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From the Headmaster

[Weekly Notices](#)

Keep up the good work!



Key Dates



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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

Monday, November 22
NCEA Exams start (new date)

Tuesday, December 14
NCEA Exams end (new date)

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

Today's Headmaster's Message can be viewed on YouTube [here](#) and in it I talk about this week being one of focussing on supporting students in the online learning environment.

Our MAGS students have done themselves proud with their engagement with online learning and the feedback they have provided to their teachers. Keep up the good work!

Stay safe.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Staying engaged during lockdown



While the Alert Level 4 lockdown has been extended in Auckland, there are plenty of activities to keep the mind and the body active and healthy – on top of online learning and revision.

The MAGS Art Challenge invites students to create a personal response to lockdown through whatever media they prefer (photo, drawing, painting, film, design, collage, writing, dancing, playing etc).

There are \$50 Westfield vouchers up for grabs for the top two entries. Go to the [MAGS Visual Art Instagram page](#) for more info and examples of student work.

Our amazing Prefects have been posting lockdown tips, Prefect profiles and some great videos of staff and students on their [Instagram page](#)

It's a great way to stay connected with your peers and see how everyone else is dealing with lockdown.

And, of course, there is always the MAGS Big K Challenge.

The competition features prizes as well as bragging rights for the top form class, year level, individual and overall winner.

MAGS' Staff were out of the gates early and hold a big lead, with the Junior years battling it out for Year Level supremacy at the moment. 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](#)



World Vision fundraiser



Prior to the lockdown, our Interact Committee came up with some inventive ways to raise \$2500 for World Vision. Lucy Makinson raised an amazing \$526.40, which included proceeds from a harp concert she held. Among the other top fundraisers were Year 9 student Silas Papprell, who raised \$435; Deputy Head Boy William Bell-Purchas, who collected \$240, and Rosie De Pledge, who brought in \$215. Money was also raised through a bake sale held at school.

Online learning during Alert Level 4

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. Jot down anything you need to organise regarding tomorrow's lessons/work.

MAGS Academic Council Tutoring

Once life is back to normal, if you are interested in tutoring, please email academiccouncil@mags.school.nz with the following:

- Student's full name
- Student's form class
- What subjects the student would like tutoring in eg. 11EN1 (and if in anything specific eg. Acids and Bases for Year 11 Chemistry)
- Cost: Free or Paid/ No preference
- Male or Female tutor/ No preference
- Any specific tutoring times/days (eg. Monday lunch, Tuesday after school etc.)

Please note that there is a limited number of free tutors, so it may not always be possible

to find free tutors.

Paid sessions are usually from \$15-\$20 per hour, but the price is decided between the tutor and the student/parents.

For any queries, please email academiccouncil@mags.school.nz

Village Trust food parcels

MAGS is again getting behind the great work of the Village Trust, who are once more distributing food parcels during lockdown. Please give what you can to help families in need.

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Help MAGS help the Village Trust

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PLEASE DONATE \$2 or \$5 +

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<https://www.facebook.com/thevillagecommunityservicetrust/>

LOCKDOWN APPEAL

25-30th August 2021

The Village Community Services Trust

Sir Michael Jones

FOR TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPTS FOR LARGE DONATIONS ADD YOUR NAME TO BANK PAYMENT REFERENCE & MESSAGE YOUR DETAILS ON THE VILLAGE FACEBOOK PAGE BUTTON @THEVILLAGECOMMUNITYSERVICETRUST

New NCEA and Scholarship exam dates

The dates for the end of year NCEA and NZ Scholarship exams will be delayed by two weeks. They will now run from **Monday, November 22 until Tuesday, December 14**

inclusive.

- Due dates for portfolio submissions will also be moved – the relevant subject teachers will be in communication regarding the specific change of dates.
- The Mathematics Common Assessment Task (MCAT) and Digital Technologies Common Assessment Tasks (DigiCATs) will be moved. Confirmation of specific dates will be shared with all relevant students as arrangements are finalised within the next week.

At this point, these are the only confirmed changes, however as the length of time that we are likely to remain in lockdown becomes clearer, extra steps may be taken such as reintroducing Learning Recognition Credits, or making changes to the thresholds of Endorsement and University Entrance.

If, and when, any further changes are confirmed, we will be sure to communicate this information with you.

NZQA and the Ministry of Education are working to ensure students will have a fair opportunity to gain NCEA, despite the disruption caused at the moment.

Hope in uncertain times



Just a reminder of the free [MAGS SchoolTV resource](#) that we can all utilise when it comes to working with young people, especially in light of recent events.

A special report and five-minute video have been published on the site following NZ's latest return to lockdown. It gives practical conversation starters to be able to engage with children.

You can read the full article and watch a short video [here](#)

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

Centenary Celebrations website screenshot showing navigation links (Welcome, Centenary Events, Centenary Partners, Donate Now, Albertian Online Community, Register Your Details), the Centenary 100 logo (MAGS | 1922-2022), and event details: Mount Albert Grammar School, Centennial 9th - 14th May 2022, Proudly partnered by anneDUNCAN REAL ESTATE LIMITED and HYUNDAI NEW ZEALAND. Below the text is a video thumbnail showing people at an event, with a caption: '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

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.

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