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From the Headmaster

Key Dates

Year 11 MAGS Certificate 2024



Tēnā koutou ki te whānau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

Parents will be aware that the Ministry of Education is currently reviewing the structure of our national secondary schools' qualification, the National Certificate of Educational Achievement.

NCEA was first introduced in New Zealand schools in 2002 and has undergone several reviews and modifications over the past two decades. The current review will see better alignment between subjects and also between the different Levels (1-3).

The Ministry plans to introduce the new and revised NCEA at Level 1 in 2024. They have, however, delayed the Level 2 and Level 3 introductions until 2026 and 2027 respectively. This has created a situation where students in Year 11 next year could be required to move between the new and the old NCEA standards across their senior years.

In the interests of continuity and alignment, MAGS will be following the lead of many other schools in introducing our own course for Year 11 students in 2024.

This high-quality programme will be content-rich and will ensure our current Y10 cohort are fully prepared for academic success in 2025 and 2026.

MAGS enjoys a high level of expertise across our teaching staff. There is a common understanding of the knowledge and skills required for students to be successful in the senior school. We are confident that the *Year 11 MAGS Certificate* will more than support our students in reaching their academic potential.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Tuesday, June 20

Information Evening for Year 11 2024, F.W. Gamble Hall, 6pm

Thursday, June 29 and Friday, June 30

Three Way Conferences

Sport

Photo Essays



Rugby League 1st XIII v St Paul's

Click [here](#)

For further clarification, I encourage parents of current Year 10 students to attend the upcoming information evening next Tuesday evening (June 20) from 6.00pm in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Basketball Premier Girls v St Kentigern
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Basketball Premier Boys v St Paul's
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Trials and Registrations

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Fixtures and Results

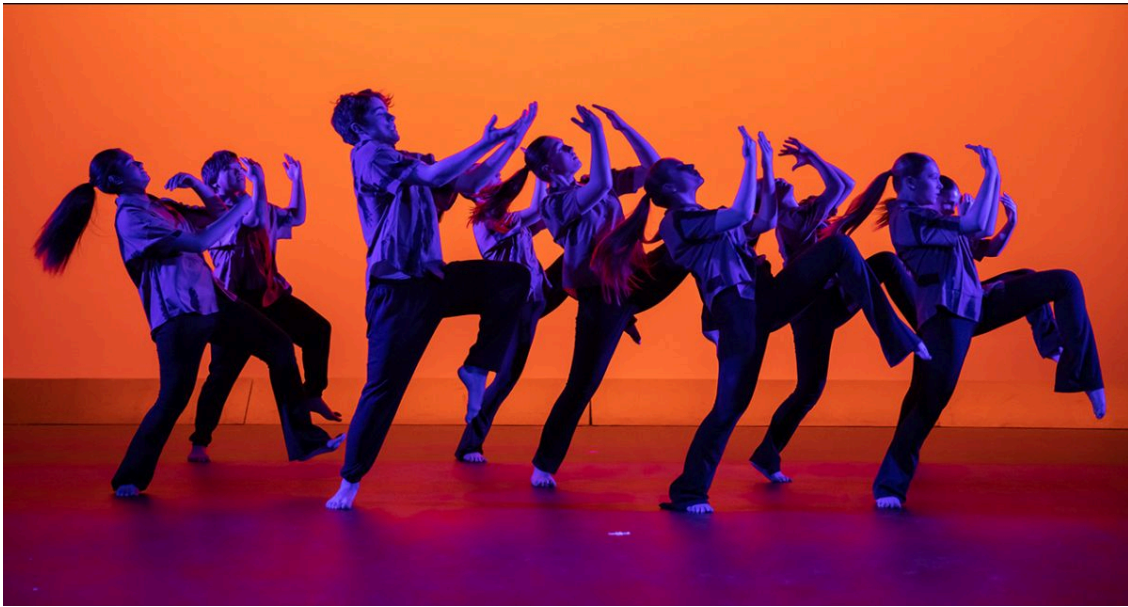
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Our Lion Fund programme aims to provide financial support to allow every MAGS student to access the breadth of opportunities we offer at our school.

