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## From the Headmaster

## Weekly Notices

### Honouring a Legacy



### Key Dates



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

Today we hosted our Prime Minister and local Member of Parliament, The Right Honourable Jacinda Ardern for the opening of the new William Caradus Building.

The original opening date of March 24 was postponed as we moved into lockdown so we were delighted our Prime Minister was able to reschedule for today's celebration.

This facility with its 12 laboratories is proving to be a great asset to the learning of Science at our school, with over 1500 MAGS students using the building on a daily basis.

Naming the building after William Caradus, the second Headmaster of MAGS, was an obvious choice and brings alive the legacy of a man who helped to shape the school over a 32-year period.

William Caradus began at MAGS in 1922 as a Chemistry Master and foundation staff member. He held the Head of Science role for 25 years before, in 1946, succeeding Fred Gamble as the Headmaster of Mount Albert Grammar School – a position he held until his retirement in 1954.

If anything, the extraordinary year we are having to date has cemented the importance of Science in the world we live in. Our young MAGS people are inheriting a planet that will continue to face pandemics, climate issues and pressure on basic resources such as water, food and energy. Challenges around sustainability will increasingly affect every human being.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

#### Monday, July 27

Year 8 Information Evening (Balmoral & Auckland Normal schools), 7pm, FW Gamble Hall

#### Tuesday, July 28

Year 8 Information Evening (Kowhai, Pasadena, Ponsonby & Wesley schools), 7pm, FW Gamble Hall

#### Tuesday, August 4

Future Pathways Expo, 4pm. MH Building



### Sport

#### Photo Essays



Rugby League 1st XIII v St Paul's College

And it is from a facility like the William Caradus Building that the seeds of innovation, creativity and hope will be sown in our young scientists! I have great faith that the solutions for our future will come out of a building like this!

William Caradus is a giant in the almost-100-year story of MAGS. It is fantastic that we can honour him through this wonderful asset to the learning of the MAGS young people of today.

Have a great weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

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Water Polo Senior Boys  
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**Fixtures and results**  
Click [here](#)

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## William Caradus Building officially opened



Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern officially opened the William Caradus Building today and toured the new Science block, talking to students and teachers.

Ms Ardern was scheduled to open the building, which has been in service since the beginning of the year, on March 24 but that was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the ceremony today, Head Boy Eric Shen and Head Girl Megan Williams (pictured right) MC'ed proceedings, with Megan speaking about William Caradus, MAGS' second Headmaster (from 1946-1954).

William Caradus, who fought in World War I, was a foundation master in 1922, Head of Science 1922-46, and Deputy Headmaster 1934-46. He was a teacher of Chemistry and Physics, and held a Master of Science – Chemistry 1st Class Honours.

Among the guests today were two former headmasters – Maurice Hall and Greg Taylor –

as well as members of the Board of Trustees, MAGS Foundation Chairman Peter Thorp and National MP Melissa Lee. For a full report on this event and more photos, click [here](#)



This was the Prime Minister's second visit here this month, as she was also part of a Ministry of Primary Industries strategy launch held at MAGS during the school holidays. Ms Ardern was greeted by Ag students (pictured above) and spoke at the launch, which was held in one of the MH Building classrooms overlooking the ASB MAGS Farm. Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor and Fisheries Minister Stuart Nash also spoke at the launch, which was attended by MPI officials, industry leaders, academics and media. For more photos from this event, click [here](#)

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## **Moon Stars win four in a row**



For the fourth year in a row, the Moon Stars have won the award for the best performance of an original piece at the New Zealand Chamber Music Contest. Ensemble member Matthew Somerville composed the award-winning piece *Broken Two*. You can see the Moon Stars introduce *Broken Two* [here](#) and perform the piece [here](#)

## Two upcoming Drama productions



Next week, there are two Drama productions taking place in the E9 Drama Room. HOD Drama Gerald Urquhart said students have been working hard and are looking forward to performing for an audience. On Wednesday night, Year 11 Drama students perform *Children of the Black Skirt*, an Australian play about the place of children throughout Australia's history. It is a dark and powerful play that gives voice to the voiceless. Through telling their stories, the children of an ethereal orphanage release the ghosts of the past and bring hope for the future.

On Thursday night, Year 10 Drama Academy perform *Chook Chook* by New Zealand playwright Fiona Farrel. This comedy follows the life of four battery hens as they deal with their confinement. It is an allegory for the place of women in society. It explores in a light-hearted manner the limitations that are imposed on women as well as those they create themselves in the interest of self-preservation.

