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 <p><b>MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL</b></p>	<p><b>A Tradition of Excellence</b> 9th-14th May 2022</p>	<p><b>CENTENARY</b> <b>100</b> 1922-2022</p>
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## From the Headmaster

# Centenary 2022 – The Countdown Is On!



*Edie Ancell, front centre, with her siblings Ike and Frede, who are descendants of one of our original Prefects. They are pictured with Mr Drumm and Centenary Celebrations Chair Dale Griffiths.*

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

I am delighted to announce the commencement of the countdown to our 2022 MAGS Centennial Celebrations. With 325 days remaining until we officially mark our 100th birthday (May 9-14, 2022), planning and organisation for the week is already well in hand.

## Weekly Notices



## Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

### 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

### Friday, July 2

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



### Friday, July 9

Unity Concert, Dorothy Winstone Theatre, 7pm

### Wednesday, July 28

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

I encourage all alumni and friends of MAGS to register through our [dedicated website](#). Here you will find details of events and activities for next year that aim to reconnect and rekindle friendships as we come together to celebrate a tradition of excellence that began with those 291 Boys and 12 Masters in 1922.

One of those first-day students was Charlie Barr (pictured below, second from left at the rear, with the Foundation Prefects of 1922). Charlie had spent his early secondary schooling at Auckland Grammar School and, like so many of those first Albertians, he had been 'directed' to complete his education at the new Grammar School out west!

Charlie immediately made his mark at his new school and his leadership ability saw him recognised as part of the Foundation Prefect team. He also played for the Rugby 3rd XV and was a sergeant in the Cadet Corps.

Fast forward 100 years and Charlie's great granddaughter and current Year 13 student Edie Ansell has repeated that feat, becoming Deputy Head Girl!

I doubt that Charlie, who went on to become a stock agent and land agent, would have ever thought that one day his male *and female* descendants would follow in his footsteps through the gates of what was then a fiercely protected male-only institution. But I certainly know he would have been immensely proud of Edie and her siblings Frede and Ike – three young people continuing the legacy laid down by the first Albertians!

Only 325 days to go! What a celebration we have in store!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster



**Thursday, July 29**

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

2022 Term Dates

Click [here](#)



**Sport**

**Photo Essay**



Rugby Boys 1st XV v  
St Kentigern College  
Click [here](#)



Rugby Girls 1st XV v  
Manurewa High  
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**Fixtures and results**

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# Centenary Celebrations are go!



Mount Albert Grammar School  
Centennial 9th - 14th May 2022  
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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.

## Board Show and Market Evening



Yesterday's Board Show and Business Market Evening gave our students a chance to show off their impressive artistic and entrepreneurial flair to the MAGS Community.

Staff, Albertians, students and their families descended on E Block to view the vibrant displays of Visual Art – Painting, Design and Photography – as well as enjoy a huge variety of food, drinks and other products being sold by Business students from their stalls.

The classrooms and hallways of E Block 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 E Block.

You can see more photos [here](#)



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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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## Albertian of the Year – save the date!

The Albertians Association is excited to honour the outstanding contributions of our Academic Dean – and MAGS teacher of 50 years – Warwick Gibbs as this year's Albertian of the Year.

Mr Gibbs – a much-loved colleague and mentor – 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 Awards.

Please save Friday, August 20 for the occasion, when Mr Gibbs will be honoured as the 2021 Albertian of the Year.

Event and ticketing details to come.



## Māori speech competition awards



**Sasha Tobin**

Our Te Puna O Wairaka students scored some top results at the regional Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition even though they were up against students from full immersion schools.

MAGS co-hosted the Ngā Manu Kōrero ki te Waitematā Māori speech competition, which was held at Ngā Puna o Waiōrea (Western Springs College) last Friday.



**Awanui Hope**

Our speakers were:

Isaiah Nin, 12PNPAL (Korimako – Senior English section)

Sasha Tobin, 9PNWAL (Tā Turi Kara – Junior English section)

Awanui Hope, 9PNWAL (Rāwhiti Ihaka – Junior Māori section)

HoF Te Puna O Wairaka Waimirirangi Paul said, "They each stood with such confidence and made our school proud!"

