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

As this academic year comes to a close, we are delighted to be confirming our Prefects for 2022 – the year of our Centennial Celebrations.

The past 18 months has seen the school needing to lean on its student leaders like never before. Throughout this year our current Prefects have reached out to the MAGS community, providing connection and reassurance during the drawn out lockdown period. They have simply been outstanding!

Their presence, whether virtually or in person, has ensured our MAGS culture has remained intact. They have provided great confidence to their community.

But it is now time for the baton to be passed to our new leaders – the Prefects of 2022. They can take great confidence from the foundation laid through the work of their predecessors.

Next year is sure to be filled with further challenges. We are equally sure our Prefects-elect are up for that challenge.



Congratulations to our Centennial MAGS Prefects! What a year ahead we have!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

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Tuesday, December 14
NCEA Exams end

Wednesday, December 15
Girls Academic Testing
(8.30am-12.00pm) and Sports
Academy Trials (12.30pm-
2.30pm).

Thursday, December 16
Boys Academic Testing
(8.30am-12.00pm) and Sports
Academy Trials (12.30pm-
2.30pm)

Friday, January 28
Senior Re-Enrolment

Wednesday, February 2
Year 9 students only
start school

Thursday, February 3
Full school in

Monday, February 7
Waitangi Day Holiday
observed

Interform competition wraps up school year



Our Juniors had a joyous and energetic end to the year as the Interform Competition wrapped up on Finals Day today and yesterday.

Year 9 Boys and Girls and Year 10 Boys and Girls fought it out for prizes of pizza lunches or a trip to the movies on their finals days.

Points gained in the finals day challenges were added to those gathered throughout the year and the winning form classes announced. The year-long competition is a fun series of challenges, with classes gaining points depending on their placings in each event. Extra points are given for participation, support, fair play and teamwork.



The competition – overseen by Phys Ed Teacher Ms Ripley – includes both academic and sporting challenges, and aims to help junior students settle into high school life and get to know each other and the school, while learning new skills and games.

On Finals Day, they played games such as Tug of War, Long Ball, Killer Ball, Harsh Ball and Ultimate Frisbee.

Overall winners will be treated to a movie, while the winners on finals day get a pizza lunch. This year, 09SIG (pictured below) won Year 9 Boys overall, and 09CVN won on Finals Day. Overall winner for Year 9 Girls was 09KNA (pictured above), who were first-equal with 09BLY on Finals Day.

Overall winner for Year 10 Boys was 10GIB, who also won Finals Day.

Overall Year 10 Girls winner was 10FRS, who also won the Year 9 Girls competition last year as 09FRS. The Finals Day winner was 10WLR.

You can see more photos from Finals Day and the final points tally [here](#)



Congratulations to our 2022 Prefects

MAGS is very excited to announce the leadership group who have been chosen from an exceptional field of students through a rigorous process.

The Prefect's role carries great responsibility around service leadership and guardianship of our school culture. All 2022 Prefects must attend the compulsory Prefects Camp next year (January 25 to January 27) to be held at MAGS' School House.

Congratulations to all our 2022 Prefects on their appointment. We trust that the 2022 Year 13 student body will support this group in their significant role.



2022 Prefects:

Jackson Absolum-Leuluso'o, Dani Ah Chee-Wilson, Kaemon Ah Kuoi-Simich, Vincent Ah Soon, Sonia Airehrour, Hannah Brook, Natalie Brook, Nick Bryan, Ruby Burge, Molly Cavanagh, Manas Chigurukota, Isaac Chisholm, Pipiana Coventon, Loriele Cowley, Max Cumberpatch, Max Davison, Wesley Donald, Alexander Fitzpatrick, Alonso Fitzpatrick, Nishera Gnanendra, Lily Gracie, Lara Grozev, Ben Hellriegel, Devendra Johnston, Nyra Kanwar, Greeshma Kasuganti, Bella Krikorian, Jessica Lal, Tabea Leonhardt, Nicholas Levy, Josh Li, Chengyi Bill Liu, Cam MacGillivray, Lucy Makinson Jack Millar, Soana Musie, Isaiah Nin, Hope Nomani, Zahnia Papali'I, Anh Minh Pam Pham, Calvin Pooley, Aleisha Roulston, Riki Ruben, Misha Simpson, Ben Skelton, Ella Sutton, Lukasz Swain, Al Tahir, Danae Tait, Lucy Taylor, Bree Tipene, Sharon Tomokino, Eva Wadsworth, Harrison Wills, Taine Wilson, Callum Wishart, Vivienne Hei Man Wong, Catalina Young

School closedown/reopening

Mount Albert Grammar School will soon be closing down for the school holidays, while continuing to host NCEA Exams until December 14.

The Student Centre will be closed from Wednesday, December 8, and re-open on Wednesday, February 2.

