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From the Headmaster

Weekly Notices



 **Key Dates**

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**Tuesday, June 28 &
Wednesday, June 29**
Winter Sports Photos

**Friday, July 1 &
Saturday, July 2**
Dance Concert, 7pm, Raye
Freedman Arts Centre

Unity in Diversity!



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

As we head into our first official Matariki holiday weekend, our MAGS community joins together tonight in a celebration of culture and belonging.

After many months of preparation, our biennial Unity Concert held at the Dorothy

Winstone Centre will see MAGS students taking to the stage to showcase our identity as a school.

Individuals from more than 80 cultural backgrounds can be found within our student community of 3100, and we saw this acknowledged on Monday with our Cultural Dress Day (pictured above).

Our staff also bring a similar diverse mix into MAGS. Very few schools in New Zealand could lay claim to this degree of strength within our MAGS people.

**Tuesday, July 26 &
Thursday, July 28**
Year 8 Information Evenings,
7pm, FW Gamble Hall

 **Sport**

Photo Essays



Acknowledging the stories and whakapapa of each MAGS person cements our school as place where we can *all* belong – standing tall and confident in who we are!

As a vehicle for promoting understanding and inclusion, our Unity Concert is one of the most important nights on the school calendar – Unity in name and unity in action.
Thank you to all who have brought this special celebration together.

Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori
(Happy Matariki, the Māori New Year)

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Basketball Premier Boys v
Sacred Heart College
Click [here](#)



Football Girls 1st XI v St
Kentigern College
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



Slam the Jamz showcases diverse talent



The third annual MAGS Contemporary Music Concert was held at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre last Saturday, June 18.

Slam the Jamz 2022 was MC'ed by Molly Cavanagh and Isaac Chisholm and featured eight acts as well as a performance from the MAGS Jazz Band to close the evening.

The eclectic range of performances included: acoustic pop duos Jessica Lal and Elaine Chapple covering a song by Rihanna, while Brandon Joseph and Daniel Lees chose to cover the Tracy Chapman classic *Fast Car*.

The slick and well-seasoned band Edamame Pouch kicked off the evening with two covers: *A Night Out With* and *Mixed Up and Confused*.

Representing the after school co-curricular urban music programme run by Mr Grace was Tyrenzo Tuitama, demonstrating his rapping and beats production prowess, while Alex Horst presented a selection of his original electronic trap music compositions under the name of V3VOX.



Along with the three Jazz Band items, there was also a solo performance of the jazz standard *Fly Me To the Moon* played by Kairo Ah Kuoi-Simich, along with a funky rendition of *Beastly* by Vulfpeck featuring the guitar talents of Chengyi Bill Liu.

The audience was also treated to a stellar performance of the original track *Painless Nightmare* by the melodic death metal band In Shade.

Music teacher Mr Watson said, "All of the performances were incredibly honed and executed, and it was a great opportunity for the talented students of MAGS to strut their stuff with professional, staging, lighting and sound.

"Special mention goes to our MCs and the backstage crew, the students behind the scenes who helped make the show run so smoothly."

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

Photos / Sanskriti Roy



Quiz Night a roaring success



Last Friday's Quiz Night was a huge success with staff, students and families coming together to support a great cause in the NZ Red Cross, as well as having some fun dressing up. Quizmaster Mr Barrett, ably supported by Miss Hobbs and our student leaders, put on a great night that featured games, pizza and prizes, and a lot of fun among the serious business of seeing which team came out on top. Our Social Sciences team now has bragging rights for the next year, and they were followed by the 11GIB team, and then the Science team. You can see more photos from the night [here](#)



Dance Concert tickets on sale now

MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL DANCE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

TAKING FLIGHT

RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE
7PM

FRIDAY 1ST JULY
SATURDAY 2ND JULY

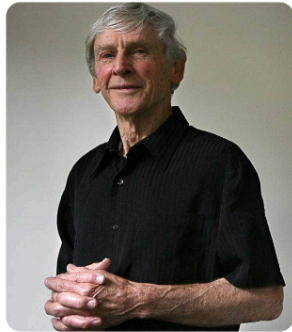
TICKETS:

MAGS Staff, Students, Under 12s	\$10
Students & Pensioners	\$15
Adults	\$20



Tickets are now available [here](#) for Taking Flight, this year's Dance Concert on Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2 at 7pm at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre.

