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From the Headmaster

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The Return of a Sporting Taonga!

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**Wednesday, February 23 and
Thursday, March 3**
Mentor Class Photos

Saturday, March 12
Centenary Cricket Match: Boys
1st XI v Auckland Grammar, at
MAGS

Thursday, March 24
Summer Sport Photos

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

The very early days of MAGS were
brought to life today with the return of
one of our earliest symbols of
sporting excellence.



The family of first day student
Reginald Harrop have loaned to the
school a 1924 Blue Cap, which was won by Reg as part of the 1924
Champion 1st XV Rugby Team (pictured below).

For almost 100 years, a 'Blue Cap' has been presented to MAGS
students who were individuals or members of teams that won an
Auckland championship sporting title.

It is impressive that less than three years after first opening in 1922,

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with 291 third, fourth and fifth formers (Years 9, 10 and 11), MAGS was already stamping its sporting prowess across the Auckland region.

Centennial 1st XV Captain and Prefect Riki Ruben was on hand to accept the cap from Paul and Sandy Harrop (pictured above). The cap will be displayed in the foyer of the school.

In our Centenary year, these artefacts of excellence carry special significance. We can look back with amazement at the early achievements of our young school and those first MAGS students who were quickly shaping the direction of our school.

And we can take great confidence into the present day as we continue to build on that culture of excellence.

Many thanks to Paul and Sandy Harrop for helping to enrich the MAGS story.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Cricket Boys 1st XI v
Westlake Boys
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MAGS Swimming Sports
Championships
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MAGS Athletics
Championships
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Revised Centenary Celebrations



Challenges thrown up by Delta and then Omicron have forced the Centennial Committee to shift some events planned for Centennial Week from early May to late September 2022.

Dale Griffiths, the Centennial Committee Chair, said this will hopefully allow many more Albertians to attend as restrictions ease and the borders open up.

Between now and September, a number of events will be held as part of MAGS' Centenary Year. While we would like as many Albertians as possible to attend, both the Committee and the School are bound by government Covid regulations so some events may be restricted in numbers.

The Winter Sports Day on Saturday, May 14, when many MAGS teams will play at home, will go ahead. A highlight of this will be the Centenary Rugby Game between MAGS and Auckland Grammar.

College Sport Auckland has placed limits on the numbers of spectators at the different traffic light levels, and we will abide by these rules.

If permitted, there will be an after-match function at MAGS following the games.

We have events planned throughout the year such as the dedication of the Greg Taylor Building on March 25, and on Thursday, April 14, when the annual Anzac Service will be held, with the new Centennial Walkway and its Roll of Honour being the focus of the event.

There are also plans in April for an event to honour our Academic Dean Warwick Gibbs, who has been with MAGS for 50 years and was named Albertian of the Year 2021.

A celebration of the Performing Arts is planned for Friday, August 12 and Saturday, August 13, with Albertians and students performing.

Centenary Week celebrations have been shifted to September, beginning with a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, September 25.

There will be other events during the week, culminating in a cocktail evening on Friday, September 30, and a formal dinner on Saturday, October 1.

Please register, if you haven't already, [here](#) to keep up to date with these events.



Centennial 1st XV Captain named



Congratulations to Riki Ruben, who has been named the Centennial 1st XV Captain for 2022.

Loose forward Riki has been a member of the 1st XV since 2020, when he debuted as a Year 11 student and has consistently been one of the team's best performers since. A vice-captain and the team's defensive leader in 2021, Riki was also awarded the 1st XV's Player of the Year Award and named Best Tackler in 1st XV Rugby.

First XV Coach Tony Hanks said, "I want to congratulate Riki and his family for this recognition. Riki is highly respected by coaches, staff and players for his work ethic and his passion for the school and the rugby program.

"Riki backs the high standards he sets with his own actions – he performs well in the classroom, is relentless in trainings and games and has been a central figure in building the culture of a team that has shown significant growth over the past 12 months."

Mr Hanks added: "Riki has embraced what is in front of us this season, our Centennial Year, and expectations are high after a top four finish in 2021. Riki is clearly the right young man to take the captaincy in 2022 and I look forward to working closely with him again this season."

International Prefects announced



On Tuesday, the first International Students Assembly was held, and the 2022 International Prefects introduced to their peers.

