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From the Headmaster

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Key Dates

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Friday, August 26

Mufti Day

Monday, August 29

Winter Tournament Week starts

Thursday, September 29

Last day of classes for Term 3

Friday, September 30

Teacher Only Day

End of Term 3

Guardians of the Arts



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

Our Year 13 Drama students enjoyed full houses this week as they performed the final play of their school 'dramatic' journey. Under the expert directorship of Head of Drama Carmela Hughes, the students presented *Revenge of the Amazons* – a feminist retelling of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

As a co-educational school, we possess a unique context for

With satire and humour, the students tackled the serious issues surrounding the current place of many women in society – both in New Zealand and around the world. The confidence and enthusiasm with which the cast handled this challenging topic was impressive.

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Sport



Fixtures and Results

exploring issues relating to gender, equity and healthy relationships. Our comprehensive Health Curriculum provides excellent programmes to support learnings in this area. But add to that our Arts programmes (both performing and visual), which also offer an expressive avenue for students to bring societal and social justice issues to the fore.

Click [here](#)

Congratulations to our Year 13 Drama students for a wonderful and thought-provoking performance. And thank you for your guardianship of The Arts at MAGS over the past five years. The soul of the school is in good heart for the future!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Our Lion Fund programme aims to provide financial support to allow every MAGS student to access the breadth of opportunities we offer at our school.

Donate to the Lion Fund now



Silver medals at World Hip Hop Champs



Five MAGS students who went to the World Hip Hop Championships in Phoenix, USA as part of ID company came away with a silver medal in the JV MEGACREW division, with Jacob Cameron also part of the Swagganauts that won Silver in the Varsity section.

His fellow silver medallists were Ally Taylor, Hailey Martin, Alecia Campbell and Billie Twigden (all pictured right). It was a huge achievement for the students and ID company co-director and Albertian Josh Cesan (2006-10), who also had a team in the Adult Division that won Bronze. Year 9 Brooklyn Smith-Boyd was competing in the adult division with MOZAIK, who made it to the semifinals.



Awards at KBB Music Festival



At the KBB Music Festival last week, MAGS' three entries came away with awards. The Chamber Orchestra received a Bronze Award, with Helen Wen as soloist, the Symphony Orchestra was Highly Commended with Bella Houghton as soloist, and the Jazz Band received a Bronze Award with some brilliant vocals and instrumental solos. HOD Music Mrs Moon said, "Even though we were faced with massive logistical challenges brought in by Covid, we managed to prepare the groups for the 2022 KBB Festival."



Wonder strike for Junior Football Ferns



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Football Girls 1st XI player Milly Clegg opened the scoring with a well-taken goal in the Junior Football Ferns' 2-2 draw with Columbia at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Costa Rica on Wednesday.

Milly (pictured above being congratulated by team-mates) nutmegged a defender before curling a terrific shot past the 'keeper in the third minute of the game.

The Junior Ferns needed a win to advance out of the pool round after a draw with Mexico and defeat to Germany.

Centenary Events on sale now



Our [Centenary Events website](#) now has full details about the upcoming Centenary celebrations during the week of September 25 to October 1.

You can buy tickets for paid events or register for free events via the site.



Highlights of the week include:

- Thanksgiving Service (Sunday, September 25, 10am, FW Gamble Hall)
- Pasifika Centenary Dinner (Tuesday, September 27, 6pm, Manhattan)
- Albertians' Day and Luncheon (Wednesday, September 28, at MAGS)
- Golf Day (Thursday, September 29, 11am, Muriwai Golf Club)
- The Alternative School Tour with the Pua brothers (Friday, September 30, 10am at MAGS)
- Centenary Reunion Drinks (Friday, September 30, 6pm, FW Gamble Hall)
- Centenary Dinner (Saturday, October 1, 6.30pm, Grand Millennium Hotel)
- School Tours (various days throughout the week)

You can learn more about these Centenary Events and buy tickets for them or register for them [here](#)

Out-of-Zone Applications for 2023

The Mount Albert Grammar School Board of Trustees may approve a limited number of out-of-zone enrolments for 2023.

Applications for out-of-zone enrolments must be received by Wednesday, September 7,

2022.

