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9th-14th May 2022



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## From the Headmaster



## The Teacher as Coach!

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

Thank you to parents and students who attended the 3-Way Conferences held this week.

Close to 95% of families were able to meet with academic mentors for a full and frank discussion around the academic progress of students to date this year.

The parent-student-mentor conferences are an important part of our academic mentoring programme. This initiative was introduced in 2017 and has become embedded in the learning culture at MAGS.

Every student at MAGS now has access to a mentor – a significant adult in the school who walks alongside them throughout their academic journey at MAGS.

Key themes driving the mentoring programme include:

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

### Monday, August 2

Opening night of The Government Inspector (Level 3 Drama production), 7pm, E9 Drama Room

### Monday, August 2 to Friday, August 6

Peace Week activities around the school.



### Tuesday, August 3

Future Pathways Expo, 4-7pm, MH Building

### Friday, August 13 to Sunday, August 15

MAGS Art Show, FW Gamble Hall

### Wednesday, September 1

Out-of-zone applications close

- The same academic mentor working with each student throughout their five years at MAGS
- Students work towards clear academic goals and targets
- Academic performance is rigorously tracked through the year
- Conversations are based on academic data (assessment, feedback)
- A strong relationship built within the three-way partnership of student-parent-mentor

This wrap-around programme has steadily lifted academic results across the board over recent years. It personalises the academic pathway for students and makes success achievable for everyone.

Academic mentoring is now part of normal life at MAGS. Three parties working towards a shared goal of students becoming the best they can be!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster



## Sport

### Photo Essay



Football Girls 1st XI v  
Pakuranga College

Click [here](#)

### Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

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## Unity Concert video out now



The video of the whole MAGS Unity Concert is available now and can be viewed [here](#)

The concert was held at the Dorothy Winstone Centre at Auckland Girls Grammar on the last Friday of Term 2 (July 9) before a packed and enthusiastic audience.

More than 220 students from various cultural groups performed with passion and commitment to the delight of an audience that showed their appreciation for the skill and

authenticity of each of the groups.

The evening was opened by the Kapa Haka group, who performed a selection of items from their stellar Polyfest bracket, finishing with the new MAGS Haka, Takatū, especially written for the school by Whaea Waimirangi Paul and Matua Peter Walters.

Then the Chinese group performed, giving a display of Chinese culture at its finest.

After that, the Cook Island girls, exquisitely dressed in an array of colour and flowers, performed with delicate grace and style.



Following this, Year 12 Dance performed a contemporary Fijian dance full of rhythm with constantly changing formations, taught to them by Albertian Nathan Waqalevu.

Next up was the Indian group, who delighted the audience with the sheer colour and spectacle of the costuming and Bollywood movement in a dance that took the audience through the highlights of the many festivals of India.

The Niuean group, also beautifully costumed and prepared, performed traditional dances, clearly showing their love for the Niuean culture.

The huge Tongan group performed a traditional Lakalaka and then the Year 13 performers gave a passionate

performance in their final dance for the school, with parents joining them onstage at the end.

The final group was the Samoan group.

Director of Arts Co-Curricular Jacqui Cesan said, "The choreography, synchronicity and performance by this huge group was a wonderful way to end an evening that was simply outstanding and clearly showed the joy that the students felt in sharing their different cultures with the MAGS community.

"Huge thanks must go to the leaders, Albertians, tutors and students of the groups for such a wonderful display."

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



## Future Pathways Expo next week

# FUTURE PATHWAYS EXPO

**Tuesday August 3rd**

**MH BLOCK 4.00-7.00pm**

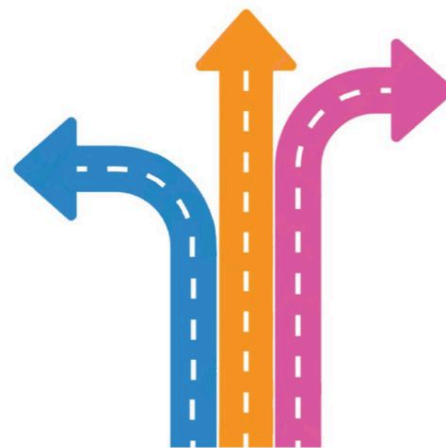
**What are you doing when you leave school?**  
Universities, Technical Institutes, Private Training Providers, Industry Training Orgs, Interactive Displays, Faculty and Subject areas spread over both levels of MH Block.