Anh Minh 'Pam' Pham and Chengyi 'Bill' Liu (who are pictured above with new Director of International Clare Leon-Brown and Mr Drumm) spoke to their peers at an outside gathering on the Centennial Walkway.

Pam, from Vietnam, came to MAGS in Year 11 so this is her third year here. She is focusing on Media Studies, English and Painting. At MAGS she has taken part in the Visual Arts Department's Board Show, and music concerts. Her plan for next year is to do a Bachelor of Media and Communications at AUT.

Bill, from China, is also in his third year, and is mainly focused on Music, playing with the Jazz Band and Concert Orchestra. He is also doing Photography. He will probably stay in Auckland to study Music.

Megacrew callback and choir auditions

MEGACREW

Following auditions this week, the Megacrew callbacks are on Monday, February 21, at 3.30pm in E9 & E10.

Also, for those who missed out this week, there are further choir auditions.

CENTENNIAL BOYS CHOIR

Wednesday, February 23, Period 3 in the Staffroom – all callbacks from previous week.
Period 4 (Staffroom) – all NEW boys Years 9-13.

GLORIANA GIRLS CHOIR

Wednesday, February 23, Period 5 (Staffroom) – all NEW girls.

PIANIST REQUIRED FOR GLORIANA CHOIR

Gloriana is seeking a pianist to accompany the choir for school-based rehearsals and

performances.

Skill-wise, we need someone Grade 8 (ABRSM or Trinity) or higher, with an interest in learning this skill set.

Must be available Wednesday from 3.10pm-5.30pm.

All inquiries to Director of Arts Jacqui Cesan jcesan@mags.school.nz



Music lesson online enrolments

Students must sign up online if they want music lessons this year.

We have moved entirely to digital enrolments for music lessons, and only enrolments submitted online will be considered.

Please complete the form and provide all the correct information to help us plan this programme.

You can click [here](#) for the Music Lessons Hub and click on 'Enrolment' to get started.



Vacancies at MAGS

Receptionist/Secretary

We are seeking an experienced receptionist/secretary to provide secretarial support to the Senior Leadership Team in conjunction with duties as the receptionist in the main school office.

This position is permanent, with hours of work 8.00am to 4.00 pm, during school term time only.

Click [here](#) for the job description, and [here](#) to download a copy of the application form.

Gateway Co-Ordinator/Careers Administration

We are looking for an experienced person to join the Careers Department to co-ordinate the Gateway programme and provide administration support to the Head of Department.

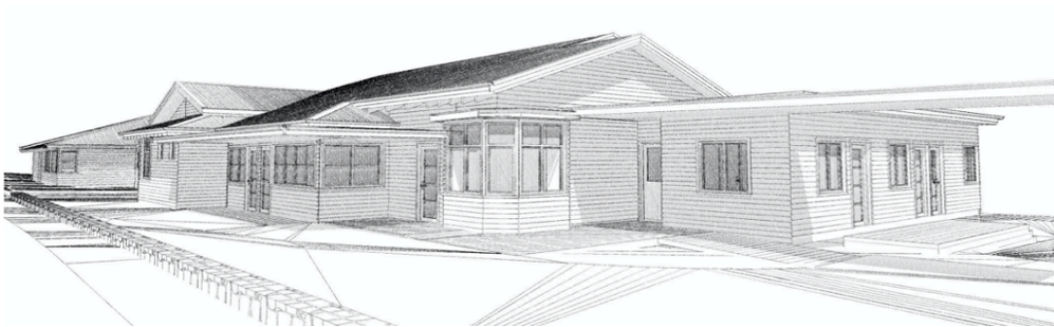
Gateway provides students with the opportunity to undertake learning and assessment in workplaces.

We require a person who is comfortable working with a range of people (students, families, and workplaces) – over the phone, via email and face-to-face.

Click [here](#) for the job description, and [here](#) to download a copy of the application form.

For both positions, please send your cover letter, completed Mount Albert Grammar School staff application form and CV to shayes@mags.school.nz.

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

Different perspectives in 1929

This image, taken in 1929, shows students D Collester (1926-1929) at 6ft 4in (1.93m), towering over WE Ball (1929-1932) 4ft 1½in (1.3m).

This image is part of Set 65, recently added to our website's [Historical Images](#), compiled and annotated by our Archivist Brian Murphy.



Sports Update

Huge support for Athletics



The Mount Albert Grammar School Athletics day took place yesterday on the school fields. We were not able to hold the day at Mount Smart Stadium this year due to the Covid-19 red light settings.

