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From the Headmaster

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Looking To Our Future Albertians



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

Our two Year 8 Information Evenings this week saw the FW Gamble Hall filled to overflowing with prospective MAGS students and their parents.

In many ways these evenings are among the most important of the year and provide a window to the future and the next generation of Albertians.

A highlight are the addresses given by current Year 9 students. While the messages from our school staff (including the Headmaster) are hopefully of some interest and use to the audience, it is the experiences shared by current students that undoubtedly steal the show on the night.

Our Year 9 speakers conveyed the essence of a MAGS education from a student perspective. It was valuable listening for not only the visiting Year 8 students and their parents, but also for our current staff present on the evening.

Thank you to Eva Yarrow, Johnny Gilmore, Tehya McDade and Sam Roughan for your outstanding leadership on the night. And thank you also to our Head Prefects – Lucy Taylor and Wesley Donald – for sharing their perspectives as they come to the end of their secondary school journey.

As we look to the future, we have commenced consultation around the new Mount Albert Grammar School Strategic Plan (2023-2027).

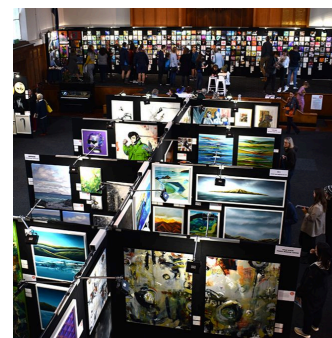
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Wednesday, August 3

Future Pathways Expo, MH Building, 4pm-7pm

Friday, August 5

MAGS Centenary Art Show Gala Evening, FW Gamble Hall, 6.00pm-9.30pm



Saturday, August 6 and

Sunday, August 7

MAGS Centenary Art Show, FW Gamble Hall

Thursday, August 18 and

Friday, August 19

Arts and Cultural Photos

Every MAGS parent will have the opportunity to provide feedback about the future direction of the school. A link to the parent survey will be forwarded in a separate email and I encourage you to take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Sport

Fixtures and Results



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



Night of the Classics wows audience



Photos / QiQi Deng

The Night of the Classics on July 8 presented a great opportunity for our musicians both to be assessed and to be prepared for the upcoming KBB festival, Big Sing finals and Auckland Blues and Jazz Festival.



Our Concert Orchestra opened and closed the concert with medleys of popular Abba songs and Latin tunes. The Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Dr John Thomson, played the set of pieces that they will perform at the KBB Festival in early August. Bella Houghton was the featured soloist on violin.

The Chamber/String Orchestra performed Vivaldi's Winter, as well as the Japanese Four Seasons. The featured soloist was Helen Wen on violin.

Our two chamber groups,

Torschlusspanik and Moon Stars, also performed their NZCT competition pieces.

Both choirs – Gloriana and The Centennial Choir – performed two of their Big Sing pieces each, led by their choral directors, Mrs Oxenham and Mr Maskell respectively.

Our Jazz Band musicians played two pieces under the leadership of Mr Watson, with Kaloni Tovo and Manas Chigurukota the featured vocalists.

HOD Music Milica Moon said, "The audience enjoyed the lovely finish to the busy term, and all the performances were welcomed with huge applause."

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

Art Show Gala Evening tickets selling fast



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](#)

Book for Centenary Events now



Our [Centenary Events website](#) now has full details about the upcoming Centenary celebrations during the week of September 25 to October 1.

You can buy tickets for paid events or register for free events via the site.



Highlights of the week include:

- Thanksgiving Service (Sunday, September 25, 10am, FW Gamble Hall)
- Pasifika Centenary Dinner (Tuesday, September 27, 6pm, Manhattan)
- Albertians' Day and Luncheon (Wednesday, September 28, at MAGS)
- Golf Day (Thursday, September 29, 11am, Muriwai Golf Club)
- The Alternative School Tour with the Pua brothers (Friday, September 30, 10am at MAGS)
- Centenary Reunion Drinks (Friday, September 30, 6pm, FW Gamble Hall)
- Centenary Dinner (Saturday, October 1, 6.30pm, Grand Millennium Hotel)
- School Tours (various days throughout the week)

You can learn more about these Centenary Events and buy tickets for them or register for them [here](#)

Busy start to Term 3



MAGS has hit the ground running in Term 3 with 3 Way Conferences (above) and Year 8 Information Evenings (below) this week.