Donate to the Lion Fund now



Students shine at YouDance



The Year 13 Dance class and a number of Year 11 and 12 students participated in the annual YouDance festival held on Tuesday and Wednesday at Raye Freedman Arts Centre.

MAGS was among a number of Auckland schools and groups that brought students' choreography and performance together in the 12th annual YouDance event.

The opening MAGS item chosen was an exquisite duet – *Te Maanaki I Te Rā* – choreographed and performed by two Year 11 NCEA Level 2 students – Kyra-Leigh Masina and Khalen Quensell – based on the ritual of the sun rising.

MAGS also submitted a performance of *Retrospect*, choreographed by Albertian and 2022 Dance scholarship recipient

Nyra Kanwar, adapted and performed beautifully by five Year 12 Level 3 students – Sofia Hart, Katie Archibald, Anna Borthwick, Rosa Fox and Stella Mckenzie-Smith.

MAGS third and final item chosen for this year's festival was *FIGURES*, performed by the entire Year 13 class. Inspired by wooden mannequin figures and choreographed by Ms French and Mr Grace, this was a really engaging and popular piece that showed the skills of our dance students in their final year.





Choirs in full voice at Big Sing



Best of luck to our choirs and their directors for The Big Sing competition to be held at the Town Hall next week.

The Centennial Choir will perform under the direction of Mr Maskell next Wednesday (June 21) and Gloriana, under the direction of Ms Oxenham, on Thursday (June 22) – both during the day and at the gala night concerts.

The Centennial Choir will perform in the 10.30am session on the Wednesday and that night, while Gloriana will perform in the 1.30pm session on the Thursday and that night.

Tickets for both nights' gala concerts at 7pm are available [here](#)

However, there is an opportunity for our MAGS whanau to come and watch the dress rehearsal for the choirs this Sunday (June 18) at 6pm sharp in the F.W. Gamble Hall.



Show tickets available now



Tickets are now available via iTicket for the dance showcase (June 28, 7.30pm) and classical music concert (June 29, 7pm) in Week 10. Both events are at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre.

Reboot is expected to sell out fast so be in quick. This concert presents performances by each of the dance classes as well as featuring excellence choreography by both junior and senior students. Buy tickets [here](#)

Viva Vivace will be a wonderful evening of classical music featuring our choirs, chamber groups and symphony orchestras – not to be missed! Buy tickets [here](#)

Parents Performing Arts Collective

There is an initial get-together for parents interested in supporting Performing Arts initiatives and facilities at MAGS this Sunday from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the W.O.H. Gibbs Room (the new staffroom).

If you would like more information, contact our Director of Arts jcesan@mags.school.nz

Be in quick for Gala Evening tickets



Tickets for the MAGS Art Show Gala Evening will be on sale next Monday, June 19. This event always sells out as it is a must-see, with amazing local art, delicious food and wine, and the best excuse for a night out.

Make sure to grab your tickets through iTICKET from 9am on Monday [here](#)

Rostered days at home next week

Please see below for nationwide rostering home of two different year levels across four days per week in the upcoming fortnight:

WEEK 9

Monday, 19 June	Year 9 & Year 10
Tuesday, 20 June	Year 11 & Year 12
Wednesday, 21 June	Year 9 & Year 13
Thursday, 22 June	Year 10 & Year 11

WEEK 10

Monday, 26 June	Year 12 & Year 13
Tuesday, 27 June	Year 9 & Year 10
Wednesday, 28 June	Year 11 & Year 12
Thursday, 29 June	Year 9 & Year 13

Should further updates be received advising of any other amendments to the planned industrial action, as outlined above, the school will let you know as soon as possible.

Out-of-zone enrolments for 2024

The Mount Albert Grammar School Board of Trustees may approve a limited number of out-of-zone enrolments for 2024.

