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From the Headmaster

Physical Fitness = Mental Fitness



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

The sporting pillar of MAGS has held a special place in the 99-year history of our school.

So it has been with much delight that we have seen our sports fields, gymnasiums and courts brought to life again with MAGS' young people training and competing in their chosen codes.

Our facilities have never looked better – and tomorrow we will host Premier Netball, the MAGS Tennis Championships and Premier Basketball. Our 1st XI Footballers head 'overseas' to Waiheke Island while our 1st XV Rugby take on traditional rivals Auckland Grammar away at 2.30pm.

Junior teams coming into school to train tomorrow will add to the festival feel as we return to 'business as usual' for our winter sports programmes.

For many young people, the pathway to staying well mentally can be found through the nurturing of their physical health. Being part of MAGS sport will always be so much more than the numbers on a scoreboard at fulltime. Sport builds resilience, community and culture. It is as much about being loyal to your school as it is about looking after your own health.

Congratulations to all students who have helped the school resume 'normal transmission' through our sports pillar.

All the best for tomorrow – and let's hope our Albertian members of the Blues and Warriors can also make it a perfect sporting weekend!

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Thursday, June 18

Senior Pasifika Evening, MH Building, 6pm

Thursday, July 2

Last day of classes for Term 2

Friday, July 3

Staff Only Day



Sport



Photo Essay

Football Boys 1st XI v St Kentigern College pre-season

Click [here](#)

Sports trials and registrations

Click [here](#)

All systems go!



With full assemblies back, such as today's Year 13 gathering (pictured right), and sports teams, and arts and service groups back up and running, MAGS is quickly returning to normal school life.

Pre-season games are underway, with the Football Boys First XI having a hit-out against St Kentigern on Wednesday (pictured above).

At today's assembly, Headmaster Patrick Drumm reminded students that there was still a lot of the school year left and a lot of time for students to achieve across MAGS' Four Pillars – Academic, Arts, Service and Sport.





The top Year 13 contributors to the first MAGS Art Challenge were also acknowledged at assembly today, including Year 13 winner Norah Anderson (pictured above) for her [poem](#). The other winners were: Year 9 – Cindy Zhou for her [video](#); Year 10 – Jacob Cameron for his [video](#); Year 11 – Maddy Walker, Lucy Taylor, Ella Sutton and Sofija Milic for their [video](#). The Year 12 winner and overall winner was Dasha Leonhartsberger for her [painting](#). You can see a full list of winners, placegetters and those who were commended [here](#). Next week, a new Arts Challenge will be announced.



There was also a post-COVID-19-lockdown recognition of the achievements of sports stars Adi Ashok and Brearna Crawford.

1st XI Boys Cricket Captain Adi (pictured) was presented with his trophy for being named Auckland Cricket's Secondary School Boys 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 earlier in the year.

Champion swimmer Brearna, who has smashed Auckland and NZ records and attended the Junior World Swimming Champs in Budapest last year, was congratulated for being offered a scholarship in the United States by the University of Indiana.

Senior Pasifika Evening

Senior MAGS Pasifika students and parents are invited to an important academic evening in the MH Building next Thursday at 6pm to learn about significant changes to the NCEA programme, examination timetable and university entrance requirements. Albertians currently studying various degrees will also answer questions about how students can plan their courses now so that they have future choices at tertiary level. Upon request, staff will print out a student's academic record to date so parents can refer to it during the evening.

Please RSVP to either vanisi@mags.school.nz or ctodd@mags.school.nz



Talofa lava, Fakatalofa atu, Kia orana, Malo e lelei,
Bula vinaka, Mauri, Namaste, Aloha, Malo ni,
Fakalofa lahi atu & Kia ora.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR
"PASIFIKA MAPPING SUCCESS EVENING"

THURSDAY 18TH JUNE 2020
6PM - 7.30PM

MAURICE HALL MATHS BLOCK
MT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

We will cover;

- Academic Success for all students
- NCEA & changes for 2020 – how NCEA grades & credits count.
- Current Academic Tracking
- Changes to school calendar – practice exams and external dates.
- Komiti Faufautua & community engagement
- Albertians & Graduates - Q & A

RSVP

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Sports draws and tournaments



Draws are being released for Secondary School winter sport competitions and will be available [here](#)

There are pre-season games starting, and all sports will be back up and running the week beginning June 22.

