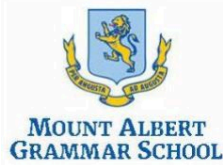
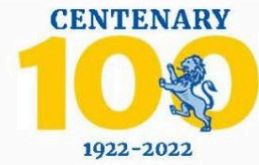




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## From the Headmaster

## More History in our Centennial Year



### Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

**Sunday, December 4 to  
Wednesday, December 7**  
Prefects Camp, School House

**Tuesday, December 6**  
Last day of classes  
Year 10 Prizegiving, 9.30am  
Year 9 Prizegiving, 1.30pm

**Friday 27 January, 2023**  
Senior Course Confirmation  
(10.30am-1pm)

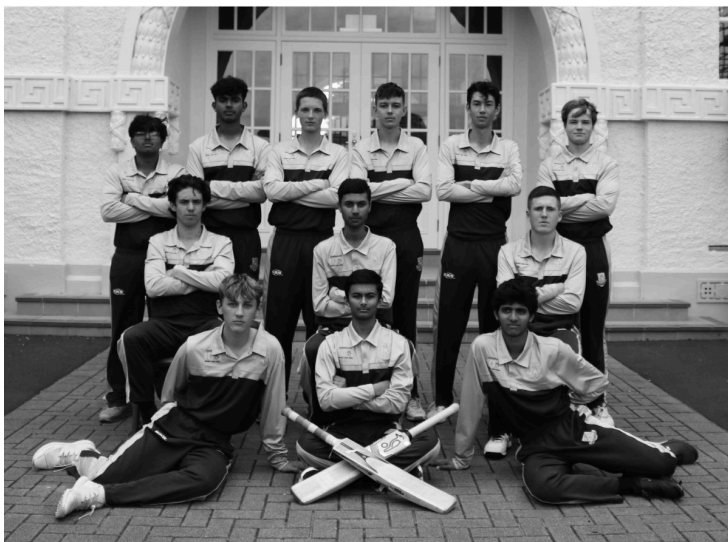
**Thursday, February 2**  
Year 9s start school.

**Friday, February 3**  
Full school in

### Sport

Photo Essays

## FIRST XI, 2022



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

In the summer of 1922, our earliest MAGS cricketers (pictured top) took the field for the first time to represent their new school against a King's College XI.

The lack of suitable sports grounds at the newly opened Mount Albert Grammar School necessitated this fixture being played away at King's College. The game itself was a relatively low-scoring affair, with Kings dismissed for 43 runs chasing a modest 98 set by MAGS.

More importantly, that first game (and victory) began a legacy of 100 years of cricket at MAGS – one which was celebrated in the most fitting way last Saturday when our 2022 Boys 1st XI Cricket team claimed the Auckland Premier Championship with a victory over Saint Kentigern College on our home wicket.

This title has special meaning in our centenary year. It is also testament to the resilience of a number of senior players who have faced the disappointment of being losing finalists in previous years. Their hard work and persistence has finally borne fruit!

And then there is the special staff member who has walked the journey with MAGS cricketers since 2003.

Our Director of Cricket and 1st XI Coach Tony Sail is in his 20th and final year of coaching the premier boys side. He is stepping down as coach from next year, making Saturday's victory one to savour for Tony as much as for the players!

Congratulations to our Premier Boys Cricket Team and to Tony Sail – Auckland Champions 2022!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster



Junior Girls Touch AKSS  
Tournament  
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### **Trials and Registrations**

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### **Fixtures and Results**

Click [here](#)

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**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

## Interform competition fiercely contested



Competitive spirit is alive and well at MAGS judging by the intensity of Year 9 and 10 students (and their mentor teachers!) over finals days in the Interform Competition on Tuesday and yesterday, Year 9 and 10 Boys' and Girls' mentor classes could win a pizza lunch on finals day, while the overall Interform Competition winners for the year got a trip to the movies. The overall winners for the year were 09GRS, 09CVT/DUN, 10KMR and 10HGH, while pizza lunches were won by 09KES, 09PEA, 10DVD and 10CVN. A big thank you to Miss Inwood, who ran the competition throughout the year and on finals day, with the help of the PE Department and other staff pitching in. You can see more photos from the finals days [here](#)



**Boys 1st XI to contest national title**



On Saturday, MAGS beat St Kentigern in the final of the Auckland Secondary Schools Cricket Championship for the Maryatt Cup and won the right to attend the Gillette Cup as Auckland Champions.

