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A Tradition of Excellence
9th-14th May 2022



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From the Headmaster

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NCEA and Scholarship Results – A Triumph Over Adversity!



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

Last week I signalled the outstanding NCEA academic success we enjoyed as a school in 2020. Clicking on the graphs below will reveal MAGS' superior results across all levels.

Yesterday we received confirmation of our 2020 New Zealand Scholarship results, which further affirm the academic heights our students scaled in 'a year like no other'.

MAGS students gained **121 NZ Scholarships** – our best ever result and placing us 4th compared to other schools across the country.

Congratulations to students who were awarded multiple scholarships along with 'Outstanding' awards.

Couple the above success with our best ever NCEA results across all senior year levels, and we can look back with real satisfaction on how we navigated last year.

Mount Albert Grammar School serves our community in many different ways, but our primary focus must always be an academic one. I am delighted for both staff and students who have brought our school motto to life and in doing so laid the best platform for 2021.

Congratulations to all who achieved their academic goals from last year. You have allowed us to launch into 2021 with great confidence.

Monday, February 8
Waitangi Day holiday observed
– school closed

Thursday, February 11
MAGS Swimming Sports Day,
Mt Albert Aquatic Centre

Tuesday, February 16
Year 9 Meet the Mentor
Teachers Evening, 7pm



Wednesday, February 17
Scholars Assembly, 12.30pm,
FW Gamble Hall

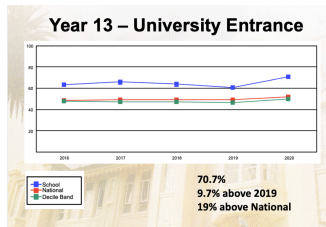
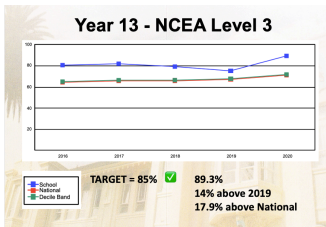
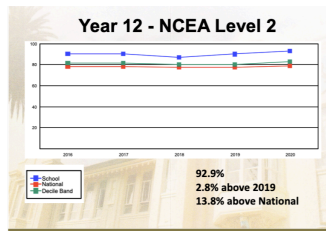
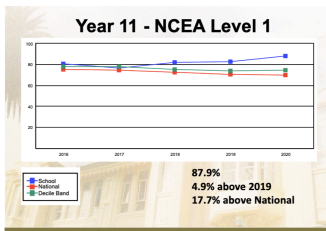
Thursday, February 18
MAGS Athletics
Championships Day, Mt Smart
Stadium



Sport

Kia pai o koutou rā whakatā

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Sports registrations for 2021
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Fixtures and results
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MAGS' record number of Scholarships



MAGS students again delivered outstanding academic results with a record 121 Scholarships, including 15 at Outstanding level, in the 2020 NZ Scholarship exams. Last year's Boys Dux Matthew Somerville, Girls Dux Caitlin Mitchell (both pictured above), Proxime Accessit Eric Shen (left) and Woolf Fisher Scholarship winner Alex Pullen (right)



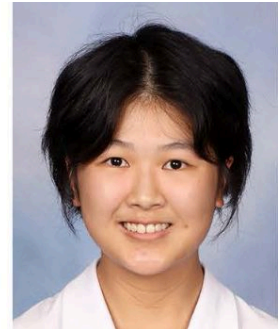
were standouts among the eight students who gained three or more Scholarships and will have their names inscribed on the Honours Board. Matthew, the first Year 12 student to be named Dux, gained five Scholarships in English, Biology (Outstanding), Earth & Space Science, Statistics (O), and Calculus; Caitlin gained four Scholarships in Chemistry, Physics, Statistics,



and Calculus (O); Eric amassed an incredible seven Scholarships in English, Biology, Physics, Earth & Space Science, Statistics, Health and Physical Education, and Technology (O); and Alex gained six Scholarships in English, Chemistry, Physics, Earth & Space Science, Statistics (O), and Calculus.

They will have their names inscribed on the Honours Board along with the following students (pictured from left below):

Frances Belt	English, Art History, Media Studies
Finnian Montgomery	Chemistry, Physics, Calculus
Thomas Rich	English, Classical Studies, Religious Studies (Outstanding)
Juliana Zhu	English, Statistics, Accounting



School up and running



MAGS welcomed its 100th cohort of Year 9s on Tuesday with a powhiri in the FW Gamble Hall.

More than 500 Year 9 students arrived at MAGS, gathering in the Albertian Quad before being greeted in the hall.

Te Puna o Wairaka students performed a haka before Headmaster Patrick Drumm welcomed the newest Albertians and their parents gathered on the mezzanine floor. The students were then introduced to Mr Coghill and Ms Yang, the Year 9 Boys and Girls Deans respectively, who assigned them to their Mentor Classes before they met their Mentor Teachers and Peer Support Leaders, who showed them around the school (as pictured above) and introduced them to its systems.

They went back to the hall later in the day for the first Headmaster's Assembly when Mr Drumm spoke about the MAGS Way Values, and other members of staff gave students information about other facets of the school. Year 9s also practised singing the school song for future assemblies.