Assistant Director of Sport Carlin Crossan said, "The day was an enjoyable day with close to 300 students taking part. It was pleasing to see many students in the junior and intermediate age categories take part. The day was streamlined, and we held the 100m, 200m, High Jump, Javelin and Shot Put at school."

There were many highlights during the day, which included a competitive Junior Boys High Jump, with Hawaiki Goodwin (Year 9) winning with a jump of 1.63m. In the Senior Girls category, Milly Clegg (Year 12) performed consistently well across the various events, including doing the High Jump in front of a big crowd during interval.



The Intermediate Boys 100m final was a close finish with only 0.02s separating 1st and 3rd. This was won by Kayne Rapana (Year 12). Elliot Kitchener (Year 13, pictured above right) continues to show he is a promising sprinter, winning both the Senior Boys 100m and 200m. Ben Skelton (Year 13) continued his large success in field events, winning the Senior Boys Shot Put.

Other events (400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, Long Jump and Triple Jump) took place in the days leading up to yesterday. Once again, these were well attended by students in the junior and intermediate categories.

Highlights included a competitive Junior Girls 400m and Long Jump, which saw many girls make the qualifying mark for Auckland zones. A special mention goes to Nina Chalmers, who broke the Junior Girls 3000m school record by 26 seconds, and she also won the 800m.

The final athletics event will be the Discus, taking place at the Hillsborough Athletics Club on Wednesday at 5pm.

This year there is no Central/West Zone meet but there will be an Auckland Championships held over three days (10th, 15th, and 22nd March) to manage crowd sizes. Students who qualify for this will be notified next week.

Mr Crossan said, "A big thanks to all the staff and students in the Senior Sports Coaching classes who helped out yesterday to make the day a success."

You can see more photos from the day [here](#)

Historic day for Rowing



MAGSRow's senior squad enjoyed a historic day on the water last Saturday at the Head of Harbour regatta on Lake Pupuke.

For the first time ever, the Girls medalled in the Under Eighteen 8, taking home a Silver behind Westlake Girls and ahead of Epsom Girls Grammar. The Boys Under Eighteen 8 won Gold for the first time since 1961, taking home the Pupuke Thousand Cup, ahead of Westlake Boys and Auckland Grammar.

Due to Covid disruptions, Head of Harbour was the first regatta of the season and doubles as the College Sport Auckland Championships.

Our squad took home 11 medals, including three Gold, across the Boys and Girls U17 and U18 squads.

Director of Rowing Alice Denyer said, "It was fantastic to don the Blue and Gold again, with all crews seizing the opportunity to race. We look forward to the next generation taking to the water this weekend for the U16 competition. This is a fantastic achievement from the senior squad, particularly given the disrupted season they have had."

Overall medal tally:

Gold: BU18 8+, BU18 4+, BU18 2-

Silver: GU18 8+, BU18 2-, GU18 4+, GU17 4+

Bronze: GU18 2-, BU17 2x, GU17 2x, GU17 4x+

Cricket teams off to a flyer

Both our Cricket 1st XI teams had big wins in their first games of the season this past week.

Our Cricket Girls 1st XI (pictured right) played on Wednesday in a T20 away to St Kentigern College, and made 214/1 (with Anika Todd 87no and Hannah Brook 45no. St Kents could only manage 113 in reply, with Riya Kathait taking a hat-trick and returning bowling figures of 4 wickets for 9 runs from her 4 overs.

On Saturday, the Boys 1st XI also got off to a terrific start, recording a big win over Westlake Boys at Westlake. MAGS made 189/7 off 50 overs, with Westlake being bowled

out for 89 in the 38th over. Priyam Mistry top-scored with 75 runs and Lukasz Swain made 64. Bowler Harrison Wills was outstanding, taking 5 wickets for 9 runs after 8 overs and Priyam and Malay Patel took 2 wickets each.

The Boys followed that up with a convincing T20 win on Tuesday over Rangitoto College, who could only make 68 runs all out. MAGS surpassed that total for the loss of only one wicket.



Seniors Shine at AKSS Aquathon



The Auckland Secondary Schools Aquathon took place on Wednesday at Saint Kentigern College.

