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From the Headmaster

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Another Super Sport Weekend Ahead!



Key Dates

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Thursday, June 17

Board Show and Business Market Evening,
4.30-6.30pm, E Block

Friday, June 25

MAGS Quiz Night, 5.45pm, FW Gamble Hall

Thursday, July 1

Slam the Jams contemporary music concert, Raye Freedman Arts Centre, 7pm



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

Congratulations to all of our young people who are carrying the colours of MAGS into the sporting arena each week.

Each year, our coaches, managers, staff and parents come together to provide an incredible sporting experience for almost 1900 students.

For the past 100 years, this key pillar of a MAGS education has created the ultimate context for learning and growing. Learning to win ... and occasionally learning to lose, learning to respect your team-mates, the opposition and the referee – and doing all of this in the heat of competition.



Friday, July 2

Night of the Classics music concert, Raye Freedman Arts Centre, 7pm

On game day, practice, preparation and potential must be converted into passion, purpose and precision on the field! Triumph versus defeat will often rest on the smallest of margins, the finest of details.

And when the final whistle blows and the W (or L) has been lodged, we all know there will be another chance next week! But for now let's celebrate what is ahead of us in Premier Sport this weekend – and what a weekend it will be!

It begins tonight with the Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams taking on EGGS and St Peter's respectively. Saturday morning sees our Premier Netballers up against EGGS, followed in the middle of the day with the Premier Football 'top-of-the-table clash' MAGS v St Kents (at MAGS). Then at 4.45pm our 1st XV Boys Rugby run onto the hallowed turf of Eden Park to also take on St Kentigern College ahead of the Blues Super Rugby game.

It's a Super Sports Weekend for MAGS fans!

All the best to our premier sides and all who will compete with the MAGS Lion on their chest this weekend.

Go MAGS!

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Sport

Photo Essay



Rugby League 1st XIII v
St Paul's
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Fixtures and results
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Albertian coaches giving back



From left to right: Rocky Khan (final year at MAGS – 2008), Willie Gibbons (1997), Chris Lowrey (2004), Tony Hanks (1989), Tutu Tairea (2007), Richie Folomu (2002). Absent: Brett Kingstone (1985), Zinzan Tusialofa (2008) and Ropate Rinakama (2007).

Among the many parents and Albertians who give their time to coach or manage teams across a huge range of sports, MAGS is very fortunate to have no fewer than nine Albertians coaching and working with Rugby Academy students this year.

The group includes 1st XV Head Coach Tony Hanks, 1st XV Forwards Coach Chris Lowrey, Girls 1st XV Coach Tutu Tairea, 2nd XV Coach and MAGS staff member Richie Folomu, U14 Head Coach Willie Gibbons, and Rugby Academy and Senior Sevens Coach Rocky Khan.

Former Head Boy and long-serving staff member Brett Kingstone is also back involved with sport at MAGS coaching the U15B side. Until recently, the 1st XV also had the services of Ropate Rinikama as specialist scrum coach before he left to take up a coaching contract with the Manawatu Turbos. Zinzan Tusialofa is also working with the 14A side this year. Several members of the group have coached or played professionally in New Zealand and overseas, and represented Tonga, New Zealand and Fiji at international level.

The more sprightly members of the group continue to play senior rugby in Auckland! Brett, Willie and Zinzan all have sons in Year 9 who are playing in the teams they coach.

A big thank you to this amazing group of Albertians who are giving their time and talents to up-and-coming rugby players at MAGS; students now running around on the same fields that they honed their skills on as young men.

Music concert tickets available now



MAGS has two terrific music concerts coming up on July 1 and 2.

The concert on Thursday, July 1 features our contemporary/pop/rock/jazz musicians and singers, while the concert on Friday, July 2 is devoted to the classics with Chamber, Symphonic and Concert orchestras, as well as the Boys and Girls choirs.

