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From the Headmaster

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Singing!



[Key Dates](#)



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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)

Thursday, July 29

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

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

Last night, in front of a sold-out audience at the Auckland Town Hall, our MAGS choirs cemented their return to The Big Sing – the Auckland Secondary Schools Choral Competition.

Many months of dedication and commitment by students and their directors resulted in magnificent performances by both Gloriana – the MAGS Girls Choir – and The Centennial Choir – our choir for male students. The Centennial Choir scooped a number of major awards on the night including the Gala Performance Award.

What our students have achieved by taking to the stage in this purest of performing arts cannot be underestimated. The human voice is the ultimate melodic instrument and it shares meaning and emotion in a way that other instruments can only try and emulate.

And the health benefits of singing are well recognised. Singing

relieves stress (well maybe not last night for our competitors!). It stimulates the immune response and improves breathing and lung function.

Singing can unite us in times of both celebration and grief. It develops a sense of belonging and connection – it makes us more human!

It's one of the reasons singing plays a part in all cultures and communities – and why the tradition of 'whole school singing' has been a part of MAGS for 100 years.

Thank you to our students and staff who are part of the MAGS choral programme – thank you for your courage!
We join in celebrating your success!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



2022 Term Dates

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Sport

Photo Essay



Football Girls Junior A v
Diocesan
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Football Boys U15 Knockout
Cup v Auckland Grammar
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Fixtures and results

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Triumphant return to The Big Sing



Mr Drumm is pictured with Centennial Choir leaders, from left, Tali Afele, Isaiah Nin and Henri Blakely, who are holding the three major awards they won last night.

MAGS' return to The Big Sing with Boys and Girls choirs saw The Centennial (Boys) Choir pick up four awards barely a year after it was established by its director Terence Maskell. The Boys won the Gala Performance Award (for the choir which impressed, delighted and captivated the audience), the Best Performance of a New Zealand or Pasifika Composition or Arrangement (by a choir that has not participated in the national finale for the last 2 years) and the Best Performance of a Choral Art Music Composition (by a choir that has not participated in the national finale for the last 2 years) as well as being runners-up for Best Performance of a Work Using Māori Text.



Our Gloriana Girls Choir and Centennial Choir performed yesterday and were among 60 choirs from across Auckland competing over three days at the Auckland Town Hall, and about 300 choirs nationwide – all singing three pieces selected from prescribed choral music categories. The Centennial Choir performed *Zion hört die Wächter singen* – a piece in German by 17th century composer Dietrich Buxtehude, *May God Bless You* – an attractive blessing written by Aucklander Chris Artley, and *Wairua Tapu* – a prayer in Māori by the Wehi whanau and arranged by Terence Maskell – with Matua Pete (Mr Walters) and student

Marco Betham-Copisarow accompanying on guitar.

Mr Maskell (pictured above with Marco and Matua Pete) said, "Eric Shen, last year's Head Boy, accompanied the first two pieces beautifully on the piano."

He added, "Our very warm congratulations go to all our singers – we are enormously proud of them all. Huge thanks to Headmaster Patrick Drumm for his clear and abundant support, to Arts Coordinator Jacqui Cesan for her thorough organisation and to all the staff and parents who so willingly support the work of choral music at MAGS. Onwards!"

During the day, Gloriana performed *Sea Song* by David Hamilton, *Canticle of the Turning* by Rory Cooney, and *Gloria Festiva* by Emily Crocker.

At the Gala Performance they sang *Canticle of the Turning* by Rory Cooney accompanied by Dr Atchison on guitar and Year 12 student Nishera Gnanendra on violin, with Anouk Blackburn (Year 10) performing the soprano solo.

Catherine Oxenham is the accompanist and a co-director with Dr Atchison.

You can see the Centennial Choir performing [here](#) and Gloriana performing [here](#)

Pat Hanly Award winners



Congratulations to two of our talented Visual Arts students, Chloe Innes (above left) and Lucy Woodall (above right), who are pictured with Visual Arts Teacher Mrs Fels after being named Pat Hanly Creativity Award winners at a gala evening at the Auckland Art Gallery last night. Chloe won for her photograph 'Chloroform' (top right) and Lucy for her painting 'Breaking Point' (below right).