The Enrolment Office closes on Friday, December 10 and will be open again on Monday, 24 January, 2022. Mount Albert Grammar School enrolments should be done online [here](#)

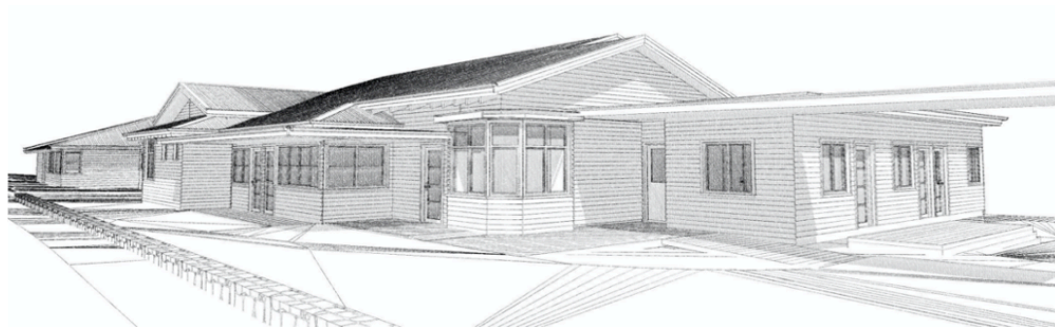
The Finance Office is open until Thursday, December 9, and re-opens on Wednesday, February 2. Payments can be made online via the [Kamar Portal](#)

The International Office closes on Thursday, December 16, and it will open again on Monday, January 17, 2022.

The last day the Lion's Den uniform shop will be open is Thursday, December 16 (3pm – 6pm). It will reopen on Monday, January 10, 2022 (9am-1pm). For the shop's full hours, click [here](#)

Year 9s start school on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 with the full school in on the next day – Thursday, February 3.

Girls Hostel inviting applications



We are excited to announce that from Term 2, 2022 we will be able to offer our girls the opportunity to board at Mount Albert Grammar School in Centennial House. The newly refurbished property can accommodate up to 28 female students and is located in a safe and beautiful residential street – six minutes' walk from school. If your daughter would like the opportunity to join the MAGS hostel experience, please contact Clare Leon-Brown cleonbrown@mags.school.nz

Centenary Celebrations survey



With Covid-19 making event-planning difficult, our Centenary Celebrations chair Dale Griffiths is canvassing the opinions of Albertians about how they would like to celebrate our Centenary next year.

Among the options being considered are shifting the entire week-long programme from May to September or breaking the events up throughout the school year. You can take part in the survey [here](#)

Upcoming Albertians AGM

The Albertians Association will hold their Annual General Meeting on December, 14. 2021 at 6pm at Sal Rose, 1A Alberton Ave, Mt Albert.

Election of the Albertians Executive Officers and Members will be completed, as well as confirmation of the Trustees for the MAGS Foundation.

This is an open invitation to any ex-students who wish to attend the AGM. We would

appreciate it if you could confirm your attendance to magsalbertians@gmail.com as the AGM will be followed by a Christmas gathering.

We will be following government guidelines for this event and ask that you please show your vaccine passport on arrival.

School Sport 2022

Student participation in school sports teams is encouraged and an integral part of our MAGS school culture. Any student wishing to participate in NZSS school sport in 2022 needs to be aware of the following information received by the school today:

"The board of School Sport NZ have confirmed that all School Sport NZ sanctioned events in Term 1 2022 (including the Term 1 holidays) will be restricted to fully vaccinated participants, aged 12 and over, only. Where practicable, this mandate extends to spectators attending also. This decision will be reviewed post-Summer Tournament Week 2022 and taking into account the latest Government advice.

"The Covid Protection Framework comes into effect on Friday, 3rd December. In preparation for the changes to how sport will be delivered under the Framework, School Sport NZ consulted with member Principals and its Sport partners."



Aquatic Centre has reopened



Mt Albert Aquatic Centre staff have advised that they are excited to have finally reopened their doors today in line with the Government's new Covid-19 Protection Framework. For those of our wider community who are users of the Mt Albert Aquatic Centre, please be aware that from now on all patrons (12 years+) **MUST** provide proof of vaccination upon entry and follow the current public health orders and latest information from Auckland Council. Click [here](#) to learn more about the My Vaccine Pass.