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

On Wednesday, Year 10-13 students started school and were assigned their Mentor Classes. Later in the day, a Headmaster's Assembly was held for Year 13 students and they were introduced to their Prefect Executive Team (pictured below).



Mr Drumm is flanked by Head Boy Marcus Savelio and Head Girl Hana Hilson with their deputies, from left, Edie Ancell, Maria Boow, William Bell-Purchas and Tali Afeli.

Arts update

MEGACREW AUDITIONS

These will be held next week as per the poster (at right). Note that as 11 boys are in a workshop during the senior auditions, they can attend the junior audition time.

SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE Auditions will be next week. If you couldn't make the meeting today, please see Mr Urquhart in the Drama office (E9) as soon as possible next week.

MUSIC TUITION

A reminder that ALL students who want to register for Music lessons MUST complete the [online enrolment](#)

All students in Music classes doing performance standards should enrol unless they are already receiving private tuition.

Please complete this asap to ensure a place.

PERFORMING, VISUAL ARTS AND MUSIC GROUPS

There will be an opportunity next week for Year 9s to meet with TICS of all Arts groups – check the Year 9 announcements page.

MAGS MEGACREW AUDITIONS



JUNIORS: TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

3:30 - 5PM

SENIORS: WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

2:30-4:30PM

**DANCE ROOM
(E10)**

**SEE MISS FRENCH FOR
MORE INFORMATION!**

Get your MAGSRow Quiz Night tickets

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER
MAGSROW 'MAADI' GRAS

Get ready for fun in feathers & beads, masks or hats, purple, green, gold - or all of the above (or go the full-Maadi & wear your favourite rowsuit!)
Prizes for the best team costumes & the Maadi Gras King & Queen

Tickets \$30 PER PERSON - \$240 TABLE /TEAM OF 8
Ticket includes carnival snacks
Wine & beer available for purchase
18+ CASH & EFTPOS ONLY. PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY

SILENT AUCTIONS & RAFFLES - GREAT PRIZES TO WIN
Funds raised will go towards a new, better, faster, four/quad boat

HERE WE COME MAADI CUP!

For tickets email: paul.ahkuoi@gmail.com
LIMITED NUMBERS AVAILABLE LAST DAY FOR TICKET SALES 15 FEBRUARY 2021

MAADI GRAS
SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
MAGS HALL - DOORS OPEN 6PM

Starting at MAGS 2021



All parents and caregivers should have received an email, which you can read [here](#), about starting school, and last year should have received the booklet *Starting at MAGS 2021* to help students make a smooth start to the new school year.

It contains information about school rules and expectations, contact details, stationery, uniform and key dates. You can download the booklet by clicking [here](#)

The Mount Albert Grammar School [website](#) also has comprehensive information about the school, and there are also updates about school events, links to newsletters and photo essays on our [Facebook](#) page, as well as photos of school life on our [Instagram](#) page.

Keep up to date with the School App

Keep up to date with the MAGS app – free from the App Store or Google Play. Search for “SchoolAppsNZ”, and load the app on to your phone.

You can then search for and add as many schools as you want so you can receive alerts from multiple schools. MAGS parents can access school newsletters (under 'Links'), Daily Notices, the Kamar portal, teachers' contact details, and notify the school about absences.

If you are using the app to notify the school about absences, please load and use the child's Student ID Number as this helps to log absences more effectively.

On the app, parents and students can check the School Calendar and sync events with their own calendars, and choose groups about which they wish to receive alerts.



BYOD Orientation for new students

Year 9 students should not bring their devices until they are scheduled for their BYOD orientation lesson as per the timetable of mentor classes below.

Week 2:

Monday, 8 February: Public Holiday

Tuesday, 9 February: 09JOH, 09JAD, 09ARC, 09HGH

Wednesday, 10 February: 09BLY, 09SIG, 09CLV

Thursday, 11 February: 09IRE, 09DNR, 09KNA, 09ABS

Friday, 12 February: 09CVN, 09FAU, 09WSN

Students at all levels will be expected to bring their own device to assist with learning in the classroom.

Full information about this is on our school website [here](#)

If you have any queries, please email Mrs Elise Goddard, the Director of E-Learning, egoddard@mags.school.nz

Sign up for Swimming and Athletics champs



Time is running out to sign up for the school Swimming and Athletics championships. The MAGS Swimming Sports Day is next Thursday (February 11) at the Mt Albert Aquatic Centre and you can sign up [here](#) as well as read more about the rules around the event. The MAGS Athletics Championship Day is on the following Thursday (February 18) at Mt Smart Stadium. You can read about the event rules and sign up [here](#)



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

NI Rowing Champs medal haul



Seventy six of the MAGS Rowing squad competed at the North Island Rowing Championships over the Auckland Anniversary Weekend.

The squad had one of its most successful regattas of recent times, making 33 finals, of which, 24 were A Finals. Further to this, the squad medalled in the following events: Gold (BU17 2-), Silver (GU15 2x, WInt 4+), Bronze (BU18 4+, BU18 4x+, GU15 4+, MNov 4+).

Rowing Coach Alice Denyer said, "It was a fantastic weekend and the squad look ahead to the Auckland Secondary School Head of Harbour Regatta on February 13 at Lake Pupuke."

Sports registrations for 2021



MAGS' Sports Department has opened up online registrations for all sports for Terms 1 to 3.

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.

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