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From the Acting Headmaster

Key Dates

Keeping a Positive Outlook



Tēnā koutou ki te whānau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

What a week it has been for Mount Albert Grammar School, our alumni and wider school community!

Rounding out Term 2, three-way conferencing connected students, parents and mentors, providing a chance to draw a line under what had gone before and reset for the term ahead. Over the study break we have all been able to take a breath, identify both personal strengths and work-ons and now use these to prepare for the challenges of this term ahead.

That said, we have returned to school to celebrate many who seemingly barely took the time to take that same breath, because they were too busy setting and reaching their own high standards. As reported below are our Megacrew, Orienteers, Biology Olympiad winner and others who have earned well-deserved successes as a result of talent, commitment and hard work. Plus, as I type, we have MAGS alumni relishing their positions in the Football Ferns Squad and enjoying their extraordinary win in the opening match of this international competition. Outstanding!

Now looking forward, Term 3 is a time that we both gear up for the flood of new enrolments for next year, change down for the work needed for final internal assessments and hone skills and revise for practice examinations.

Now is the time for those study strategy and positive attitude promises, made at three-way conferencing, to be kept. At assemblies, students have been reminded to choose to be positive and to choose to work with their 'best friends' in each class – their

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Tuesday, July 25

School finishes at 2.10pm due to Careers Expo, MH Block, 4pm-7pm



Friday, July 28

MAGS Art Show Gala Evening, F.W. Gamble Hall, 6pm-9.30pm

Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30

MAGS Art Show, F.W. Gamble Hall

subject specialist teachers – in order to achieve best results.

It was a pleasure, across Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, to host so many Year 8 parents who are considering our school for their sons and daughters and it was also a privilege to be able to speak so confidently about our school.

As a school leader, most rewarding and humbling was hearing current students speaking about their MAGS journey to date, and their own pride in their school.

Finally, our hard-working Art Show Committee is now in action morphing our school hall into an artistic oasis, as they put together our MAGS Art Show in readiness for next weekend.

This time next week we will be eagerly awaiting the opening of the doors for the Gala Evening on Friday night.

While as a school community we have much to appreciate this week, it feels wrong to sign off this newsletter without acknowledging the tragic and sobering incident yesterday in the CBD. Our thoughts are with those enduring such inexplicable loss.

Nga mihi nui

Jo Williams
Headmaster – Acting

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](#)

Magnificent Megacrew

Sport

Photo Essays



Rugby League 1st XIII v Aorere College

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Trials and Registrations

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Fixtures and Results

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Our 27 MAGS Megacrew dancers are celebrating a win at the Blueprint NZ Schools competition, in a day showcasing some amazing talent.

Director of Arts Co-curricular Ms Cesan said,

"Congratulations to leaders Jacob Cameron and Coco-Sabine Meikle, TIC Mr Grace and all the dancers who

trained hard over the last few months for this and who were simply amazing."

Avondale College (the 2022 champions) came second, with Rangitoto College third.

Ms Cesan added, "Also thanks to MAGS prefects Olivia, Josie, Vibhaa and Kaloni, who volunteered and were part of the production team."



Gala Evening tickets selling fast

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**MAGS
—
ART
SHOW**

**ESTABLISHED NEW
ZEALAND ARTISTS & TOP
MAGS ART STUDENTS**

Gala Evening 28th July
6pm-9:30pm
Tickets from iTicket 19th June

Saturday 29th July
10am-4pm
Sunday 30th July
10am-2pm

FREE ADMISSION

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Make sure you are in quick to grab your tickets with only a week to go before the MAGS Art Show Gala Evening next Friday (July 28), starting 6pm.

This event always sells out as it is a must-see, with the chance to be the first to buy amazing local art, and enjoy delicious food and wine as part of the best excuse for a night out.

Make sure to grab your tickets for the Gala Evening through iTICKET [here](#)

Entry to the Art Show on Saturday, July 29 (10am-4pm) and Sunday, July 30 (10am-2pm) is free.

There will also be student dance and music performances at the show throughout the weekend.