For the Pat Hanly awards, secondary schools are asked to nominate two Year 13s that show exceptional creativity, imagination and commitment to the Visual Arts.

Chloe's work is a photographic triptych featuring her mother, while Lucy's is a mixed media self-portrait, mainly in acrylic paint with string.



The pair, who won art supplies for their efforts, also had to submit an artist's statement to support their entries.

Seniors hit the floor at YouDance



On Tuesday, we had 30 senior MAGS Dance students perform at the YouDance festival which was held at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre. MAGS performed two works; one was Bethany Fletcher's top scholarship piece from last year and the other was a Year 13 ensemble work choreographed by HoD Dance Miss French. She said, "Our students had a fantastic day representing the school and all performed to an excellent standard."

Sign up for Centenary Celebrations



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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.

Spoken Word focusing on semis



Last Saturday, the MAGS Spoken Word team were at the Te Puea Memorial Marae for a day camp in preparation for the upcoming Word! The Front Line semifinals.

The team participated in the competitive regional heats in late May to get through to the semis. At the day camp, they were welcomed with a powhiri, they attended multiple workshops and an open mic to wrap up the day.

The team consists of (from left) Te Hekenga Hiwa Piahana, Sonia Airehrour, Reet Kamra, Ryan Shen and Nishera Gnanendra.

Spoken Word leader Reet added, "It was a great experience and we got to bond with team members of other schools. Our coach is also Word! and MAGS alumni Matilda Clack, which is truly exciting and we're all looking forward to working with her this year!"

Next Friday, July 2, Reet, Ryan and Hiwa are representing MAGS at the Word Summit 2021, which is a National Youth Poetry Conference held at the Ellen Melville Centre in the Auckland CBD.

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](#)



Procedures around student illness

If a student is unwell they must go to the Health Centre to be assessed by our Nurses. Next steps may include home contact to arrange for parents to collect their child. This process is critical for our school to record accurate information about any support mechanisms a student may require and for the tracking of any serious illnesses.

Blood Donor Day next Thursday

Parents and caregivers are advised that we are holding our annual Blood Donor Day next Thursday. Before that date would be a good time to discuss with your child (who must be at least 16 years of age to donate) whether they intend giving blood. Any questions regarding Blood Donor Day should be directed to the Health Centre on xtn 8108.



Upcoming Arts events

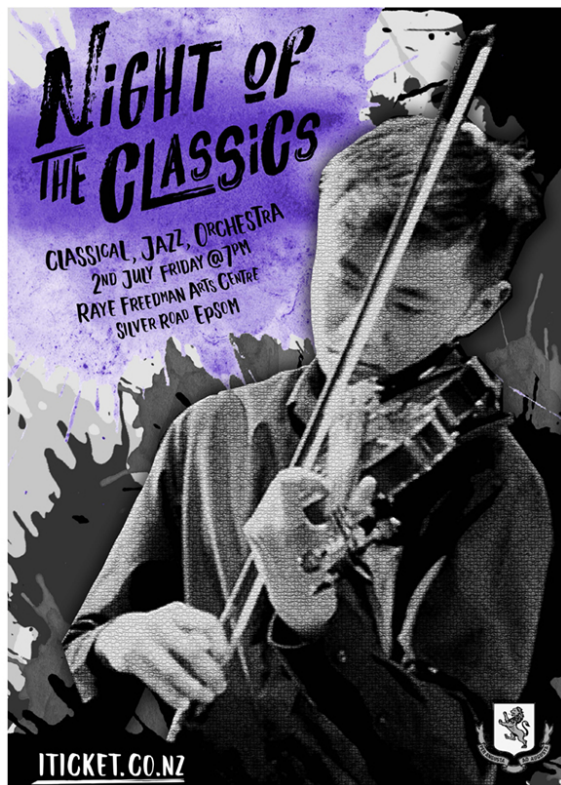
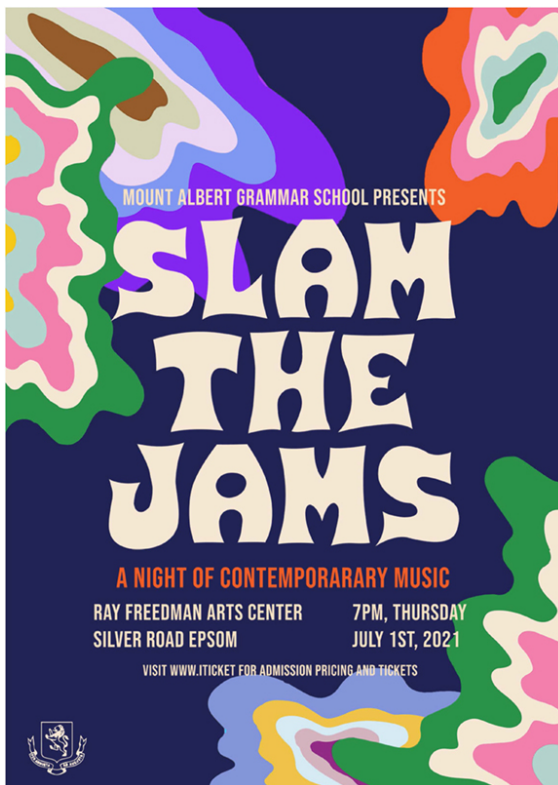
UNITY CONCERT

