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From the Headmaster

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The Epidemic Continues –and We Need Your Help!



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

Earlier this year I wrote about the explosion in vaping that is happening among our young people – including our own MAGS students.

I referenced a national survey, which showed a **300% increase** in daily vaping and the associated health threats among Year 10 students over the past two years.

Paradoxically, some health officials are celebrating this rise in vaping as a means of reducing cigarette smoking in young people. Yet they fail to acknowledge that the vast majority of our current teenage vapers have never smoked and were never going to become cigarette smokers!

Disturbingly, here at MAGS we are seeing some of our own students showing the signs of nicotine addiction – both in their physical symptoms and behaviours.

But why should we be surprised when one bottle of vape juice can contain a nicotine equivalent of over **1000 cigarettes!** Over the past three weeks, our recently installed and publicised vape detectors have recorded almost **450 vaping incidents!**



Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Wednesday, June 15

Big Sing, Auckland Town Hall

Friday, June 17

MAGS Quiz Night, 6pm, FW Gamble Hall

Saturday, June 18

Slam the Jamz Contemporary Music Concert, 7pm, Raye Freedman Arts Centre

Thursday, June 23

Centennial Unity Concert, 7pm, Dorothy Winstone Centre



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We continue to work extremely hard to dissuade students from vaping – using both educational and accountability measures. We have visited local vape shops, which continue to flout the law and sell vape products to our students – and have reported these businesses to the police.

As parents, we must accept that it is almost certain our sons and daughters are vaping and/or have friends who are vaping. This problem is far bigger than we as a school alone can solve. We need your help as parents – and so do your sons and daughters.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



AKSS Wrestling
Click [here](#)



Lacrosse Premier Girls v
Westlake Girls High
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



Board Show and Market Evening



Our students again delivered a great event with yesterday's Centenary Board Show and Business Market Evening showcasing their artistic talents and entrepreneurial flair to the MAGS Community.

Staff, Albertians, students and their families were hosted in and around E Block, viewing diverse and impressive displays of Senior Visual Art – Painting,

Design and Photography – as well as enjoying a variety of food, drinks and handmade gifts being sold by Business Studies students from their stalls.

The classrooms and hallways of the Greg Taylor Building were opened up to display art, while stalls were set up inside and outside as Business Studies students learned about marketing and selling their products to the public.

MAGS' talented students also entertained with music, dance and drama pieces centred around the Greg Taylor Building.

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



Student scores astronomy scholarship

Year 13 student Johnny Curtis received one of only 15 scholarships awarded this year to attend the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand (RANZ) annual conference in Whangarei.

Johnny, who is a very enthusiastic student and an active follower of the MAGS Astronomy

Club at school and on [Instagram](#), received the scholarship as part of RANZ's Students With A passion for Astronomy (SWAPA) program. It paid for Johnny's conference registration, the cost of the Saturday evening conference banquet, two nights of accommodation in Whangarei and his travel costs. Johnny was selected based on his clear enthusiasm for astronomy, seniority, and the excellence of his submitted statement.

He relished the opportunity to meet people that also share his passion for Astronomy and Science.

The conference gave him a great opportunity to listen to speakers that are part of amazing projects such as the NASA James Webb Telescope or the LISA space antenna project led by the European Space Agency.



Albertian finalist in short film competition



Congratulations to Albertian Bala Murali Shingade – his short film *Perianayaki* is one of the finalists for Whānau Mārama New Zealand International Film Festival's [NZ's Best short film competition](#)

Bala Murali attended MAGS from 2009-2013 and was a Prefect in his final year. He went on to complete a BA (hons) and MA from the University of Auckland, majoring in Screen Production. Since finishing his MA in 2018, Bala Murali has been working in film and theatre as a writer, director, producer and actor.

In 2019, Bala Murali received the Geoff Evans Prize for Excellence in Screen Production for his MA thesis film, *Brown Boy Lies*, a coming-of-age short film featuring a young Indian New Zealander as the lead character.

Slam the Jamz tickets on sale now

You can buy tickets [here](#) for MAGS' annual Contemporary Music Concert – Slam the Jamz, coming up next Saturday, June 18 at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre.

There are more than 10 acts, ranging from soloists and duets to rock bands and hip hop music.