Director of Cricket Tony Sail reports, "After an horrendous week of thunderstorms and periods of torrential rain, curator Paul Le Clerc miraculously presented both captains with a fair and even pitch. The St Kents captain called correctly and inserted the MAGS XI.

"Some steady bowling and catching reduced MAGS to 31/4 with none of the top four reaching double figures. The middle order of Ohm Patel (30) Wesley Donald (38) and Ryan Krige (37) showed the situational awareness and positivity required to apply some pressure to the St Kents' fielding group, before they got out and exposed the lower order, leaving 5 overs of the 50 unused, and a total of 148 on the board.

"While the total appeared well below par, there was an air of confidence and self-belief among the team at the break which has been a hallmark of the MAGS 1st XI 2022.

"Their confidence proved well-placed when St Kents lost their 3rd wicket at 41 after a pedestrian start under the spell of all of the MAGS bowlers, backed by superb fielding.

"They then proceeded to lose their next 7 wickets for only 52 runs. Harrison Wills 4/13 (10 overs), Malay Patel 1/16 (10 overs), Priyam Mistry 2/10 (7 Overs) and Aryan Nigudkar 1/10 (5 overs) were the wicket-takers with two run-outs in a fine supporting display from 'keeper Toby Naish.



"The outcome, an emphatic victory by 56 runs and deserved Auckland Champions 2022 and holders of the Maryatt Cup."

The team will now travel to The NZ Cricket High Performance Centre (Lincoln, Christchurch) to contest the Gillette Cup with five other teams representing each major association in the country.

Their fixtures are as follows: 13th December vs. Christ College, 14th December vs. Otago Boys High School, 15th December vs. Hutt International Boys School, 17th December vs. Tauranga Boys College, 18th December vs. Napier Boys High.

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## Sylvia Brunt presented with Black Cap



Albertian Sylvia Brunt (2017-21) was presented with her Black Cap at assembly today, and Year 9s performed a haka in her honour.

Sylvia was part of the Black Ferns squad that recently won the Women's Rugby World Cup on home soil.

This year, at just 18, she made her Black Ferns debut off the bench against Canada in the Pacific Four Series in Waitākere.

At MAGS, she was the captain of the 1st XV Girls' team that won the College Sport Auckland Championship.

An impressive midfielder, she plays for the Auckland Storm and the Blues in Super Rugby Aupiki.

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## Juniors mass for haka



For the past week or so, Year 9s and 10s have been involved in practising our school haka, Takatū, and then taking part in a competition to see which mentor class is the best. On Wednesday, Juniors came together out on the fields for a mass haka, which could reportedly be heard several blocks away! Following that, the Year 9s and 10s spent the last part of the day in the gyms for Attitude presentations about youth issues.



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**Junior Sports Awards presented**



At assembly, our top Junior sportspeople were recognised and congratulated.

They are, front row, from left: Payton Hiraka Downing (Best Junior Softball Girls), Thomas McGlone (Best Junior Touch Player Boys), Headmaster Patrick Drumm, Yanine de Boed (Most Valuable Water Polo Player Girls), Kendra Scally-Tu'I (Best Junior Touch Player Girls)  
Back Row: Ben Wright (Most Valuable Water Polo Player Boys), Liam Ng Shiu (Best Junior Volleyball Boys), Gabreyl Tahi Tahi (Best Junior Softball Player Boys). Absent: Meiya Lemafa (Best Junior Volleyball Player Girls).

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## **Last chance for Xmas hams**





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Each ham weighs approximately 4.26 - 4.75kg

How it works: \$80 per ham, with \$10 of this going back to  
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Pick up: Wednesday 7th December 4-6pm from MAGS.

Get in quick while they last!

Order your delicious Christmas ham now and help MAGS.  
Every ham ordered via the Neat Meat promotion sees \$10 go to MAGS.  
You can make your order [here](#)

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## School closedown and reopening dates

The last day of school at Mount Albert Grammar School is Tuesday, 6 December, and that will be the last day that the Student Centre and the Finance Office will be open.

The Student Centre and Finance Office will open again on the first day of school next year, Thursday, 2 February.

The Enrolment Office will close on Wednesday, December 7 and re-open on Thursday, January 19, 2023.

