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## From the Headmaster

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## First Among Equals!



**Key Dates**



*Mānawa mai ea te putanga o Matariki!  
Mānawa mai ea te mātahi o te tau!  
(Let us welcome the rise of Matariki!  
Let us celebrate the New Year!)*

The FW Gamble Hall has stood as the physical and symbolic heart of MAGS since its official opening in 1926.

Over time, tens of thousands of students have assembled in this epicentre of our school – sitting on the same (somewhat uncomfortable) wooden forms that are present in the Hall today.

The role of the FW Gamble Hall in creating community and culture within MAGS is unquestionable. To walk through the doors of the Hall is to be greeted by a timeline of excellence and achievement. The gilded honours boards talk to our students in a way no spoken word can replicate.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

### Thursday, July 8

Last day of classes for Term 2

### Friday, July 9

Unity Concert, Dorothy Winstone Theatre, 7pm (sold out)

Staff Only Day – End of Term 2

### Monday, July 26

Start of Term 3

### Wednesday, July 28

Classes finish around midday for Three-Way Conferences (2pm-7pm)

### Thursday, July 29

No classes today to accommodate Three-Way Conferences (10am-6pm)

### Tuesday, August 3

Future Pathways Expo

And then there is the opportunity for our current students themselves to add to this rich history of our school.

To be called up on to the stage in the FW Gamble Hall is the ultimate accolade for a MAGS student. Excellence in Academia, Sport, The Arts and Service holds the highest value in our school. And it is simply the greatest honour to follow in the footsteps of so many Albertians and stand on the stage to be acknowledged by your peers.

It must be the goal of every MAGS student to walk across the stage at least once in their secondary school life.

Dare to rise to the challenge of being the best – and walk those stairs with pride in being elevated to first among your equals!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster



**Friday, August 13 to Sunday,  
August 15**  
MAGS Art Show

2022 Term Dates

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**Sport**

Photo Essay



Football Boys 1st XI Knockout  
Cup v Auckland Grammar  
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**Fixtures and results**

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**Slam the Jams concert**



The Slam the Jams contemporary music concert last night featured some fantastic performances, with the impressive number of junior singers and musicians involved boding well for the future of Music at MAGS.

The show, which was MC'ed by Tali Afele and Reet Kamra, featured 10 acts and literally started with a bang with the drum-off of *Drummer Drama*. The MAGS Ball Band gave a preview of what to expect at the School Ball with their take on L.A.B.'s *In the Air*. And the night was rounded off with three items from the Jazz Band.

You can see more photos of the concert [here](#)



*Photos / Aleisha Roulston and  
Pipiana Coventon*





## Huge turnout for Blood Donor Day



Yesterday we held our annual Blood Donor Day, and it was great to see the NZ Blood Service back at MAGS after missing last year due to lockdown.

Nurse Claire Brown said, "On the day, we had a fantastic turnout with 128 people attending and 93 donations made – our highest number of donations in five years.

"To put these numbers into perspective: one unit of blood can save up to three lives, meaning that with yesterday's donations MAGS students and staff will save up to 279 lives. She added, "The NZ Blood service have commended the students and staff for their generosity in donating, and the impeccable behaviour observed on the day.



"They passed on that the students were a pleasure to work with and made the day thoroughly enjoyable. The tireless work from the Health Committee with spreading the word, recruitment of donors leading up to the day and organisation on the day itself contributed immensely to the success of the day – thank you for all your hard work."



*Health Committee members, from left, Misha Simpson, Husnia Ebrahim and Hannah Adye.*

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## Quiz Night packs out the hall





Last Friday night, members of the Academic Council hosted the annual Quiz Night – a fun night filled with a variety of quizzes and challenges.

This year, the Academic Council fundraised for KidsCan and raised about \$3000 for the charity dedicated to helping Kiwi kids affected by poverty.

There were more than 25 teams consisting of teachers, MAGS students, family members and friends of MAGS.



There were several rounds of questions, and prizes for the best-dressed team, as well as spot prizes.

This year the night was taken out by another teachers team, The Science Department, who won by eight points. The Best Dressed Team went to The Ghostbusters (pictured below), and Year 13 Dylan Singh (pictured left, at centre) was named Best Dressed Individual. A big thanks for prize donations from Nestle NZ, Greenroot Planters, Stevens, Coffee Club St Lukes and members of the staff who donated towards the prize pool, which included a Scenic flight for three over Auckland, a four-person Escape Room experience and a term's

tuition at the Dance Studio.

Humeera Imran, of the Academic Council, said, "It was once again a fantastic night, which would not have been possible without the help of fantastic teachers, students and sponsors who helped make the night enjoyable for all involved."

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





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## Choir invited to Big Sing Finale



For the first time in our history, MAGS has had a choir invited to perform at The Big Sing Finale, this year being held at the Christchurch Town Hall from August 26-28. The invitation is also unprecedented for a first-time entry. Our Centennial Choir – directed by Terence Maskell – will perform alongside the top school choirs from around the country at the event, and this follows the boys choir picking up four awards at The Big Sing regionals held at the Auckland Town Hall last week.