A Night of Contemporary Music
Slam the Jamz '22

**7 PM Saturday
18th of June**
Raye Freedman
Arts Centre, Gillies
Avenue, Epsom

ADMISSION COSTS
Adult \$20
Student \$15
MAGS STAFF/
STUDENT \$10
www.iticket.co.nz

Quiz Night tickets on sale

MAGS QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday
June 17th**

F.W Gamble MAGS School Hall
6pm - 9pm (Door open at 5:30pm)
\$100 per tables - 8 people per table
\$80 early bird deal (Before June 10th)
pay at MAGS finance office under your team
leader name

**A GREAT NIGHT OUT
WITH FRIENDS AND
WHANAU!!**

- costumes encouraged!
- pizza and drinks sold on the night
- non - alcoholic event
- **great prizes to be won!**

Email any queries to: academiccouncil@mags.school.nz

MP talks leadership with Prefects



Our Prefects were privileged to receive insights on the subject of leadership today from National's Deputy Leader and Finance Spokesperson Nicola Willis. Ms Willis spoke of her political journey and what drives her to be a leader and to try to make change for the better. She said for her, like most New Zealanders, families and their wellbeing were at the heart of her decision-making and her chief concern in politics. She told the Prefects that good leaders have to work hard, think creatively, be prepared to change their minds or admit mistakes, and surround themselves with good people and to be able to bring the best out of them.



Save the date for Unity Concert

Save the date for the Centennial Unity Cultural Concert – a celebration of cultural diversity – coming up on Thursday, June 23 at 7pm at the Dorothy Winstone Centre at Auckland Girls Grammar.

Tickets will be on sale from the MAGS Finance Office from Thursday, June 16.



Centenary Cultural Event

UNITY CONCERT

**23 JUNE
7PM**

**Dorothy Winstone Theatre
AGGS. Howe St, Auckland**

\$10 general admission

**\$5 MAGS staff and students
and under 8 year olds.**

Available at MAGS finance office

A Celebration of Cultural Diversity

Albertian Artists in the Frame



5 - 7 August 2022

Centenary Art Show

Mount Albert Grammar School



Sir Peter Siddell

Mt Albert Grammar alumnus Sir Peter Siddell (1935 - 2011) attended MAGS in the post-war period. The son of a watersider, he was raised in Grey Lynn and worked as an electrician before training as a teacher to have more time to paint. He married Sylvia Siddell (ONZM) in 1960, who, herself a talented artist, studied fine arts from the 1960s and established her own reputation.

Sir Peter's lucky break came in the early 1970s, when his work was noticed by a Queen Street gallery owner. Invited to take part in an exhibition, he sold enough pieces to become convinced that he could devote himself to art full-time.

His work fits within an art movement called New Realism – he has been described as 'magic realist' or even 'super realist'. While he also painted landscapes, he is best known for the many works inspired by the Auckland of his childhood and early morning paper round as a teenager. City locations are familiar yet mysterious composites: masterful, silent, perhaps slightly spooky representations of architecture and topography stripped down to a pristine, depopulated ideal.

Sir Peter's work is held by a number of major New Zealand art galleries, in corporate and private collections and by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade overseas. Awarded a Queen's Service Order (QSO) in 1991, he became a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (DCNZM) for services to art in 2008. This honour became a knighthood (KNZM) in 2009 with the reinstitution of Sirs and Dames, at the time making Sir Peter one of only two New Zealand artists to have been knighted. His widely appreciated work continues to be of worldwide renown and value.

Ninety Years Ago Today



This image from 1932 shows groups of students, Old Boys and members of the public watching a sports game.

Some motorcars can also be seen in the background. Two phoenix palms can also be seen – one was favoured and remains to this day, the other was removed.

You can see more images like this one (including those in the



recently added Set 78) in our website's [Historical Images](#) section, compiled and annotated by our Archivist Mr Murphy.

MAGS parking restrictions



Please be aware that Parking Restrictions are also in place at MAGS on the school grounds outside of school hours.

The only parking on site available to all supporters, visitors, students, parents and staff are a very limited number of white parks in the bottom car park. Once the parks are full, the school carpark will be closed and monitored and only pool patrons will be allowed to enter. Mount Albert Aquatic Centre patrons will have access at all times during the day to the bottom car park, the yellow marked car park spaces which are allocated for pool patrons only.

All cars will need to display their parking pass or pool receipt on their dash to ensure that they are not towed from these council parking spots. Please note there are also 'No Parking' or '24hr Tow away' areas clearly indicated. If you park here, you also risk being towed.

To make sure that you are not disappointed when travelling to watch games at MAGS, we recommend that you park on the surrounding roads and walk to the games via the Alberton Ave entrances.