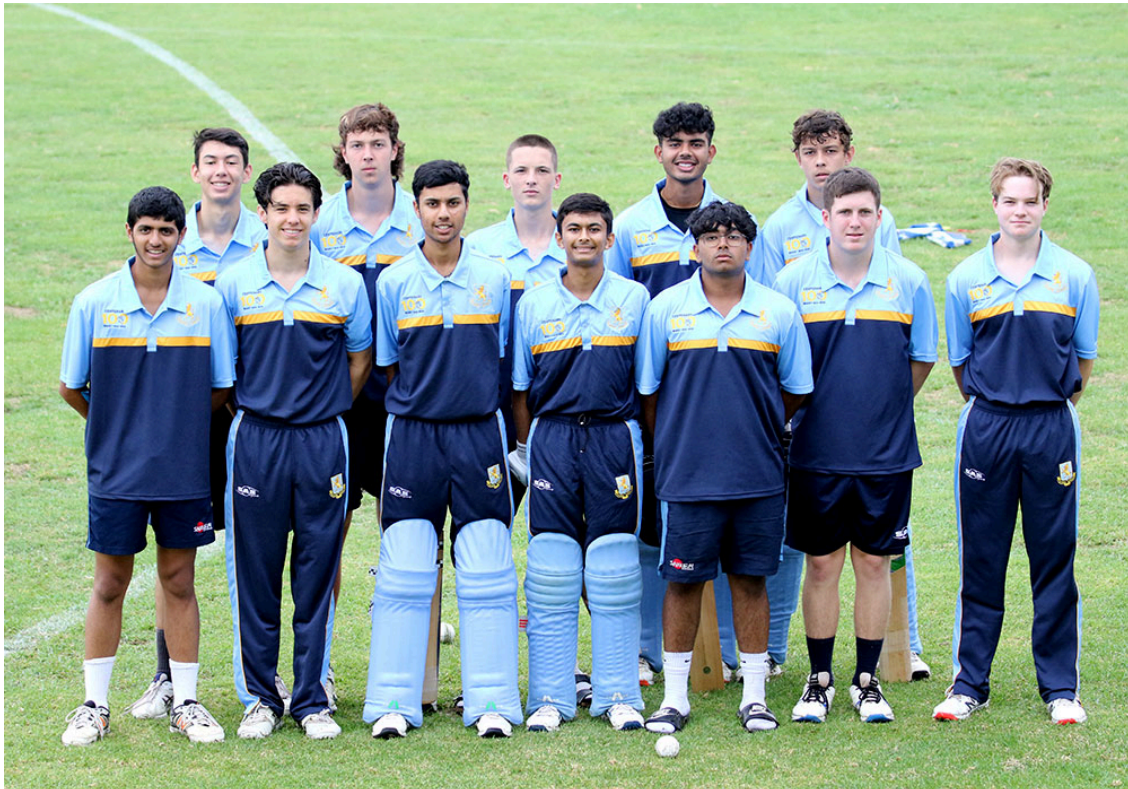
Sixteen students (six teams of two and four individuals) represented MAGS. Nine students were taking part in their first multi-sport event for the school. The weather played its part, being a fine day and the water conditions for the swim leg were calm.

Our students represented MAGS proudly and all had a positive attitude towards the event despite the demanding nature of the aquathon.

A special mention goes to two of our senior teams who finished in the top 10. Bella Houghton and Emily Rednall finished seventh and were the third-placed girls team to finish.

Callum Wishart and Ben Mitchell finished 8th and were the second boys team to finish. Assistant Director of Sport Carlin Crossan said, "A highlight of the day was when several MAGS students encouraged one of their fellow students to finish the course despite struggling after injuring his knee. This showed the importance of being a good sport. "A big thanks to Lee-Anne Quensell, Susie Houghton, Ian Bennett and Mr Robertson for their assistance in transport and marshalling."

Premier sport this weekend



Tomorrow, the Cricket Boys 1st XI, pictured above, will celebrate 100 years of cricket against Sacred Heart College, with a home game starting at 10.30am.

On Monday, the Softball Senior Boys play Alfriston College at May Road at 4pm, while the Touch Premier Mixed side have games against Mahurangi College and Howick College at 4.45pm and 5.25pm respectively.

On Tuesday, the Cricket Boys 1st XI play a T20 against Mount Roskill Grammar at 4pm.

On Wednesday, the Cricket Girls 1st XI are at home to Baradene College, with the game starting at 4.15pm.

You can see more fixtures and results [here](#)

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