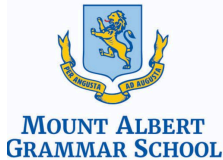




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From the Headmaster

Per Angusta



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

Another challenging week for MAGS has been met with a fantastic response from the school community. News yesterday from the Health Service that a second historical case of COVID-19 had been detected in the school necessitated a request that all MAGS students and staff are swabbed over

the next few days.

It is fair to say that the last 24 hours has seen MAGS people presenting themselves en masse for testing. As I sat with my daughter yesterday at the St Lukes White Cross Testing Station, I was flanked by MAGS students either side – and it was even a former MAGS student who carried out our tests!

With it now being close to three weeks since students were at school, the primary purpose of testing is to provide further assurance to individuals and the community that any risk of further infection is low.

The Public Health Service has confirmed that it is safe for normal lessons to resume on-site at MAGS on Monday and as such we are expecting to welcome all students and staff for an 8.45am start.

Let's think back to how successfully we operated as a school at Alert Level 2 back in May. We can take great confidence from how we restarted the year and can draw on the hope and courage we displayed first time around.

We've been here before and with everyone's help we will quickly get the wheels of MAGS turning once again.

[Weekly Notices](#)



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Thursday, September 17

Anzac Assembly

**Thursday & Friday,
September 17 & 18**

Artistry in Action dance concert, 7.30 pm, Centennial Theatre



Wednesday, September 23

Arts Lions Assembly

Friday, September 25

School Ball, 6pm, Ellerslie Event Centre



Sport

Looking forward to seeing our students on Monday.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Preparation for school on Monday



We are pleased to be starting back at school on Monday.

While the recent testing request from the Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) may have created some concern in our MAGS community, it must be repeated that ARPHS has declared it safe for students to return, saying "the school can open on Monday, 31 August for all staff and students".

ARPHS adds, "Mount Albert Grammar has taken all reasonable steps to follow health advice and minimise risk. The last two weeks in Alert Level 3 will have reduced the possibility of further transmission amongst students.

"ARPHS considers that the risk to the school community is low, but is asking that any sick

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 >](#)



student stays at home after the school opens fully on Monday, even if they do not have COVID-19 symptoms."

You can read the latest advice to the MAGS community from ARPHS [here](#)

In the meantime, MAGS has been making preparations for schooling at Alert Level 2. You can read the letter sent to the MAGS community about the measures that will be in place during Alert Level 2 [here](#)

More information is available on the Government's [COVID-19](#) website and the [Auckland Regional Public Health Service](#) website.

Update on school events

Due to COVID-19, some school events have been cancelled and others postponed – and the situation remains fluid depending on Alert Levels. At this stage, the Student Quiz Night and Shave for a Cure have been cancelled.

The Artistry in Action dance concert has been rescheduled to September 17 and 18, and the school is awaiting advice about whether it can go ahead as intended with an audience. Because of this, ticket sales have been suspended, and current ticket holders should hold on to their tickets and await further advice.

The Year 13 Drama Production has been rescheduled to October 22 and 23.

It is hoped that the School Ball will still be able to go ahead on September 25.



School sport at Level 2

All games that were scheduled to be played during the Alert Level 3 lockdown have been recorded as no result and will not be rescheduled.

The season games that are scheduled for the remainder of the term will continue as planned under Alert Level 2, but will only begin once the restrictions have been lifted on gathering size numbers.

Normal school sports training will resume but there will be the same sanitary measures that were in place the last time we were at Alert Level 2. MAGS will be following the MoE and MoH guidelines for schools.

You can read sports updates from College Sport Auckland [here](#)



St John award for Sharnah

In an outstanding example of service, Sharnah Pascoe-Scouller has been named the St John Central District Cadet of the Year for the Northern Region. Sharnah started with St John Youth in 2010 and is now a Cadet Sergeant at the Pt Chev division.

Her new role means she will lead and instruct cadets in her district.

"District Cadet of the Year is a really cool role that means I get to inspire others and share my ideas to make St John Youth better for cadets."

As one of the eight District Cadets of the Year in the Northern Region, she has now been allowed to apply to be St John's Regional Cadet of the Year, and, if chosen for that, could go on to compete against candidates from the Central and Southern Regions for National Cadet of the Year.

