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Weekly Notices



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MAGS Athletics Day

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Senior Leadership Assembly

Thursday, February 20

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From the Headmaster

Our Academic Pillar to the Fore!



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

The release of New Zealand Scholarship results earlier this week confirmed another round of outstanding achievement from our top scholars.

With a total of 104 Scholarships (including 9 Outstanding Awards), MAGS again stands

alongside the best of the best academic schools in the country.

As recognised below, a number of students were multiple Scholarship winners. Of further note is the range of subjects in which awards were gained as well as the number of Year 11 and Year 12 students who were successful.

We pride ourselves as a school on the breadth of learning opportunities we offer every MAGS student – four pillars designed to draw excellence from our young people in academic, artistic and sporting pursuits, all carried out within a service ethos.

But it will always be the academic pillar that provides us with the ultimate yardstick for measuring success. Every student must finish their time at MAGS having achieved, or exceeded, their personal academic goals. Without fulfilling this primary goal, all else is in vain.

Congratulations again to our academic superstars from last year and to our expert teaching staff. The bar has been set high for the Class of 2020!

Have a great weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Outstanding Scholarship results



MAGS students again delivered remarkable academic results with 104 Scholarships, including nine at Outstanding level, in the 2019 NZ Scholarship exams.

Last year's Proxime Accessit Adam Bateman (pictured above at Senior Prizegiving with Headmaster Patrick Drumm) gained six Scholarships – in English, Biology (Outstanding), Chemistry, Physics, Statistics and Calculus; while Alexander Pullen gained four in Physics, Earth & Space Science, Statistics and Calculus; and Thomas Brendolise had two Outstandings among his Scholarships in English, French (O) and Biology (O).

Their names will be inscribed on the Honours Board along with the following students with three or more Scholarships: Jamila Chen – English, Biology, Calculus; Mitchell Shaw-Lewis – Physics, Statistics, Calculus (O); Tara Falconer – English, Design, Photography; Eric Shen – English, Statistics, Technology (O); Stephen Stuart – Biology, Earth & Space Science, Statistics; Eva Williams – Dance, History, Health and Physical Education; and Vaibhav Nayyar – English, Statistics, Health and Physical Education.

Thirty eight of the 104 Scholarships came in Mathematics (three Outstanding), with 13 in English and nine in Health and Physical Education (one Outstanding).

The overall top Scholarship award names are yet to be confirmed by NZQA but we are hopeful that some of our students will have also achieved these Outstanding Scholar Awards and Top Subject Scholarship Awards.

Congratulations to all our Scholarship recipients, who are listed [here](#)

The Scholars Assembly to recognise these students and students who were endorsed with Excellence will be held at MAGS on Monday, February 17.

Engineering opportunities open up



Last year, Stephen Roberts from the School of Engineering at the University of Auckland approached Mount Albert Grammar School and offered spaces on the Apollo Engineering Programme (AEP – aka the Christmas Calculus Camp).

The AEP occurred during the Christmas break and five students were MAGS' inaugural attendees – (from left) Sam Sparey, Mykey Pita, Joshua Rose, Ronette Va'ai and Iosefa Ulugia-Pua.

They committed to a three-week programme, six hours a day, to learn Calculus and how this subject is applied to projects in the working world. They spent their time with students from Lynfield College, Tamaki College and Sir Edmund Hillary High School creating networks that will aid them as they transition into tertiary study post-2020.

The learning environment was so engaging that one of our students summed up their experience in the following words " We did three hours of Calculus, Sir, and we weren't bored".

As part of graduating from the AEP, all five students will receive mentoring through this year with a view to being offered a place at the School of Engineering or supporting them into a degree of their choosing.

Year 9 Parents' Evening next week



Year 9 Parents should have received a letter inviting them and their children to the Year 9 Parents' Evening next Tuesday.

The evening begins at 6.15pm with light refreshments, followed by a welcome from Headmaster Patrick Drumm in the FW Gamble Hall.

There will also be an opportunity to meet with Mentor Teachers and Peer Support Leaders, who will outline their roles and provide information to assist parents as their children settle into school.

The letter about the evening is [here](#) and you can use the slip at the bottom to RSVP to Mentor Teachers if you have not already done so.

Albertian making his way in UFC



Mixed Martial Artist and Albertian Kai Kara-France (pictured above with Headmaster Patrick Drumm) paid a visit to MAGS this week ahead of his next UFC appearance at Auckland's Spark Arena on February 23.

