



[View this email in your browser](#)



**MOUNT ALBERT
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

A Tradition of Excellence
9th-14th May 2022

CENTENARY
100
1922-2022



REAL ESTATE LIMITED . Licensed REAA 2008



August 20, 2021 / Alberton Avenue, Mt Albert, Auckland 1025 / +64 9 846 2044 / www.mags.school.nz

From the Headmaster

[Weekly Notices](#)

Per Angusta Ad Augusta – Learning Must Continue!



[Key Dates](#)



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

Here we are again as a school – back into the (not too unfamiliar) environment of lockdown and online learning for students.

While Tuesday's announcement from the Prime Minister was not what we wanted to hear, our experiences over the past 18 months have left us well prepared to continue to function as a school – albeit from a distance. Credit must go to our teachers and students, who have quickly reinstated Google Classroom as our primary teaching platform.

Continuing the learning for all students is paramount. While the current environment will have its challenges, we can't use this as an excuse for not fully engaging in every lesson – every day. Each student is expected to sign in to the online platform at the beginning of the school day, and students and parents will be contacted if this is not the case.

Out of necessity, our co-curricular programmes will be placed on hold. We must now bring the academic pillar to the fore as the business end of the year and accompanying examinations rapidly approach.

Well done to our MAGS Prefects, who are reaching out to our community with some great messages at this time on their [Instagram page](#)

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Wednesday, September 1
Out-of-zone applications close

Thursday, September 30
Last day of classes for Term 3

Friday, October 1
Staff Only Day
End of Term 3



Sport

And let's keep true to our school motto as we work through the current adversity.

There is so much to gain in the time ahead.

Stay safe.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



All Sport is on hold until further notice

Fixtures and results
Click [here](#)

Art Show a huge success



After a two-year hiatus due to Covid-19, the MAGS Art Show returned bigger and better than ever last weekend.

Art Show Committee Chair Sandra Fischer (pictured above, seated, at centre) said, "The irony of just scraping in before our current lockdown was certainly not lost on the Art Show Committee. The team is still incredulous at the near miss this year. But this is the new normal we need to accept and there are certainly bigger challenges that our community are facing at the moment given the uncertainty."

She added, "The good news is that this year's show was a great success; we beat the previous show sales with a respectable sales total of nearly \$240,000 of both commercial and student art.

"The team is finalising the accounts to determine the returns to the school, which will comprise commission from the sales, raffles and silent auctions held through the event and, of course, support from our generous sponsors.

"We are very proud to say this year that the funds raised will go towards the Lion Fund,

which is a newly created fund to help MAGS students participate fully in school activities that they hadn't been able to previously due to funds available. Given that our community is experiencing, yet again, the hardships of a lockdown, we couldn't think of a more appropriate cause."

More than 50 volunteers contributed to making the Art Show such a success this year.

Ms Fischer said, "We have been inundated with great feedback from our community, artists and purchasers, which has been fantastic to receive after the months of planning by the Committee and the hours given up by the volunteers.

"Next year's show is going to be even better. As always though, the more the merrier. So if anyone is interested, please get in touch with the school and

we will most certainly hit you up when we start planning the Centenary Art Show!"

You can see more photos from the Art Show [here](#)

Jessica Gurnsey's work (pictured below) was the People's Choice Award winner, and you can see all the other Student Art winners [here](#)



People's Choice Award

Jessica Gurnsey 'Can I say something...'



Online learning during Alert Level 4

With the move to an Alert Level 4 Lockdown, online learning for all year levels is in place for the foreseeable future.

The [timetable structure](#) (as pictured) applies to all Year Levels 9-13.

Again, students will follow their actual school timetable each day but for the shorter periods indicated. Please note that, while classes finish at 1.00pm, after lunch students are expected to use the afternoon to complete their work and participate in other activities as per the examples given.

Please also see [this link](#) outlining expectations regarding MAGS Online Learning Behaviours that provides a framework for students to achieve their best.

All students will be expected to have joined each subject teacher's Google Classroom each period.