Albertian Artists in the Frame



5 - 7 August 2022

Centenary Art Show

Mount Albert Grammar School



Len Castle

Potter Len Castle (1924 – 2011) is another leading New Zealand artist to have been educated at Mount Albert Grammar School, working in a field which developed as a major artform over the course of his 60-year career.

Castle trained as a secondary school science teacher, first teaching back at MAGS, then at Auckland Teachers' College. Alongside his day job, he began to create pottery, taking night classes to further his skills. His fascination for the craft was inspired in part by a demonstration he saw at the Auckland Easter Show as a child. The first potter to be awarded a New Zealand Art Societies Fellowship, in the late 1950s he went to St Ives in Cornwall to study with master potter Bernard Leach, a year which deepened his interest in Eastern ceramics and developed his work practice.

Working from homes in Titirangi set up for production with kilns and railways, Castle became a full-time potter in 1963, also founding that year the New Zealand Society of Potters. A QEII Arts Council Fellowship in 1966 enabled him to study in Japan and travel through China and South Korea. This experience helped to confirm a style which was influenced both by Asian aesthetics and his scientific knowledge of geological forms.

Internationally renowned and exhibited, Castle received recognition at home in gallery collections, the presentation of his work to visiting dignitaries, and honours reflecting his stature: CBE for services to pottery in 1986, a New Zealand Commemorative Medal for services to the country in 1990, an Arts Foundation of New Zealand Icon Award in 2003 and a DCNZM in 2004. Having learnt from a master potter, Castle's legacy speaks to his own mastery of the craft.

Cultural Dress Day



On Monday, MAGS students embraced their culture and heritage with a Cultural Dress Day when they could wear clothing that was special to them instead of school uniform. There was an optional gold coin donation on the day, with all money raised going towards tonight's Unity Concert.



Save the date for Future Pathways

FUTURE PATHWAYS EXPO

Wednesday August 3rd

MH BLOCK 4.00-7.00pm

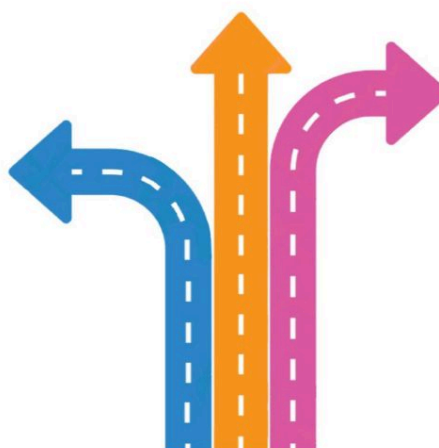
What are you doing when you leave school?
Universities, Technical Institutes, Private Training Providers, Industry Training Organisations, Interactive Displays, Faculty and Subject areas spread over both levels of MH Block.

Deans/ Careers and NCEA information on upper floor at the top of the stairs.

MAGS 2023 Subject option choices are due by 12 August in SchoolPoint



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Wednesday August 3rd: 4.00-7.00pm

A not-to-be-missed occasion, especially for Year 10-12 students, our popular Future Pathways Expo is back on (Wednesday, August 3, from 4-7 pm).

The Expo is a great opportunity for students to discuss subjects and pathways for option choices due in mid-August for the 2023 year. Parents, students and family welcome. Set across both floors of the MH Building, the Expo features information from universities and training organisations, as well as interactive displays, faculty and subject rooms, NCEA information and advice from Deans.



SPONSOR AN ART PANEL



5 - 7 August 2022

Each year the MAGS Art Show is a highlight on the school and community calendars, and 2022 being the Centenary year makes it even more special. On display will be more than 110 exhibiting NZ artists and over 300 talented MAGS arts students; including music & dance performances throughout the Art Show weekend.

