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From the Headmaster

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Thursday, January 21
NCEA results release date

Wednesday, January 27
Senior Re-Enrolment
(10.30am-1.30pm)

Tuesday, February 2
Year 9s only start school

Wednesday, February 3
Full school starts

Junior Boy Dux Oliver Tang and Junior Girl Dux Heather Smith were recognised at prizegiving.

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

Our Junior Prizegivings this week marked the formal end to the academic year for Mount Albert Grammar School. Congratulations to our 2020 premier award winners at both Years 9 and 10.

So much has already been said and written about 2020. Reflections will undoubtedly continue to be written well into the future about the 'year like no other'. Our MAGS community has dealt with additional challenges this year, and our thoughts remain with those who have suffered loss in recent times.

Yet through the turmoil of 2020 we have emerged with strength and purpose. There is even a quiet confidence across the school community as we sit on the cusp of our 100th year.

The 2021 MAGS Prefect Conference currently underway in School



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MAGS Open Girls, Condor 7s



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MAGS Open Boys, Condor 7s

House has our future school leaders working together as they plan their leadership roles next year. There is an air of excitement across this team. They have big plans for their school and a confidence in their ability to bring these to fruition!

In a year that has thrown so much at us, we remain extraordinarily well-place to enjoy success in 2021.

Thank you to our staff, parents, Board and students – and all who make MAGS the incredible community it is.

Enjoy a safe and restful Christmas break.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



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Sports registrations for 2021

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Fixtures and results

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Junior Prizegivings finish year on a high



With Mr Drumm are Best All-Round Boy in Year 10 Isaiah Fale and Best All-Round Girl in Year 10 Bella Houghton.

Prizegivings for Year 9s and Year 10s effectively wrapped up the school year as recipients of our top Junior academic, sports, arts and service awards were recognised and celebrated.

On Monday afternoon, at the Year 10 Prizegiving, the Junior Girl Dux and Boy Dux for 2020 were awarded to Heather Smith and Oliver Tang respectively. And on Tuesday morning, at the Year 9 Prizegiving, the top Girl and Boy Academics for that year level were recognised for the first time. Those awards went to Gemma McKinney and Thomas Shaw respectively.

Ryan Shen, younger brother of Head Boy Eric Shen, was named The Best All-Round Boy in Year 9, and received a congratulatory hug from Eric onstage (pictured above right). Rosa Fox was named Best All-Round Girl in Year 9.

For the first time since the award was introduced in 2010, a Year 9 was named Junior Boys Dux Artium – and that honour went to Ryan Antia, while Bella Houghton was named Junior Girls Dux Artium and Best All-Round Girl in Year 10.

The other top Junior Awards went to Isaiah Fale (Best All-Round Boy in Year 10), and Hashmita Singh and Sahil Kirpalani, who won the Paul Gardener Cup for Service. The Junior Victor Ludorum was Roy Tatupu and the Junior Victrix Ludorum was Jorja Fruean.

Over the two prizegiving ceremonies, about 240 students received endorsements for Excellence.

Choral singing was a feature of the prizegivings, with the Year 10 event enjoying a rendition of *Jingle Bell Rock* by the Boys Choir (pictured below), and Year 9s treated to a performance of *For the Beauty of the Earth* by Gloriana – The Junior Girls Choir.

You can see more photos from the ceremonies as well as the citations for the special prize-winners and the lists of certificates and prizes for Year 10 and for Year 9 [here](#)



School closedown and re-opening dates

Mount Albert Grammar School is closed for the summer holidays.

Main Reception: Closed and will open again on Thursday, 28 January, 2021.

Finance Office: Closed and will open again on Tuesday, 2 February, 2021 for Year 9s only. For all other years, the Finance Office is open from Wednesday, 3 February.

Student Centre: Closed and will open again on Tuesday, 2 February, 2021.

Enrolment Office: Closed and will open again on Wednesday, 20 January, 2021. Mount Albert Grammar School enrolments should be done online [here](#)

International Office: Closed but arranged visits can be made from Tuesday, 12 January, 2021. Email bwatts@mags.school.nz for an appointment. Open again on Tuesday, 2 February, 2021

The Lion's Den uniform shop: Open next week with the last day being Thursday, December 17 (3pm-6pm), and will open again on Monday, January 11, 2021.