As was the system earlier this year, each student must sign in each morning:

- 1) to their Year Level Announcement Classrooms
- AND
- 2) join their individual subject Google Classroom for each lesson

Please note that AMP (mentoring period) has been included to ensure that Mentors can touch base with their students and help maintain their sense of 'normal'. For parents, please check that your children sign in each morning and engage with them by discussing their work and monitoring their completion of this. We do also appreciate that this will not always be possible, so please do not hesitate to email teachers, deans, school counsellors or any of the school senior leadership team with any concerns or queries.

MAGS Online Learning Timetable

Starting THURSDAY 19 August 2021 (v3)



Lesson & Activity times	Junior School Y9 & 10	NCEA Senior School Y11-13
Sign-in 8:40-8:55	SIGN-IN --- Follow the online link posted in your Year Level Google Classrooms	
Period 1 9:00-9:35	35 mins	P1 Online class
Period 2 9:40-10:15	35 mins	P2 Online class
10:20-10:40 AMP / Mentor class time	Mentoring / Well-being Focus AMP class check-in time: Check your Year Group Google Classroom Page for the day's activity and messages. Your mentor will be on line for some of this time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete any admin or mentor class tasks. Look out for notices and sports/arts/service challenges 	
Break 10:40-11:00	20 mins BREAK (20 mins) - whānau & Home Focus	
Period 3 11:00-11:35	35 mins	P3 Online class
Period 4 11:40-12:15	35 mins	P4 Online class
Break 12:15-12:25	10 mins LEARNING BREAK (10 mins) - whānau & Home Focus	
Period 5 12:25-1:00	35 mins	P5 Online class
Lunch 1:00-1:40	40 mins LUNCH - Whānau & Home Focus	
1:40-3.40pm	Junior School Y9 & 10	NCEA Senior School Y11-13
SENIORS Focus on NCEA Assessments JUNIORS Co-Curricular (music) Physical fitness focus Or Period Zero Classes Individual work time to complete classwork from Periods 1-5 or other set tasks / assessments.	SELF DIRECTED <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. Independent game-related play (e.g. basketball, netball, football...) 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) 	1:40 - 3.40pm You could do up to 2 hours of NCEA Assessment Focussed Work. During P1 to P5 ensure you have all materials and queries asked as teachers may or may not be available for last minute help during this session.

PLAN FOR NEXT DAY - Lastly, before you switch off for the day you should do a 5 minute plan for tomorrow. Jet down anything you need to organise regarding tomorrow's lessons/work.

Geography team wins five straight

After an enforced hiatus last year, the Auckland Central region round of the Maatangi Whenua Year 11 Geography competition was held once more – at St Cuthbert's on Thursday last week.

Geography Teacher Ms Hobbs said, "MAGS had two teams, and possession of the trophy, which we have held since 2016. Eighteen teams were entered from a diverse range of schools such as Pakuranga and St Kent's, and it was clear from the outset that this was going to be a close race."

As the different rounds were worth different amounts of points, it was difficult to judge who had the advantage as teams swapped positions but both MAGS teams were in the hunt after perfect scores in the Old School Geography round and, for once, decent scores in the modelling round. Going into the last set of questions, any one of five different

schools could lift the title. In a nail-biting finish just one-and-a-half points separated the top three. The final scores were:

1st – MAGS A, 141 points

2nd – Avondale, 140 points

3rd – MAGS B, 139.5 points

Ms Hobb said, "Looking back at the scorecard, the point of difference was MAGS gaining the top two marks in Turangawaewae.

"For all our worldly knowledge, it was our expertise in Aotearoa that gave us victory for a fifth successive competition and saw the trophy return to its usual place on our shelf."

Congratulations to:

MAGS A – Liam Helliwell 11CSN , Dylan Kinsler 11SMH, Jason Jacob 11PHR

MAGS B – Luka Johnson 11SMH, Matthew Radcliffe 11FST, Liam Spencer 11SAL

Musicians pick up awards at KBB



Congratulations to our Chamber Orchestra, which received a Bronze Award, and the Jazz Band, which was Highly Commended, at the KBB Music Festival.

The Jazz Band also received a Silver Award from the Auckland Jazz and Blues Festival, which was held just before KBB.