Both pieces have important messages that the students are keen to convey. Seats are limited but if you wish to reserve tickets or have further questions, please contact Mr Urquhart at [gurquhart@mags.school.nz](mailto:gurquhart@mags.school.nz)

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## Winter Sports photos next week



Winter Sports Photos for 2020 will be taken in the School Hall on Wednesday, July 29 and Thursday, July 30.

Students should arrive at the hall at least 10 minutes prior to their photo time and must be wearing the correct uniform.

Schedule and uniform details for Wednesday are [here](#) and for Thursday are [here](#)

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## Future Pathways Expo

# FUTURE PATHWAYS EXPO

## MH BLOCK 4-7pm

### GROUND FLOOR

All NZ universities & a range of Industry Training Organisations & Private Training Organisations.

### UPPER FLOOR

Additional providers featuring Interactive displays. Faculty & Subject Rooms. Advice from Faculty staff. Deans & NCEA information.

### IMPORTANT

MAGS 2021 Subject Option Choices due 13 August.



The Future Pathways Expo is back and will once again be set across both floors of the MH Building.

The Expo – on August 4 from 4pm – features information and advice from universities and training organisations, as well as interactive displays, faculty and subject rooms, NCEA information and advice from Deans.

**Confirmed exhibitors are:** Lincoln University, ITC, NZDF, AIS, Ignite Colleges, UNITEC (performing & screen arts/architecture/landscape architecture/interior design/sport/all trades/animal & environmental science/business/nursing), AUT, Queenstown Resort College, NZ College of Chiropractic, Excel, Victoria, Cut Above Hair/Elite Beauty, Competenz, ETCO, PIHMS, Media Design School, Education USA, Whitecliffe/NZ Fashion Tech, Crown, Spirit of Adventure, Auckland University, MIT, North Shore Aero Club, Canterbury University, ASB MAGS Farm, Massey University, NZ Marine, Otago University, MITO, BCITO, MAINZ, Waikato University, Techtorium, NZ School of Food & Wine, Southern Wings, NZ School of Tourism, NZ Institute of Sport, NZ College of Massage, NZ Management Academies, NZ Culinary Collective, NZ Police, NZ Institute of Quantity Surveyors.

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## Art of Sport Challenge extended

The Arts Department has extended the closing date for the Art of Sport Challenge to Friday, July 31. Read the poster below or watch the video about it [here](#)

# THE ART OF SPORT ONLINE CHALLENGE

**Due date:**

**Friday week 1, July 24th, term 3**

**Amazing prizes up for grabs!**

This a great opportunity for collaborations between students of Sport and Arts or an opportunity to develop artistic work.

This could be photos, paintings film, compositions, dance or poetry with the theme of sport as your inspiration. You can submit a personal piece of art or collaborate with friends and classmates.

Be creative! Be daring and start planning. Submit work to [jeesan@mags.school.nz](mailto:jeesan@mags.school.nz). Use WeTransfer to send large files. Hardcopies of paintings or drawings can be submitted to Whaea Ainsley in E1, however you should still send a photograph of your piece to [jeesan@mags.school.nz](mailto:jeesan@mags.school.nz) for judging.

Winners announced Term 3 week 3. Prizes for winners and runners up each year level. All juniors will receive form class points as per last challenge.



## Year 8 Information Evenings

Mount Albert Grammar school holds Information Evenings rather than Open Days for prospective students.

The Information Evenings for 2020 will be held at 7pm on Monday, July 27 (Balmoral & Auckland Normal schools) and at 7pm on Tuesday, July 28 (Kowhai, Pasadena, Ponsonby & Wesley schools) for students enrolling in 2021.

These evenings are held in the school hall and are primarily for Year 8s who live in-zone. The evenings include a visual presentation about the school for prospective Year 9 students, and there is enrolment procedure information and the opportunity to ask questions about the academic, sporting, service, arts and cultural opportunities at the school.