The 3 Way Conferences, held Wednesday and yesterday, have produced an impressive attendance rate of around 96% as students discuss their progress with their Mentor Teacher and parents, and plan for finishing off the year in a strong fashion.

Deputy Principal Ms Hayat said, "This fantastic result demonstrates how our community is keen to work alongside the school. The 3 Way Conferences provided an important opportunity for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge student progress, achievement and next steps. They are a valuable avenue to involve parents and students in the learning process, whilst strengthening our relationships with whanau."

The Year 8 Information Evenings saw the FW Gamble Hall packed out on both Tuesday night and last night as prospective students and their parents learned about the MAGS experience.

As well as presentations from senior staff, MAGS students, including Year 9s, spoke about different aspects of school life that provided valuable insights for those in attendance.



Centenary Rowing appeals



In our Centenary year, MAGSROW is seeking donations for two funds: The Centenary Eight Fund and The Centennial Rowing Scholarship Fund.

The main thrust of the appeal is to raise funds to purchase a New Zealand-made skiff for our women's eight.

And in honour of the late Kerry Ashby, the first MAGSROW Patron, The Centennial Rowing Scholarship Fund will cover part or all of the rowing fees for students who show promise, but whose families struggle to meet the cost. There are various levels of donations available for each fund and they are tax-deductible.

Email Roger McGarry at magsrowevents@gmail.com for more information.

Top Physics and Maths students

Six of our students made it into the North Island Finals (the top 1 per cent) of the New Zealand Physics and Maths Competition (NZPMC).

The finalists were: Jacob Miller, Ryan Shen and Eric Hu in the Junior division, and Alan Li, Devendra Johnston and Deboprana Mallick in the Senior division.

The finals were held during the school holidays at University of Auckland, with Alan and Deboprana (pictured right) our top performers, coming ninth and 10th respectively in the Senior division.

The NZPMC aims to help young scientists to extend their interest in Physics and Mathematics using a test format where they tackle a wide range of problems, rather than a competition that involves extensive research or a project.



Megacrew second at Blueprint competition



On the first Saturday of the school holidays the MAGS MEGACREW participated in the Blueprint schools dance competition, narrowly missing out on the first place trophy. But their stunning performance, which saw them come second to Avondale College, did see them receive a special award for Excellence in Skill and Execution.

Director of Arts Co-curricular Ms Cesan said, "It must also be acknowledged that some of our amazing Arts Leaders volunteered to help at this event, and were invaluable to the staff and production team."



Photos / QiQi Deng

Coming up in the Arts

As we look beyond the MAGS Centenary Art Show next week, we have another busy Arts term with the Year 13 Drama production, the Dance Scholarship Concert, the KBB and Jazz



and Blues music competitions, finals of the Spoken Word competition, and our Centennial Choir competing in the Big Sing Cadenza to be held in Rotorua .

Focus on online safety

Netsafe has created the Online Safety Parent Toolkit to get parents and whānau talking about online safety. As young people spend more time online, it's important that parents and whānau can teach their child to have a safe online experience.



This [link](#) lets you download a PDF copy of Netsafe's Online Safety Parent Toolkit to use as and when you need.

When children learn from home, it is important to make sure they stay safe online.

switch  on safety

Here is a [link](#) to a simple, **FREE** way to block the worst of the web. This is an initiative from the Ministry of Education, the Network for Learning and Netsafe.

