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

The move to Phase 3 of the national Omicron response along with the rapid increase of positive cases in the community have impacted on some of the daily operations of our school.

As signalled earlier today, MAGS will begin to rotate Year Levels home for online learning for one day a week from Monday. While not ideal, this decision will allow students to remain learning on-site for four days per week while the school can make more efficient use of teachers to cover classes as necessary.

This move is not unexpected and promises to be short-lived as we work through the peak of cases.

As a community we need to reassure our young people that we've successfully managed a much greater disruption to our school over the past two years. We've been here before and it will pass.

We wish those members of our community who are isolating a speedy return back to school and normality.

Per Angusta Ad Augusta

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Patrick Drumm

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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



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Cricket Girls 2nd XI v EGGS

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Our top Juniors celebrated



Junior Prizegiving assemblies on Tuesday and Wednesday gave us the chance to finally recognise and celebrate our top Junior achievers for 2021.

Ciara Anand was named Junior Girls Dux and Jonathon Yu named Junior Boys Dux (pictured above), while Rosa Fox and Ryan Shen (pictured at bottom) were named Best-All Round Year 10 Girl and Boy respectively. Rosa and Ryan had also won the Year 9 Best All-Round awards in 2020. The Year 9 Best All-Round honours for 2021 went to Khalen Quensell and Jarom Rowell.

Ryan Antia (pictured right) was again named Junior Boys Dux Artium, after becoming the first Year 9 to win the award in 2020. It was a great day for Ryan, who was also the Boys' recipient of the Paul Gardner Cup for Service, while Nishka Arora won that award for Girls. The Junior Victor Ludorum was Fraser MacGillivray and the Junior Victrix Ludorum was Anika Todd.

The cups for the Top Academics in Year 9 went to Ava Poynter and Felix Knight.

These prizegiving assemblies typically wrap up the school year for Juniors but were postponed last December because of Covid restrictions and in the hope that a formal assembly in the hall could be held this year. With red light restrictions in place, these assemblies were held outdoors in the CS Quad with just the special prizes presented. Normally, the prizegiving would see the announcement and awarding of top subject prizes, certificates and diplomas.

For more photos and a full wrap-up of our Junior Prizegiving (2021), with special prize-

winners and the names of those who received subject prizes, certificates and diplomas, click [here](#)

You can also see videos of the presentation of the special awards at these assemblies on the MAGS YouTube channel [here](#)



Rotation in response to Omicron

Term 1	MON 28/2	TUE 1/3	WED 2/3	THU 3/3	FRI 4/3
Week 5	YR 13 at home	YR 12 at home	YR 11 at home	YR 9 at home	YR 10 at home

Today, our school community was emailed information regarding Year Levels being rotated to learning from home for one day each across the week, beginning next week. The schedule is as above and will be reviewed towards the end of next week. You can read the full email [here](#)

Get involved with the Art Show



**MAGS
ART SHOW**

5th-7th Aug, 2022

Initially, we're looking to fill these four positions:

- Art Show Committee Chair
- Sponsorship Lead
- Graphic Designer
- Website Lead

WE NEED YOU!

We're looking for volunteers to join the 2022 MAGS Art Show Committee, to help us bring it to life & make it a success. This is our Centenary Year so expect it to be big, bold and very special!

You don't have to be an art expert to join us – it's all about teamwork, having fun and that 'feel good' feeling you get from helping a great cause.

This is MAGS's biggest annual fundraiser, and we need your help!

If you're keen to join our great team, please email artshow@mags.school.nz or come along to our first committee meeting in the Staffroom, 6pm, Tuesday 1st March 2022

Please be aware that in order to come to the meetings, we are required to sight your vaccination pass. This is current school protocol.

Here's your chance to get involved with a fun event and a great team for the Mount Albert Grammar School Art Show planned for August 5-7.

The Art Show Committee is looking to fill four positions initially: Art Show Committee Chair, Sponsorship Lead, Graphic Designer and Website Lead.

As always, the committee will also welcome any volunteers who are willing to contribute their skills, whatever they may be.