Adi Ashok named in Black Caps squad

ANZ SQUAD ANNOUNCEMENT

T20 SQUAD



TIM SOUTHEE (C)	COLE MCCONCHIE (UAE)
FINN ALLEN (ENG)	ADAM MILNE (ENG)
ADI ASHOK* (UAE)	DARYL MITCHELL (ENG)
CHAD BOWES (UAE)	JIMMY NEESHAM
MARK CHAPMAN	GLENN PHILLIPS (ENG)
DANE CLEAVER (UAE)	RACHIN RAVINDRA
DEVON CONWAY (ENG)	MITCHELL SANTNER
LOCKIE FERGUSON	TIM SEIFERT
DEAN FOXCROFT* (UAE)	HENRY SHIPLEY (UAE)
MATT HENRY (ENG)	ISH SODHI (ENG)
KYLE JAMIESON	WILL YOUNG (UAE)

*POTENTIAL DEBUT
(UAE OR ENGLAND TOUR ONLY)

#UAEVNZ #ENGVNZ

Congratulations to Albertian Adi Ashok (2016-20), who has been named in the NZ Black Caps squad for next month's T20 tours of the UAE and England. Adi, a former New Zealand U19 rep, was a consistent performer for the Aces in the Super Smash, claiming seven wickets and producing match-turning spells. At MAGS, Adi was a member of the 1st XI Boys Cricket team for five years and Captain in 2020. He also won the top school award for Most Outstanding Boy in an Individual Sport, Most Consistent Hockey player for the 1st XI Hockey team in 2020 and top awards in Cricket for three years in a row.

Albertians boost Football Ferns



At MAGS and at the 2023 World Cup: Football Ferns Malia Steinmetz, Grace Jale and Jacqui Hand then and now.

Two of our four Albertian Football Ferns helped NZ score a historic win at Eden Park last night, with a 1-0 victory over Norway in the FIFA Women's World Cup opener. Malia Steinmetz (2015-16) and Jacqui Hand (2012-16) played vital roles in the Ferns' first-ever win at a World Cup. Grace Jale (2013-17) and Milly Clegg (2019-22) are also in the squad but didn't get any game time last night. They could be on the park in the other group games.

The NZ Herald has a great story about the football journey of Malia, Grace and Jacqui [here](#)

Careers Expo next Tuesday

Students and parents are warmly invited to the MAGS Careers Expo next Tuesday (July 25).

To accommodate the Careers Expo next Tuesday, school will finish at 2.10pm. Students will have no Mentor Class time but all their usual classes.

The Library will remain open for any students wishing to remain at school to study and or complete classwork; or who may be waiting for usual transport arrangements.

All MAGS students and their families are invited to attend this opportunity to explore their future pathways, option choices and tertiary education and training.

There will be more than 40 industry representatives plus MAGS departments presenting at the event, which runs from 4pm-7pm.


Don't forget to check out MAGS' [CareerWise website](#) for other opportunities.

Mount Albert Grammar School

CAREERS EXPO '23




What's Your Future Pathway?

TUESDAY 25 JULY
4:00–7:00PM
MH BLOCK



INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS INCLUDING:

- MAGS Subject areas
- NCEA & course advice
- 40+ Universities & Training providers
- Industry representatives from trades, health and beauty, hospitality, technology and more
- NZDF & NZ Police
- Gap Year & Exchange info



<http://mags.careerwise.school/>

Jacob Miller wins international science award



Congratulations to Jacob Miller (pictured above right on arrival home), who was part of the medal-winning New Zealand team who competed at the 34th International Biology

Olympiad (IBO), in the United Arab Emirates.

Jacob, who won a silver medal, which is a first for MAGS, went one better than last year when he won bronze.

He was part of a NZ team that achieved international success against 1000 students from 80 countries. Jacob was one of two New Zealand students who were awarded silver medals, with the other two in the team claiming bronze.

Reflecting on the success of students at the IBO, NZIBO Chair Dr Angela Sharples said: "The ambitious target for New Zealand is for our students to compete against the best young scientists in the world and bring home both the medals and a lifelong passion for the biological sciences that will grow science research and innovation in NZ. To win four medals is an outstanding achievement by our students. They are truly among the best young scientists in the world."

Bollywood Showdown



MAGS' Indian Group participated in the Bollywood Showdown High School Competition at the end of Term 2.

The group consisted of 11 students who performed to a variety of Bollywood songs.

The judges were very impressed with their execution and the dancers were congratulated on the authenticity of the choreography.

Chris Patel (pictured left), one of the leaders of the group, received the Best Male Dancer award.



Arts Calendar for Term 3

WEEK	DATE (S)	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
2	28 TH JULY	ARTS SHOW GALA EVENING	HALL	6.00pm
2	29 TH AND 30 TH JULY	ARTS SHOW	HALL	10am-4pm Sat 10am-2pm Sun
4	7 TH AUGUST	KBB FESTIVAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRE	HOLY TRINITY	10.30AM
4	7 TH AUGUST 3PM	KBB FESTIVAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA	ST MARY'S	3PM
4	9 TH AUGUST	KBB FESTIVAL JAZZ BAND	ST MARY'S	11.30 AM
5	15-17 AUGUST	LEVEL 2 DRAMA PRODUCTION	PAO2	7PM
6	22 ND AUGUST	DANCE SCHOLARSHIP SHOW	PAO2	Time TBC
6	25 TH - 27 TH AUGUST	THE BIG SING FINALE	Auckland Town Hall	TIMES FOR MAGS TBC

Tāwharanui tree planting



On Sunday, July 2 a group of 18 volunteers representing the MAGS Environment Group participated in a tree-planting day at Tāwharanui Regional Park, north of Auckland. This tree-planting day is held in conjunction with Auckland Council and volunteer groups, with the aim of reintroducing native plants to this important reserve. The park is a predator-free zone, home to kiwi, takahe and wētāpunga.