Tickets from iTICKET [here](#)

Get quizzing for a good cause

MAGS

2021 KidsCan FUNDRAISER

Friday 25th June

at the MAGS FW Gamble Hall 2021

Starts at 6pm (open at 5:45pm)
Maximum of 8 people per team

Early Team price is \$90 (24th May-11th June)
Late Team is \$110 (12th June-23rd June)

To be paid at the Finance Office (under team captains name) through one payment'

This year, the Academic Council's Quiz Night is raising money for KidsCan, an organisation that provides financial aid to underprivileged students and believes a child's poor socioeconomic status should not hinder their ability to do well in the future.

The student-led Quiz Night will be held in the FW Gamble Hall on Friday, June 25. Doors will open at 5.45pm sharp for a 6pm start, so be sure to get there on time.

There are many quizzes to be done and many prizes to be won. There is no theme for the event but teams should dress up as there are prizes for team costumes.

Teams (8 people maximum) cost \$110 to enter, with tickets to be paid for at the Finance Office. We encourage you to pay through one person in your team, and put the transaction through under the name of the team captain.

Please come out to support the cause – as well as to have a good time! Teams can include family members, Albertians, teachers and friends from other schools.



Board Show and Market Evening

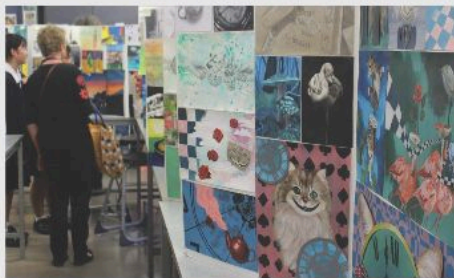


Mount Albert Grammar School

Board Show & Business Market Evening

Thursday 17th June, 2021 4:30-6:30pm in E Block

PAINTING, DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAY



Come see the latest work created by this year's Visual Art students

BUSINESS STUDIES MARKET STALLS



Business Studies students will facilitate market stalls offering tasty snacks and drinks

Cash Only!

DANCE & DRAMA SHOWCASE



TECHNOLOGY DISPLAY



LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE



One of the highlights of the school calendar, the Board Show and Business Market Evening gets better every year.

Next Thursday, MAGS will be opening the Art classrooms in lower E block for the community to view the work created by all of our Senior Visual Art and Technology students.

There will also be a range of food and product market stalls organised by Year 10 Business

students as well as Music, Drama and Dance performances at this event, which starts at 4.30pm and runs for about two hours.

Fake news and social media rumours

That's incredible, but is it credible?

Spotting fake news is not easy and these days it's spreading more than ever – a third of Kiwis have accidentally shared it online and 50% are concerned about mistakenly spreading it. Use these tricks to work out what's real and what's not.

Fake news is information that is either totally or in part factually inaccurate. It can appear anywhere and be created by anyone.

How to spot fake news

- 1 Understand the context**
Information is presented to you everywhere. Check where the original story appeared and who's promoting it. Find out if the source is credible before sharing it.
- 2 Check the facts**
Fake news often contains incorrect details, unreliable sources or altered timelines. You can often research and cross-reference key facts with a simple web search.
- 3 Understand the subtlety**
Sometimes real information can be distorted to become fake news. Be especially wary of image or video descriptions that might be misrepresenting what is happening in them.
- 4 Compare other sources**
Every news source has its limitations. When news is important, it's hard to contain. If you can only find it in one place, you should be cautious. Check the differences between similar reports to understand the facts before sharing it.
- 5 Know your biases**
We quickly and subconsciously accept news that aligns with our beliefs and negatively react to information that is different. It's important to take time and reflect on how news is making you feel before reacting or sharing.
- 6 Unconscious bias**
We're hardwired to believe news that affirms our beliefs and discredits information that doesn't. It means you may see fake news because of the things you like.

