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## From the Acting Headmaster

### Key Dates

## MAGS Community Spirit

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Tēnā koutou ki te whānau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

It has been said that 'a school must be a genuine form of active community life' and already only two weeks into the term it has been a pleasure to host so many of our wider MAGS community, active in seeking information to ensure their child's potential is maximised and opportunities are taken

now, in pursuit of future success.

On Tuesday evening, our very successful Careers Expo drew in hundreds.

Teachers were on hand offering guidance around option selections for 2024, students and parents browsed the many displays on offer and chatted to numerous services, trades, and university providers. A valuable opportunity to connect, share knowledge and start conversations about the importance of making considered choices today, to ensure options are kept open for tomorrow.

And, across this weekend we invite you all to pause in your busy-ness and take a moment to enjoy our MAGS Art Show.

In its 10th year, this event once again impresses with the quality of professional work on display, while also showcasing astonishing student artistic talent. You are warmly invited to browse, to enjoy both visual and performing arts and we also hope many will find something to take home.

Plus, our outstanding Prefects have led the inaugural 'MAGS Spirit Week' with their aim being to remind their peers of the joy and laughter that can be found in joining together to share and enjoy simple school-based fun.



**Saturday, July 29 (10am-4pm) and Sunday, July 30 (10am-2pm)**

MAGS Art Show, F.W. Gamble Hall

### Sport

#### Photo Essays



Hockey Boys 1st XI v Mount Roskill Grammar

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Participation has been encouraged in whole school activities including what was referred to as 'old school Jump Jam'; sports; quizzes, culminating in today's colourful celebration with the wearing of any MAGS branded items, old or new, and/or MAGS Blue and Gold.

Finally, please hunt out your 'Blue and Gold' and join us to support our 1st XV for their final home game of the season tomorrow, to model our school as that 'genuine form of active community life'.

Wishing you all the very best of weekends.

Jo Williams  
Headmaster – Acting



Rugby Boys 1st XV v Auckland Grammar  
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**Fixtures and Results**  
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**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

## Art Show kicks off tonight





The wonderful MAGS Art Show starts tonight with the ticketed Gala Evening offering the first chance to see and buy the fabulous art on display.

As well as works by established and exhibiting artists, there are more than 370 student pieces of art for sale, most at affordable prices.

Entry to the Art Show tomorrow (open 10am-4pm) and Sunday (10am-2pm) is free.

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



### **SATURDAY**

11am, midday and 1pm – Music from Violani Afoa, Kairo Ah Kuoi Simich and Celestine Howard

2pm – Music from Emma Newland

3pm – Music from Catherine Chen

### **SUNDAY**

10.30am and 11.30 am – Junior Dance performance

12.30pm and 1.15pm – Music from Anouk Blackburn

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## **Record turnout at Careers Expo**



The 2023 Careers and Pathways Expo held on Tuesday in the MH Block was a huge success with a record turnout. Students and families were able to meet with teaching staff from all of our subject departments, see examples of student work, and get information on what they can learn in these subject options.

We also had a record number of tertiary education providers promoting careers and training in everything from Aviation, Defence, Trades, Technology, Hospitality and Design.

Karen Caso, our Careers and Gateway Coordinator noticed that “great conversations were heard throughout the evening and all of our university liaisons were impressed by our students' motivation and interest in pursuing their future pathways”.

If you would like to learn more about your career pathway, don't forget to visit the [MAGS CareerWise website](#) or book an appointment with Ms Hanson or Ms Jerabek in Careers.



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## Debating teams into finals





After a hectic last term, two MAGS debating teams have progressed to the Octofinals. Mr Ploeg's Senior Open MAGS 5 and Ms Laxon's Junior Open MAGS 2 teams have both been successful in achieving this promotion into the knockout rounds.

The Senior Open Debating Team, consisting of Year 12 students Ryan Antia, Nishka Arora and Arshiya Arora (pictured above with Mr Ploeg), continues to shine as a premier debating team. Over the past three years, the team has notched up several wins.

This year, the team has emerged victorious in all of their regional debates, securing memorable wins against schools with strong debating teams. Along the way, Ryan Antia was named the best speaker. These triumphs have positioned the team within the Top 5 in Senior Open in Auckland. On Tuesday, the team competed against Rangitoto in the Octofinals and emerged victorious, advancing to the Quarterfinals.

The Junior Open team of Isabella Caie, Eliza Rodger, Lachlan Paul, Sona McCormack and Stephanie Zhang is pictured below with Ms Laxon.



## Scientists' valuable research boosted

Congratulations to two Albertians – Dr Molly Swanson (2007-2011) and Jamie Hucklesby (2011-2013) – who have received generous fellowships from the Neurological Foundation of NZ to continue their research.