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## Unity Concert sold out



Tickets have sold out to next Friday's Unity Concert but the show will be professionally filmed and the video will be available for viewing at a later date. Nine groups will present performances at the Dorothy Winstone Theatre.

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## Senior Boys win Science Bowl



MAGS sent four teams to compete in the annual Science Bowl competition held between Epsom Girls Grammar, Auckland Grammar and Mount Albert Grammar schools. There are junior and senior competition sections with teams of four competing in a round-robin format answering questions based on Science and Maths and buzzing in with the right answer as the question is read. On the night, the Junior Boys team came in third and the Senior Boys (pictured above), after an appeal and a repeated semifinal, made it through to the final and won it.



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## Junior Debating team undefeated



The Junior Open debating team – MAGS 4 – has won four from four following their debate this week.

The team, pictured above with their coach Ms Walker, is, from left: Nishka Arora, Ryan Antia, QiQi Deng and Sneha Mandadi.

This is a truly exceptional result for a team that has members in their very first year of debating, and with this current win record they have almost certainly guaranteed themselves a spot in the knockout round of debates later in the year.

Debating Leader Xavier Milbank said, "It's really great to see a team doing so well this year in debating, especially in the open leagues. This team definitely is one to watch as these students continue debating.

Xavier added, "Debating is a great help outside of the competition as well, helping support public speaking and general problem solving so if anyone would like to help boost these skills or prepare for next year's debating season, there are meetings every Thursday lunchtime in E25."

If you want to see the undefeated team in action, they debate every second week at Lynnfield College and you can

email [xmilbank@students.mags.school.nz](mailto:xmilbank@students.mags.school.nz) or [rhendriksen@students.mags.school.nz](mailto:rhendriksen@students.mags.school.nz) for more information.

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## Book your 3-Way Conference

Bookings have opened for the Three-Way Conferences (3WC) that will take place on Wednesday, July 28 and Thursday, July 29.

All students from Years 9-13 are expected to attend, along with parent(s) or caregiver(s). The conferences run from 2pm-7pm on the Wednesday and 10am to 6pm on the Thursday. To accommodate these, classes will finish early – at around midday on the Wednesday – for all students, and there will be no classes on the Thursday for the whole school.

Parents and caregivers have been emailed with instructions about how to book these conferences. You can read that letter [here](#)

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## Form class photos available now



This week, individual and mentor class photograph purchase forms were handed out to students during their mentor classes.

These include a student-specific code so the photographs can be purchased online.

There is free delivery on orders until July 25. Photos can be ordered online [here](#) using the code on the forms.

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## Sign up for Centenary Celebrations





Mount Albert Grammar School  
Centennial 9th - 14th May 2022  
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MAGS is excited to announce that its [Centenary website](#) is up and running, with a schedule of events available for our Centenary Celebrations across May 9-14, 2022. There will be more details to come about these events, and more events added as we move towards the Centenary Celebrations. These events will bring together current and former students and staff, parents and supporters of MAGS as we celebrate our tradition of excellence. The site will also allow you to buy tickets – when they are released – to our premier ticketed events such as the Centennial Gala Dinner and Albertian Reunion 'Pub Night'. There will also be free arts, cultural and sporting events, culminating in a festival at MAGS on May 14.

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Albertians are also encouraged to register at our [Albertian Online Community website](#). This is a legacy website that will endure beyond the Centenary Celebrations and will allow current and former staff and students to connect and reconnect for years to come. Through the site you can find former classmates, stay up to date with school news and browse the photo galleries and archives. The Albertian Online Community registration process is rigorous but we have these measures in place to ensure that only Albertians are registering – and to protect privacy and personal data.

## Exciting sponsorship opportunities



With our annual MAGS Art Show fast approaching (weekend of August 13-15) and our Centenary Celebrations Week (May 9th-14th, 2022) not far off, we have a number of exciting sponsorship opportunities available.

If you'd like to learn more about how MAGS might partner with you and your business during these events, please get in contact with our Sponsorship Lead Gabby Turner by [email](#)

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## Outdoor Ed hits the heights



Throughout this term, the Year 11 Outdoor Education students have been developing their interpersonal skills, with a particular emphasis on effective communication, problem-solving, and cooperation.

While at school, the classes participated in Adventure-Based Learning activities before taking part in a three-day tramp in the Coromandel Ranges last week.






The three days consisted of traveling over to the Kaueranga Valley by vans, tramping up to the Pinnacles Hut, on track and off-track navigation to the Billy Goat Basin campsite, shelter building, and group cooking.

Mr Whitehead said, "The weather was very kind considering the time of year and each student should be very proud of the way they conducted themselves."