Applications for out-of-zone enrolments for 2024 must be received by **4.00pm, Wednesday, 30 August, 2023**. Should a ballot be required for out-of-zone enrolments, this will occur on Wednesday, 6 September, 2023.

Out-of-zone applications use the same online application procedure as in-zone students. However, out-of-zone applications do not require the completion of the in-zone Statutory Declaration Form or provision of proof of residence.

More information about enrolment [here](#)

Central Interceptor open day

The Central Interceptor Project is holding an open day at its Lyon Avenue construction site. This is a great opportunity to come to see behind the blue gates and look down the shaft.

When: Saturday, 24 June 2023

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Where: St Lukes Garden Apartments located at the end of Morning Star Place next to the Treeway.

Behind the Big Blue Gate Open Day

We would like to personally invite you to come behind our big blue gate and see what we have been up to. As our closest neighbour, we would love for you to come along and see all the work and equipment close up.

When:
Saturday – 24 June 2023

Time:
10:00am to 12noon

Where:
St Lukes Garden Apartments, located at the end of Morning Star Place next to the Treeway

Our team has completed the 47m deep shaft, part of the main Central Interceptor Tunnel. This is your opportunity to come behind our gates, look down the shaft and chat with our team about the project.

We welcome you, your family, and friends to come along. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided. Please wear closed footwear.



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Central Interceptor



Old Skool attitude



The image at left from 2004 shows an 'Old Skool' T-Shirt that was produced by a group of loyal Albertians living in Australia.

This image is part of Set 90, recently added to our website as part of our Historical Images, compiled and annotated by our Archivist Mr Murphy. You can see these images [here](#)

Sports Update

Albertian representing NZ

Albertian Danyon Kemp (2008-2012) has been selected for the New Zealand Underwater Hockey Men's Elite team to play next month at the World Tournament in Brisbane, Australia.

Danyon played Underwater Hockey while at MAGS – for the school and the Northern Region.

At MAGS, Danyon captained the Junior and Senior Open teams, and the teams won titles both at National and Regional levels.

Danyon took on a coaching role at MAGS and his team won the NZ Senior Open title in 2016. Over the last five years Danyon has also selected and coached the Northern Region Under 18 Boys and Girls teams.

In 2012 he was named in the NZ Underwater Hockey Under 18 team to play in the Trans Tasman Competition.

From 2013-2020 he played at the World Tournaments for NZ Under 23 teams. In that time, the team won the World Title and also took a third place.

Today, Danyon is still actively involved in coaching secondary school teams in Underwater Hockey and is on the Auckland Underwater Hockey committee.



Fencers on the podium



MAGS Fencing entered 11 fencers into the Fencing North Island Secondary Schools individual event, with over 100 fencers attending from 30 schools at West Auckland's Te Pai Courts.

It was a tough day for the girl fencers, who all made it to the last 16 but struggled to break into the top eight. Emi Mason was very strong in the initial round, winning four out of her five matches, but came up against an opponent with a good game plan.

Four boys reached the top eight with outstanding performances.

Nico Meyer (2nd) stopped a big comeback to beat team-mate Elijah Yarr (3rd) in a very close match. Elijah finished the first round top seed with six wins, the only fencer to achieve that. However, Nico was mentally sharp and had a good psychological battle to take the honours.

Thomas Pham (5th) and QiQi Deng-Lize (7th) both made the top eight, rounding out a good event for the boys.

The event was good preparation for several MAGS fencers who will compete at the Australian Under 17 and Under 15 Nationals in Sydney in a month's time.

Interested in Fencing at MAGS? Come along to beginner classes for Year 9s and Year 10s at Thursday lunchtimes in Gym 1.

Equestrian team riding high



This term our MAGS Equestrian team competed over two days in the North Island Secondary Schools Equestrian Event in Taupō.

Fleur Cato, Ruby Cato, Maddy Cameron and Grace Taku competed in the top class of 95cm and came 5th overall.

They faced some very challenging weather conditions but persisted.



TIC Mrs Charman said, "Fleur and Ruby did extremely well to come 2nd and 7th overall in their class.