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## Sign up to the Centenary database



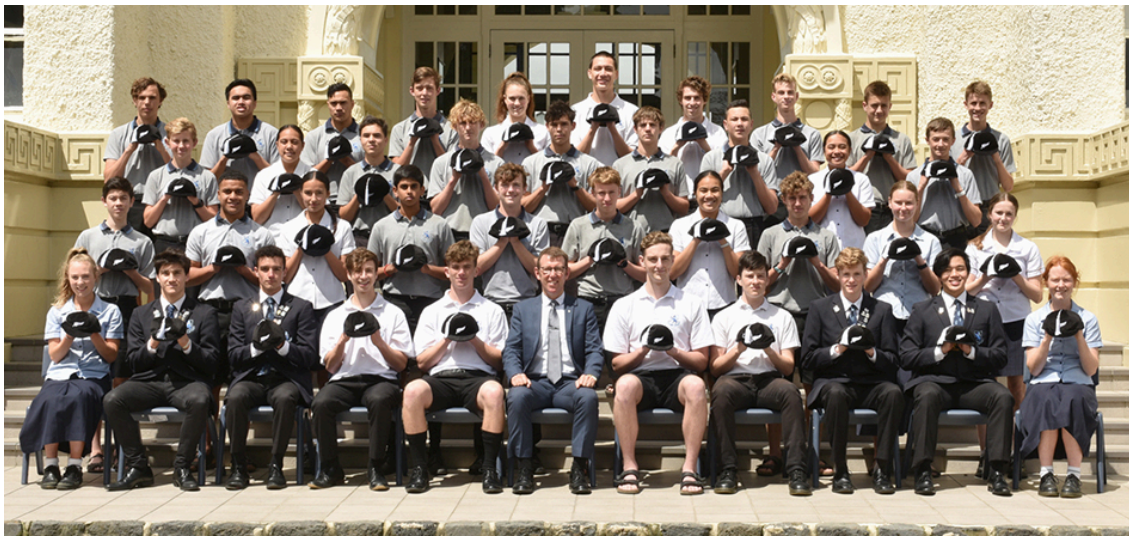
As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, with events planned for May 9-14, we warmly invite all Albertians to sign up to the database [here](#) to keep up to date with information, communications and events leading up to the Centenary celebration. Please encourage your friends and peers who were with you at MAGS to attend with you, and to also register at the link.

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## Sports update

### Black Cap applications open





The Sports Department is taking applications [here](#) for the MAGS Black Cap. You must have represented New Zealand between October 24, 2019 and October 12, 2020. To receive your Black Cap at the Sports Dinner on October 21 you will need to submit your application by Friday, September 25. Any performances after September 25 will still be celebrated at the Sports Dinner but the student name will not appear in the programme and your Black Cap will not be embroidered until after the dinner.

- You must have played in a game/sport
- Non-playing or paper teams do not count
- You must be a current MAGS student when you competed in the event

A formal photo of all Black Cap recipients will be taken at School on Wednesday, October 15 at 1.00pm.

Any queries, please email [sports@mags.school.nz](mailto:sports@mags.school.nz)

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## Sportsperson of the Year nominations

College Sport Auckland's Young Sportsperson of the Year (YSPOTY) Awards have been held since 1991 to celebrate the outstanding sporting achievements of Auckland secondary school students.

This year, the 30th Annual YSPOTY Awards will be held Thursday, November 19 at 6.30pm at Eden Park to recognise outstanding achievement across many sports.

You can find out more about the awards and fill out a nomination form [here](#)

Nominations close September 7.

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## Upcoming Premier Sport

Tonight sees the Basketball Girls and Boys Premiers playing away to Westlake at 6pm and 7.30pm respectively.

Tomorrow morning the Netball Premier 1 team play St Cuthbert's at St Kentigern College at

9.30am, while the Premier 2s are up against Aorere College at 11.30am at ANC.

At midday, the unbeaten Football Boys 1st XI are away to St Kentigern in a top of the table clash, while the Rugby Boys 1st XV are also away, to Kelston Boys High at 2.30pm.

The Rugby Girls 1st XV kick into action on Monday, playing away to Aorere College at 4pm.

On Wednesday, the Rugby League 1st XIII have a big home game against Southern Cross at 4pm. The Football Girls 1st XI are also at MAGS at 4pm, playing St Cuthbert's. Then the Squash

Boys Premiers face Rangitoto College at 4.15pm at Browns Bay Racquets. And the Hockey Boys 1st XI play St Kentigern at Mount Roskill Grammar at 5pm.

The Hockey Girls 1st XI are scheduled to play Howick College on Thursday with the venue and time to be confirmed. Also on Thursday, the Lacrosse Girls Premiers will play away to Mount Roskill Grammar at 4pm in a grading semifinal.

You can see more fixtures and results [here](#)



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