Our MAGS group worked in challenging conditions, on a steep and muddy slope on a rain-swept coastline, to help plant over 1000 trees. These were all native trees, mainly manuka, kanuka and kahikatea.

TIC Ms Milich said, "Thanks go to Year 12 student QiQi Deng for organising a group of committed and hard-working students to volunteer in their school holidays."

Get your tickets for Quiz Night

Tickets are now available at the Finance Office for the MAGS Quiz Night, which is always a fun occasion with prizes for the best outfits and lots of spot prizes – in amongst the quest to be named MAGS Quiz Night champion.

There will be drinks and pizzas available for purchase on the night.

Proceeds from the event go to The Village Community Services Trust (led by Maliena and Sir Michael Jones), which supports Pasifika youth and families in Auckland by providing food parcels, mentoring and family support.

If you cannot be there on the night and you wish to support Quiz Night with donations or



MAGS
QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 18 AUGUST
5:30-9PM

FW GAMBLE HALL

The Village
Community Services Trust

▼ **TICKETS** ▼
\$60 early bird table of 8 (until August 11)
\$80 for table of 8 people (after August 11)
\$10 on the night per person

PIZZA SALES!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
VILLAGE TRUST CHARITY

PRIZES TO BE WON 🏆
spot prizes, best dressed first
second third

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL & VAPE FREE EVENT

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

prizes, please email Acting Associate
Principal John Stradwick
jstradwick@mags.school.nz

SADD national leader

Last term, Year 12 student Ryan Antia represented MAGS at the Students Against Dangerous Driving Annual Conference at King's College. The conference consisted of three days of activities and plans brought together by hundreds of students from around the country who were committed to making our roads safer. Shortly after the conference, Ryan was selected to be on the National Leadership Programme, which consists of 12 students from around the nation who help directly assist the organisation. Ryan said, "I am extremely grateful and honoured to take up the National Leadership role, to help assist in making our roads safer for our rangatahi and help give a voice to the MAGS community."



Term dates for 2024 confirmed

We have confirmed and published our term dates for the 2024 school year. You can see the term dates [here](#)

Out-of-zone enrolments for 2024

The Mount Albert Grammar School Board of Trustees may approve a limited number of out-of-zone enrolments for 2024.

Applications for out-of-zone enrolments for 2024 must be received by **4.00pm, Wednesday, 30 August, 2023**. Should a ballot be required for out-of-zone enrolments, this will occur on Wednesday, 6 September, 2023.

Out-of-zone applications use the same online application procedure as in-zone students. However, out-of-zone applications do not require the completion of the in-zone Statutory Declaration Form or provision of proof of residence.

More information about enrolment [here](#)

Matariki celebration

The poster features a central graphic of a Matariki star constellation composed of colorful geometric shapes (triangles and squares) in purple, yellow, blue, red, and green. To the right of this graphic is the logo for SPiCE, which includes the text 'SANDRINGHAM PROJECT IN COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT' above 'SPiCE'. The main title 'Matariki ki Sandringham' is written in a large, white, serif font. Below the title, the text 'Come together and celebrate Matariki with our Sandringham whanāu!' is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. A list of activities is presented in two columns: 'DELICIOUS KAI', 'WEAVING', 'KAPA HAKA' on the left, and 'MEMORY TREE', 'KITE MAKING', 'WAIATA' on the right. The date and time 'SATURDAY, 22 JULY 3PM-6PM' are centered below the activities. The location 'Edendale School, 419 Sandringham Road' is listed at the bottom, followed by the closing phrase 'Nau mai, haere mai! All welcome' in red.

In honour of Matariki, the SPiCE Trust (Sandringham Project in Community Empowerment) is holding a free community event at Edendale School tomorrow from 3pm-6pm.

Join in to remember, celebrate, and look forward to the future while learning about Matariki from speakers and artists. Enjoy the free Māori toi (art) workshops, and hear waiata (songs) and pūrākau (stories) during a fun afternoon of sharing and celebration.

There will also be free kai, including mussel fritters and kawakawa tea, and yummy kai for koha, where your donation will be used to support funding for the school's new netball hoops and to help buy food for the disadvantaged.