The success of this major fundraising event relies heavily on sponsorship from businesses and individuals in our community and we are very grateful to those who generously support us each year.

This year we would like to provide the opportunity for any family or business to sponsor an Art Panel, with all profits raised going to the Lion Fund. This fund was established to offer financial assistance to those families and students who require just that little bit more support for their schooling activities.

Support your community and add your family's name, or the name of your business to an Art Panel.

*The cost of sponsoring an Art Panel for our Centenary Art Show is \$350 + gst.
Please email Sarah Blaikie at magsfom@gmail.com to secure your panel.*

Employment opportunity: Gate Person



Southbase Construction requires a gate person for MAGS' Nairn Building project, with **the role commencing 1 August**.

Southbase Construction builds and fits out commercial, industrial, educational and community buildings, and is commencing the next project – the Nairn Building (artist's impression above) – here at MAGS.

The gate person will take control of and monitor deliveries, contractor arrivals and departures to ensure safe and controlled operations, and:

- will ideally have previous construction experience and/or a Traffic Controller (STMS) qualification.
- will have a full driver's licence.
- will receive Southbase Training to enable them to perform their role to Southbase's standards.
- could be a young person looking to get into construction or an experienced person.
- would need to be fit and mobile as they will cover a lot of ground on any given day.
- The hours would be 6.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. A minimum of 55 hours a week.
- The role will be a fixed term contract that would conclude at the end of next year (2023).

CONTACT: Rob Harwood, Southbase Senior Project Manager, ph 021 388 330 or email rob.harwood@southbase.co.nz

Winter Sports photos next week



Winter Sports Photos (and catch-up photos) for 2022 will be taken in the School Hall next Tuesday, June 28, and Wednesday, June 29.

Students should arrive at the hall at least 10 minutes prior to their photo time and must be wearing the correct uniform.

Schedule and uniform details for Tuesday are [here](#) and for Wednesday are [here](#)

Year 8 Information Evenings

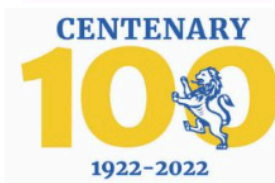
Mount Albert Grammar school holds Information Evenings rather than Open Days. These evenings are primarily for Year 8s who live in-zone and will take place in the school hall on **Tuesday, July 26, 2022, from 7pm** (Auckland Normal Intermediate and Balmoral School) and **Thursday, July 28, 2022 from 7pm** (Kowhai Intermediate, Pasadena Intermediate, Ponsonby Intermediate and Wesley Intermediate).

The evenings include a visual presentation about the school for prospective Year 9 students, and there is enrolment procedure information and the opportunity to ask questions about the academic, sporting, service, arts and cultural opportunities at our school.

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

Orienteers to represent NZ

Seven MAGS students have been selected by Orienteering New Zealand for the Southern Cross team to represent New Zealand at the Trans-Tasman Australian Schools Challenge in Victoria in September.

Orienteering Team Manager Neill McGowan said, "This is an outstanding result, based on performances at the recent Queens Birthday event."

Congratulations to: Callum Wishart, Molly McGowan, Daniel Wood, Sam Carryer, Matthew Greenwood, James Milne, Oscar Vink – and Tom Aish (Reserve) and William Wood (Reserve).

Upcoming Premier Sport



Today, our Lacrosse Premier Girls are home to EGGs at 4pm, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Macleans College at Lloyd Elsmore Park at 5.30pm.

On Saturday, the Football Boys 1st XI are at home to Selwyn College at midday, and the Rugby Boys 1st XV play away to Kings at 2.30pm.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV are away to Southern Cross at 4pm, the same time the

Football Girls 1st XI kick off their home game against Rangitoto College.

On Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI play at home again at 4pm, this time against Marist College, while the Hockey Boys 1st XI face Orewa College at North Harbour Tiger Turf at 5.10pm.

On Thursday, the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Westlake Girls at North Harbour Cello at 6.22pm.

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

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