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9th-14th May 2022



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## From the Headmaster

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*The 1922 Rugby 1st XV in their modified Auckland Grammar jerseys.*



## Key Dates

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### Monday, July 26

Start of Term 3

### Wednesday, July 28

Classes finish around midday for Three-Way Conferences (2pm-7pm)

### Thursday, July 29

No classes today to accommodate Three-Way Conferences (10am-6pm)

### Tuesday, August 3

Future Pathways Expo, 4-7pm, MH Building

## 100-Year Rivalry



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

Come 2.30pm tomorrow at Auckland Grammar School, the MAGS Boys 1st XV Rugby Team runs out for their 100th encounter against our old foe.

The commencement of this rivalry with AGS in 1922 saw our newly formed school still relying on the uniform of its mother school. As such, the inaugural MAGS 1st XV players took to the field wearing the Oxford blue jersey of Auckland Grammar – but with the addition of a



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

MAGS Art Show, FW Gamble Hall

stitched-on Cambridge blue sash.

That first encounter did not go the way of MAGS. But two years later, in 1924, the MAGS 1st XV won the first of its 22 Auckland Rugby schoolboy titles beating Auckland Grammar in the process. The first of our 19 All Blacks, Vic Butler, was also part of this champion team.



Rugby, along with the many other codes of our sporting pillar, has been such a source of pride for MAGS students throughout the past 100 years.

Passion, courage, identity and belonging – sport has played a critical role in shaping the MAGS culture of today. Our upcoming Centennial Celebrations will certainly provide a perfect forum for team-mates from years gone by to reconnect and reminisce.

But for now we wish our Rugby Boys all the best in their historic fixture tomorrow.

I trust our students have a safe and enjoyable holiday period and look forward to seeing parents and whanau at the 3-Way Conferences during Week 1 of Term 3.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

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**Sport**

**Photo Essay**



Rugby Girls 1st XV v  
Marist College

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## Night of the Classics concert





Photos / Arnav Bhatiani and Fatima Usman

The second of our music concerts – Night of the Classics – was held last Friday at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre.

The evening opened with the *Radetzky March* by Strauss performed by the Concert Orchestra conducted by Mrs Moon. The orchestra also featured a number of Albertians and former staff.



This was followed by the girls and then boys choirs, who, to the audience's delight, performed some of the repertoire from *The Big Sing*.

Following this, the Chamber orchestras under the baton of Ms Jenny Shih played some of their repertoire from the Chamber Contest, including the performance of the award-winning piece composed by MAGS student Mekal Covic.

A highlight of the Chamber pieces was the stunning violin solo by student Daniel Zhang.

Next upon stage was the Symphonic Orchestra conducted by Ms Moon, and then proceedings crossed to the Jazz Band and Mr Watson.

The final performance of the night was the Concert Orchestra featuring Tali Afele on vocals with a rousing performance of the classic *Quando Quando Quando*.

Director of Arts Co-Curricular Ms Cesan said, "The audience really enjoyed the concert and



were generous in their appreciation at the end."  
You can see more photos of the concert [here](#)



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## Art Show Gala Night tickets on sale



Our 2021 MAGS Art Show is nearly upon us (August 13-15) and we have an incredible group of volunteers working hard behind the scenes to make it a success for MAGS. Our Gala Night on Friday, August 13 is a major part of the fundraising efforts of the weekend and we welcome you to buy a ticket [here](#) and enjoy the performances, drinks, canapes and, obviously, the incredible artwork for sale. If you can't make the Gala evening, please do come along during the weekend, when admission is FREE (Saturday, August 14, 10am-4pm, Sunday, August 15, 10am-2pm).