Types of fake news

- 1 Clickbait**
These articles use words and phrases that sensationalise a story to reel in the clicks and generate attention.
- 2 Satire**
Some sites and social media accounts are specifically designed for entertainment and parody purposes.
- 3 Incorrect facts**
Incorrect details are often a giveaway. Misinformation such as altered timelines, incorrect place names or unreliable sources can easily mislead and trick readers.
- 4 Commercial agenda**
Examine the article to see if it's clearly 'sponsored'. If you find anything that resembles an advertisement, it's probably trying to get you to open your wallet.
- 5 Manufactured photos**
As the old saying goes, a picture's worth a thousand words. That's why you'll often find digitally altered images on fake news articles that are intentionally designed to deceive readers.
- 6 Unconscious bias**
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Fake news is generally created to encourage people to click on a link, buy something or to support a point of view – sometimes it can even be a mistake. Understand the news available to stay informed.

Combat fake news
Help minimise the spread of misinformation by reporting fake accounts, pages or domains on the social media's Help Centre that you're using.

Get more useful information at netsafe.org.nz

netsafe

Netsafe has some great resources for helping students navigate the online world, including [how to spot fake news](#)

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Netsafe is New Zealand's independent, non-profit online safety organisation and has been providing online safety support, expertise and education to people in New Zealand for more than 20 years.

The Pride comes out tops



Eleven of our MAGS Megacrew members formed a smaller varsity team called 'The Pride', and took out their division at the Project Dance competition in Tauranga last weekend. Dance teachers Miss French and Mr Grace travelled down to the competition with The Pride, who competed in and topped the secondary aged division against 13 other teams from around NZ.

Miss French said, "We had a fantastic day down in Tauranga – the students were exemplary. What's really awesome about this group is how they all work so well together despite being from different year levels. We are also so proud of the leader of this group, Marcus Savelio."

The Pride members are Romi Ropati – Year 9, Jacob Cameron – Year 11, Esme Lloyd – Year 12, Esta Lightbourn – Year 12, Komai Waqualevu – Year 12, Dayannara Pati – Year 12, Daisy Purdon – Year 13, Samara Sebastien – Year 13, Samara Brain – Year 13, Marcus Savelio – Year 13, Charlie Pellett – Year 13.

Great opportunities in Music

URBAN MUSIC GROUP


Calling all rappers, singers, songwriters and music producers.

MAGS has an Urban Music Group that runs on Tuesdays after school from 3.30-5.30pm in E8.

The aim of this group is to collaborate with other like-minded students in the school and work to create some original music that can eventually be released as singles onto Spotify, Apple Music or other streaming platforms.

The genres the group will focus on include R&B, Hip Hop, Soul, Pop or Dance music. If you are interested, then please contact Mr Grace via email or at the Dance and Drama office.

Mr Grace has been in the music industry for eight years under the name JSH. If you have a Spotify account, click this [link](#) to see what his sound is like.



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(RAP - HIP-HOP - R&B - SOUL - POP - DANCE)
Calling all singers, songwriters, rappers and producers for collaboration
Contact Mr Grace if you're interested
(TUESDAYS - E7 - 3:30 - 5:30PM - BEGINS WEEK 6)
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SAMBA DRUMMING GROUP

There has been a change to practice times for Mr Naughton's Samba Drumming Groups – they are now Thursdays, 3.15pm - 4.30pm in E7.

No experience necessary, just a love of drums and percussion.

This [video](#) demonstrates a basic samba pattern.

Rare talent on the grill

Stand aside at the next school sausage sizzle for Nate Lawson, who won the grand prize at the Steak Cookoff Association (SCA) competition at the weekend.

The Year 9 student has become the youngest Kiwi ever, and one of the youngest in the world, to win a 'golden ticket' to the SCA World Championships in Fort Worth, Texas, scheduled for March 2022.

His prowess on the barbie has seen him appear in national media this week, in newspapers and on TV shows.

Nate, who also pocketed \$1000, has been grilling competitively for about a year, and has had some consistent placings in big competitions. He plans to fundraise so he can travel to the World Champs.



Friendship and belonging



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MAGS has an ongoing subscription to [SchoolTV](#) to provide a credible, well-researched resource for parents to help them raise happy, healthy and resilient children. With SchoolTV, parents have at their fingertips a huge range of articles, videos and strategies for dealing with issues such as mental health, physical wellbeing, cybersafety, and positive parenting. SchoolTV aims to empower parents with sound information and realistic strategies delivered by experts. You can see the latest topic, 'Friendship and Belonging', [here](#)

Art Show wants you!