Ninety five years ago today



The first School House opened in February 1927 and took its first batch of 22 boys.

The 16-room house – formerly "a gentleman's residence" – sat on 2.6ha in New North Road and was purchased in 1926 before being refurbished for its new occupants.

Over the years, the large grounds provided tennis courts, a cricket pitch, vegetable gardens and grazing for cattle from the School Farm.

The original School House closed in 1970. The new School House, built on the school's lower hockey field, was up and running in 1971, six years before our Golden Jubilee.

These and other milestones will be acknowledged at our Centenary Celebrations. Find out more [here](#)



Tongan Group Sign-ups



Tongan Group Sign-ups take place next Monday, February 28, in MH3.

This is the only day for sign-ups and if you are away in isolation, please click on this [link](#) and complete the form.

The 2022 Leaders are Soana Musie, Viliami 'Ofamo'oni and Emalata Puafisi. Teacher in charge: Mr Liuliu-Afoa. Tutor: Filipe Makasini

Science Scholars in elite programme



Albertians Annabelle Davison (left) and Melissa Barnes (right), both Year 13s last year, have joined an elite group with acceptance into the University of Auckland's Science Scholars programme.

Completed in conjunction with the Bachelor of Science (BSc) or Bachelor of Advanced Science (BAdvSci(Hons)), the Science Scholars



programme combines one-on-one mentoring with cross-disciplinary interaction and research opportunities that aren't usually available in undergraduate study. They join a select group of Science students, from across the faculty, who work closely with the University of Auckland's leading scientists and teachers to support and extend each other.

Science Scholars take part in a regular programme of seminars and discussion groups on big issues, and get to meet distinguished visitors.

Outdoor Ed Surf Camp



Year 12 Outdoor Education students demonstrated a high level of personal responsibility at their recent two-day surf camp on Auckland's West Coast.

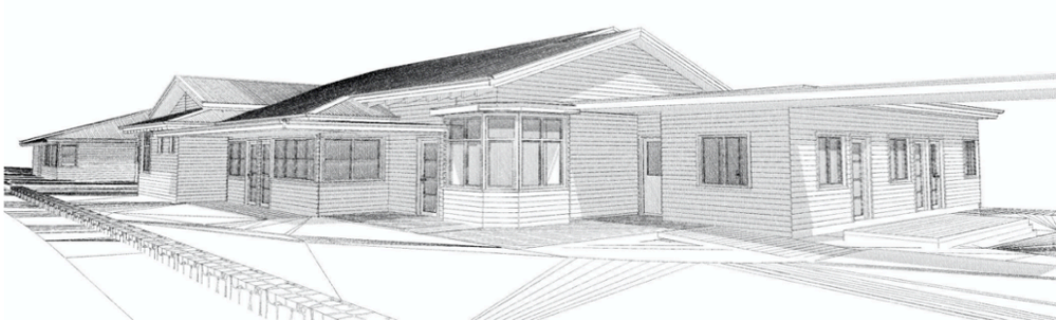
HOD Outdoor Ed Mr Whitehead said, "Each student worked individually or with a partner to plan and prepare their equipment and food. They were then instructed by Rapu Adventures on surf awareness and technique.

"The classes left Piha to camp over at McCreadies Paddock Campsite in Karekare, where they set up their tent, participated in problem solving, communication and teamwork activities and cooked dinner.

"After dinner, a visit to the Opal Pools was enjoyed. On day two, we headed back to Piha to continue developing our surfing ability and practise being personally responsible."