Sharnah said she had gained a lot from St John over the years.



"What appeals to me about St John Youth is that it's such a diverse program where you can learn different things. From First Aid through to leadership, they give you the teachings and resources where you can grow, gain so many different skills, and achieve some cool badges," she said.

"I'm en route to getting my Grand Prior, which is signed by the Queen and awarded by the Governor-General, which is the highest award in the program, and these skills have helped me work towards this."

Senior Exams and academic update



The Senior Prerequisite Exams will now be held in Week 10 (September 21-25) of Term 3 only. You can see the exam timetable [here](#)

Scholarship practice exams can be taken in the first week of the upcoming holidays (Monday, 28 September through to and including Thursday, 1 October).

Students have been sent information on how to indicate their intent to sit one of these exams during that time.

Final exams

Students with clashes for final exams will be notified in September for arrangements. There are no planned changes to the NCEA timetable, which runs from Monday, 16 November through to Wednesday, 9 December inclusive.

Reports

Mid-Term Academic Reports and Summaries have been loaded to the Kamar portal. Emails have gone out to parents advising that the reports are available on the portal. Parents are reminded to contact their child's mentor or subject teachers if there are questions.

Staff still in front in Big K Challenge



Year 9s have put in a big effort but the MAGS staff contingent was out of the blocks fast and remains in front in the BiG K Challenge.

The competition has been extended, with this Sunday at 8pm the close-off for logging entries for MAGS staff, students, family members and Albertians.

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](#)

Find out more and log your activity [here](#)

Goethe Society Exams success

Despite disruptions to the school year, MAGS students returned some of the school's best ever results in the Goethe Society Oral Exams held a few weeks ago at the University of Auckland.

The German language exams are Auckland-wide and included Diocesan, Lynfield, Glendowie, Green Bay, Rutherford, Westlake Girls' and Westlake Boys'.

The results were:

Year 13

1st Katya Astashkina

2nd Quinn Burton-Brown

3rd Sophia Wen

1st (advantaged speaker) Clarissa Siddle

Distinction: Mitchell Cooper, Finnian Montgomery, Joshua Williamson, David Laxon

Year 12

2nd= Mekał Covic, Rosa Jack

3rd Helen Wen

1st (advantaged speaker) Mena Ren-Fritzke

Distinction: Keertivaasan Prakash, Jonathan Shaw-Lewis, Ashton Stein

Highly Commended: Caitlin Sutton, Aidan Price

Year 11

1st Molly Cavanagh

Distinction: Rena Weatherall, Mandy Zhang, Hannah Jordan, Ethan Chester, Dzung Pham, Philip Paxie, Lucy Makinson

Highly Commended: Jack Frear, Cassandra Ploeg

Year 10

1st Mehak Sehgal

2nd Ashleigh Muir

Distinction: Ruby Giblin, Xanthe Werder, Ella Edwards, Nick Lees

Year 9

Distinction: Elias Beachman

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"lava & a big fa'afetai tele lava to the MAGS students, staff & families for their generous donations to help provide food parcels. From 20th Aug, you have donated \$2034.28. We are so grateful! God bless you all. Village Trust team." **THANK YOU MAGS!!**



The MAGS community has raised more than \$2000 for the Village Trust, which is delivering food parcels and other goods to families in need throughout Auckland.

The Trust has helped our students over the years with mentoring, and buying uniforms and paying fees.

Any donations, big or small, will make a huge difference to families doing it tough.

