getting through the latest challenge that COVID-19 has thrown at the MAGS community.

Our Prefects reinforce the message of being kind to each other, especially online, and supporting each other through what can be tough times. They emphasise maintaining

NZ COVID Tracer app

The official Ministry of Health contact tracing app helps you keep a digital diary of the places you've been.

[Find out more >](#)



routines, staying connected, and keeping focused on school work and physical and mental wellbeing.

With so many students working online, they ask their peers not to believe or circulate misleading information on social media.

You can watch the Prefects' video [here](#)

For the latest health information and updates from the Ministry of Health about COVID-19 cases, precautions and alert levels, click [here](#)

National Squash Champions again!



The Premier Boys Squash team achieved an incredible feat when they won back-to-back NZSS Squash titles by overcoming Tauranga Boys High last Sunday in a replay of last year's final.

MAGS Captain Jack Conder and Mason Smales were also named in the NZSS Tournament Team.

They, along with team members Max Conder, Jaeswan Kwan, Tarin Love and Riley McCracken, dedicated their win to last year's team-mate Arnd Arelmann (pictured right), who has been battling cancer this past year back in his home of Chile.

The Premier Boys beat St John's College Hastings 4-1 to get into the semifinal, which they won against Whangarei Boys High School.



Online learning during Alert Level 3

| Lesson & Activity times | Junior School Y9 & 10 | Senior School Y11-13 |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| Period 1 9:00-9:30 | 30 mins Online class | |
| Period 2 9:35-10:05 | 30 mins Online class | |
| 10:05-10.20 AMP / Mentor class time | <p style="text-align: center;">Well-being Focus</p> <p>AMP class check-in time: Check your Year Group Google Classroom Page for the day's activity and messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete any admin or mentor class tasks. • Look out for notices and sports/arts/service challenges | |
| <i>Break</i> 10:20-10:40 | LEARNING BREAK (20 mins) - Whanau & Home Focus | |
| Period 3 10:45-11:15 | 30 mins Online class | |
| Period 4 11:20-11:50 | 30 mins Online class | |
| <i>Break</i> 11:50-12:10 | LEARNING BREAK (20 mins) - Whanau & Home Focus | |
| Period 5 12:15-12:45 | 30 mins Online class | |
| <i>Lunch</i> 12:45-1:25 | LUNCH (40 mins) - Whanau & Home Focus | |
| 1:30- 2:00 Co-Curricular Physical fitness focus | <p>30 mins</p> <p>Co-curricular & Fitness Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent game-related play (e.g. basketball, netball, football, archery practice) • Independent specific training for your sport or cultural group, cardio-vascular fitness, yoga, stretching, singing practice, etc. • Online connection with your committees and groups (Interact, D&D, Health Committee, SAGA, etc) | |
| 2.00pm - 3.00pm onwards Individual work time to complete set tasks / assessment | <p>Independent Working Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue working on the set tasks from your lessons / Assessments at your own pace until the work /days goal are complete. • Plan your day for tomorrow (10 min) • Read and action/delete emails so they don't get out of hand. | |

Mount Albert Grammar School is continuing online learning through Alert Level 3.

- **Sign in** at the start of the day through your year level Google Classroom.
- Follow your **school timetable**, using the outlined times.
- **Be online** during your allocated class time.
- Continue your learning in the afternoon to make sure all **set work is completed**.
- **Take the scheduled breaks**, make time for physical activity and make sure you have **some device-free time**.

Students are asked to keep checking their google classroom announcement pages and school email accounts for information updates as there may be some minor changes to the online learning programme.

No sport this weekend



All College Sport events scheduled for this weekend will not go ahead. There will be no football, netball and rugby games this Saturday due to the Auckland region being under Alert Level 3.

The College Sport Auckland Road Race Championships (scheduled for Tuesday, 18 August at Pulman Park) has also been postponed.

Our Sports Department will provide further updates about the coming weeks as information comes to hand.

For updates on sport during COVID-19 from College Sport, click [here](#)

Out-of-zone applications for 2021

The Mount Albert Grammar School Board of Trustees may approve a limited number of out-of-zone enrolments for 2021.

Applications for out-of-zone enrolments should be done online and must be received by **Wednesday, 2 September, 2020**. Should a ballot be required for out-of-zone enrolments, this will occur on **Wednesday, 9 September, 2020**.

Out-of-zone applications use the same online enrolment procedure as in-zone students – except for the in-zone declaration and providing proof of residence.

More enrolment information [here](#)

Four-day navigation challenge



The 13 Outdoor Education students were divided into groups and given their biggest challenge yet: To participate in a four-day class navigation exercise in the Kaimai-Mamaku Forest Park between Te Aroha and Katikati.

Each group had 34 hours to find as many checkpoints as possible before getting back to the start/finish line in Te Aroha on time to avoid any time penalties.

Wherever they were at 5pm was where they had to sleep the night and they weren't allowed to move again until 7.30am the next day. It was a real test of their leadership, group work and problem-solving skills to find as many marked features as possible.

Feedback from students included:

- "Some of the main things I got from the trip were good memories, practical navigation skills, a good challenge plus lots of personal development. This trip has been my favourite OE trip I've done so far."
- "I am going away from the trip with a more positive perspective and trying to have a positive attitude towards everything."
- "The trip taught me valuable life lessons like perseverance and patience, which I wouldn't have been able to achieve at school."
- "I got a sense of independence and responsibility as more of our planning went to use and we were in charge of everything."
- "I gained an enhancement in my leadership skills. I became a bit more confident within myself to have the courage to stand up as a role model."