Molly, a research fellow at University of Auckland, has received a \$245,052 Philip Wrightson Fellowship for her ongoing research into amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

(ALS), a paralysing brain and spinal cord disease caused by the death of neurons involved in movement.

She'll travel to Australia to learn new techniques for working with microglia – brain immune cells that help the brain recover from damage and disease. She's also been awarded a \$15,000 small project grant to establish new microglia technology in NZ.

Jamie, also at University of Auckland, received a \$231,553 First Fellowship for his ongoing research into strokes.

He will use human brain cells to determine if the window for effective treatment after





stroke can be extended, and if other medications could be combined with current stroke treatments to protect the brain and improve outcomes.

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## Excellence certificates awarded



The Junior Excellence Awards for Term 2 were presented to students from Year 9 (pictured above) and Year 10 (pictured below) at assembly this week.

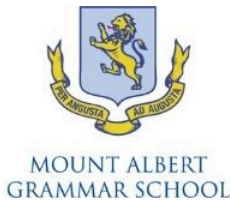
Certificates are awarded to up to two students from each mentor class at the end of each term. You can see the list of Year 9 students [here](#) and the Year 10 students [here](#)

These awards recognise students who have demonstrated personal excellence by doing one or more of the following:

- shown huge improvement in the quality of work
- submitted outstanding work
- shown significantly improved effort
- exemplified the 'MAGS Way' values
- been a highly supportive and helpful member of their mentor class
- persevered through hardship to achieve success



## Basketball fundraiser tomorrow



MOUNT ALBERT  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



# MAGS BASKETBALL PREMIER GIRLS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY 29 JULY 11AM -4PM**

**COMING TO THE RUGBY, FOOTBALL OR ARTSHOW?**

**TRY OUR DELICIOUS  
SEAFOOD CHOWDER & FRY BREAD  
CHOP SUEY & RICE  
BBQ SAUSAGES**



The MAGS Basketball Premier team are fundraising tomorrow to attend the Nationals tournament in Palmerston North.

Please pop by the grandstand and give them your support – they'll have their delicious seafood chowder and fry bread, chop suey and rice, a sausage sizzle, and home baking for sale.



## Arts Calendar for Term 3

WEEK	DATE (S)	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
2	28 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	ARTS SHOW GALA EVENING	HALL	6.00pm
2	29 <sup>TH</sup> AND 30 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	ARTS SHOW	HALL	10am-4pm Sat 10am-2pm Sun
4	7 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST	KBB FESTIVAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRE	HOLY TRINITY	10.30AM
4	7 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 3PM	KBB FESTIVAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA	ST MARY'S	3PM
4	9 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST	KBB FESTIVAL JAZZ BAND	ST MARY'S	11.30 AM
5	14-17 AUGUST	LEVEL 2 DRAMA PRODUCTION	PAO2	7PM
6	25 <sup>TH</sup> - 27 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST	THE BIG SING FINALE	Auckland Town Hall	TIMES FOR MAGS TBC
9	18th SEPTEMBER	DANCE SCHOLARSHIP SHOW	PAO2	Time TBC

## Get your tickets for Quiz Night



**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

 **MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Tickets are now available at the Finance Office for the MAGS Quiz Night on Friday, August 18.

This 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 prizes, please email Acting Associate Principal John Stradwick [jstradwick@mags.school.nz](mailto:jstradwick@mags.school.nz)

## 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](#)

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## Sports Update

### Upcoming Premier Sport



Today, our Premier Girls Basketball team is away to St Mary's at 6pm, with no game for the Premier Boys. The Football Boys 1st XI are up against St Kentigern on the William Green Turf at 7pm tonight.

On Saturday, the Netball Premiers play McAuley High at the Auckland Netball Centre at 9.30am, while the Rugby Boys 1st XV have their last home game of the season – against second-placed Sacred Heart at 2.30pm. Supporters are encouraged to wear their MAGS gear or 'Blue and Gold' to get behind the team. Also, Albertians will be gathering for an



after-match function at Albert's Post, Mt Albert, from about 4.15pm.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV host Manurewa High at 4pm.

On Tuesday, the Lacrosse Girls Premiers play a rescheduled match at home against Pukekohe High at 4pm.

On Wednesday, our Rugby League 1st XIII have a home game against Avondale College at 4pm, the Football Girls 1st XI start the APC Cup against Botany Downs at MAGS at 4pm, and the Hockey Boys 1st XI play Westlake Boys at Mt Roskill Grammar at 4.30pm.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Girls Premiers are scheduled to play a finals match at 4pm with details to be confirmed, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Takapuna Grammar at 7pm at Diocesan.

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

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