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From the Headmaster

The Joy of the Journey!



"What lies behind you and what lies in front of you pales in comparison to what lies inside you." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

July 1st marks the beginning of the second half of our Centenary year. Students are also experiencing the longest period of continuous schooling since 2019 as we close in on two consecutive unbroken school terms.

Much analysis continues about the rights and wrongs of political, health and educational responses over the past two and a half years. Blame, anger and frustration often accompany the dialogue around this.

Equally, much nervous energy is being spent on predicting what the future may hold. Economic uncertainty, geopolitical conflict and climate concerns dominate here.

For our young people, this frenzied and often emotive commentary can be very unsettling. A counter to this can be to stop, take stock and be grateful for who – and where – we are now. We are lucky to live where we do ... lucky to attend a school like MAGS ... and lucky to enjoy the safety and security of people who care about us.

2022 *can* be the greatest time to be alive as a young person. Leaving the past and future alone for a while – and looking within for the here and now – just might help us to believe that!

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Friday, July 8

End of Term 2
(Early finish at 1.35pm; see details below)

Friday, July 8

Classical Music Concert, 7pm,
Raye Freedman Arts Centre

Monday, July 25

Term 3 starts



Sport

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Rugby Girls 1st XV v
Southern Cross Campus

Have a great weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Click [here](#)



Football Girls Junior A v St
Kentigern College
Click [here](#)

Our Lion Fund programme aims to provide financial support to allow every MAGS student to access the breadth of opportunities we offer at our school.

Donate to the Lion Fund now



Unity Concert showcases pride and passion



The Unity Cultural concert was held at the Dorothy Winstone Theatre at AGGS last Thursday.

The packed house was treated to a night of cultural excellence, skillfully MC'ed by Mr Luliu Afoa and Albertian Tali Meavale.

The MAGS Kapa Haka group opened the evening with a skillful and passionate display, clearly showing why they are widely regarded for their expertise.

This was followed by the beautifully costumed Chinese group. They performed items that

ranged from a lyrical piece to a fan dance.

The large Tongan group performed two items: a traditional Ma'ulu'ulu, with the whole group, and then a spirited item from the Year 13 students as a thanks to the school for their five years at MAGS. For the first time in 10 years, a Latin dance group performed. This was a very elegant Tango-Milonga, and featured use of a full skirt and contra-body movement.

Always a favourite, the Cook Island group featured a lyrical item by the girls and then traditional drum dances. The Samoan group performed a powerful repertoire of items choreographed and led by Tali Meavale. Their commitment to their rehearsal process showed in the polish and precision of their performance.

The evening closed with a vibrant and joyous performance by the Indian group.

This was a fantastic end to a wonderful night.

Director Arts Co-Curricular Ms Cesan said, "Performers and their families left happy after a night of pride and passion, celebrating our different cultures at MAGS."

You can see more photos from the night [here](#) and a highlights video [here](#)



Photos / QiQi Deng



Art Show Gala Evening tickets on sale

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GALA EVENING

Mount Albert Grammar Centenary Art Show

Friday 5th August 6:00pm – 9:30pm

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Get in quick for tickets to our Gala Evening, which gives guests the first look at the incredible artwork for sale at the MAGS Centenary Art Show, as well as the chance to enjoy entertainment, drinks and canapes. This event – on Friday, August 5 – is one of the highlights of the school calendar and always sells out so be in fast for your tickets [here](#)

Money raised goes towards our [Lion Fund](#), which provides support to students who are in need, and to our MAGS Artist in Residence programme. The Art Show continues, with free admission, on Saturday, August 6 (10am-4pm) and Sunday, August 7 (10am-2pm).

You can see exhibiting artists and read the latest news on the Art Show's [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram page](#)

Study confirms worrying trend in vaping

In our [Newsletter of June 10](#), Mr Drumm raised growing concerns about the huge rise in vaping among young people generally and MAGS students specifically.

The school's worst fears about the explosion in vaping have been confirmed by University of Otago research.

It found that the number of young New Zealanders aged 15 to 17 who vape

every day has tripled in two years, from 2% in 2018-19 to 6% in 2020-21, according to the most recent New Zealand Health Survey. For young adults, aged 18 to 24, daily vaping increased from 5% to 15%.

Another national survey, focused on Year 10 school students, shows these increases are especially high for Māori girls. Around one in five Māori girls aged 14 to 15 reported vaping daily in 2021.