THE MAGS ART SHOW COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!



We're looking for new volunteers to help us bring the MAGS Art Show weekend to life 13-15 August 2021



We'd love your help across a range of activities;

- Gala Night
- Artwork Receiving
- Weekend Sales Desk
- Packdown... or even if you're handy with a hammer!

Please express your interest by contacting Wick Nixon, email magsfom@gmail.com

Sports Update

Duathletes triumph in wet



On Wednesday, nine students competed at the Auckland Secondary Schools Duathlon, held at the Pukekohe Park Raceway in drizzly conditions.

Three students competed as individuals and six students formed three teams across the various age and bicycle categories. The open bike category was for competitors who did not have a suitable road bike.

All of our students competed well in a field that had strong athletes across both the running and cycle legs of the event. A number of our students were competing in a multi-sport event for the first time.



Individuals

Mike Prince: 1st Junior Boys Open Bike Category

Luke Sanders: 13th Intermediate Boys Category

Ward Hope: 6th Senior Boys Category

Teams

Emily Rednall/Lizzy Robins: 1st Intermediate Girls Open Bike Category

Bella Houghton/Bianca Power: 4th Intermediate Girls Category

Amelie Kelly/Ella Somerville: 5th Intermediate Girls Category

A big thanks goes to Susie Houghton and Gregg Somerville, who assisted with transport and marshaling on the day.

Athlete wellbeing seminars

The Auckland City Athletics Club is hosting a series of athlete well-being workshops at Mount Smart Stadium.

The first one is based around Health and The Teenage Female Athlete, taking place next Wednesday from 7pm to 8:30pm. Please register at this [link](#)

This is free for MAGS students, parents, staff and people involved with the school.

For more details, please contact Simon Yarrow at simonyarrow@yahoo.com



ATHLETE WELL-BEING SEMINARS

HEALTH AND THE FEMALE TEENAGE ATHLETE
16TH JUNE

IRON DEFICIENCY - WHAT IS IT AND HOW IT AFFECTS
BOTH MALE AND FEMALE ATHLETES
7TH JULY

HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
28TH JULY

WITH DR. CLAIRE BADENHORST -SPORTS SCIENTIST
AND ELIOT FENTON - NUTRITIONIST

MT SMART CLUB ROOMS (ABOVE FINISH LINE)
7PM-8.30PM

Upcoming Premier Sport



Today at 5pm, the Badminton Premier team face Auckland Grammar at Auckland Badminton.

Our Premier Basketball teams are away tonight at St Peter's, with the Girls playing EGGs at 6pm, and the Boys facing off against St Peter's at 7.30pm.

Our Netball Premiers are in action tomorrow at Auckland Netball Centre, facing EGGS at 9.30am.

The Football Boys 1st XI are at home tomorrow and kick off at midday against St Kentigern in a top-of-the-table clash.



Get along to Eden Park tomorrow for a great double-header and support our Rugby Boys 1st XV, who play St Kentigern as a curtain-raiser to the Blues v Force match. Our boys kick off at 4.45pm, while the Blues game kicks off at 7.05pm

Next week, the Football Girls 1st XI have two games: away to Rangitoto College on Monday at 4pm, and at home to Westlake Girls on Wednesday at 4pm.

The Rugby Girls 1st XV also have a Monday game, away to Manurewa High at 4pm.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Squash Boys Premiers are involved in the Auckland Champs, being played at North Shore Squash.

On Wednesday, the Hockey Boys 1st XI play Long Bay at North Harbour at 6.22pm.

Our Rugby League 1st XIII, who were beaten at home by St Paul's on Wednesday, face them away next Wednesday at 4pm in the Preliminary Final.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Girls Premiers are also away to Whangaparaoa College at 4pm.

The Hockey Girls 1st XI draw was unavailable at the time of writing.

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

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