The Sports Department has also been advised of the following dates for various tournaments and championships:

June

23 – AKSS Snowboarding Champs

August

7-9 – NZSS Squash Champs

20-23 – NZSS Swim Champs

30 – NZSS Hillary Challenge

Tournament Week August 31-Sept 6

Aug 31-Sep 1 – NZSS Climbing Champs

Aug 31-Sep 2 – Blues U15 Girls Rugby Festival

Aug 31-Sep 3 – NISS Curling Champs

Aug 31-Sep 4 – UNISS Hockey Boys and Girls Tournament

Sep 4-5 – UNISS Underwater Hockey

Sep 4-6 – NZSS Girls Lacrosse

September

1 – AKSS Ski Champs

19-20 – NZSS Cross Country

28-Oct 4 – NZSS Basketball Champs

November

23-26 – NZSS Junior Softball Champs

December

3-6 – Condor 7s Girls and Boys (U15 3-4, Open 5-6)

11-13 – NZSS Athletics

11-13 – NZSS Touch



Rescheduled school events

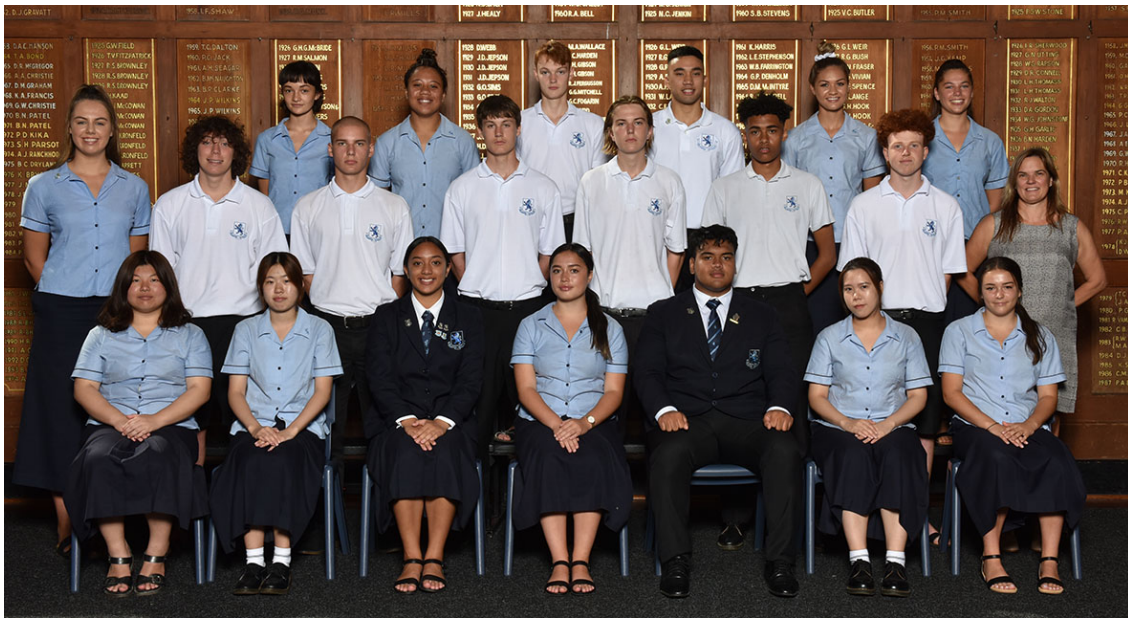


Postponed because of the COVID-19 lockdown, **Relay for Life** will now take place on Saturday, October 17, at Bruce Pulman Park, Takanini. Normally an overnighter, the charity event has been shortened to four hours and will run from 3pm to 7pm. All the money raised goes to the Cancer Society, which provides free nursing, psychology, accommodation, transport and other key services to people in our community affected by cancer. So far, the MAGS team has raised about \$62,000 – including \$3934 from Mufti Day on March 6 – and is aiming to raise more than \$100,000. You can see the MAGS fundraising effort and donate [here](#)



The School Ball has been rescheduled and will take place at the end of Term 3 on Friday, September 25 at the Ellerslie Event Centre, with doors opening at 6pm. The price for the ball tickets is \$128 (single) and \$256 (double), and these will go on sale on Monday, June 15. Tickets will be available from the Finance Office during normal office hours. Ticket purchases must be accompanied by signed consent forms. You can see the letter to parents about the school ball [here](#) and download the consent form [here](#)

Mentor Class and individual photo orders



This week, individual and mentor class photograph purchase forms were handed out to students during their mentor classes.

These include a student-specific code so the photographs can be purchased online.

There is free delivery on orders until July 5. Photos can be ordered online [here](#) using the code on the forms.

