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SCHOOL IS OPEN ON MONDAY AS NORMAL

From the Headmaster

Key Dates

A Flying Start!



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

The wheels of MAGS are once again turning with the arrival of students back onto the school site.

Year 9s, as our newest Albertians, were welcomed by pōhiri on Tuesday ahead of the return of all students on Wednesday.

Despite the delayed start to the academic year, it is encouraging to see how quickly our students have settled into the business of learning.

We were delighted to receive notification of the success of MAGS students in the 2022 New Zealand Scholarship Examinations. A total of 118 NZ Scholarships were gained by our students – only three schools in New Zealand achieved a better result!

Special congratulations goes to our 2022 Girls Dux – **Deboprana Mallick** – who is one of only 11 New Zealand Premier Award Winners. Deboprana achieved Scholarship in seven subjects – three of these at 'Outstanding' level. Deboprana will travel to Wellington to personally receive her Premier Scholar Award from the Prime Minister.

2022 Boys Dux **Wesley Donald** along with **Karen Zheng** also gained 'Outstanding Scholar Awards', which place them in the top 70 students in the country!

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Thursday, February 16

Swimming Sports Championships, Mt Albert Aquatic Centre

Friday, February 17

Scholars Assembly, F.W. Gamble Hall, 9.45am

Wednesday, February 22

Athletics Championships, Lovelock Track

Friday, February 24

Senior Leadership Assembly, F.W. Gamble Hall, 2.25pm

Sport

We salute the extraordinary academic achievement of these students along with all their fellow MAGS Scholarship winners. Congratulations on gaining the highest qualification possible in New Zealand schools.

We will be in contact with the community as weather events unfold in the days ahead. All the best for managing the challenges as best as possible.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Trials and Registrations

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Fixtures and Results

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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



Oustanding Scholarship results



2022 Girls and Boys Dux Deboprana Mallick and Wesley Donald, pictured with Professor Peter Phillips, were among our best performers in Scholarship exams.

MAGS students have delivered some of our best Scholarship results, with our 2022 Girls Dux Deboprana Mallick winning a Premier Award and 2022 Boys Dux Wesley Donald being named an Outstanding Scholar along with Yujia Karen Zheng (pictured right).



They were among 15 MAGS students who gained Scholarship Awards (worth \$2000 each year for up to three years) and whose names will go up on our Honours Board in the F.W. Gamble Hall. All together, MAGS students gained 118 Scholarships with 15 of those at Outstanding level, placing MAGS fourth in NZ.

Deboprana's Premier Award places her among the top 11 scholars in the country and is worth \$10,000 a year for up to three years of tertiary study.

She earned Outstanding Scholarships in Calculus, Earth and Space Science and Economics; and Scholarships in Chemistry, English, Physics and Statistics.

Wesley and Yujia Karen are among the top 70 scholars in the country and their Outstanding Scholar Awards are worth \$5000 a year for up to three years.

Wesley earned Outstanding Scholarships in Statistics and Calculus; and Scholarships in Chemistry, Physics and Geography. Yujia Karen earned Outstanding Scholarships in English and Chinese; and Scholarships in Physics and Calculus.

Our other Scholarship Award winners were Alexandra Barker (Biology, History, Classical Studies), Anatol Coen (French, Physics (O), Calculus), Emma Cook (Dance, Economics, History), George Cooper (English, Biology, History), Max Davison (Biology, Calculus, Geography, Religious Studies), Nishera Gnanendra (English, Statistics, Religious Studies), Greeshma Kasuganti (Biology, Statistics, Religious Studies (O), Geography), Yasmin Lakeman (Biology, Statistics (O), Calculus), Alan Li (Physics, Calculus, Accounting), Oliver Tang (Earth & Space Science, Statistics, Calculus), Eva Wadsworth (Biology (O), Statistics, Health & Physical Education), Vivienne Hei Man Wong (Statistics, Calculus, Accounting).

Year 9s kick off school year



About 700 excited Year 9s had their first day at MAGS on Tuesday as the school year finally got underway.

The Year 9s gathered in the Albertian Quad before entering the F.W. Gamble Hall and being greeted with a haka by Te Puna o Wairaka students as part of a pōhiri led by Matua Pete Walters.