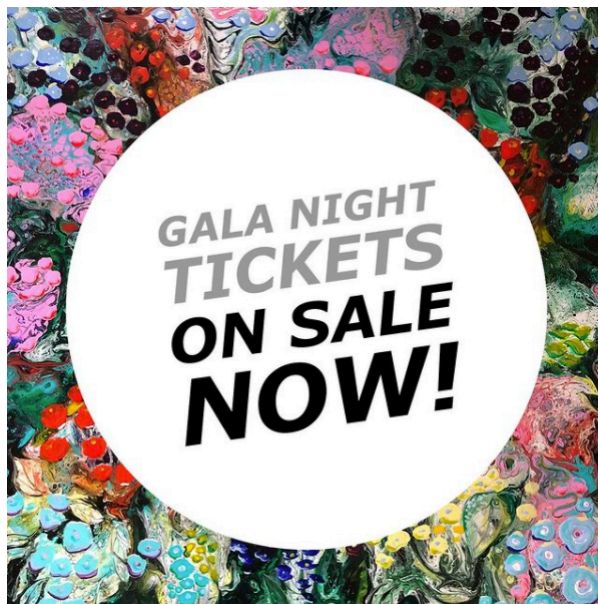


Money raised from this event will go towards our newly established [LION Fund](#), which provides monetary support to some of our families and students who are in need, and to our MAGS Artist in Residence programme.

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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## Future Pathways Expo is back!

Our popular Future Pathways Expo is back next term (August 3, from 4-7 pm) and will once again be 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, Tectorium, 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.

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## 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](#)



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## Well-deserved Duke of Ed Golds



On Saturday, June 19, two Albertians received their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards at a ceremony held at Pukekohe High School.

Claudia Woods and Milly Bayfield (pictured above left and right respectively, with Mr Belson) attended with their families to receive their award from Sarah Hillary.



Mackenzie Brabant and Norah Anderson (2020) have also recently completed their Gold Award.

The Governor-General was present and, in her speech, the Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy said: "This award ceremony is well-deserved recognition for a challenge completed ... there's a great feeling of satisfaction that the moment has finally come and all the hard work and time spent has paid off."

Duke of Ed Award Leader Mr Belson said, "This is the pinnacle of the Award scheme and one which has taken at least a year of commitment to serving the community, meeting new challenges and demonstrating perseverance and resilience. Students have had opportunities to learn life skills, make connections and engage with their community. I am so proud of their commitment and efforts in completing this prestigious award. "Congratulations to all recipients on their outstanding achievement."

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## Young Enterprise Challenge

Sixty five students from Year 10 completed the Young Enterprise BP Challenge on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week.

The students attended workshops to learn what it takes to be an entrepreneur, and in groups had to develop a product idea and prepare a business plan.

The students came up with a diverse range of ideas, including a unique ice-cream cone that minimises sticky hands, a health food box with customised menus, and a job-finding website.

On Friday, the groups presented their concepts to a selection of judges from the business community in a Dragon's Den-type format.

After viewing 10 amazing presentations, the judges decided the three winning groups were:



1st place: Green Guys (Lawrence Zhao, Marcelo Reyes-Tokuma, Hugo Wong, Andrew Sang and Samuel Reeves), who came up with a way of teaching young people about composting.

2nd place: My Menu (part of the team is pictured above right during their pitch).

3rd place: Snack Attack.

Business Studies teacher Mr Avis said, "Thanks to all the students for being so involved over the last three days and producing 10 great business ideas."

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## Promoting positive online behaviour



This last week of Term 2 was Digital Week.

During this time, the student Digital Leaders were involved in activities to promote good online behaviour. There were three online quizzes with a commendable 972 student entries in total.

On Tuesday, the group ran Digital Day in the Caradus Quad. There was a raffle with all proceeds going to Youthline, 200 students answered digital safety questions to win some sweets, and others contributed ideas via Post-it notes on the positive aspects of social media.

Many thanks to PB Tech for supporting the raffle by donating the \$100 voucher prize.

Congratulations to the following prizewinners of our Digital Week:



### Digital Day Raffle for Youthline

First Prize – \$100 PB Tech Voucher – **Mayann Ioane**

Second Prize – \$30 The Warehouse Voucher – **Jonathon Yu**

Third Prize – Bluetooth Speaker – **Nikau Hopwood**



## Online Digital Safety Quizzes

Monday winner – **James Rayment**


Tuesday winner – **Vanessa Liu**

Wednesday winner – **Emina Tiatia**

All three won a \$30 The Warehouse Voucher



## Sign up for Centenary Celebrations


Welcome	Centenary Events	Centenary Partners	Donate Now	Albertian Online Community	Register Your Details
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Footage from the Albertian Sports Day, 2021. 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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## Exciting sponsorship opportunities



With our annual MAGS Art Show fast approaching (weekend of August 13-15) and our Centenary Celebrations Week (May 9th-14th, 2022) not far off, we have a number of exciting sponsorship opportunities available.