Outdoor Ed rolls along



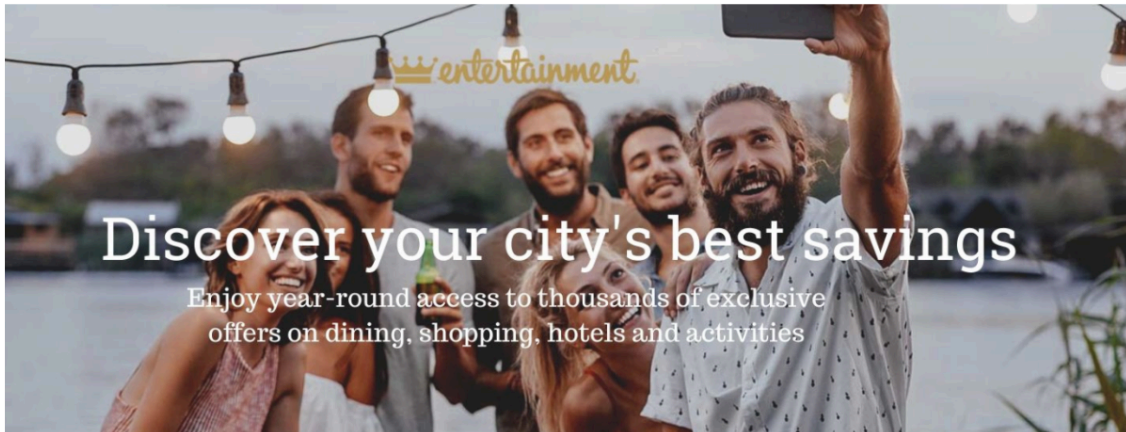
As part of the 'Discovery 101' and 'Play It Safe' NCEA Assessments for Year 11 Outdoor Education, students went mountainbiking at Woodhill Mountain Bike Park last week.

This was a great first trip back after seven weeks of lockdown. Students were able to develop an understanding of how the body functions, specific to mountainbiking, to assist them with their upcoming biomechanics assessment and identify safe behaviours in an outdoor environment. After the safety briefing, the students started off by completing activities on their bikes to focus on Balance and Stability and Force Summation. This includes looking at the body position on the bike while going uphill/downhill, braking, cornering, cadence and a few fun attempts on the balance structures.

Over three days, the students were able to ride on various beginner and intermediate tracks with some groups riding 19km in total. At the end, the students, headed back to the carpark with red faces, sore legs and a few bruises but big smiles on their faces.



Support MAGS with Entertainment membership



You can save money on dining, shopping, accommodation and activities – and support MAGS by buying an Entertainment membership.

If you buy a membership and download the Entertainment app [here](#), 20 per cent of the fee goes to MAGS.

A choice of memberships provides access to thousands of 2-for-1 deals and up to 50 per cent off offers from thousands of business partners in dining, travel, activities and retail across New Zealand.

Talanoa Ako app for Pasifika parents

Launched this week, the Talanoa Ako app provides Pasifika parents with ongoing access to education and learning information.

The content is in plain English and 10 Pacific languages. Each language is also available in audio with visually impaired functionality. The app provides core information for Pasifika parents and families to build their knowledge and confidence about education in their own time and in their first language so they can support their children's learning.

The app is free to download for Android and IOS devices.

Weight of the world

We often use the terms "mass" and "weight" interchangeably in our daily speech, but to an astronomer or a physicist they are completely different things.

The mass of a body is a measure of how much matter it contains. Weight is an entirely different thing. Every object in the universe with mass attracts every other object with mass. The amount of attraction depends on the size of the masses and how far apart they are. For everyday-sized objects, this gravitational pull is vanishingly small, but the pull

between a very large object, like the Earth, and another object, like you, can be easily measured. How? All you have to do is stand on a scale! Scales measure the force of attraction between you and the Earth. This force of attraction between you and the Earth (or any other planet) is called your weight. For more fascinating insights like these, go to the Astronomy Club [Instagram page](#)



Electoral Commission seeking workers

The Electoral Commission is recruiting workers to help out at this year's General Election. The roles involve work leading up to the election on Saturday, September 19, on the day itself, and afterwards. You can find out more about the jobs on offer [here](#)



Sign up to the Centenary database



As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, with events planned for May 9-14, we warmly invite all Albertians to sign up to the database [here](#) to keep up to date with information, communications and events leading up to the Centenary celebration. Please encourage your friends and peers who were with you at MAGS to attend with you, and to also register at the link.

Sports update

Student Sport Spotlight

This week's Student Sport Spotlight focuses on Year 11 student Ben Skelton.

Ben was the Junior Victor Ludorum in 2019 and represents the school in athletics, basketball and rugby.

This year, Ben was the joint Intermediate Boys Athletics Champion.

He is a talented sportsman and is in both the Premier Boys Basketball and 1st XV squads.

You can read the Q&A about his sporting journey [here](#)



Cole Evans to captain Black Sox



Albertian Cole Evans has been named captain of the Black Sox at age 22 and will lead the team at the 2022 Softball World Cup in Auckland.

Cole, who plays shortstop, has already played at three World Cups, winning a silver medal as a 17-year-old at his first senior world championships in 2015, and taking home a gold medal at the 2017 world tournament.

In 2018, Cole and his older brother Rhys were part of the Black Sox's Intercontinental Cup winning team in Prague.

His grandfather, Stu Kinghorn, coached the MAGS Premier Softball Boys to many NZSS titles and was a New Zealand representative himself in 1970.

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