Increases in regular vaping (defined as vaping at least monthly) are also large, particularly for Māori boys (19% in 2019 to 31% in 2021) and girls (19% to 41%).

You can read the story about the University of Otago study [here](#) from the website The Conversation (a collaboration between academics and journalists).



Early finish to school next Friday

Friday, 8 July is the last day of Term 2 and the school will enjoy an early start to the Term 2 Study Break, **closing at 1.35pm**.

The school day structure will be adjusted to ensure we can maintain five timetabled 50-minute subject periods, while enabling the day to finish at 1.35pm.

Creativity unleashed at YouDance



Last week, MAGS Dance participated in the YouDance festival hosted by the Northern Dance Network at the Mangere Arts Centre.

Our Year 13 dancers performed three creative and unique pieces.

Ella Sutton's moving Scholarship piece was selected to be performed on Tuesday and Wednesday night, while the two Year 13 ensemble works, choreographed by Dance teachers Miss French and Mr Grace respectively, were performed on Tuesday night. It was also a wonderful opportunity for students to view pieces that were created and performed by other schools.

MAGS dancers had a fantastic day representing the school and all performed to an excellent standard.



Photo / Nina G Photography

Refugees get a feel for school life



Today, our English Language Department welcomed 11 students and two staff members from the Refugee Resettlement Centre in Mangere.

This is the first opportunity these recent arrivals to New Zealand have had to experience school life in their new country.

Mrs Wright, of the English Language Department, said, "Big thanks go to Peter Smith and Rudy Mozr from the PE Department for organising some footballers and coaches from Manukau United to join us in a game of football. The Year 9 Girls Football Academy also joined in. Everyone had a lot of fun until rain stopped play."

She added, "Some of our MAGS students were involved as buddies to the visitors and were able to show them many subjects across our school. Thanks to the teachers who kindly opened their classrooms today."

Our MAGS student helpers were: Alina Sohrabi, Amir Anany, Rayan Darazi, Juan Ricardo Franco, Mahdi Heidari, Vinnson Onnyimbo, Victor Khumalo, Suleiman Moalim, Bashir Moalim and Junior Khumalo.



Tuck Shop closed next week

Our MAGS Tuckshop will be closed next week (Week 10), the last week of term, because it is due to be demolished in the the first week of the Term 2 break to make way for our newest building project, the Nairn Building.

WHAT THIS MEANS MOVING FORWARD:

Across **Week 10** our MAGS students will need to bring lunch from home or buy on the way to school.

Then, for the first few weeks of **TERM 3**, the Tuckshop will provide an online ordering service for our MAGS students. This means that MAGS students can pre-order their lunch, pay online and this will then be delivered to the school at the meal break of their choosing. More specific details about this will be provided asap.

Please note, this is an interim solution while the company waits for the completion of a larger container canteen with marquee, that is being custom-built for them to use at MAGS.

All students have also been informed of this via their year level Google Classroom.

40 Hour Famine fundraiser



Interact has been conducting a 40 Hour Famine fundraiser for World Vision that has already beaten the total raised last year (\$2994.16) with more than \$3000 so far. Interact held another bake sale today and will be taking part in the 40 Hour Famine this weekend, with teachers and students fundraising to help provide clean water for children around the world.

You can donate to their efforts [here](#)

Albertian Artists in the Frame



5 - 7 August 2022

Centenary Art Show

Mount Albert Grammar School



Stanley Palmer

Stanley Palmer (b.1936) has been exhibiting since 1958 and has worked as a full-time artist since 1969. Palmer lives and works locally in Mt Eden and is a former pupil of both Mount Albert Grammar School and Gladstone Primary School. He is well known for both his painting as well as his printmaking. Gentle yet determined, he creates a personal vision of specific locations marked and shaped by memory, history and loss. Palmer's oeuvre is his love letter to Aotearoa - from the coastlines of Westland and the Poor Knight Islands to the roads north of Puhoi; from Whatipu to Karamea, from Manganese Point to the Coromandel to the East Coasts. Palmer is one of New Zealand's most respected senior artists.