In further recognition of our musicians, Kavita Sayers (pictured below) was nominated for 'Best Soloist' at KBB for her trombone version of Monti's *Csardas* with the Symphony Orchestra. Daniel Zhang (pictured above) was also nominated – for 'Best Solo Violinist' of the festival with the Chamber Orchestra.

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 Mokal 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*.

Our Jazz Band, conducted by Mr Watson, has been working hard all year honing its repertoire, and its performance at KBB was well received.

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

Lockdown Challenge is back!

Come another lockdown, come another MAGS Big K Challenge to encourage staff and students and their families to keep active.

MAGS' Staff have come through victorious in the past, so now is the chance for our year levels to show what they are made of.

The competition features prizes as well as bragging rights for the top form class, year level, individual and overall winner. Participants are challenged to log their activity each day – walk, run, row or bike, with one entry allowed per day and a minimum distance of 3km per entry (9km if by bike as biking distance is divided by three to be equivalent to a run or walk of equal distance).

Progress reports are posted on the [MAGS Sport Instagram page](#) and on Year Level pages. You can find out more and submit your entry [here](#)



Albertian of the Year postponement

Due to the Level 4 Lockdown, the Albertian of the Year function to honour Warwick Gibbs planned for this evening has been postponed.

It is hoped that a new date can be scheduled in the future, and updates will be provided

when possible.

Please email magsalbertians@gmail.com if you have any queries regarding this event.

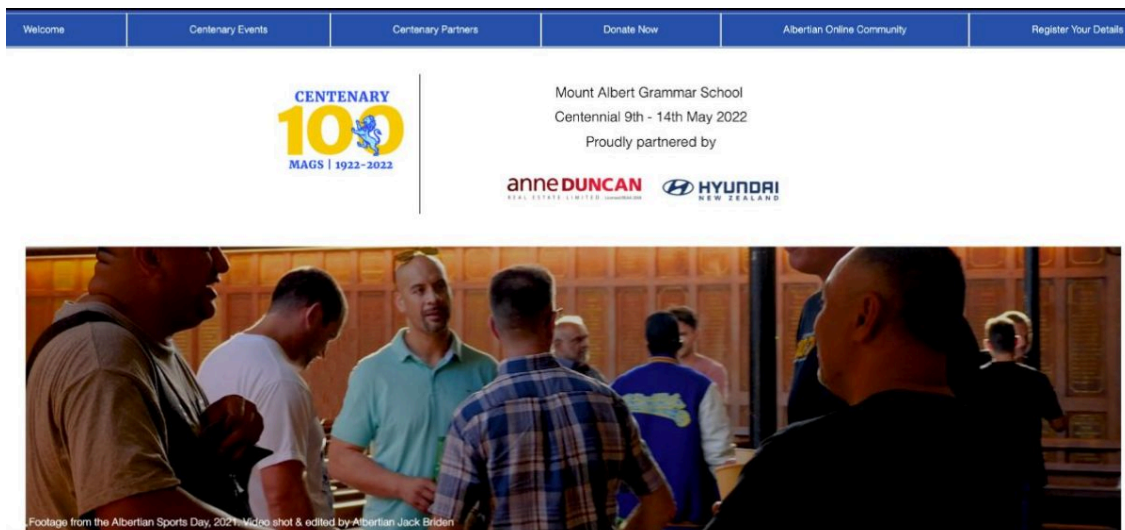
Out-of-zone applications close soon

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](#)

Sign up for Centenary Celebrations



The screenshot shows the top section of the Centenary website. It features a blue navigation bar with the following tabs: Welcome, Centenary Events, Centenary Partners, Donate Now, Albertian Online Community, and Register Your Details. Below the navigation bar, on the left, is the Centenary 100 logo with the text 'MAGS | 1922-2022'. To the right of the logo, the text reads: 'Mount Albert Grammar School', 'Centennial 9th - 14th May 2022', and 'Proudly partnered by'. Below this text are the logos for 'anneDUNCAN REAL ESTATE LIMITED' and 'HYUNDAI NEW ZEALAND'. At the bottom of the screenshot is a video player showing a group of people in a locker room setting. A small caption at the bottom left of the video reads: 'Footage from the Albertian Sports Day, 2021. Video shot & edited by Albertian Jack Briden'.