Sasha placed 2nd-equal in her section with a student from Te Wharekura o Hoani Waititi Marae. They both also placed 1st-equal for best female speaker in their section.

Isaiah placed 5th overall (for prepared and impromptu speeches combined, despite a five-point time penalty), and Awanui placed 4th, having only missed out on 3rd place by five points, with the top three speakers all from Kura Kaupapa Māori (full immersion schools).



**Isaiah Nin**

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## Upcoming Arts events



### **THE BIG SING**

The Centennial Boys' Choir, who are pictured above performing at assembly today, and The Gloriana Girls' Choir, who will perform at assembly next Wednesday, will represent MAGS at the Big Sing next Thursday at the Auckland Town Hall. We wish them all the best.

### **YOUDANCE**

Thirty MAGS students will be performing in the youth dance festival at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre on June 22.

MAGS is presenting two works this year. One is a class ensemble piece, the other is Bethany Fletcher's Scholarship work from last year.

Tickets to watch this show, which features youth dancers from several Auckland schools, are available from [iTicket](#)

### **UNITY CONCERT**

The much-anticipated Unity Concert takes place on the last day of Term 2, Friday, July 9 at 7pm at the Dorothy Winstone Theatre at AGGS.

Nine groups will present performances, and tickets will be available late next week – watch this space!

### **MUSIC CONCERTS**



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.

Be in quick for your tickets from iTICKET [here](#)

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## Hui for Māori students

The MAGS Rūnanga would like to invite you to a hui (gathering) on Tuesday, June 22.

You will have the opportunity to meet the members of the Rūnanga and it will present key information relevant to our Māori students.

This will include the 2020 Māori achievement data, the goals for 2021, and NCEA information. Whānau will also have an opportunity to ask questions and share their input on key questions.

A light supper will also be provided. Please RSVP via email to [nabsolum@mags.school.nz](mailto:nabsolum@mags.school.nz).

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## Moon Stars win again





For the fifth year in a row, chamber music group Moon Stars have won the award for the best performance of an original work at the Auckland round of the NZCT Chamber Music Contest.

Mekal Covic composed the work called *Two Worlds*. The first movement is *Forlorn, Forgotten World*, and the second movement is *War-Torn, Malicious World*.

Moon Stars are (pictured above from left): Kayla Manders – Harp, Daniel Zhang – Violin, Grace Duan – Violin, Jessica Niko Tuifao – Viola, Mekal Covic – Cello, Mariella Bowman – Double Bass, Fairuz Khairunnisa – Percussion, and Alexander Moon – Concert Bass Drum/ Percussion.

HOD Music Milica Zjajic-Moon said, "We have had another two groups that have played the best they have ever played, and they are Triplicity (Helen Wen – Violin, Mekal Covic – Cello, Karen Zheng – Piano), a classical trio, who performed Piano Trio in G major, IV movement by Claude Debussy, so perfectly that you could hear a pin drop. And XII Strings (Bella Houghton, Daniel Zhang, Celestine Howard), a violin trio, who performed Capriccio No 1 for 3 Violins, Opus 2 by Friedrich Hermann, and sustained the virtuosity to the very end."

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## Upcoming Three-Way Conferences

On Wednesday, July 28 and Thursday, July 29, MAGS will be holding its Parent-Mentor-Student Conferences for Years 9-13.

The conferences run from 2pm-7pm on the Wednesday and 10am to 6pm on the Thursday. To accommodate these, classes will finish early – at around midday on the Wednesday – for all students, and there will be no classes on the Thursday for the whole school. Parents will be contacted in the next 10 days with details regarding how to make a booking.

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## Quiz Night next Friday



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 next 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.



## Bronze Duke of Ed completed



Ten more MAGS students have achieved their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award through completion of the four sections of service, skill, physical activity and adventurous journey and are now starting work on the next level.

And tomorrow, two Albertians will be presented with their Gold Award by the Governor-General, so congratulations to Claudia Woods and Milly Bayfield.

The 10 who achieved Bronze are: Ella Edwards, Harika Gannabathula, Ella Graves, Bella Houghton, Isla McLeay, Hannah Moy, Ashleigh Muir, Isla Paul, Emily Rednall and Maya Vince.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities, designed to support the personal and social development of young people aged 14–25, regardless of gender, background or ability. It offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable activities in their free time.