Deans/ Careers and NCEA information on upper floor at the top of the stairs.

*MAGS 2022 Subject option choices are due by 13 August in SchoolPoint*



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**Tuesday August 3rd : 4.00-7.00pm**

A not-to-be-missed occasion, especially for Year 10-12 students, our popular Future Pathways Expo is on next week (Tuesday, 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 2022 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.



The following exhibitors will be there:

NZMA, NZ Institute of Sport, Culinary Collective, Massey University, NZDF, Techorium, ETCO (Electrical Training), MITO (Motor Industry), Victoria University, Media Design School, Crown, Air NZ Academy of Learning, Queenstown Resort College, NZ Police, Excel – Music and Drama School, International Tourism College, AUT, Canterbury University, Waikato University, Southern Wings, Otago University, NZ School of Tourism, MIT, NZ College of Chiropractic, North Shore Aero Club, ADHB – Health Careers, Quantity Surveyors, Samala Robinson Academy, NZ School of Food & Wine, AIS, MAINZ, Sth Pacific College of Natural Medicine, Yoobee Colleges

(including South Seas Film School), ATT (Apprenticeship Training Trust), Mast, Marine & Specialized Technologies, BCITO (Building/Construction), Auckland Aero Club, University of Auckland, Lincoln University, Adventureworks, UNITEC.

## Gala Night tickets selling fast



Tickets are selling fast to the MAGS Art Show Gala Night on Friday, August 13. This event, which features performances, drinks and canapes, also gives guests the chance to be first to see artwork for sale.

The Gala Night is a major part of the fundraising efforts of the weekend and we welcome you to buy a ticket [here](#). If you can't make the Gala Night, please do come along during the weekend, when admission is FREE (Saturday, August 14, 10am-4pm, Sunday, August 15, 10am-2pm). Money raised from this event will go towards our newly established [LION Fund](#), which provides monetary support to some of our families and students who are in need, and to our MAGS Artist in Residence programme.

All the artworks featured in the MAGS Art Show are available for purchase – so if you see something you love, you're invited to buy it and take it home at the end of the weekend.

Visit our Art Show [website](#) for exhibiting artists and follow the Art Show

on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for all the show updates.

We look forward to seeing at you at the Gala Night or over the weekend.



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## Out-of-zone applications close soon

Out-of-zone enrolment applications may be made for Year 9 and 10 students only for 2022 and must be received by 4pm, Wednesday, 1 September, 2021.

If application numbers exceed places available, a ballot for applications will be held on Wednesday, 8 September, 2021.

More information [here](#)

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## Nights of laughs next week

Next week, there are four performances of the Year 13 Production, The Government Inspector, by Nikolai Gogol.

It is a comedy of errors. The corrupt officials of a small village get warned that an inspector will be arriving soon to check on the running of things. The only catch being that he will do it...incognito. A young man from the capital has recently arrived in town. He has been refusing to pay his bills, instead charging them to an address in St Petersburg. Could this be the government inspector in disguise?

The Government Inspector is perhaps Russia's most famous comedy. It takes a satirical look at the corruption that exists in power structures and the greed that exists in us all. Playwright Nikolai Gogol was innovative for the early 19th Century in that none of his main

characters were written sympathetically. In fact, all of the characters in this play have their flaws. He encourages the audience to laugh at these outrageous characters and, maybe in the process, to laugh at ourselves.

The show opens 7pm, Monday, August 2, with shows at the same time on the following Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

Tickets (\$5 MAGS Staff and Students, \$10 Adults) can be reserved by emailing Mr Urquhart at [gurquhart@mags.school.nz](mailto:gurquhart@mags.school.nz)



## Peace Week activities

KIA TAU TE RANGIMĀRIE - 01-07 HERE-TURI-KŌKĀ 2021 - KIA HOHOU TE RANGIMĀRIE

# YOUTH PEACE WEEK

## INNER PEACE FOR OUTWARD ACTION

1ST - 7TH AUGUST 2021

To register for free, visit [www.peacefoundation.org.nz](http://www.peacefoundation.org.nz). Your school will receive a toolkit and updates!