Teacher Leti Maupese, who is starting in the PE and Health Department this year, spoke on behalf of the new staff, while Dave Murdoch (brother of former Deputy Principal Tom Murdoch) spoke on behalf of new parents. He has a daughter who started as a Year 9 that day. Headmaster Mr Drumm welcomed the new staff and students, saying everyone was

excited about beginning a new school year and building on the strong traditions of the first 100 years of MAGS.

After they were assigned mentor classes, Peer Support leaders helped the Year 9s to get to know each other and guided them around the school grounds.

Before lunchtime, the Year 9s had their first assembly where they were informed of MAGS' values and guided through the school hymn by Albertian Tali Meavale. They were also introduced to Year 9 Deans Chris D'Souza and Jignesh Keshoor (pictured above), and Deputy Principals Sarah Hayes and Toby Powell, who are responsible for the Junior School.

Following lunch, the Year 9s rejoined their Peer Support Leaders for more orientation. You can see more photos from the day [here](#)



Touch rugby coach honoured

Congratulations to our Premier Mixed Touch Coach Peter Walters (Te Rarawa, Te Aupōuri), who has been made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit

Mr Walters has coached, played and developed touch rugby all over New Zealand and across 31 countries, raising the profile of the sport and developing skills, knowledge and resources.

He is the founder of Galaxy Touch Club, established in Auckland in 1987, which is the largest touch rugby club worldwide with more than 120 teams in 30 cities and 14 countries.

He is the most capped player in touch rugby, representing New Zealand in nine World Cups and winning three. He has been a member of 35 winning national championship teams, with 20 consecutive gold medals for Auckland.

He received the Coach of the Year award at the Māori Sports Awards in 1999 and the Tohu Motuhake in 2011. Mr Walters received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Touch New Zealand in 2019.



Opportunities for all students in the Arts

There are musters next week (February 13-17) for any students interested in taking part in a wide variety of Arts groups:

MONDAY 13TH FEB

SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE GROUP

When: Lunchtime

Where: PA03 Drama Room

MAGS INDIAN GROUP

When: Lunchtime

Where: N02

SAMOAN UNITY GROUP

WHEN: Lunchtime

WHERE: MH03

THEATRESPORTS

WHEN: 3.15pm

WHERE: PA03

TUESDAY 14TH FEB

JAZZ BAND AND JUNIOR JAZZ BAND

WHEN Lunchtime

WHERE: E9

CHAMBER GROUPS

WHEN: Lunchtime

WHERE: E8

ART FOR THE PLANET MOVEMENT GROUP

WHEN: Lunchtime

WHERE: E2

WEDNESDAY 15TH FEB

CHOIR MUSTER

CENTENNIAL BOYS CHOIR – JUNIORS

WHEN: Period 3



WHERE : HALL

CENTENNIAL BOYS CHOIR – SENIORS

WHEN: Period 4

WHERE : HALL

GLORIANA GIRLS CHOIR – SENIORS

WHEN: Period 5

WHERE: HALL

GLORIANA GIRLS CHOIR – JUNIORS

WHEN: 3.15pm- seniors to stay

WHERE: HALL

THURSDAY 16TH FEB

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CONCERT BAND

WHEN: Lunchtime

WHERE: E9

FRIDAY 17TH FEB

JUNIOR CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

PROGRAMME

WHEN: Lunchtime

WHERE: E9

CHINESE UNITY GROUP

WHEN: Lunchtime

WHERE: L4

TONGAN UNITY GROUP

WHEN: Lunchtime

WHERE: MH3



**Please check year announcements
classroom pages for more details or, for
clarification, contact Director of Arts
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Sign up for music lessons online

Students can now sign up online for music lessons for one of the following instruments:
Piano, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Drums & Percussion, Guitar, Singing (Vocals), Bass
Guitar, Flute, Saxophone, Trombone, Clarinet, Oboe, Trumpet, French Horn, Tuba

The Music Lessons Registration Form is [here](#)



MAGSROW Quiz Night next Saturday

Don't miss the MAGSROW Quiz Night next Saturday (February 18) at 6pm in the F.W. Gamble Hall, with its theme of the Roaring Twenties.