Be it giving voluntary service to an organisation once a week over six months or tramping through the Kaimai Ranges, all these students have met and overcome personal challenges along the way.

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## Shine fundraiser nets \$1000

Last week, Interact raised an amazing \$1000 for anti-violence charity Shine with bucket collections from form classes during the week and a bake sale on Friday at lunchtime. Shine was founded in 1990, and has been working since then to make NZ homes violence-free.



## 'Get Caught Reading' is back



The annual "Get Caught Reading" competition is being held in the library until the end of Term 2.

Students "caught reading" are able to win spot prizes and also go into a draw for major prizes each week – \$30 gift vouchers from The Warehouse. This includes junior classes scheduled in the library green room for their reading lesson.

There will also be some online quizzes related to reading in Weeks 8 & 9.  
The main purpose of the competition/activities is to reinforce the importance of reading for students' personal and academic lives.

### Did you know?

Regular readers often have improved self-esteem, improved concentration, very good critical and analytical thinking skills, stronger memory skills and develop a greater vocabulary than students who read very little.

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## 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.



**BEATS 'N' BARS**  
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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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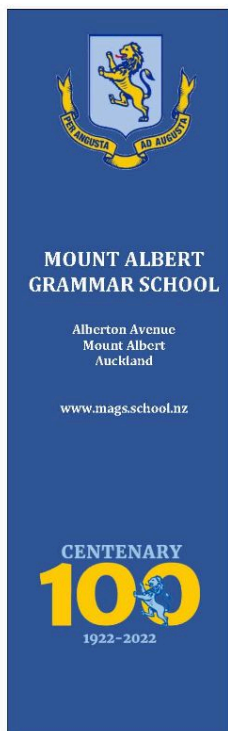


### SAMBA DRUMMING GROUP

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.

## Information Evenings for prospective students



### 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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## 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](mailto:magsfom@gmail.com)

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## Sports Update

### NISS Co-ed Champions!



MAGS' Swim Team was named top co-ed school at the 2021 North Island Secondary School Swimming Championships in Wellington last weekend.

The team did an outstanding job, winning the overall points competition and taking out top co-ed school. The team's focus now switches to the 2021 NZ Secondary School Swimming Championships in the second week of the school holidays.

MAGS had a huge number of medal winners, who you can see [here](#)

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## First XV reclaim Jubilee Cup



Our Rugby Boys 1st XV reclaimed the Jubilee Cup with a 25-22 victory over St Kentigern College in a see-sawing match at Eden Park last Saturday night.

In a game that was a curtain-raiser to the Blues v Force Super Rugby match, St Kentigern got out to a 15-6 lead before MAGS hit back with an unconverted try before halftime.

MAGS took the lead in the second half when Kyan Alo scored on the wing, with captain Tama Anderson converting a wide kick.

That lead was extended to 25-15 before St Kent's countered with a late converted try. After that MAGS held strong in defence to take the Jubilee Cup, which is up every year in the game against St Kent's.

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## Upcoming Premier Sport





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

Both our Premier Basketball teams are away tonight at Rangitoto College, with the Girls playing at 6pm, and the Boys at 7.30pm. They are back in action again at MAGS on Monday, with the Girls Playing Baradene at 6pm, and the Boys lining up against St Kentigern at 7.30pm.

Tomorrow, our Netball Premiers play Baradene at Auckland Netball Centre, at 11.30am.

The Football Boys 1st XI are at home tomorrow and kick off at midday against Westlake Boys.

Our Rugby Boys 1st XV play Dilworth away tomorrow at 2.30pm

Next week, the Rugby Girls 1st XV play on Monday, away to Aorere College at 4pm.

On Wednesday, the Squash Boys Premiers play Auckland Grammar at MAGS at 3pm. Then the Rugby League 1st XIII play Kelston Boys in a semifinal on the Sir BG Williams field at 4pm, the same time that the Football Girls 1st XI kick off against St Cuthbert's in an away game.

At 6.45pm, the Hockey Boys 1st XI play St Peter's at Auckland Grammar.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Girls Premiers are away to Diocesan at 4pm, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Selwyn College at Mt Roskill Grammar at 5pm.



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

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