The restrictions below will be in place:

- Bookings are required for wave pool swimming
- The centre will be operating to density limits following 1 person per 1sq m rules
- Masks are mandatory when visiting the centre; they can only be removed when in the pool
- Check-in is required upon entry
- Waves, hydroslide, sauna, steam rooms will not be operating.
- Showers will not operate under red light

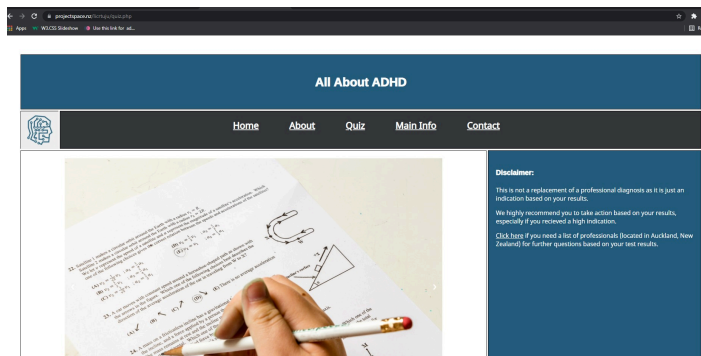
This is subject to change in line with revisions from the government.

Please note that in 2022, any restrictions, as above, will **also apply to any of our MAGS students** who may be using the Mt Albert Aquatic Centre pool as part of their PE lessons or their Outdoor Education Programme.

Programmers on their game

MAGS participated in the 123Tech competition for the first time in 2021 under the guidance and mentorship of Ms Rinkoo Bharani, Digital Technologies Teacher. Year 11 student Sahil Kirpalani made it through as a National Finalist under the Solo category through wildcard entry. The final results are due to be announced soon. 123Tech is New Zealand's digital challenge for school students built around the successful TechHub Challenge. Through this, students complete a project-based challenge to solve a problem in society.

Sahil made a website for awareness of ADHD in society and how it can affect people diagnosed with it, and also its lesser-known creative benefits. This year, around 12 MAGS students participated in the competition from year 11 to 13. Of these, seven students were recognised for their fantastic work: Finn De Lange, Alex Horst, Callum Wishart, Sahil Kirpalani, Ollie Lynas, Nick Lees and Anatol Coen.



Academic Testing and Sports Academy Trials

Please be aware that due to current Covid restrictions, only Year 8 students are allowed on site.

Parents/caregivers are not allowed on the school grounds. Please ensure you drop off and pick up your child at the school gate.

All Year 9 2022 students will be involved in MAGS academic testing as follows:

Academic Testing

Held at Mount Albert Grammar School, please assemble outside the Main Hall at **8.30am**. Bring pen/pencil, water bottle and a light snack.

Girls

Academic Testing – Wednesday, 15 December, 8.30am to 12:00pm (including a break).

Sports Academy Trials – Wednesday, 15 December, 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

Boys

Academic Testing – Thursday, 16 December, 8.30am to 12:00pm (including a break)

Sports Academy Trials – Thursday, 16 December, 12.30pm to 2.30pm

If your child is participating in the Sports Academy Trials – please ensure they bring their correct sports attire and lunch, water etc.



Job opportunities and apprenticeships

The following opportunities are available to apply for **NOW**. School leavers interested in any of the below please email Mrs Connor – jconnor@mags.school.nz

Amenity Horticulture (Urban Gardening) – Apprenticeship

Business Apprenticeship program – Scholarship available

Electrical – Apprenticeship

Electrical – fabrication switch/control gear (keen to learn use of hand and power tools)

Outdoor Equipment – Junior Technician – servicing outdoor power

Equipment including mowers. Ultimately becoming an Apprentice and qualifying in “ Small Engines”.

Construction – concrete specialist – foundations, driveways, hard landscaping etc. Junior role, leading to qualification and supervisor role.

Mast – Marine & Specialised Tech – covering:

- Marine – boatbuilding, marine systems engineering, powerboat systems, sail-making, interior and exterior coatings, marine electrical, marine interiors, upholstery
- Composites – working with carbon fibre and fibreglass in composite production over a wide range of industries such as aeronautical, architecture, military, automotive and marine
- Marina – boatyard and marina operations

Tiling Company – learning the basics with scope for career development.

Arborist – well-paid apprenticeship opportunity available (tree cutting/pruning)

Engineering – Machine turning and sheet metal workers sought (two roles).

Apprenticeships available to those keen and motivated.

Furniture Making – Woodworker – learning to build custom furniture. Apprenticeship available to motivated student.

Upholsterer – learning the skill of cutting and covering new furniture. Apprenticeship available to keen student.

Civil Construction (Roading) – labouring job opportunities available.

Barcats – part time and permanent hospo roles available. No experience necessary.

Maintenance Company – Hiring now: painters, builders, waterproofing tech, roofers etc.

Several opportunities available – good starting pay plus training provided.

Joinery Company (Henderson) – offering a position to a school leaver interested in doing bespoke joinery.

Construction

Warehousing

Hospitality

Security

Roofing

Demolition

Steel Framing

Formwork/Concreting

Air conditioning Installers – apprenticeship available.