"Thank you for the commitment and dedication of the parents who attend over the duration of the event."

Silver for Junior Underwater Hockey

Congratulations to our Junior Underwater Hockey team who were runners-up at the Northern Area Schools tournament last weekend.

The team are a mix of players who have played for a year or are new to the sport and have been doing well to learn and improve during their weekly competition.

At this tournament, however, they stepped up to another level, ending the round robin stage as the third seed with two convincing wins over Trident and Glendowie B and two close losses against Mahurangi and Glendowie A, teams who have put huge scores on them previously this year.

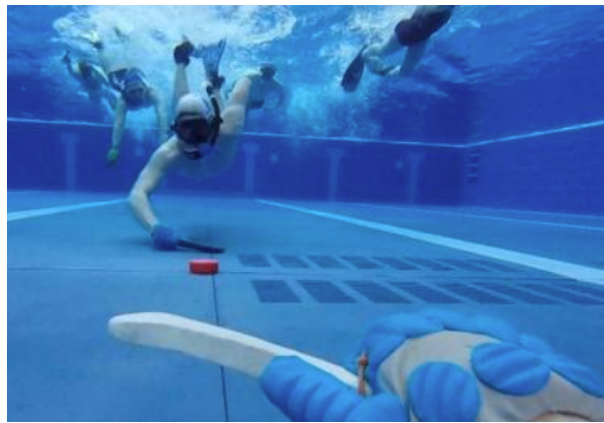
During the knockout stages, MAGS managed to win their quarter-final against Trident and

then went on to take on Mahurangi in the semi-final, which also guaranteed them a spot at nationals in September.

Thanks to a run-away goal from Tarran Tyson with two minutes to go, MAGS took the lead 2-1 and then showed some amazing defence right on their goal, led by captain Jack Tyler, to secure an upset victory and a spot in the final.

Aquatics Coach Liam Robertson said, "Although they eventually went down to

Glendowie A in the final, the whole team should be very proud of their determination and improvement throughout the tournament, and coaches Maya Azam and Paige Tyson-Taylor have done a fantastic job with their young team. Team MVP was Kiri Lovatt who showed great workrate and decision-making across the whole tournament."



Trying their hands at Disc Golf



On Tuesday, 26 Year 13 students took part in a Disc Golf tournament at Woodhill.

PE Teacher Mr Dempster said, "This was excellent numbers considering it was a rostered home day for Year 13s. Students were from the two 13 Coaching classes and had been practising for the last few weeks.

"This was in conjunction with UNITEC, who had students completing an event management unit as part of their Sport and Recreation course. It was a beautiful day with our MAGS students all performing well and representing the school with pride."

Winners on the day were Roy Tatupu (closest to the pin), Team Africa (overall team champions), and Roy Tatupu and Terence Ieriko (best individual scores).

Upcoming Premier Sport



Our Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams are away tonight, with the Girls playing Takapuna Grammar at 6pm and the Boys at Rosmini at 7.00pm. The Football Boys 1st XI are at Crum Park Turf at 7pm tonight, taking on Macleans College.

On Saturday, the Netball Premiers play King's College at the Auckland Netball Centre at 9.30am, while the Rugby Boys 1st XV are away to St Peter's College at 2.30pm.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV host Wesley College at 4pm. Our Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams play again, with the Girls taking on Baradene at 6pm, and the Boys facing Sacred Heart at 7.30pm, with both games at Sacred Heart.

On Tuesday, the Football Boys 1st XI have a Knockout Cup game against Rosmini at MAGS at 3pm.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Premier Boys Squash team will be competing in the Auckland Secondary School Squash Division 1 Team Champs at the Eden/Epsom Squash Club.

On Wednesday, our Rugby League 1st XIII are away to De La Salle College at 4pm, the Football Girls 1st XI play away to Rangitoto College at 4pm, and Hockey Boys 1st XI play Macleans College with details to be confirmed.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Girls Premiers play Diocesan at MAGS at 4pm, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Macleans College with details to be confirmed.

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

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