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From the Headmaster

**The MAGS App**

**Weekly Notices**



**Key Dates**

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**Friday, March 6**

Relay for Life Mufti Day



**Wednesday, March 18**

PolyFest begins



**Sport**



**Photo Essay**

Boys Softball

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**Trials and registrations**

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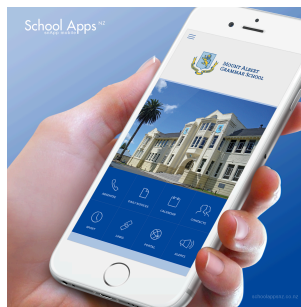
Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

The wheels of MAGS are well and truly turning as we head towards the mid-point of Term 1.

Our school is made up of many moving parts – each a centre of excellence in its own right and offering a breadth of opportunities for every MAGS student.

Communication is the oil in the MAGS machine. It ensures our large organisation functions well and allows people to be in the right place at the right time. Students, parents and staff all rely on information that is accurate and timely – and I am very grateful to the staff who manage the steady flow of information to and from our school.

The [MAGS App](#) is a critical window into all that happens in our school. Using the App to have a quick look at today's daily notices provides a feel for just how much is happening over one day at our school.



The MAGS App is an essential tool for students, staff and parents, and I would encourage everyone associated with MAGS to make sure you have this resource at your fingertips.

As we come to the end of a sad week for our school, I would like to thank our staff and students for their courage in supporting each other over the past few days. We are certainly blessed with special people at MAGS.

Have a safe weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

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## Taking care of Business



Forty three of our Year 11 Business Studies students took part in a three-day “Business Challenge” supported by Young Enterprise that concluded today.

In this intensive learning environment our students were asked to design, in groups, a new product for market and present their plan on how they would produce, market and finance this product to a panel of six external judges who all had significant experience in business.

Congratulations to e-fast for their idea on revolutionising running shoes.

HoF Commerce Blair Gilbert said, "All students thoroughly enjoyed the three-day experience and there was a significant amount of practical learning achieved. Special thanks go to Mr Avis for organising and helping out with this activity – without his support the event wouldn't be possible."

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## Tutoring Service at MAGS

The MAGS Academic Council runs an all-year-round peer tutoring service that any student can use.

The programme consists of experienced senior tutors assisting other students in their academic studies.

This service is open to all MAGS students for most subjects at both Junior levels and all levels of NCEA. This programme will be highly beneficial for students who require further assistance with NCEA assessments, building a strong academic foundation at Junior levels, or general guidance for subjects.

Tutoring can either be paid or free (where student tutors receive service points from the school) and you can have as many tutoring sessions as you need (e.g., one or two before a test, or for the whole year).

If you would like tutoring for your child, please email [tutoring@mags.school.nz](mailto:tutoring@mags.school.nz) with the following details:

- Subjects and year levels for which your child requires tutoring
- Whether you would prefer paid or free tutoring
- Any other preferences/relevant information

Once a tutor has been found, they will communicate with your child to determine the location and times of tutoring sessions.

If you have any other queries or if your child would like to earn service points or money by becoming a tutor, please email [tutoring@mags.school.nz](mailto:tutoring@mags.school.nz).

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## Refugees learning NZ way of life



MAGS hosted 24 refugee students and three teachers from the Mangere Refugee Centre school on Monday.

Teachers and students welcomed these visitors into our classrooms, allowing them to observe a New Zealand school in action.

These students and their families are new to New Zealand and have spent the last six weeks in the centre learning about life here.

Today, they left the centre for cities and towns around NZ and their own school experience.

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**More historical photos on website**



Over the coming weeks, more historical images will be added to the website [here](#)  
This is an ongoing collection of images sourced and annotated by our archivist Brian  
Murphy.

The image above is an undated rare colour photograph of a function at the Old School  
House. The photograph was a gift from Graham Kidd, May 2012. G.E. Kidd entered School  
House in 1945.

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**Sign up to the Centenary database**



As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, we warmly invite all Albertians to sign up to the database [here](#) to keep up to date with information, communications 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.

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## Sports update

### Intermediate Boys rule at Aquathon



The College Sport Aquathon Championships took place on Tuesday at Saint Kentigern College, with MAGS fielding 12 competitors.

Six students raced as individuals and we had three teams of two racers. All students competed well in hot conditions.

In the Intermediate Boys Team section (pictured above) MAGS took out first place (Michael Champan/Luke Clements) and second place (Callum Wishart/Oliver Fox).

The students that competed gained the following places:

Junior Boys – Tamaho Perry 12th, Luke Sanders 18th, Samuel Ryan 27th. Intermediate Girls – Bella Houghton 8th, Anna McGowan 12th. Intermediate Boys Teams – Michael Chapman/Luke Clements 1st, Callum Wishart/Oliver Fox 2nd. Senior Boys – Ward Hope 9th. Senior Boys Teams – Justim Hemara/Vadim Kok 4th

For more photos from the event, click [here](#)

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## Auckland Lacrosse selections



Congratulations to Michaela Cox, Saira Khan and Marieke Richards, who have been selected in the Auckland U18 Girls team to go to the Australian U18 Girls and Boys National Tournament being held in Melbourne in April.

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## Trials and registrations

Trials and registrations are being rolled out for a number of sports. You can now sign up for hockey, badminton, rugby, basketball and triathlon. Trials and registrations are posted on the website [here](#) and will also appear in the Daily Notices, accessed via the website or the MAGS App.



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