Should a ballot be required for out-of-zone enrolments, this will occur on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

You can find out more about enrolment [here](#)

Albertian wins Commonwealth Juniors Silver



Albertian Charlie Bioletti (second from left) with his NZ U20 team-mates and their silver medals.

Albertian Charlie Bioletti (2015-19) anchored the NZ U20 Men's Epee Team to a silver medal at the recent Commonwealth Junior Championships.

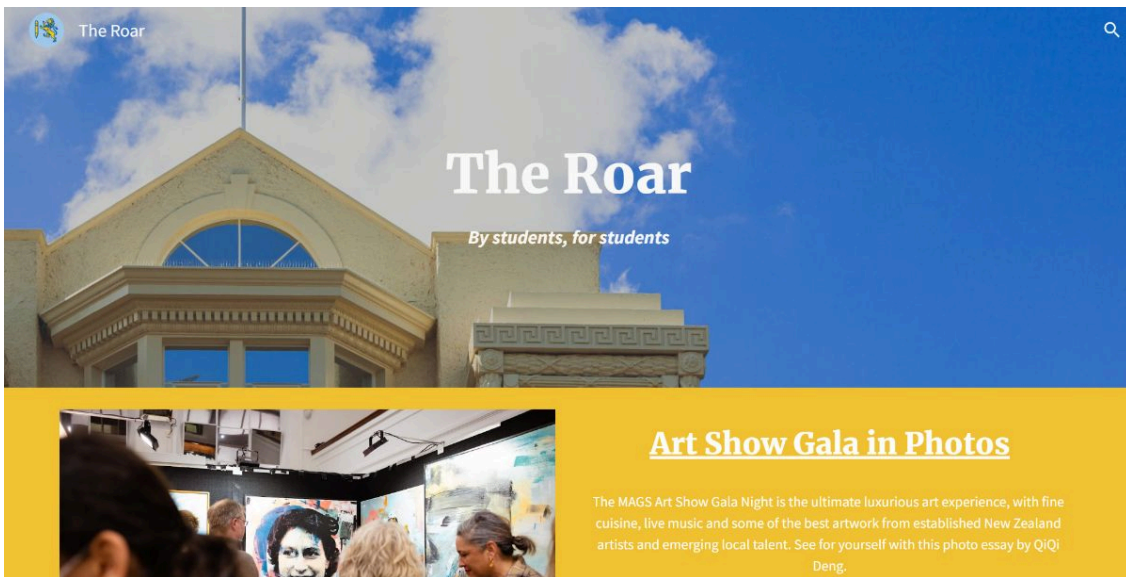
Charlie also made the Top 8 in the individuals.

The NZ U20s team took out No 2-seeded Australia in the semifinal in a thrilling match, with multiple changes of the lead.

Charlie scored the final hit, reminiscent of the NZSS Finals at MAGS, to win the semifinal 45-44, with 0.76 seconds left on the clock. The Aussies would have progressed with a draw.

NZ couldn't match that effort in the final, going down to England.

The Roar seeking more bloggers



Our school's student-led blog, The Roar, is looking for new bloggers to join. You don't have to be a good writer. In fact, you don't have to write at all. Tell a story in any medium, be it a photo essay or illustration. The choice is yours. Club meetings in N16 every Monday lunchtime. New members are always welcome. Check out The Roar website for articles on school events as well as student opinion by following this [link](#)

Peace Week Mufti Day next Friday



Next Friday (August 26), a Mufti Day is being held as a continuation of Peace Week's efforts, with the funds raised going to the Red Cross. To participate, students must bring a gold coin donation, which will be collected at AMP time. Students are encouraged to wear colourful clothing, which should be appropriate for a learning environment, and be respectful of school property and other students.

Eighty two years ago this month...



Above: Masters Coldham and Hardy plant a totara on Arbor Day 1940 (August 4) as a group of masters and students watch on. The tree, pictured below, is located near the front gate and is now a handsome specimen.



Our Archivist Mr Murphy has updated and expanded his document exploring the history of Arbor Day plantings, memorial trees and other significant trees at MAGS.

You can read about the trees of MAGS [here](#)



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 MAGS Centenary apparel [here](#)



Sports Update

Junior Boys stride out at road race



Sixteen students competed at the Auckland Secondary Schools Road Race at Pulman Park in Papakura on Tuesday.