Future Pathways Expo next week

FUTURE PATHWAYS EXPO

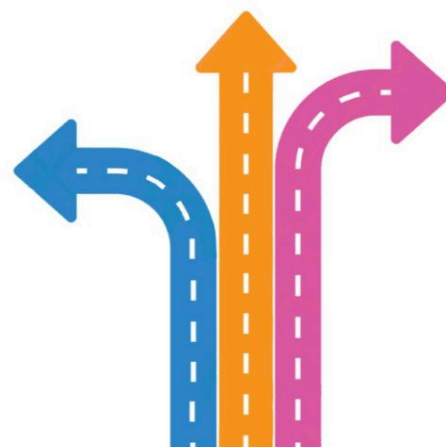
Wednesday August 3rd
MH BLOCK 4.00-7.00pm

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 on (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.

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](#)



Give blood on Monday

**Over 30% of donors can't donate
due to winter ills and chills**

Get a warm glow knowing you've helped save a life by making one blood donation this winter.

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**Mt Albert War Memorial
Hall,
773 New North Road**



**Monday 1 August
12:00pm – 6:00pm**

Please bring ID with you. Appointments can be made by downloading our app, following the link: <https://bit.ly/3zrDDeT>, or contact our call centre 0800448325

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Sports Update

Orienteers clean up at NISS and Nationals



At the NISS and National Orienteering Champs over the recent school holidays, Molly McGowan won all four Senior Girls titles across the two championships.

Molly (pictured at centre above and at right) won the Senior Girls Sprint and Long events at North Islands and at the National Schools Championships in Auckland. Team Manager Neill McGowan said, "Winning all four titles is a fantastic achievement for Molly and rare in recent Orienteering history. In the NZSS races, she held off strong competition from Orienteers who were fresh from their return from Junior World Championships in Portugal.

"She won the Sprint by nearly three minutes and the Long by nine minutes at NISS, and then won the NZSS Sprint by a tight three seconds and then the Long by 22 seconds. She takes this form into the Australian Schools Championships as she represents New Zealand in Victoria next month."





Molly's achievements were part of a team effort that saw MAGS Orienteering Boys take out the North Island's Top Secondary School for the sixth year in a row as well as winning the Premier School competition.

The Girls finished third for the third successive year with a huge gap to Diocesan in 4th place (197 points behind). The Boys took out an Auckland Grammar team by 66 points, with Pukekohe a distant third, to maintain their dominance over the last few years.

As well as Molly's victories, there were wins for Callum Wishart (Senior Boys – Long), Sam Carryer (Intermediate Boys – Sprint), the Senior Boys Relay and Intermediate Boys Relay.

In the second week of the holidays, the team then went on to the National Secondary Schools Championships.

Again they were supreme, winning the Top Secondary School for the fourth time in a row and the Premier School competition again. The Boys came out on top again, beating an Auckland Grammar team by 74 points, with Havelock North in 3rd. The Girls finished third for the second successive year with Diocesan 195 points behind.

On top of Molly's wins, there was a victory for the Intermediate Boys Relay.

Upcoming Premier Sport



Today, our Football Boys 1st XI are away to Auckland Grammar at 6pm, while the Basketball Premier Girls and Boys play at home against Carmel and Rosmini respectively at 6pm and 7.30pm.

On Saturday, our Netball Premiers face Auckland Girls Grammar at 11.30am at Auckland Netball, while the Rugby Boys 1st XV have a tough away game against Kelston Boys High at 2.30pm.

On Monday, the Hockey Girls 1st XI play away to St Cuthbert's at 3.45pm, and the Rugby Girls 1st XV are also away, to One Tree Hill College at 4pm.

On Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI have a home game scheduled at 4pm (against the winner of Macleans College v Diocesan College), and the Hockey Boy 1st XI are up against Rangitoto College at Auckland Grammar at 5.45pm.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Premier Girls have a semifinal game scheduled at 4pm with the draw yet to be released, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI are back in action, playing St Mary's at Baradene at 6.45pm.

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

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