Sports Update

Orienteering Boys' sixth straight NZ title



The National Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships in Blenheim saw the Boys team win the National Schools title again and the Girls match their best-ever third place result. Over the Term 2 break, 30 MAGS Orienteers took part in three days of racing.

The Boys won the national title for a sixth year in a row and by a record-breaking 222 points, the points difference being more than that amassed by runners-up Cashmere and third-placed Auckland Grammar put together.

The Girls performed well on Day 3 to nudge into third place ahead of Havelock North.

In the Long Distance, on an exceptionally hilly course in the Marlborough Hills, there were Individual wins for Tahī Harris in the Junior Boys and Sam Carryer in the Senior Boys. In the Sprint distance, held in the busy streets of Blenheim town centre on Matariki, there was a win for Sam Carryer in the Sprint, with a second place for Tahī Harris. There was also



a strong fourth place for James Milne in the Intermediate boys race and an excellent 8th for Ella Edwards in the Senior Girls.

On the final day Relay event, MAGS had wins for the Junior Boys (Reuben Bruce, Charlie Milne, Tahi Harris) and second places for the Intermediate Boys (James Milne, William Wood, Reuben Adye) and Senior Boys (Luka Johnson, Matthew Greenwood, Sam Carryer).



Brothers strike gold in Gymnastics



Henru, Janko and Eras Viljoen came back with a haul of medals from the Gymnastics National Championships in Tauranga during the first week of the school holidays. Among some great results, Henru won gold in the 13-14 Double Mini Trampoline. Janko Viljoen won gold in the Men's Artistic Gymnastics Team Level 6 and in the 13-14 Synchro Trampoline. He was second in the FIG 13-14 Individual Trampoline and in the FIG 13-14 Double Mini Trampoline. He was fourth overall in the Men's Artistic Gymnastics Level 6.

Eras won a slew of national medals and trophies, among them gold in the FIG 15-16 Double Mini Trampoline and the Men's Artistic Gymnastics U17 Parallel Bars. He won the Junior International Men's Double Mini Trophy (FIG 15-16 & 17-21), and the Junior International Men's Overall Trampoline Trophy (FIG 15-16 & 17-21).

Theo Bray and Eras took out the FIG 15-16 Synchro national title.

And Eras, with his NZ teammates, also took out the gold in the Trans-Tasman Challenge against Australia in Double Mini Trampoline.

Fencers representing NZ



Pictured above (left to right) are Patrick Barham-Wang, Nico Meyer and Thomas Pham.

MAGS had five fencers compete as part of the NZ squad at the Australian National Cadet and U15 Championship in Sydney during the school holidays.

In the U15 Boys, Nico Meyer placed 6th and Patrick Barham-Wang was 9th.

Nico and Patrick were both selected for the NZ U15 A team and played a part in bringing home the silver medal after an incredibly tense 44-45 loss in the final in overtime.

Students selected for Auckland team



Congratulations to three players in our Rugby Girls 1st XV, who have been selected for the Auckland Storm rugby squad competing in the Farah Palmer Cup competition.

Mataele Vaea (Year 13) and Danny-Elle Fesola'i (Year 12, pictured above) made their debuts against Hawkes Bay on Saturday.

Zahnia Papali'i (Year 13) is also in the squad, as are Albertians Princess Elliot and Sylvia Brunt.

Cyclists hit the road

MAGS cyclists were out in force for the NISS Road Championships in Cambridge earlier this month.

In the U20 Boys Team Time Trial over 16km, MAGS finished 13th with a time of 26:40

In the U17 Boys 54km Road Race, Theo Bray came 23rd with a time of 1:39:28. He started five minutes after the U20 Riders and finished before them. Our other U17 riders were Sam Coats, 48th (2:02), and Lucas Duthie, 49th (2:03)

In the U20 54km Road Race, Ethan Green finished 40th in 1:51, Fraser MacGillivray 41st in 1:53, Max Jarvie 44th in 1:59, and Rohan Sharma 46th in 2:00.

Upcoming Premier Sport



Our Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams are at home tonight, playing Westlake Girls at 6pm and Westlake Boys at 7.30pm respectively. The Football Boys 1st XI are also up against Westlake Boys – at Crum Park Turf at 7pm tonight.

On Saturday, the Netball Premiers play Howick College at the Auckland Netball Centre at 11.30am, while the Rugby Boys 1st XV are away to Auckland Grammar at 2.30pm.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV host Southern Cross at 4pm.

On Wednesday, our Rugby League 1st XIII have a big home game against Kelston Boys at 4pm, and the Hockey Boys 1st XI are away to Mt Roskill Grammar at 4.30pm.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Girls Premiers play Pukekohe High at MAGS at 4pm, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Carmel College at Lloyd Elsmore Park at 5.45pm.

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

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