Ten of those were Year 9, which is promising for future distance running events.

Conditions were overcast and gusty, and the fields in some age categories consisted of more than 60 competitors, adding to the tough nature of the race.

Nina Chalmers (Year 10) continued her high standards in distance running competitions this year, finishing 7th in the Junior Girls category with a time of 10:39 over the 3km course. Maia Lythe (Year 11) narrowly missed out on the top 10 placings in the



Intermediate Girls category, finishing 11th.

Myles Kelly (Year 9) finished a credible 18th in the Junior Boys category where there were 66 entrants. He spearheaded the Junior Boys team, which came third in the 6-person team section. The other Juniors in the team were Blake Climo, Ty Gonzales, Antony Wood, William Wood, and Duke Gilbert (all Year 9).

Sam Carryer (Year 11) and Henry Hills (Year 10) finished in the top half of a large Intermediate Boys field of 67 competitors, finishing 29th and 30th respectively.

A big thanks to Mrs Johns, who assisted with transport and marshaling on the day.

MAGS' Lacrosse international



Liam Baber (Year 13) travelled to Adelaide, South Australia, last month to compete in the Under 18 Australian Lacrosse Championships as part of the New Zealand Boys team. The Championship consists of the top male and female players representing the state teams from Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria.

Liam (pictured above) is an attacking midfield player. However, during the course of the Championships he became a dedicated attack player. The New Zealand Boys team was co-captained by former MAGS Premier Boys Lacrosse captain Sam Nash (pictured at left with Liam), whose father, Martyn Nash, was the team's manager. Benji Norris (Year 12) was also a member of the team as a non-travelling alternate player who trained alongside the traveling team leading up to the Championships. The New Zealand Boys team opened their campaign with a 6-4 win against Western Australia, the first ever win by a New Zealand Lacrosse team against an Australian state team in this competition format.



They then lost a golden goal decider against the eventual winners South Australia. On the third day of competition, NZ lost 6-12 to Victoria and played them again on the last day in a third/fourth play-off. NZ led for most of the game but eventually went down 6-8. Planning is underway for a schools six-a-side Boys Lacrosse Tournament that will be held in Term 4. Those that are interested in playing for this team can contact Liam.

Orienteers to fore at AKSS Rogaine



MAGS Orienteers won both Senior individual grades and all the Boys Team grades at the AKSS Rogaine at Riverhead Forest, with over 200 students in attendance.

There were individual wins for Luka Johnson (Senior Boys) and Molly McGowan (Senior Girls), and the team winners were Senior Boys (Tom Aish & Daniel Wood), Intermediate Boys (Matthew Greenwood & Sam Carryer), and Junior Boys (William Wood & Anthony Wood).

Rock Climbing wraps up



The last round of the Auckland College Climbing series was held on Sunday with a Bouldering challenge again, this time at Boulder Co. out at Westgate.

The MAGS climbers put in another solid performance but were unable to make the final climb-offs.

The novice squad have really enjoyed improving their skills across the four rounds and, with the final points counted, four of our climbers have finished in their respective top 20s – Riley Hobbs of 09CLN, 20th Intermediate Boys; Aurora Liebman-McGrath of 11SEO, 18th Senior Girls; Humairah Ebrahim of 09BGM, 16th Intermediate Girls; and our top climber for this series Anna Swan (pictured) of 10KNA, 9th (including a finals place in Round 3) in the Intermediate Girls.

Upcoming Premier Sport



Today, our Badminton Premier Open team plays Macleans College B at Auckland Badminton at 5pm, and then our Basketball Premier Girls play Baradene in a semifinal at Eventfinda Stadium at 6pm, and our Football Boys 1st XI play Westlake Boys at North Harbour Stadium at 6.30pm.

Tomorrow, our Netball Premiers have a semifinal at Auckland Netball at 9.30am versus St Kentigern, leading to a possible final next Wednesday.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV play a home semifinal against One Tree Hill College at 4pm.

On Tuesday, our Netball Premiers have a Waitakere Netball Final v Avondale at Te Pai at 7.30pm.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Premier Girls play the One Day Tournament – that was postponed from this week due to bad weather – at Avondale Racecourse.

For more fixtures and results, click [here](#)

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