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From the Headmaster

Key Dates



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Tuesday, June 27

School finishes early – at 12.20pm – to allow staff to attend a Paid Union Meeting

Tuesday, June 27 & Wednesday, June 28

Reboot Dance Concert, Raye Freedman Arts Centre, 7.30pm

Wednesday, June 28

Last day of classes for Term 2

Thursday, June 29

Viva Vivace Classical Concert, Raye Freedman Arts Centre, 7.00pm

Thursday, June 29 and Friday, June 30

Three Way Conferences.
No classes scheduled either day.

Friday, June 30

End of Term 2

Monday, July 17

Start of Term 3

The Big Sing!



“The only thing better than singing is more singing.”

– Ella Fitzgerald

Tēnā koutou ki te whānau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

This week our MAGS choirs took to the stage in the Auckland Town Hall as part of

The Big Sing – The Auckland Secondary Schools’ Choral Competition.

After many months of preparation, Gloriana and The Centennial Choir delivered outstanding performances both during the formal day competition and then in front of sold-out audiences at the evening Gala Concerts!

It takes remarkable courage to stand on a stage armed solely with your voice as your instrument!

Yet our young MAGS choristers brought composure and confidence to their performances. They expertly combined their vocal instruments to fill the Town Hall with song – and wowed audiences in the process!

Our choral directors, Catherine Oxenham and Terence Maskell, so well supported by Warwick Gibbs (piano) and Matua Peter Walters (guitar and arrangement), have lifted our choral programme to new heights. And our students have more than risen to the challenge.

Thank you to all who add soul to our school through our choral and arts programmes. We are both grateful and proud!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



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

Sport

Photo Essays



Football Senior Boys Knockout Cup v Rosmini College
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Rugby Girls 1st XV v Wesley College
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Trials and Registrations
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Fixtures and Results
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Singing with pride

Our Gloriana and Centennial choirs represented us at the Auckland Big Sing competition held at Auckland Town Hall this week.

Director of Arts Ms Cesan said, "Both choirs sung with confidence and pride and we are delighted with their repertoire and performance.

"The Centennial Choir were good enough to come away with two runner-up awards – for

repertoire and for their a cappella performance."

There is a chance to see both choirs in performance at the *Viva Vivace* classical evening next Thursday (June 29) at Raye Freedman Arts Centre.

Pictured right are the Centennial Choir's Head Chorister Kairo Ah Kuoi-Simich (at left) and Deputy Head Chorister Henri Le Cren showing off their 'Commendable Performance' certificates.



Slam the Jams rocks new venue



Photos / Sylvie Morrison

The 2023 *Slam The Jams* MAGS contemporary music concert was held last Friday in the Music Department's new E9/E10 performance space.

With a packed house of close to 100 audience members in attendance, the event signified a fantastic first semi-formal performance in the new venue. The concert featured 17 songs performed by 11 acts over a 90-minute programme.



Solo performers included Emma Newland, Anouk Blackburn, William Butterworth and Kairo Ah Kuoi-Simich, along with ensemble performances by MAGS Rockquest representatives Parkdale and Arguing With a Child. The evening kicked off with what has been known as the MAGS Jazz Band, now the newly renamed Owairaka Jazz Ensemble.

It concluded with a special Tina Turner tribute performance by members of the Year 13 Modern Music class featuring Violani Afoa on vocals.

Other special performances included groups made up of students from the Year 12 Modern Music Class and a special guest performance by emerging band The Dawns featuring Elliot Smart on drums.

HOD Music Mr Watson said, "All aspects of the event were run by Modern Music

students, including stage management by Lilaina Marshall, sound by Rahib Ahmed and Ollie Wikiriwhi, and lighting by Kevin Joy. Big thanks to Sylvie Morrison for photography and Declan Paxton for videography."

For more photos from the concert, click [here](#)



Speech winner off to nationals

Katie Watkinson (pictured) will be going to Ngā Manu Kōrero nationals after winning her section at the Waitematā regionals last week.

Along with Lily Rupapera, Awanui Hope and Ben Hori-Elliott, she represented MAGS at the Ngā Manu Kōrero ki te Waitematā Regional Speech Competition.



MAGS helped to co-host (Tā Turi Kara – Junior English Stage) once again, alongside Ngā Puna o Waiōrea (Western Springs College), Te Wharekura o Hoani Waititi Marae and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Kōtuku.

Katie placed 1st in Tā Turi Kara, thus qualifying for the National Ngā Manu Kōrero competition to be held in Ōtepoti (Dunedin) in Week 10 of Term 3.

Awanui placed 3rd overall for the Pei Te Hurinui – Senior Māori section, Ben placed 7th overall in the Korimako – Senior English section, and Lily placed 4th overall in the Rāwhiti Ihaka – Junior Māori section.

HOF Māori Waimirangi Paul said, "We are extremely proud of our ākonga and look forward to supporting Katie as much as possible in the lead-up to nationals later this year."

Show tickets selling fast



Get your tickets via iTicket for the dance showcase (June 27 & 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](#)

Save the date: Careers Expo

Mount Albert Grammar School

CAREERS EXPO '23

What's Your Future Pathway?

TUESDAY 25 JULY
4:00-7:00PM
MH BLOCK



INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS INCLUDING:

- MAGS Subject areas
- NCEA & course advice
- 40+ Universities & Training providers
- Industry representatives from trades, health and beauty, hospitality, technology and more
- NZDF & NZ Police
- Gap Year & Exchange info



<http://mags.careerwise.school/>

Students and parents are advised to save the date for the MAGS Careers Expo: Tuesday, July 25 (Week 2). All MAGS students and their families are invited to attend this opportunity to explore their future pathways, option choices and tertiary education and training.