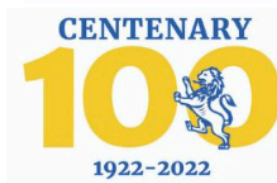
We understand the frustrations with parking in Auckland so want to make sure you are prepared when travelling to MAGS sporting events.

Thank you for your support of the teams.

Centennial Events on sale now

Tickets are now on sale for two of our MAGS Centenary events – our Reunion Drinks (Friday, September 30) and the MAGS Centenary Dinner (Saturday, October 1).

You can buy tickets for the Reunion Drinks [here](#) and for the Centenary Dinner [here](#)



Ticketed Centenary Events

Mt Albert Grammar School Centenary 2022

 **Reunion Drinks Evening** - all decades
Friday 30th September, 6pm (\$35 & Cashbar)
F.W Gamble School Hall, MAGS.

 **MAGS Centenary Dinner**
Sat. 1st October, 6pm (\$125 & Cashbar)
Grand Millennium Hotel, Mayoral Drive, Auckland.

Limited Tickets On Sale From 1st May
Join the Albertians and/or buy tickets at
<https://mags100.ptly.com/nz/mags/#centenaryevents>



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](#)



Sports Update

AKKS Duathlon tests athletes



Four of our students competed in two teams at the Auckland Secondary Schools Duathlon held at Pukekohe Park Raceway yesterday.

The Junior Girls team of Chloe Fisher and Ailsa Taylor (both Year 9) finished 9th in a competitive field that consisted of many athletes who had prior experience at this event. Their course consisted of a 3km run, 11km cycle and, to finish, a 2.4km run.

The Senior Girls team of Olivia Tattersfield (Year 11) and Lizzy Robins (Year 12) showed good determination in a high-quality finish to narrowly miss out on the top three. A special mention goes to Olivia, who was called in as a last-minute replacement and competed in a higher age group. The senior course consisted of a 4.6km run, 19.5km cycle and a 2.4km run.

A big thanks goes to Alex Robins, who assisted with transport and support of the students on the day.



Two come out on top at AKSS Wrestling



Over the last two weeks, MAGS has had three students compete at various wrestling competitions.

The Auckland Secondary Schools Novice Champs were held on May 26, and the Auckland Secondary Schools Open Champs were held yesterday. Both these competitions took place at Rutherford College.

Sam Patchett (Year 12) competed in the Novice competition winning two of his four bouts. This was his first wrestling event in a couple of years so was a pleasing finish for him.

At the Open Champs, MAGS had a successful day, with two students gaining first place in their weight/age category.

They were Max Shallard (Year 11) and Tiger-Lily Cocker-Lemalie (Year 13), both showing that they are highly rated wrestlers.

Tiger-Lily (pictured above) has been selected to represent Tonga at the upcoming Commonwealth Games being held in Birmingham at the end of July.

A special mention goes to Sean Harding (Year 11), who was not able to compete at the Auckland Champs due to illness. Sean has recently returned from Australia, where he finished with a silver medal at the Australia Nationals in his category. He was also fortunate to train at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Our wrestlers will now look forward to the Secondary School Nationals at the end of August.

A big thanks to all the parents who assisted with transport and supervision at these competitions.

Upcoming Premier Sport



Today, our Badminton Premier Open team plays King's College at 5pm at Auckland Badminton, and our Premier Basketballers are away to St Kentigern, with the Girls playing at 6pm and the Boys at 7.30pm.

Tomorrow, the Netball Premiers play Macleans College at Auckland Netball at 11.30am, the Football Boys 1st XI are at home to St Kentigern at midday, and the Rugby Boys 1st XV play

De La Salle at 2.30pm on the Sir BG Williams Field.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV play McAuley High at 4pm on the Sir BG Williams Field, and the Football Girls 1st XI also have a home game against St Cuthbert's at 4pm. The Premier Girls Lacrosse team is away at Whangaparaoa College for a 4pm start. Later on, the Premier Basketballers are also back on court – this time at home, with the Girls playing St Marys at 6pm and the Boys facing Liston at 7.30pm.

On Wednesday, the Rugby league 1st XIII play St Paul's College at home at 4pm, the Football Girls 1st XI have another home game against Glendowie College at 4pm, and the Squash Boys Premier team hosts Westlake Boys at 4.15pm.

On Thursday, our Lacrosse Premier Girls are away to Diocesan at 4pm. The draw for the Hockey Boys and Girls 1st XIs had yet to be released.

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

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