Kai, who is ranked No. 8 in the world in his division, is up against American Tyson Nam. Kai said people make a lot of the physicality of the sport but it is just as much a mental test to make it in the top echelon, where you have to grow as a person and make the right choices as you build confidence and self-belief.

Another Albertian, Dan Hooker, features in the main event on the February 23 UFC card, up against Paul Felder.

Download the app to keep up to date



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 Daily Notices, the Kamar portal, teachers’ contact details, and notify the school about absences.

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.

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 side-by-side images from the *New Zealand Herald* of 18 April 1956, and is a gift of Alan Kinnear and shows E.E. Davidson winning the 100 yards and A. Aston and M. Macky, first and second in the 880 yards for MAGS at the Auckland inter-secondary school sports.

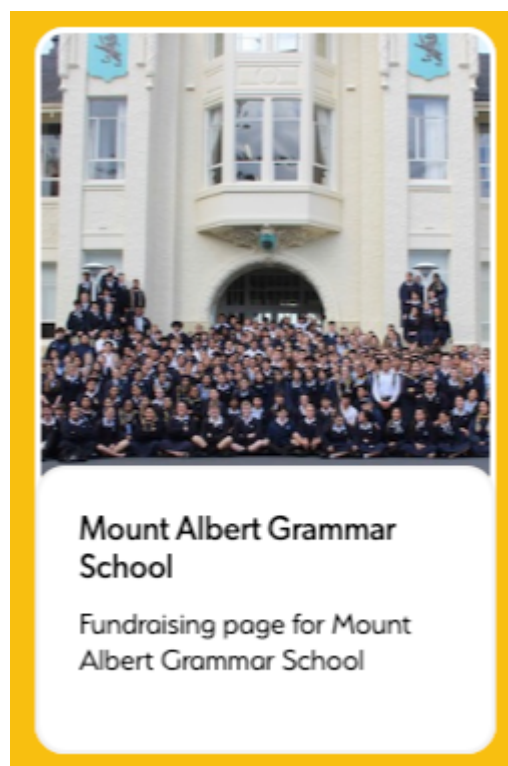
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It's an easy place to shop and includes special discount codes on big brands in fashion, beauty, entertainment, travel, utilities, money, homeware, food, drink and more.

To learn more and sign up to our page, please click [here](#)



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.

Sports update

NZ in playoff for third at World Cup



MAGS First XI captain Adithya Ashok and his New Zealand team-mates will face Pakistan in a 3rd/4th place playoff at the ICC Under 19 Cricket World Cup in South Africa after losing to Bangladesh in the semis.

The Kiwis couldn't post a competitive total and Bangladesh cruised to a six-wicket win with almost six overs to spare.

Their game against Pakistan is at 9pm tomorrow.

Trials and registrations

Trials and registrations are being rolled out for a number of sports.

Students can now sign up for Swimming Sports Day – on February 20 – [here](#)

You can now also sign up for cricket, softball, water polo, volleyball, tennis, boys hockey and aquathon.

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.

New Boys Lacrosse coach



MAGS Boys Lacrosse team has a new head coach in Eric Terpening (pictured in foreground).

Eric was raised in the state of New York and played Lacrosse in the US before coming to NZ in 2004 to study at Otago University. He moved to Auckland in 2008, started playing Lacrosse for the Tamaki Titans, and has been involved with the local Lacrosse community ever since.