Grab some friends and come and put your general knowledge to the test, and enjoy a delicious dinner from Paella Pan (included in your \$50 ticket price), purchase a drink or two, listen to the witty banter of MC Matt Heath and peruse auction items including weekend stays at baches, special hire of an MX-5 convertible, a night at The Convent Hotel, or an evening's entertainment in Ponsonby.

Dressing up in the "Roaring Twenties" theme is optional but there are prizes for the best dressed.

Proceeds from the quiz night will support the MAGS rowing squad to continue their medal-winning

performances at local and national regattas by funding the maintenance and purchase of

A poster for the MAGSROW Quiz Night Fundraiser. At the top is the MAGSROW logo, which features a blue shield with a yellow lion and a yellow banner below it that says 'MAGSROW'. The background of the poster is a golden, textured surface. The text on the poster is as follows:

**MAGSROW QUIZ NIGHT
ROARING TWENTIES
FUNDRAISER**

Get your Great Gadsby glad-rags on
for a night of fun & games
inspired by the styles of the Golden Age of Jazz!

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Prizes for the best team costumes
& the 'Roaring Twenties' King & Queen.
The winning quiz team will take away the coveted Golden Oar.

TICKETS \$50 PER PERSON - \$500 TABLE /TEAM OF 10
Ticket includes food from Paella Pan
Drinks, including wine & beer, available for purchase
18+ CASH & EFTPOS ONLY. PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY

SILENT AUCTIONS & RAFFLES WITH GREAT PRIZES TO WIN
Funds raised will go towards new & improved equipment
MAGS HALL - DOORS OPEN 6PM

For tickets email: paul.ahkuoi@gmail.com
LIMITED NUMBERS AVAILABLE - LAST DAY FOR TICKET SALES 13TH FEBRUARY

new boats and equipment.

For more information, or to secure your ticket, email paul.ahkuoi@gmail.com

Assistance for flood-affected families



MAGS is running collections for those in our community affected by the recent flooding. There will be collection bins in the Student Centre for the next week or so, and students who are in a position to help should place their contributions there.

The following items are needed:

- Bedding (sheets, pillows), blankets, towels
- Food items (e.g. canned goods, flour, noodles)
- Cleaning supplies (e.g. mops)
- Toiletries
- Kitchen items (e.g. plates, cutlery, rubbish bags)
- Appliances (e.g. dehumidifiers)
- Uniforms

If you would prefer to donate money, you can donate to the Lion Fund [here](#) and help out families at school who may now be struggling with beginning of year costs like uniforms.

More historical images on website



Our archivist Mr Murphy is back with more historical images uploaded to the MAGS website.

This one, from Set 81, shows a tree, near the Library, that was gifted to the School by the Lions of 2006.

The message they left on a plaque showed a wisdom beyond their years: 'The true meaning of life is to plant trees under which you do not expect to sit.'

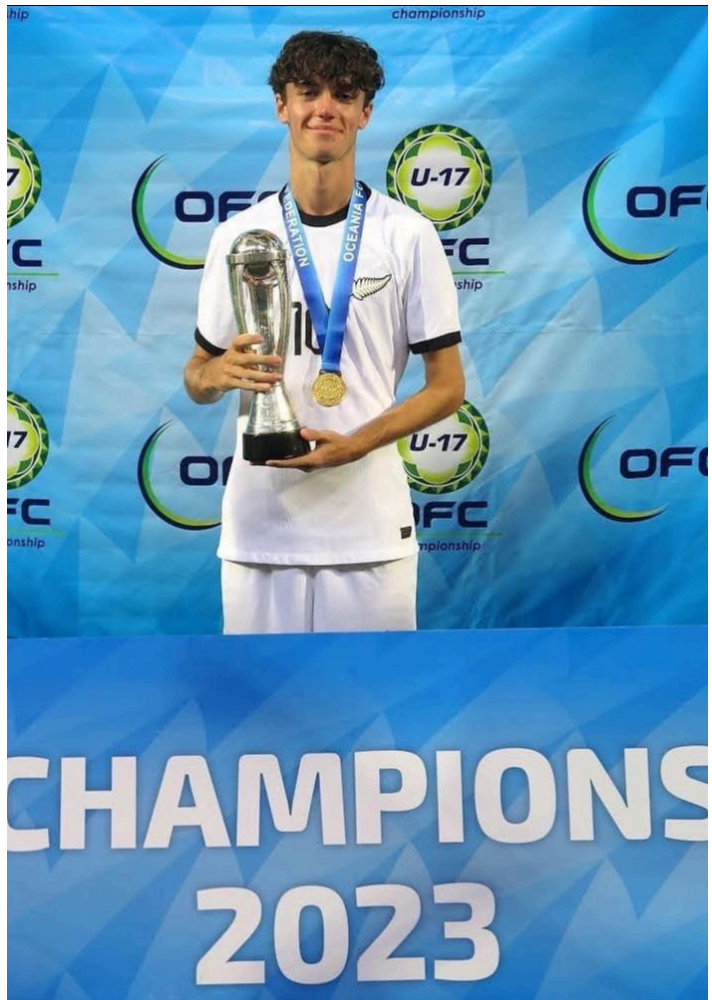
You can see more historical images like this [here](#)