If you'd like to learn more about how MAGS might partner with you and your business during these events, please get in contact with our Sponsorship Lead Gabby Turner by [email](#)

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## Tree planting at Tāwharanui






Last Sunday, Miss Murray and Ms Milich took 22 student volunteers from the Environment Club to Tāwharanui Regional Park for a morning of tree planting. The group enjoyed great weather and, along with many other volunteers on the day, put in a lot of hard work revegetating a hillside.



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**Information Evenings for prospective students**





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## INFORMATION EVENINGS FOR IN-ZONE 2022 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

We would like to extend an invitation to In-Zone Year 8 parents and guardians, and their sons/daughters, to attend a presentation about Mount Albert Grammar School in the first week of Term 3, 2021.

**WHERE:** Mount Albert Grammar School in the F.W. Gamble Hall

**WHEN:** **TUESDAY 27 JULY 2021** Auckland Normal Intermediate School  
Balmoral Intermediate School

**THURSDAY 29 JULY 2021** Kowhai Intermediate School  
Pasadena Intermediate School  
Ponsonby Intermediate School  
Wesley Intermediate School

**TIME:** 7.00pm-8.00pm

### EVENING PROGRAMME

- A visual presentation about Mount Albert Grammar School for Year 9 students in 2022.
- Information about our Enrolment procedure for the 2022 intake.
- The opportunity to ask questions about the academic, sporting and cultural opportunities at Mount Albert Grammar School.

To assist with our planning and preparation for this evening we would appreciate you confirming your attendance by either emailing Dimity Payne, email: [dpayne@mags.school.nz](mailto:dpayne@mags.school.nz) or phone 846 2044 ext. 8140. Please leave your name, your child's name, the name of their school and the numbers attending.

As parking is unavailable within the school grounds, we would recommend that you park in the surrounding streets.

We look forward to meeting you at this information evening.

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## Sports Update

### Champions recognised



At assembly this week, our Cross Country and Tennis champions were recognised and presented with their trophies.

**The Cross Country Champions**, pictured above, are, from left: Daniel Wood (Intermediate Boys Champ), Luke Clements (Senior Boys Champ), Nina Chalmers (Junior Girls Champ), Oscar Vink (Junior Boys Champ). Absent: Kirsty Gage (Senior Girls Champ), Maia Lythe



(Intermediate Girls Champ).

**The Tennis Champions**, pictured below, are, from left: Amelie Kelly (Intermediate Girls Champ), Luke Eagles-Smith (Senior Boys Champ, Open Boys Doubles Champ), Brooke Margison (Junior Girls Champ), Nathan Hrstic (Intermediate Boys Champ, Open Mixed Doubles Champ), Shona Nakano (Senior Girls Champ, Open Girls Doubles Champ, Open Mixed Doubles Champ), Jennifer Zhang (Open Girls Doubles Champ). Absent: Nikolai Consedine (Open Boys Doubles Champ), Reuben Solomon (Junior Boys Champ).



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## Adi Ashok signs with Aces

Congratulations to Albertian Adi Ahsok, who has been awarded a domestic contract for 2021/22 with the Auckland Aces.

Adi, aged 18, left MAGS last year and went on to play a starring role as Suburbs New Lynn reclaimed the Hedley Howarth Trophy.

From taking 4-44 for Auckland A against Wellington to taking 14 wickets on his Suburbs debut, Adi has shown his prowess as a wicket-taker with his leg-spin bowling. Last year, as 1st XI Boys Cricket Captain, Adi was named Auckland Cricket's Secondary School Players' Player in their Cricketer of the Year Awards for 2019/20.

Adi was also part of the NZ team that finished fourth at the 2020 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup in South Africa.



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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 July 31 and can be accessed via the Don Oliver [website](#)

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## Upcoming Premier Sport





With the school holidays upon us, there are limited fixtures on this weekend. Tonight, both our Premier Basketball teams are away at Carmel College, with the Girls playing Carmel at 6pm, and the Boys playing Rosmini at 7.30pm. Tomorrow, our Football Boys 1st XI are at home to Sacred Heart at midday, while the Rugby Boys 1st XV are away to Auckland Grammar at 2.30pm – this being the 100th year that the two sides have met.



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

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