Online enrolments for Girls Hostel



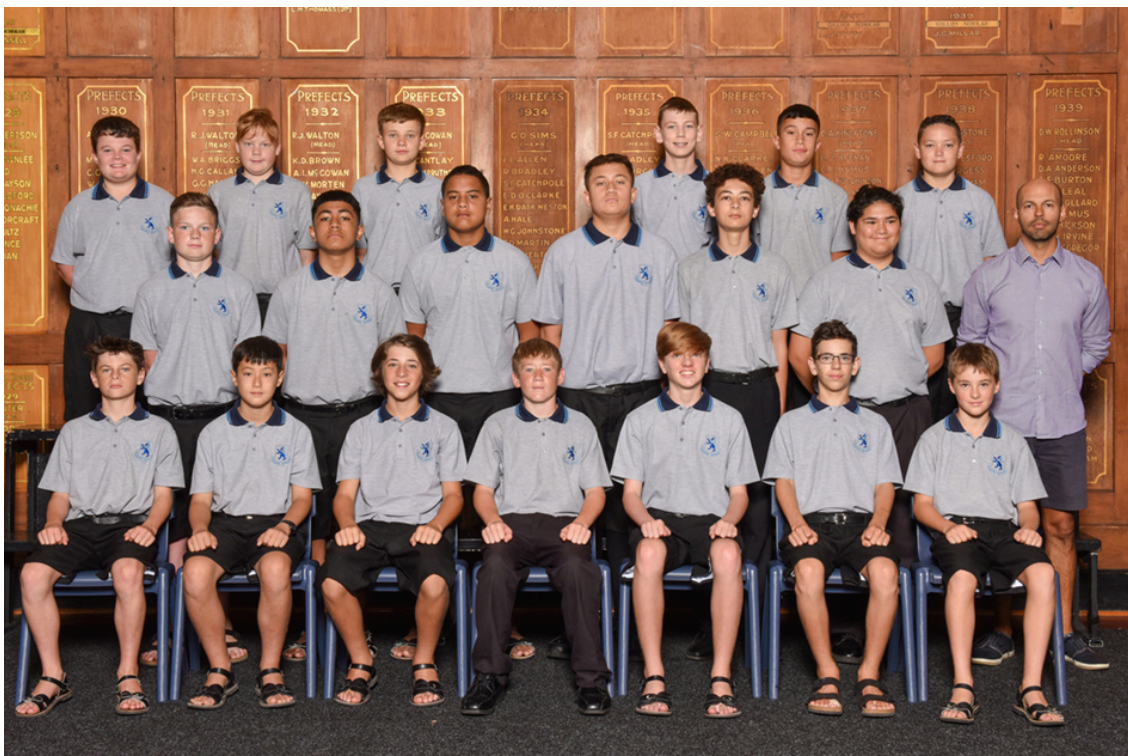
You can now download enrolment forms for our new girls' hostel, Centennial House, which will be hosting boarders from Term 2 this year.

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

You can download the application forms for Centennial House [here](#) and see the fee schedule [here](#)

Mentor Class photos next Thursday



The second batch of Mentor Class photos for 2022 will be taken next Thursday, March 3. Click [here](#) for the schedule.

This includes Year 10, 12, and 13 Girls, PNPAL, PNWAL, SIAPO and Prefects.

Masters Breakfast



This image, taken in 1971, shows Masters enjoying breakfast at the Old School House. The Masters are DW (Don) Austin, WA (Bill) Lake, PM (Peter) Ruhen, all Junior Housemasters, and CR (Ron) Hemus, the Senior Housemaster.

They would have been served by a duty boy who was described as being “on Masters”.

Junior Housemasters had rostered Duty Days and were on duty one weekend in three.

This image is part of Set 66, recently added to our website's [Historical Images](#), compiled and annotated by our Archivist Brian Murphy.

Sports Update

Vaccine passes still required

Many will be aware of the Government announcement today with regards possible changes to mandated vaccinations and sport, however this has yet to come through officially from the Ministry of Education and/or Sport NZ.

Following the announcement, this advice was received from the Regional Sports Director, Sport Auckland:

'Sport NZ are meeting with the Ministry of Education this afternoon ... I'm sure you will have, as we do, lots of questions around what this will look like and when it will come into effect. Whatever is decided will need to come into legislation, which we expect will take around 10 days to 2 weeks. The details are yet to be finalised for different situations.'

All schools must follow this guidance and, as such, MAGS will still require participants to be fully vaccinated, until official notification of any change is received.

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