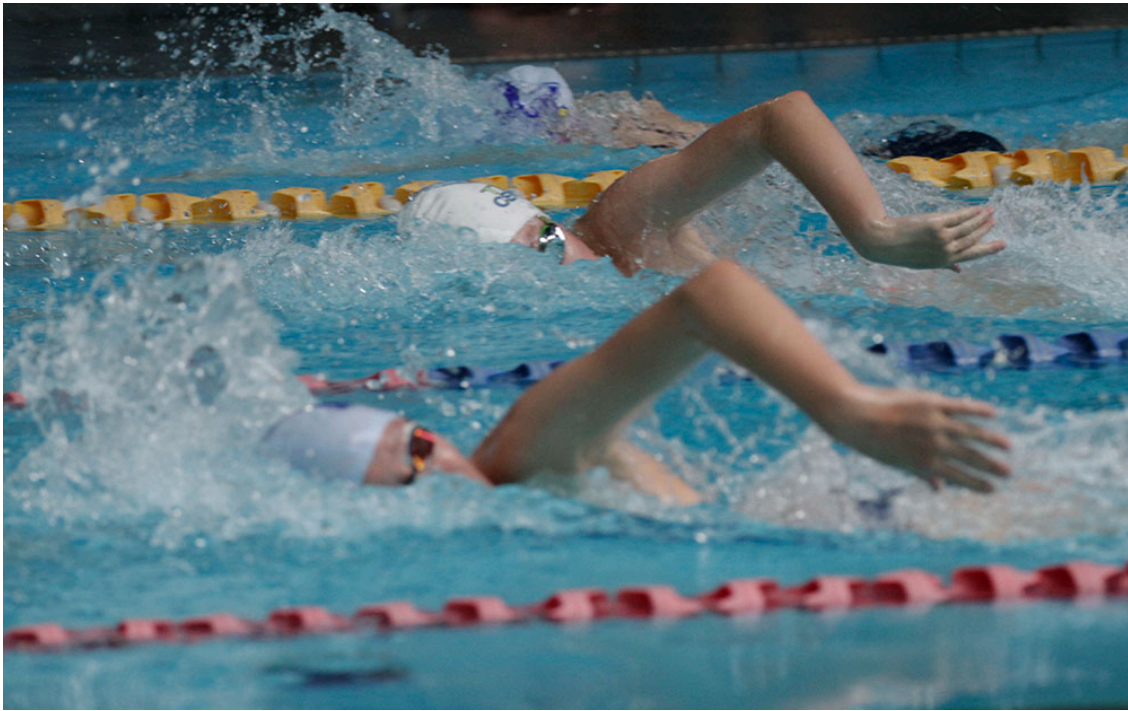
Eric has been instrumental in developing NZ U15 Boys rep teams that compete in the Australian U15 National Lacrosse Tournament in September each year.

For those at MAGS interested in giving Boys Lacrosse a go, come down to the bottom fields from 3.30pm each Monday and Wednesday with PE gear and boots/trainers.

Newcomers are always welcome, and lacrosse gear is available to borrow.

Inter-school competition games will be on Thursday afternoons during Term 1.

Changes to swimming programme



Mount Albert Grammar School is restructuring its swimming programme.

This means more opportunities for swimmers whose focus is on team sports and fitness as opposed to competitive swimming.

The sessions will still mainly focus on swimming fitness and technique to supplement the student's sport-specific training but the additional time and space can be utilised as team/sport-specific training for water-based sports or recovery sessions for land sports. The school has four lanes available at each session offered and has three session times available.

Session 1: 7:00 - 8:00am

Session 2: 5:00 - 6:00pm

Session 3: 6:00 - 7:00pm

All sessions run Monday to Friday and are only available to MAGS students at this stage. The fees are \$75 per month for three times per week fitness squad. This will stay the same with an option of \$100 per term for students only wishing to do two sessions per week (recommended for students not doing water sports or looking for light fitness training only). An additional charge will occur for students wishing to do more than the three sessions.

A Belgravia membership is also required to enter the pool. This is \$11.90 per week and allows access to the pool at any time.

Please fill out this [form](#) (even if you are a current member of the MAGS fitness squad) so we can know the best times for trainings and how to organise the group.

Keep up with the play

All athletes, parents, managers, coaches, TiCs and sports co-ordinators should download the free College Sport Auckland app and subscribe to the relevant sports.

College Sport uses app notifications to let you know about any last-minute changes such as cancellations, new venues, new draws etc. Plus the app has regular draws, results, venues and other information.

For more info and to download the app, click [here](#)



General notices



After a break in January, Alberton Market Days return on Sunday, 9 February.

With 40 stalls of specialty produce, handmade goods and plants as well as street food by some of Auckland's top food vendors, a trip to the market makes a great summer outing.

The tearoom will be open with tea and scones served from the vintage china and there will be plenty to entertain the young ones with The Enchanted Walk fairy trail in the garden, a fairy face-painter and a magic pebble painting activity.

Members of the Owairaka Eco Neighbourhood group will be on site showcasing some of their creative community projects and offering free seed planting for children. Pot a bee-friendly plant in an egg carton cup to take away for your garden.

Alberton Market Day, Sunday, 9 February 10am-2pm, free entry.



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