Palmer has exhibited extensively in both Australia and New Zealand and his work has been seen as far afield as Tokyo, Venice, Ljubljana, and India. Palmer has received much recognition for his practice with works held in private and public collections throughout New Zealand including The University of Auckland, Auckland Art Gallery, Te Papa Tongarewa, and the Christchurch Art Gallery. Additionally, Palmer has authored publications such as *To the Harbour* (2007) and is featured in the major monographs *West* (2000) and *East* (2009).

Stanley Palmer is represented by Melanie Roger Gallery.

Dance Concert tickets selling fast

There are a few tickets still available [here](#) for Taking Flight, this year's Dance Concert on tonight and tomorrow night at 7pm at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre.



Year 13s hit the Hillary Trail



With the recent re-opening of sufficient walking tracks and campsites in the Waitakere Ranges, our Year 13 Outdoor Education students were able to explore Auckland's West Coast.

Before leaving on the trip, each student developed knowledge and skills in a key area of responsibility that, when brought together, would allow their group to function effectively. This ranged from planning their group's food intake, navigation, clothing, equipment, communication, first aid, weather and information about the places they would visit. Beginning from above Anawhata, they dropped down into North Piha, visited Kitekite Falls, climbed up to Mercer Bay, down to Karekare and into the Pararaha Valley. A venture into the Whatipu Swamp proved challenging before exploring the caves. On the last day, each group walked up the stunning Omanawanui Track to Mt Donald Mclean before finishing in Huia. Beautiful weather across the whole trip made for amazing vistas during the day and star-filled skies at night. Outdoor Education teacher Mr Whitehead said, "A massive thanks to past Outdoor Education students Josh Bougen and Lydia Finch for their help on this trip. "Please visit the [MAGS Outdoor Education Instagram page](#) for more photos, a trip video and to see all of the other activities students have the opportunity to experience through this subject."



Save the date for Future Pathways

FUTURE PATHWAYS EXPO

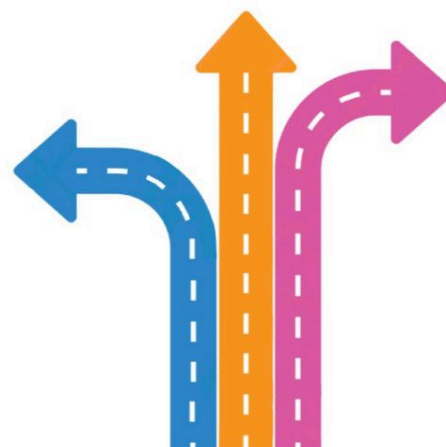
Wednesday August 3rd
MH BLOCK 4.00-7.00pm

What are you doing when you leave school?
Universities, Technical Institutes, Private Training Providers, Industry Training Organisations, Interactive Displays, Faculty and Subject areas spread over both levels of MH Block.

Deans/ Careers and NCEA information on upper floor at the top of the stairs.



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Wednesday August 3rd: 4.00-7.00pm

A not-to-be-missed occasion, especially for Year 10-12 students, our popular Future Pathways Expo is back (Wednesday, August 3, from 4-7 pm). The Expo is a great opportunity for students to discuss subjects and pathways for option choices due in mid-August for the 2023 year. Parents, students and family welcome. Set across both floors of the MH Building, the Expo features information from universities and training organisations, as well as interactive displays, faculty and subject rooms, NCEA information and advice from Deans.

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SPONSOR AN ART PANEL

5 - 7 August 2022



Each year the MAGS Art Show is a highlight on the school and community calendars, and 2022 being the Centenary year makes it even more special. On display will be more than 110 exhibiting NZ artists and over 300 talented MAGS arts students; including music & dance performances throughout the Art Show weekend.

The success of this major fundraising event relies heavily on sponsorship from businesses and individuals in our community and we are very grateful to those who generously support us each year.

This year we would like to provide the opportunity for any family or business to sponsor an Art Panel, with all profits raised going to the Lion Fund. This fund was established to offer financial assistance to those families and students who require just that little bit more support for their schooling activities.



Support your community and add your family's name, or the name of your business to an Art Panel.

*The cost of sponsoring an Art Panel for our Centenary Art Show is \$350 + gst.
Please email Sarah Blaikie at magsfom@gmail.com to secure your panel.*

Employment opportunity: Gate Person



Southbase Construction requires a gate person for MAGS' Nairn Building project, with **the role commencing 1 August**.

Southbase Construction builds and fits out commercial, industrial, educational and community buildings, and is commencing the next project – the Nairn Building (artist's impression above) – here at MAGS.