#YOUTHPEACEWEEK2021 #INNERPEACEFOROUTWARDACTION

Our 2021 Peer Mediators have been hard at work organising multiple events for Youth Peace Week next week.

Across the week, there will be guest speakers coming into MAGS, chalk affirmations of peace in the Albertian Quad, messages of peace written to peers on koru shapes, and Spoken Word Poetry on the Peace Week theme of 'Inner Peace for Outward Action'.

## Albertian of the Year tickets on sale now

The Albertians Association will honour Warwick Gibbs as 2021 Albertian of the Year at a function on August 20 for his outstanding contributions to MAGS over 50 years.

The event will take place in the FW Gamble Hall starting at 6pm and feature beverages and

canapes, with tickets costing \$60.


Another Albertian of the Year and a long-time colleague, Greg Cave, will speak to the many talents of Mr Gibbs, who is currently our Academic Dean.

Mr Gibbs has taught languages at MAGS since 1972, and was HoF Languages for 30 years. He has been a Dean since 1986, and in 2019 won the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award. Tickets and more details available [here](#)





## Sign up for Centenary Celebrations


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Centennial 9th - 14th May 2022  
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Footage from the Albertian Sports Day, 2022. Video shot & edited by Albertian Jack Briden

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.





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.

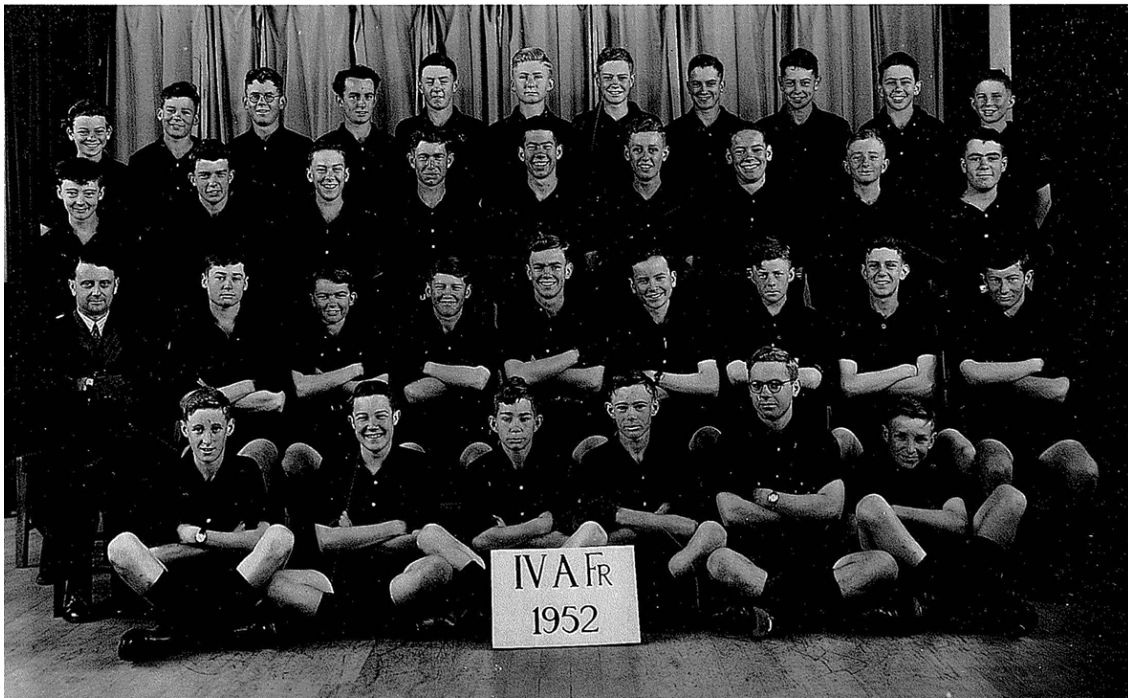
The Albertian Online Community registration process is rigorous but we have these measures in place to ensure that only Albertians are registering – and to protect privacy and personal data.