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.



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.

Sports Update

Top results at running champs

On Tuesday, 14 students represented MAGS at the Auckland Road Running Race Champs held at Pulman Park in Papakura.

Our runners had to contend with strong winds, making some areas of the course challenging. Some were representing MAGS for the first time in a distance running event. Two students gained top 10 finishes in their categories.

Year 9 student Nina Chalmers completed the Junior Girls 3km course in a time of 11:28 to finish ninth. This was another commendable effort by her, having performed consistently well across the other inter-school distance running events this year.

In a highly competitive Senior Boys category, Year 13 student Luke Clements (pictured) finished fourth in the 6km race with a time of 18:56. This effort continues to show why he is one of the stronger distance runners in Auckland Secondary Schools competition.

There were good results from other students, who finished in the top half of their races. Some of these races had more than 70 participants. They included:

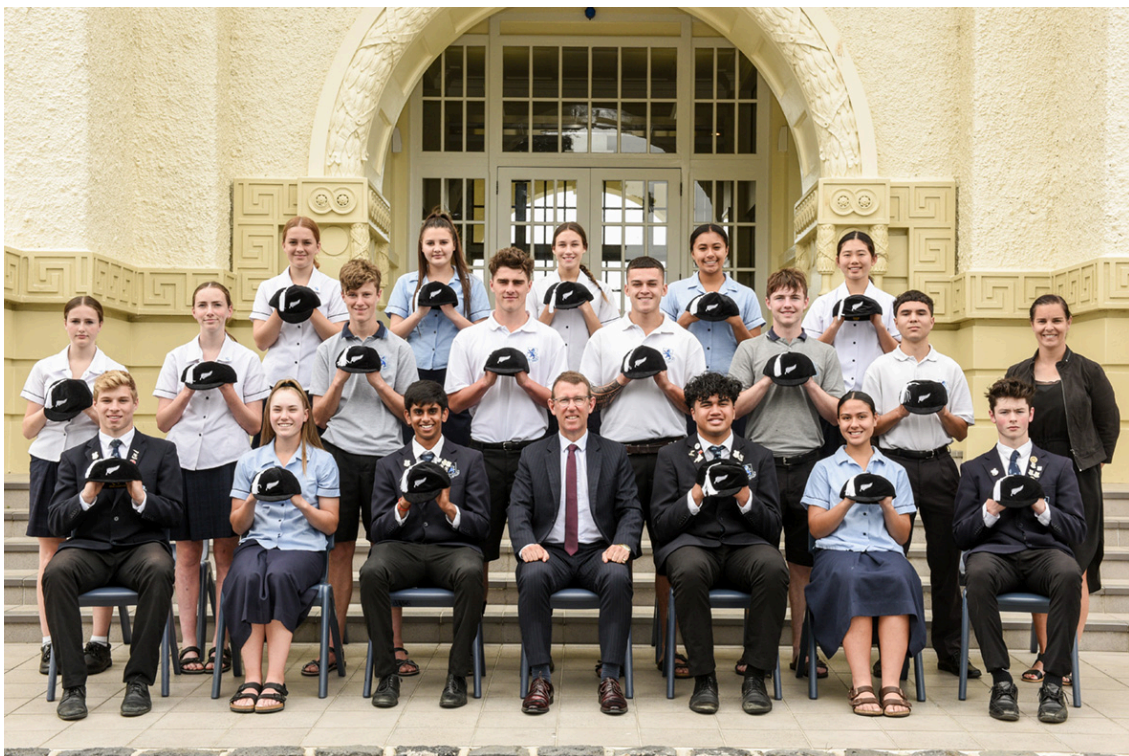
Oscar Vink: 40th Junior Boys

Jesse Burge: 39th Intermediate Boys

Samuel Manders: 42nd Intermediate
Boys
Oliver Fox: 23rd Senior Boys



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.

Alberton Ave, Mt Albert, Auckland
09 846 2044 www.mags.school.nz

A Tradition of Excellence
9th-14th May 2022

Copyright © 2021 Mount Albert Grammar School, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)