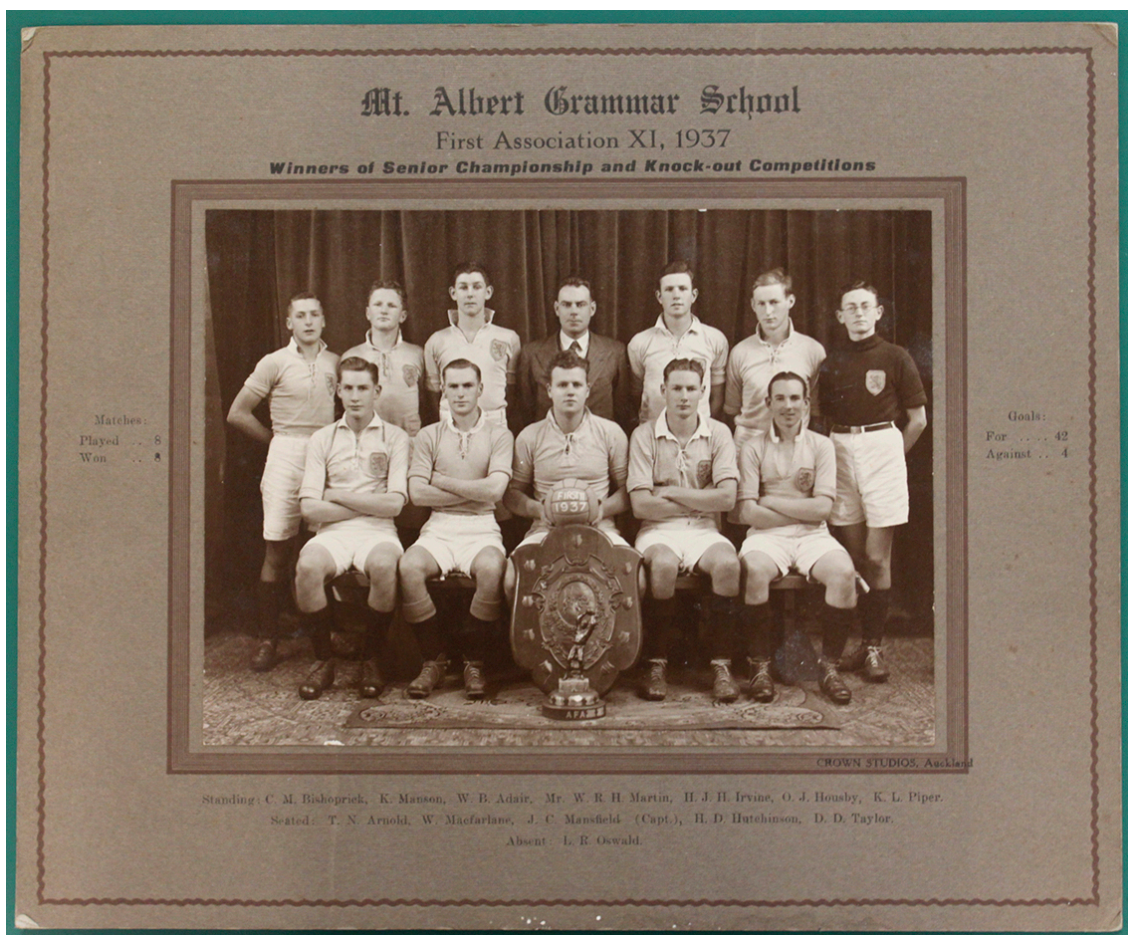
The Trust is led by former All Black Sir Michael Jones and his wife Maliena, and our

Pasifika Liaison Danny Liuliu-Afoa has worked with the Trust for many years.

You can see a TVNZ news clip about the Trust's work [here](#)

MAGS has also extended the time period for its Canned Food Drive – collecting canned food for the Auckland City Mission – so that students can donate canned food items during AMP time once school resumes.

Sharp shooters of 1937



There was no stopping the Association Football First XI of 1937 as they won the Senior Championship and the Knock-out Trophy that year, going undefeated, and scoring 42 goals while conceding only four.

For more photos like this, recently added to the MAGS website, 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](#)

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

Maddy Gordon in Silver Ferns



Congratulations to Maddy Gordon, who was named in the Silver Ferns squad this week, and joins fellow Albertian Maia Wilson in the national squad.

The call-up follows Maddy being named the MVP in the final as her Central Pulse team won the ANZ Premiership title over the Tactix on Sunday.

Maddy was MAGS' Victrix Ludorum in 2017, having excelled in a number of sports at MAGS, including netball.

The Silver Ferns' opponents for 2020 are unknown as yet due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They might play the New Zealand men and some combination sides, before a possible Constellation Cup series against Australia.

Auckland rugby selections

Well done to our Rugby Girls 1st XV captain Sylvia Brunt (pictured) and Albertians Princess Elliot, Shannon Leota, Shannon Muru, Lovely Pulotu and Mele Tu'inukuafe, who have all been selected in the Auckland Storm, the women's representative rugby team. The Storm are scheduled to start their season, contesting the Farah Palmer Cup, next Sunday.



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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