## Information Evenings for prospective students



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### INFORMATION EVENINGS FOR IN-ZONE 2022 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

We would like to extend an invitation to In-Zone Year 8 parents and guardians, and their sons/daughters, to attend a presentation about Mount Albert Grammar School in the first week of Term 3, 2021.

**WHERE:** Mount Albert Grammar School in the F.W. Gamble Hall

**WHEN:** **TUESDAY 27 JULY 2021** Auckland Normal Intermediate School  
Balmoral Intermediate School

**THURSDAY 29 JULY 2021** Kowhai Intermediate School  
Pasadena Intermediate School  
Ponsonby Intermediate School  
Wesley Intermediate School

**TIME:** 7.00pm-8.00pm

#### EVENING PROGRAMME

- A visual presentation about Mount Albert Grammar School for Year 9 students in 2022.
- Information about our Enrolment procedure for the 2022 intake.
- The opportunity to ask questions about the academic, sporting and cultural opportunities at Mount Albert Grammar School.

To assist with our planning and preparation for this evening we would appreciate you confirming your attendance by either emailing Dimity Payne, email: [dpayne@mags.school.nz](mailto:dpayne@mags.school.nz) or phone 846 2044 ext. 8140. Please leave your name, your child's name, the name of their school and the numbers attending.

As parking is unavailable within the school grounds, we would recommend that you park in the surrounding streets.

We look forward to meeting you at this information evening.

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## Art Show wants you!

### THE MAGS ART SHOW COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!



We're looking for new volunteers to help us bring the MAGS Art Show weekend to life 13-15 August 2021



We'd love your help across a range of activities;

- *Gala Night*
- *Artwork Recepting*
- *Weekend Sales Desk*
- *Packdown... or even if you're handy with a hammer!*

Please express your interest by contacting Wick Nixon, email [magsfom@gmail.com](mailto:magsfom@gmail.com)

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## Sports Update

### Bright future for Underwater Hockey

MAGS sent two teams to Tauranga last weekend for the Northern Region Senior Underwater Hockey tournament, one in the Senior Open grade and one in the Senior Girls grade.

Both teams had very busy tournaments, playing around five games a day on both days of the weekend. The teams conducted themselves excellently and improved throughout all games in the tournament.

The Girls team especially had some very close and tense games. Both teams ended up playing off for fifth and sixth with the open team managing to have a convincing win but the girls' team fell a little short. Both teams are still relatively young for their grades and will use this as a good learning experience going forward.

Congratulations to team MVPs Daniel Neeley and Elise Sharp. We also had eight members named in their respective Northern Under-18 squads to trial for the representative side later in the year. These were Paul Beyer, Chris Sykes, Jacob Howarth, Daniel Neeley, Nico Stroud and Dylan Drever from the Open team and Maya Azam and Paige Tyson-Taylor from the Girls team.



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## Athlete Wellbeing Seminar



**ATHLETE WELL-BEING SEMINARS**

HEALTH AND THE FEMALE TEENAGE ATHLETE  
16TH JUNE

IRON DEFICIENCY - WHAT IS IT AND HOW IT AFFECTS  
BOTH MALE AND FEMALE ATHLETES  
7TH JULY

HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING  
28TH JULY

WITH DR. CLAIRE BADENHORST -SPORTS SCIENTIST  
AND ELIOT FENTON - NUTRITIONIST

MT SMART CLUB ROOMS (ABOVE FINISH LINE)  
7PM-8.30PM



The Auckland City Athletics Club is hosting a seminar on Iron Deficiency for Both Males and Females on Wednesday, July 7 at Mount Smart Stadium from 7pm to 8.30pm. Students/staff/families of Mount Albert Grammar can attend for free by registering [here](#) and choosing the "Friends of ACA" option to get a free ticket (normally \$20).

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## Upcoming Premier Sport



Today at 5pm, the Badminton Premier team play ACG Parnell at Auckland Badminton. Both our Premier Basketball teams are away at St Mary's College tonight, with the Girls playing St Mary's at 6pm, and the Boys playing Liston College at 7.30pm.



Tomorrow, our Netball Premiers play Westlake Girls at Auckland Netball Centre at 11.30am, the Football Boys 1st XI are at home to Mount Roskill Grammar at midday, and the Rugby Boys 1st XI are away to De La Salle College at 2.30pm. There will be a free supporters bus for those wanting to watch the 1st XV that will leave MAGS at 2pm and return straight after the game.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV are at

home to Marist College at 4pm.

On Wednesday, the Squash Boys Premiers play semifinals at 4.15pm with the opponents and venue to be confirmed. The same day, the Football Girls 1st XI play their last game away to Takapuna Grammar at 4pm, while the Hockey Boys 1st XI play Rangitoto College at North Harbour Hockey at 6.22pm.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Girls Premiers play Selwyn College at 4pm with the venue to be confirmed, while the Hockey Girls 1st XI are away to St Cuthbert's 2nd XI, also at 4pm.

For updated fixtures and the latest results, click [here](#)



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