Sports Update

Footballer in Word Cup qualifier win

Congratulations to James Ray (pictured right), who was part of the NZ squad that won the Oceania U17 World Cup Qualifiers in Fiji last month to progress to the U-17 FIFA World Cup in Peru in November.

NZ won all their games in the nine-team tournament and took out the final 1-0 against New Caledonia.



Rowers' medal haul at club champs



Pictured above: Winners of the Women's Club Coxless Pair Oars Olivia Tattersfield and Lily Curnow with Senior Girls Coach India Mattocks.

A gold-medal winning row in the Women's Club Coxless Pair Oars was one of four medal finishes for MAGS at the North Island Rowing Championships.

Lily Curnow and Olivia Tattersfield held the lead throughout the 2km race at Lake Karapiro, winning the A Final in a time of 7:46.84, ahead of a strong field including Hamilton Rowing Club in second and Petone Rowing Club in third.

This year's North Island Rowing Championships attracted more than 2060 competitors from 39 clubs and 54 secondary schools across New Zealand.

In the Men's Club Coxed Four A Final, the MAGSROW crew won silver, with Luke Sanders, Max Jarvie, Fraser MacGillivray, Ethan Green and cox Hamish Toogood.

MAGS rowers also put in medal-winning performances in the Men's Club Coxless Pair Oars with Fraser MacGillivray and Ethan Green finishing third to take home bronze in the A Final, and Lily Curnow, Olivia Tattersfield, Ruby Schmulian, Nicole Nagaratnam and cox Guy Pinfold winning bronze in the A Final of the Women's Club Coxed Four.

Overall, MAGSROW crews, rowing as West End Rowing Club (WERC), qualified for 19 finals at the regatta, including 12 A Finals.

"It was a strong start to the year and it was great to see our rowers' hard work and training paying off," says James O'Sullivan, MAGSROW Assistant Director of Rowing. "It is always exciting to see our crews make the podium, and it was a real positive to see some strong finishes for the novice rowers in the squad in their first major national regatta."

Mr O'Sullivan, who previously competed with and coached the Blackrock College Rowing team and spent a year with Rowing Ireland as a Development Coach, is part of a strong MAGSROW coaching team taking over the squad from former Director of Rowing Alice Denyer.

MAGSROW will be running "Learn to Row" sessions in Term 2 for students looking to join the squad. More information will be shared in the School Notices and at www.magsrow.org.nz

Gold at Beach Volleyball Champs



The NZ Secondary School Beach Volleyball Champs were played in Mt Maunganui over Waitangi Weekend. With over 145 teams competing, MAGS was able to send three teams: two Senior Boys and one Year 11 Girls. The students have worked extremely hard over their December and January holiday break to train for this event and their efforts paid dividends. Our Senior Boys Division 1 pair of Hokioramai Dunn and Roy Tatupu finished 17th out of 44, Year 11 Girls pair Emina and Gianna Tiatia finished 11th out of 29, and the highlight of our trip was our second Senior Boys pair of Elijah Poliko and Isaiah Fale (pictured right) going through the tournament undefeated coming out champions and bringing home the gold medal in the Senior Boys Division 2 competition.



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