It will also be open on Auckland Anniversary Day – Monday, 1 February – from 9am-12pm to alleviate any last-minute rush before school opens for Year 9s the following day, and the full school the day after.

For the uniform shop's full hours, click [here](#)

Senior re-enrolment for 2021

Students who will be in Year 11,12 and 13 in 2021 and who wish to change or add courses or change or complete their options will have the chance to do so in January.

Online re-enrolment process – Thursday, January 21 to Saturday, January 23

- Chance to change or complete options via an online form

Re-enrolment day – Wednesday, January 27 (10.30am – 1.30pm)

- Only students who still need to change or add courses need to attend on this day

Any student who is happy with their options (which will be sent out in a letter next week) do not need to do anything during either the online or the face-to-face re-enrolment day.

All students (and parents) going into Year 11, 12 and 13 will also receive an email next week with full information about re-enrolment.

Other important dates:

NCEA Results release date – Thursday, January 21

Scholarship results release date – Thursday, February 4

Stationery for 2021 now available

MAGS' student stationery lists have now been published on the OfficeMax MySchool website and are available to view [here](#)

This year, OfficeMax has also introduced Laybuy so parents can choose to pay in six weekly, interest-free instalments and still get their order right away.

Parents who order online in December will receive a free A4 Magnetic Family Organiser – ideal for keeping activities and events on track throughout the year. **Stationery should be ordered by January 15 to ensure delivery before school starts.**

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For all new memberships sold between December 1 and January 31 MAGS will receive extra commission.

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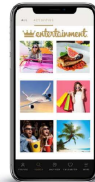
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Alberton Market Day



This Sunday, you can shop local for all your Christmas gifts in the quaint garden setting of Alberton.

Local makers will be selling handcrafted goods such as jewellery, candles, homewares, soap, beauty products, toys and more, with a selection of vintage gems on offer curated by Lynda Hallinan, Julie Le Clerc and Emma Hintz of Fossick & Furnish.

You can also stock the pantry for summer with homemade preserves, relishes, sauces and jams, honey, deli products, olive oil, chocolate, Christmas cakes, tarts and other sweet treats.

There will be live music by Jasper Hawkins, children's craft activities, prizes and a hamper up for grabs.

In a free talk at 11.30am, learn all about the uses and properties of herbs (culinary, cleaning, for health, healing, stress, sleep, beauty) with widely published garden writer and the editor and founder of *Sweet Living* magazine, Jane Wrigglesworth.

Alberton Market Day: Sunday, December 13, 10am-2pm, free entry.

Historical photos



The School's first foray into Secondary Schools Equestrian Competition was in 2009 and we had our own horse blanket.

This photo of is part of Set 55, recently added to Historical Images on the MAGS website [here](#)

These images are 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 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

Cricket Colts finish runners-up



Our Cricket Colts team had a great four days down at the Vettori Shield in Hamilton at St Paul's Collegiate.

After coming third last year, MAGS was determined to make it through to a first final this year and, fortunately, two strong wins on Monday and Tuesday saw MAGS' nett run rate good enough to have the chance of playing the final on the No. 1 oval against Westlake Boys High.

TIC Mr Walden said, "The final started well with us choosing to bat first. We had chased in all of the pool games up to this stage, so it was crucial to set a reasonable total by batting out our 50 overs. We reasoned that any target would be difficult to chase on a slow, day four wicket. We were in a very strong position at 93/2 after 34 overs with opener Asher Suri scoring 47, but unfortunately a middle order collapse saw us bowled out 12 overs later for a score of 117.

"The boys never gave up and were an awesome presence in the field where they continued

to dominate with the ball. Our spinners proved difficult to get away throughout the tournament; Aaqib Aadil Sharif, Ryan Krige and captain Thomas Iles bowling 115 overs across the four days including a total of 24 maidens and a collective 21 wickets for 267 (avg 12.7, eco 2.3).

Westlake took 45 overs to chase down the total and, in the end, we were only a few wickets away from victory.

Sports registrations for 2021

MAGS' Sports Department has opened up registrations for all sports next year for Terms 1 to 3.

In an effort to simplify the registration process, the online form includes likely costs and dates where possible, although these could be subject to change.

Trial and training dates will be confirmed closer to the time.

Students can click [here](#) to register for their chosen sport.



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