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9th-14th May 2022



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From the Headmaster

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Takatū



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Monday, December 7

Year 10 Prizegiving, 1.30pm,
FW Gamble Hall

Tuesday, December 8

Year 9 Prizegiving, 9.30am,
FW Gamble Hall

Wednesday, December 9

NCEA Exams end

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

This week saw all Year 9 and 10 students introduced to 'Takatū' – our new Mount Albert Grammar School Haka.

This haka has been gifted to the school by our own Matua Peter Walters, a MAGS teacher and award-winning composer. Takatū was developed with the assistance of our Deputy Head Boy, Niuia Pomare-Khanna, who helped to devise the actions.

We are planning to teach the haka across all Year Levels in the school and use it to usher in our 100th year as a school and beyond. Takatū translates to 'Stand to Attention' and challenges our students to channel their mental focus and come together as one.

The performances of 'Takatū' throughout the week were a powerful statement about the MAGS of today. Students from diverse backgrounds standing together to celebrate our school culture, their own identity and affirming us as a bicultural nation.

Thank you to Matua Peter and Whaea Waimirangi Paul, and our Te Puna o Wairaka student leaders for the creation of this haka – a



Sport

Photo Essay

Cricket Boys 1st XI v King's College, T20 Final



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Sports registrations for 2021

taonga for our MAGS community.

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Enjoy the weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Fixtures and results

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Junior Inter-Form winners revealed



On Tuesday and Wednesday, there were plenty of hard-fought contests as Finals Day wrapped up the 2020 Junior School Inter-Form Class Competition, with prizes of pizza lunches or a trip to the movies up for grabs. For Year 9 Boys and Girls and Year 10 Boys and Girls, points gained in the finals day challenges were added to those gathered throughout the year and the winning form classes were 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 team work.

The competition includes both academic, arts 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 – overseen by Physical Education Teacher Ms Ripley – they played games such as Tug of War, Long Ball and Killer Ball, and variations on Basketball, Hockey and Football.

Overall winners are treated to a movie, while the winners on finals day get a pizza lunch. This year, 09CGL (Year 9 Boys) won overall and shared top place on finals day with 09GRW. So 09GRW get pizza lunch, and 09CGL go to a movie and score the pizza.

Overall winner for Year 9 Girls was 09FRS, and they took out the finals day.

Overall winner for Year 10 Boys was 10NYR, while 10DAL won finals day.

Overall Year 10 Girls winner was 10NOM, who also won the sporting challenges on finals day.

For more photos and full results, click [here](#)

Juniors working on haka



This week, the Junior School spent more time practising the new school haka Takatū, culminating in a performance by Year 9 and 10 Boys in the Caradus Quad this morning. HOF Te Puna o Wairaka Ms Paul and teacher Mr Walters – along with Junior Te Puna students – have been working with the Juniors as they practise and hone their haka skills. The plan is to have the whole school learn this haka through 2021, ahead of our Centenary. Takatū roughly translates to 'Stand to Attention', and the haka has been written to prepare our students for challenges and rally us together.



Farm a finalist in conservation awards



The outstanding work done on cleaning up and replanting the stream on the ASB MAGS Farm was one of the finalists for the Auckland Mayoral Conservation Awards 2020. Year 11 student Eva Wadsworth (pictured centre) was the outstanding leader of the Environment Club this year who, every week, went to either look after previous plantings or do more planting. Agriculture and Horticulture Teacher Mr Fullerton said, "Sadly we did not win but the winners for each of the three sections were outstanding. It was really good to be there showing the flag for our school MAGS."

Reminder to empty lockers

Please be aware that student lockers must be emptied and locks removed before students leave for the year. Any remaining locks will be removed during the holidays and any contents stored at the Student Centre for collection next year. Students will need to purchase a new locker next year if they want one.

Challenging time in the Kaimais



Outdoor Education develops personal characteristics through outdoor pursuits with multi-day camps providing the most effective way of doing this.

Outdoor Ed Teacher Mr Whitehead said, "Last week, 110 students participated in two camps in the Kaimai Ranges near Karangahake Gorge. Students slept in tents, prepared and cooked all of their food, participated in group initiative activities such as using each other to climb over a 4m wall, fill a punctured drum with water and build a raft. They also took part in an overnight tramp, a river traverse, river tubing, archery and night activities.



"The students were a pleasure to take away and made the most of the opportunities given to them.

"Thank you to the staff who helped make the camps so successful – Claudia Goff and Nadine Mackinnon for their work on the four-day Adventure Camp, Maika Hemera and Reuben Ploeg for their work on the three-day Outdoor Camp, and Andy Belson, Josh Bougen and Chelsea Ripley for their work on both camps."

School closedown and re-opening dates

Mount Albert Grammar School will close on Wednesday, 9 December after the final NCEA Exam that day.

Main Reception:

Closed from Thursday, 10 December and will open again on Thursday, 28 January, 2021.

Finance Office:

Closed from Thursday, 10 December 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 from Thursday, 10 December and will open again on Tuesday, 2 February, 2021.

Enrolment Office:

Closed from Thursday, 10 December and will open again on Wednesday, 20 January, 2021. Mount Albert Grammar School enrolments should be done online [here](#)

International Office:

Closed from Monday, 14 December, and 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:

Closed from Friday, 18 December and will open again on Monday, 11 January, 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](#)

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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.



Stationery lists for 2021 available

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The Archive needs your help



Our Assistant Archivist Mr Cave has discovered a trove of photos – from the 1960s to the 1990s – like the ones above and below that don't have names. Some of the photos are identified, some not.

Mr Cave would like to enlist the help of Albertians who could provide more detail about the

photos, including names and dates.

There are more photos like these on the MAGS website [here](#), and if you have any information about the photos, could you please email Mr Cave gcave@mags.school.nz



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

Nick Bryan off to NZ rowing camp

Year 11 student Nick Bryan (pictured second from left) has been invited to the Rowing NZ U19 camp, taking place at Lake Karapiro from 14-16 December.

The camp is the first stage of the selection process for the national team.



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