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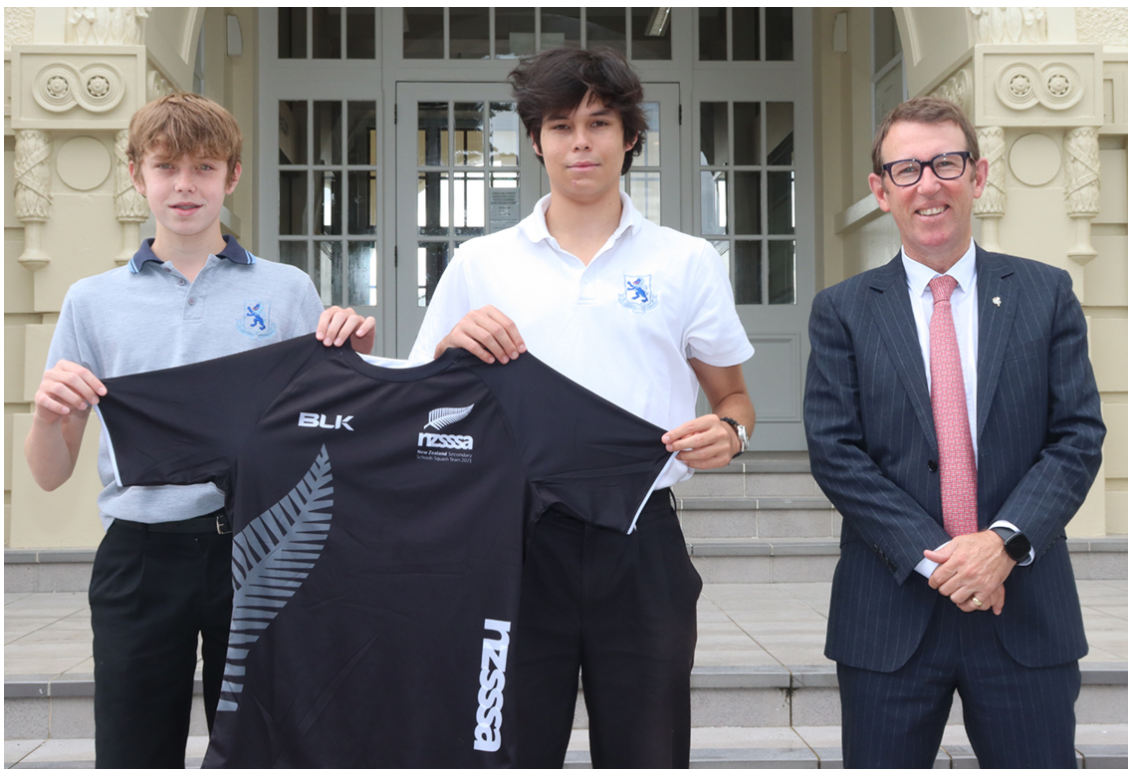


You can now order stationery for 2022, and choose to have it delivered straight away or next year.

Get your stationery order started by clicking [here](#)

Sports Update

Pair selected for National Squash team



Back in August, Riley McCracken (pictured left) and Tarin Love were named in the NZ Secondary Schools team but have only just recently received their representative kit.

They were named in the NZ team following the conclusion of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Teams Squash Championship held in Tauranga, at which MAGS finished 6th. Riley was named in the Junior team, and Tarin in the Seniors. The NZ team normally plays against a number of the Australian Secondary School State Teams and then a best-of-three test match series against the Australian team. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, the Test series and associated matches have not been played.

Student Sport Spotlight



In the [Student Sport Spotlight](#), the Sports Department highlights students who are hard-working, positive and uphold the 'MAGS Way' values.

Students are nominated then the Sports Department chooses who will have the spotlight focused on them.

Those selected answer some questions about themselves and their sport.

This week, the spotlight is on archer and footballer Hannah Jordan.

You can read all about Hannah [here](#)

Coaching offered for athletes

The Auckland City Athletics Club is looking for students to join their [Central Hub Squad](#) for Year 9 and Year 10 athletes run on Sundays at 10am.

These athletes can also go to the [club nights](#) on Wednesdays from 6pm for electronically timed events. All at Mt Smart Stadium, \$120 per athlete for a 10-week block.

Also, Auckland City Athletics Club Coach [Sammy Berryman](#) can run a squad for at least 10

MAGS athletes at a preferred track location (Lovelock Track or Mt Smart Stadium). Athletes can access club nights for electronically timed events on Wednesdays from 6pm at Mt Smart. These sessions will be sprint (and maybe some long jump)-focused unless there is enough interest for other disciplines. \$160 per athlete for a 10-week block. Anyone is welcome to have a free trial session. If you would like more information, please contact Simon Yarrow on auckland.city.athletics@gmail.com or 021 411 290.

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