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## Seventy years ago ...

Huge thanks to Albertian Bob Kinnear, who, this week, dropped off the photo below of his fourth form class from 70 years ago.

Mr Kinnear's family has many historical links to the school: his father L.F. Kinnear was a foundation student in 1922 and played in the 1924 1st XV Rugby team that won the first of MAGS' Auckland rugby championships, and his grandfather J.H. Kinnear donated the school bell after it was deemed surplus to requirements by the Mt Albert Fire Brigade. You can see more images like this from the school's archive [here](#)



Back row, from left to right: B.O. Young, C.L.Mansfield, H.R. Lambie, B.A Cunningham, O.E. Hayward, J.M. Bruns, R.F. (Bob) Kinnear, R.R Coldham, R.W. Carter, A.J. LeCouteur, M.S. White.

3rd Row: F. A. Knights, P.G. Walter, R.M. Hamilton, P.J. Schofield, R.J.Holland, N.J. Watson, D.S. Marks, R.W. Polkinghorne, B.J. Serjeant.

2nd Row: Mr M.K. Penman, R.D. Hyde, C.N. Chamberlain, G.G. Pirrit, H.J.G. Short, J.M. Folkard, K.H.A. Williamson, C.J. Gwynn, M.F. Fisher.

Front Row: T.R. Heeps, D.A. Warner, M.H. Garlick, B. Redfern, R.R. Thompson, I.A. Turner.

Absent: J.A. Jamieson, B.B. McGinty.

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## Sports Update

### Orienteers successfully defend NZ title



MAGS Orienteering Boys team has successfully defended its National Schools title, running out convincing winners in Hawkes Bay last weekend. In complex and difficult, hilly terrain, the Boys won the Top Schools Trophy for overall team and the Premier Points trophy. This is the third time in a row that MAGS has won the Top Schools Trophy, amassing 428 points ahead of Pukekohe High in 2nd on 311.

The Girls equalled their best-ever result from last year, finishing 3rd overall, 40 points ahead of their nearest rivals.

Top results came from James Milne (pictured right), who was National Champion in the Junior Boys category



for both the Long and the Sprint events; and there were top-five performances from Ella Edwards (5th – Long), Daniel Wood (4th – Sprint), Molly McGowan (5th – Sprint).

In the Relay, the Intermediate Girls finished 3rd (Ella Edwards, Kate Rogers, Eve Thompson), the Intermediate Boys were 2nd (Oscar Vink, Luka Johnson, Sam Carryer), and the Senior Boys were 3rd (Daniel Wood, Callum Wishart, Tom Aish).

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## Sports scholarships for Westies

The Don Oliver Youth Sport Foundation is inviting applications for financial scholarships to young West Auckland athletes.

These scholarships support athletes to achieve their sporting ambitions and range from \$1000-\$5000, with a specialised award for disabled athletes as well.

Applications remain open until tomorrow (July 31) and can be accessed via the Don Oliver [website](#)

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## Upcoming Premier Sport



Both our Premier Basketball teams are at home tonight, playing their respective Westlake counterparts with the Girls on at 6pm, and the Boys at 7.30pm.

The Football Boys 1st XI are also playing today: away to Auckland Grammar at 6pm.

Tomorrow, our Netball Premiers play One Tree Hill College at Auckland Netball Centre at 11.30am.



Also tomorrow, our Rugby Boys 1st XV host Aorere College on the Sir BG Williams Field at 2.30pm as they seek to defend the Geoff Moon Memorial Cup.

On Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI continue their run in the APC after their 5-1 win over Pakuranga College this week, with a home game against St Kentigern at 4pm. The Hockey Boys 1st XI are away to Westlake Boys 2nd XI at North Harbour at 6.22pm.

On Thursday, the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Mt Roskill Grammar at a time and venue to be confirmed, and the Lacrosse Girls Premiers will play EGGs in the final at 4pm with the

venue yet to be confirmed.

At the end of next week, our Squash Premier Boys will be returning to Tauranga to defend their NZSS Squash title, with games played from Friday to Sunday.

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

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