The International Office will close on Friday, December 16 and will be open to receive students and visitors from Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

The last day that the Lions' Den uniform shop will be open is Thursday, December 15 (3pm-6pm), and then reopens on Monday, January 9, 2023. Full Lion's Den hours can be seen [here](#)

Year 9s start school on Thursday, 2 February, 2023, with the full school in on the next day – Friday, 3 February.



## Stationery orders open now



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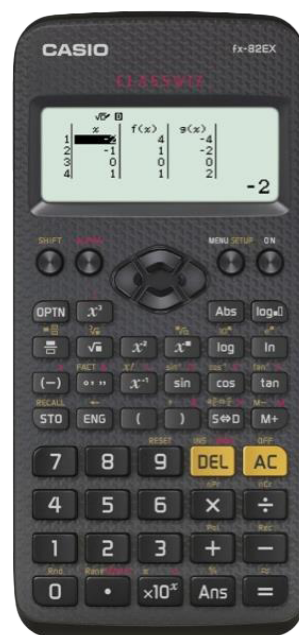
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## Donate your unwanted calculator

Students who know they will not need or use a graphics calculator after they leave school are encouraged to donate them to MAGS.

They can then be lent out to students in years 11-13 for whom the cost might be challenging or to those who have lost or forgotten theirs for tests and exams.

Calculators can be dropped off at the Student Centre at any time in the next few weeks.



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## 2022 Albertian orders close December 5

Our Finance Department is now taking orders for The Albertian 2022, which will be available in 2023.

Orders close on December 5.

The yearbook can be delivered to Year 13 students, rather than picked up from MAGS, for a small extra cost. Please click [here](#) and fill out the form to order your copy of The Albertian 2022.



The Albertian  
2022

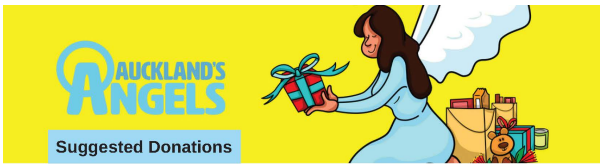
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## Helping City Mission spread the love

MAGS is helping the Auckland City Mission to support families through Christmas, a time that can be a struggle for many households around Auckland.

Students can donate non-perishable food and new gifts to help the Auckland City Mission make Christmas magical for families in need.

Last year, the Mission gave out 36,000 gifts to tamariki and 10,930 Christmas food parcels



### Suggested Donations

#### Food Parcel Items

Below is a list of non-perishable items that go into Mission food parcels at Christmas time:

- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Baked beans, tinned soup and tinned spaghetti
- Tinned meat and fish
- Pasta sauce, pasta and rice
- Breakfast cereal and muesli bars
- Spreads, such as jam, peanut butter or honey
- Flour and sugar
- Christmas treats, such as mince pies, biscuits and chocolate
- Baby food
- Nappies
- Toiletries, such as soap, shampoo, deodorant and feminine hygiene products

#### Gift Ideas

Donations of **new, unwrapped** gifts for children and teenagers are hugely appreciated. Please do not gift clothes as it is difficult to allocate sizes. Here are a few popular gift ideas:

##### Infants

Rattles, night lights, bath toys, teething rings

##### Toddlers

Bath toys, puzzles, soft toys, Duplo, pull-along toys

##### Primary School

Puzzles, dress-ups, dolls/action figures, Lego, craft kits, toy cars, animal figurines

##### Teenagers

Sports ball, scarfs, hats, beach towels, toiletries, gift voucher or Prezzy card

##### Family/All Ages

Board games, books, stationery, reusable drink bottles, toiletries, gift voucher or Prezzy card

We can only accept **new** items for Christmas gifts. Quite often this is the only present a child is receiving, so we want to make sure they receive something that's just for them and not pre-loved.

While gift donations should be left unwrapped, the Mission is always grateful for donations of tape and wrapping paper!

We suggest a budget of about \$10-\$20 per gift.



to Aucklanders who would otherwise have gone without.

**Collection bins are located in the Student Centre so drop off any donations there.**

Please click on the poster at left to see suitable food or gift donations.

Donations will be accepted until Tuesday, December 6.

## Sports Update

### Touch Juniors finish third



Our Junior Boys and Girls Touch teams both finished third at AKSS after winning their zones to qualify.

You can see a photo essay of the Girls' tournament [here](#) and the Boys' [here](#) with both played at Cox's Bay.



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