There will be more than 40 industry representatives plus MAGS departments presenting at the event, which runs from 4pm-7pm.

Don't forget to check out MAGS' [CareerWise website](#) for other opportunities in the school holidays and beyond.

Bollywood Showdown



Next Friday, MAGS' Indian group is competing in a Bollywood dance competition against 11 other Auckland schools at the Dorothy Winstone Centre, starting 7pm.

Amongst the prizes on offer, the most popular school gets a \$500 cash prize. If you like, love and share the image of the MAGS Indian group on the Bollywood Showdown Facebook page [here](#) or on their Instagram page [here](#), that will help MAGS secure the cash prize.

You can buy tickets to the event [here](#) and see more information about it [here](#)

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HIGH SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION

MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE - DOROTHY WINSTONE CENTRE

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Be in quick for Gala Evening tickets



MAGS
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ART
SHOW



Tickets for the MAGS Art Show Gala Evening are on sale now. 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 [here](#)

MAGS Megacrew on stage during holidays

**SCHOOLS STREET DANCE
COMPETITION**

**THURSDAY 6TH JULY
DUE DROP EVENTS CENTRE**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW
www.eventfinda.co.nz**

BLUEPRINT BLUEPRINT BLUEPRINT

Come and support the MAGS Megacrew at Blueprint – the 2023 Schools Street Dance Championship – on Thursday, July 6 at the Due Drop Events Centre. You can buy tickets [here](#) for the event, which starts at 6.30pm.

Social Media Influencers: Parent Resource



"In today's digital age, the influence of social media on young minds cannot be underestimated.

Social media platforms have become powerful tools in shaping societal norms and values, particularly through the presence of influential figures known as social media influencers, with some of these prominent figures garnering much attention and sparking debates regarding their impact on young audiences.

Young people often compare themselves to the idealised lives presented by influencers, leading to feelings of inadequacy, low self-worth and dissatisfaction. Sadly, some influencers are gaining popularity with views that expose young people to inappropriate or harmful content such as explicit material and promotion of harmful views and behaviours towards others.

Parents and caregivers play a crucial role in guiding their children's social media use. Fostering open discussions can help young people navigate social media responsibly and develop a healthy understanding of what it means to be a positive role model in today's interconnected world." – School TV

Click [here](#) to view the Special Report on social media influencers on School TV.



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](#)

Year 8 Information Evenings



Mount Albert Grammar School holds Information Evenings rather than open days, and these will be held next term on July 18 and 19.

These two evenings are primarily for Year 8s who live in-zone, and our in-zone feeder schools are invited to attend on their nominated evenings purely to manage numbers but can attend the alternative evening if that is more suitable. Out-of-zone students are also welcome to attend if intending to apply for a place at MAGS in 2024.

These evenings will run from 7pm-8pm in the F.W. Gamble Hall on Tuesday, July 18 (Auckland Normal Intermediate School and Balmoral Intermediate School) and Wednesday, July 19 (Kowhai Intermediate School, Pasadena Intermediate School, Ponsonby Intermediate School, Wesley Intermediate School).

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 the school.

More enrolment information [here](#)

Students' artillery practice

Students firing a field gun would not pass Health and Safety these days but there was no such thing in 1927 when 70 boys of the School's Artillery Cadet Battery went into camp at Narrow Neck during the May school holidays.

This was the first year of this unit. The drivers went through a course of riding, driving and



caring for horses. The gunners had a live shoot.

These images are part of Set 91, recently added to our website as part of our Historical Images, compiled and annotated by our Archivist Mr Murphy. You can see more of these images [here](#)

Sports Update

NZSS Cross Country



Three students competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Nationals held at the Massey University Campus in Palmerston North over June 17-18.

Nina Chalmers (Year 11, pictured above) continued her strong performances in distance running events, finishing 10th in a competitive Junior Girls section. She completed the 3km course in a time of 11:48. Nina was also in the Auckland Region B relay team that finished 6th in the teams relay on the Sunday.

The other students that competed were Theo Bray (Year 11) and Duke Gilbert (Year 10). In his first year competing in the senior category, Theo finished 83rd out of a large field of 184 competitors. Theo also took part in the regional relay for Auckland A where they finished 9th. Duke competed in the Junior Boys category where there were 141 competitors. He finished 118th.

Assistant Director of Sport Carlin Crossan said, "Thanks to Sarah Yallop and Melissa Bray, who managed and supervised the students at the event."

Upcoming Premier Sport



Our Premier Girls and Boys Basketball teams are at home tonight, with the Girls playing Northcote College at 6pm and the Boys up against Rangitoto College at 7.30pm. The Football Boys 1st XI are away to St Peter's at 6pm tonight.

On Saturday, the Netball Premiers play Diocesan at the Auckland Netball Centre at 11.30am, while the Rugby Boys 1st XV are away to De La Salle College at 2.30pm.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV host Epsom Girls Grammar at 4pm.

On Wednesday, our Rugby League 1st XIII are home to Southern Cross at 4pm, the Football Girls 1st XI are home to Diocesan at 4pm, and the Hockey Boys 1st XI play Orewa College at North Harbour at 5.10pm. The Squash Premier Boys play a placing game with details yet to be confirmed.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Girls Premiers are away to EGGS at 4pm, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Long Bay College at North Harbour at 6.20pm.

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

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