Senior options for 2021

Year 11 and Year 12 students should have completed their requested options for 2021 on SchoolPoint by yesterday. Year 10 students have until next Wednesday, August 19, to complete their requested choices.

Students should consider their pathways and check the prerequisites to ensure they are on track to meet the entry requirements for the courses they are selecting.

Further information on this process can be found [here](#)

Period drama



In 2009, students and teachers re-enacted scenes – including a political rally – from the late 1800s and dressed in period attire as in this image, which is part of Set 45, the most recent collection of Historical Images added to the website [here](#). This is an ongoing collection of images sourced and annotated by our Archivist, Brian Murphy.

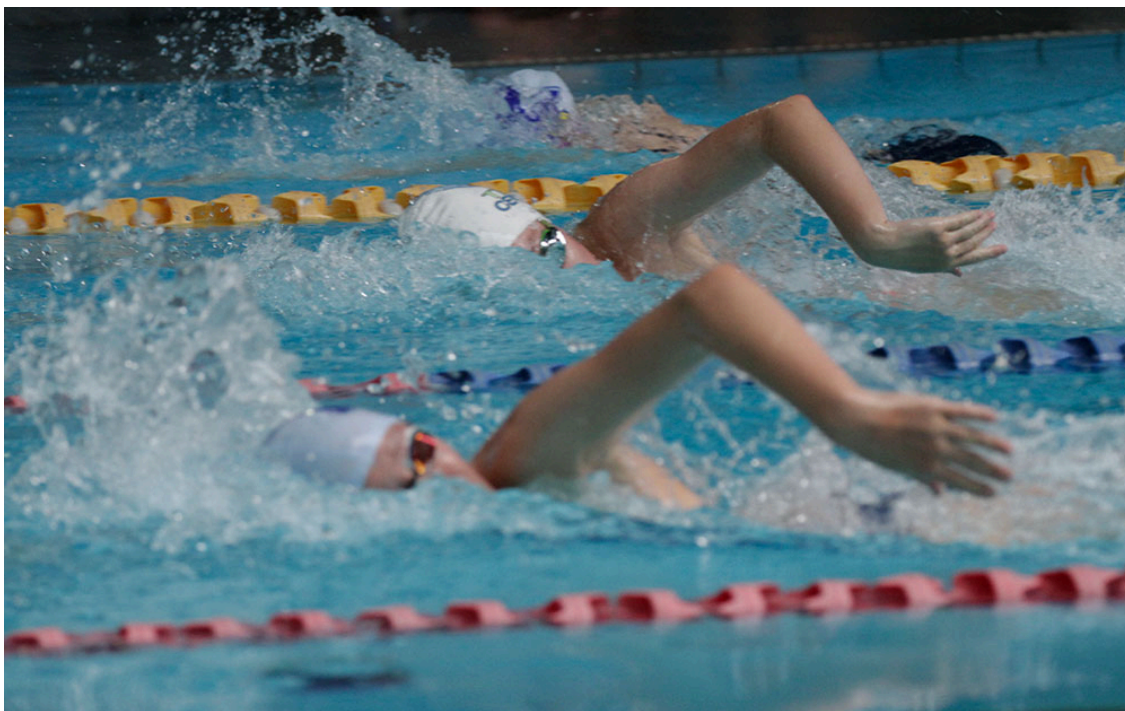
Sign up to the Centenary database



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, 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.

Sports update

Huge medal haul for swimmers



MAGS had a team of 20 swimmers compete at the College Sport Auckland Individual Champs last Sunday.

The team had some great results with 25 medals in total.

After such a good hit-out, it is disappointing for our top swimmers who cannot compete next week at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Champs in Hamilton due to the continuation of Alert Level 3.

Medalists:

Boys 14-15:

Thomas Murray: 3 x Gold (200m Free, 100m Back, 200m Back)

Bowen Crawford: Gold (200m Breast)

Quin Walden: 2 x Silver (100m Free, 100m IM)

Hunter Dobson: Silver (200m IM), Bronze (100m Back)

Carwin Li: Silver (100m Fly)

Tony Tua-Tagaloa: 2 x Bronze (50m Free, 100m Free)

Girls 14-15:

Isla Marsh: Silver (200m Fly)

Amber George: 2 x Bronze (100m Back, 200m Back)

Boys 16 and over:

Justin Hemara: Silver (100m Back)

Girls 16 and over:

Emily Cameron: 4 x Gold (200m Free, 400m Free, 100m Back, 200m Back)

Brearna Crawford: 2 x Gold (100m Breast, 100m IM)

Lucy Woodall: Gold (50m Free), Silver (100m Back), 2 x Bronze (100m Free, 100m IM)

Black Cap applications open



The Sports Department is taking applications [here](#) for the MAGS Black Cap. You must have represented New Zealand between October 24, 2019 and October 12, 2020. To receive your Black Cap at the Sports Dinner on October 21 you will need to submit your application by Friday, September 25. Any performances after September 25 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 15 at 1.00pm.

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

Sportsperson of the Year 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 30th Annual YSPOTY Awards will be held Thursday, November 19 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 September 7.

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