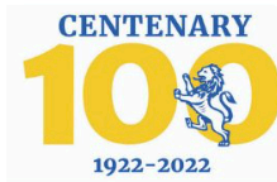
The gate person will take control of and monitor deliveries, contractor arrivals and departures to ensure safe and controlled operations, and:

- will ideally have previous construction experience and/or a Traffic Controller (STMS) qualification.
- will have a full driver's licence.
- will receive Southbase Training to enable them to perform their role to Southbase's standards.
- could be a young person looking to get into construction or an experienced person.
- would need to be fit and mobile as they will cover a lot of ground on any given day.
- The hours would be 6.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. A minimum of 55 hours a week.
- The role will be a fixed term contract that would conclude at the end of next year (2023).

CONTACT: Rob Harwood, Southbase Senior Project Manager, ph 021 388 330 or email rob.harwood@southbase.co.nz

Centennial Events on sale now

Tickets are now on sale for two of our MAGS Centenary events – our Reunion Drinks (Friday, September 30) and the MAGS Centenary Dinner (Saturday, October 1). You can buy tickets for the Reunion Drinks [here](#) and for the Centenary Dinner [here](#)



Ticketed Centenary Events

Mt Albert Grammar School Centenary 2022



Reunion Drinks Evening - all decades

Friday 30th September, 6pm (\$35 & Cashbar)
F.W Gamble School Hall, MAGS.



MAGS Centenary Dinner

Sat. 1st October, 6pm (\$125 & Cashbar)
Grand Millennium Hotel, Mayoral Drive, Auckland.

Limited Tickets On Sale From 1st May

Join the Albertians and/or buy tickets at
<https://mags100.ptly.com/nz/mags/#centenaryevents>



Get your Centenary apparel now!



MAGS Official Centenary apparel is now available to order, with more Centenary merchandise to be added over the coming months.

Available now are stylish hoodies, rugby jerseys, basketball singlets, caps, beanies, ties, scarves and face masks – all in MAGS colours and most of them boasting the Centenary logo.

You can order MAGS Centenary apparel [here](#)



Historical Images



In 2008, Uili Lousi visited the school with his work called *The Dancing Stars*.

Uili is a Tongan Albertian and his works, which are sold internationally, are based on Tongan Royal motifs.

You can see more images like this one (recently added as part of Set 80) in our website's [Historical Images](#) section, compiled and annotated by our Archivist Mr Murphy.

Sports Update

High-flying footballer shares experience



Fijian International and A League Player of the Year 2019 Roy Krishna (pictured centre) visited MAGS on Tuesday to share his insights on top class football with our players. He spent time with the Year 9 and Year 10 Football Academy groups as well as our First XI Boys and Girls.

His advice to players was that natural talent would only get you so far. To play at the top level you had to be prepared to work harder and always look to improve, and ally that with honesty, integrity, commitment, resilience, self-belief and respect.

Football Academy Director Peter Smith said MAGS footballers were fortunate to have someone of Roy's calibre to share his knowledge.

"Roy has returned to New Zealand to visit family. He has just finished the season in India where he was playing in the highly lucrative Indian Premier League. Whilst playing in India, Roy won the Indian Super League Golden Ball for being the top scorer. He was also recently named in the Oceania Confederation's Men's Team of All Time."

Mr Smith added, "The visit has come through our growing relationship with both Manukau United FC and the Fijian Football community."



Upcoming Premier Sport



Today, our Badminton Premiers play Macleans College at Auckland Badminton at 5pm, and our Football Boys 1st XI kick off away at 5.30pm to Macleans. Later on, our Basketball Premier Girls face EGGS at 6pm at MAGS, while the Boys play Auckland Grammar away at 6.30pm (unfortunately closed to spectators).

On Saturday, the Netball Premiers are up against EGGS at 9.30am at Auckland Netball, and the Rugby Boys 1st XV are at home to Tangaroa College at 2.30pm.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV are at home to Wesley College at 4pm, the same time the Football Girls 1st XI kick off their home game against St Cuthbert's.

On Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI play at home again at 4pm, this time against Takapuna Grammar, while the Hockey Boys 1st XI face Macleans College at Avondale College also at 4pm.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Premier Girls are at home to EGGS B at 4pm, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Carmel College at Baradene at 5.30pm.

For more fixtures and results, click [here](#)

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