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 on Monday from the Finance Office.



MUSIC CONCERTS



MAGS has two terrific music concerts coming up next week.

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](#)

Winter Sports photos



Winter Sports Photos for 2021 will be taken in the School Hall next Tuesday, June 29 and next Wednesday, June 30.

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](#).

Cross Stitch club

Cross Stitch Club

Would you like to learn a new skill?

Join Cross Stitch Club. Not only is the art of Cross Stitch a creative way to express yourself, but it also teaches you patience and attention to detail and it can be really FUN!

Join Miss Carrel in B5 on Wednesdays at lunch time. Bring your lunch and a creative mind ☺

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What starts as something simple....

...can turn into something beautiful!



Miss Carrel, who is a keen 'Stitcher' is looking to start a Cross Stitch Club so that she can teach some students (and staff) a new skill.

The plan is for the club to meet at Lunchtime on Wednesdays in B5.


If you are interested or want more information, [email](mailto:elise.carrel@mags.school.nz) Miss Carrel.

Book your Three-Way Conference

Bookings have opened for the Three-Way Conferences (3WC) that will take place on Wednesday, July 28 and Thursday, July 29.

All students from Years 9-13 are expected to attend, along with parent(s) or caregiver(s). 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 and caregivers were emailed this week with instructions about how to book these conferences. You can read that letter [here](#)

Information Evenings for prospective students



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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 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 Receipting
- 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

Sports Update

Squash Boys retain Auckland title



Our Squash Boys Premiers successfully defended their Auckland title this week, beating a very competitive Auckland Grammar School team 3-2 in the final.

The annual Auckland Secondary Schools team championships took place on the North Shore for Division 1 teams and at Unitec for Division 2 teams.

With the tournament cancelled last year and the MAGS Boys Premiers taking the title in 2019, expectations were high for retaining the shield.

Two teams were also entered into the Division 2 competition and, for the first time in the last five years, a Division 1 Girls team was entered to give players an opportunity to develop for the future.

The Boys Premiers, playing in Division 1, came through the round robin winning all three matches with a close, must win-match against Westlake going their way 3-2.

Against Auckland Grammar School in the final, it was 2-2 going into the last game, with MAGS coming out eventual winners 3-2 and retaining the shield for 2021.

NZ honours for Orienteers



Five MAGS students have been selected in a team of 40 Orienteers to represent New Zealand at the Southern Cross Challenge in Tasmania, Australia.

Matthew Greenwood, Sam Carryer, Oscar Vink, Molly McGowan and Daniel Wood will compete in two teams of 20 against teams from each of the Australian States. They were selected from a highly competitive field at the recent Queen's Birthday Championships in Christchurch

Orienteers win Auckland titles

MAGS Boys Orienteering team won the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships at a tricky Muriwai course this week, comfortably taking out the win over their Auckland rivals.



The Girls team posted their best-ever result, finishing second, only one point behind Baradene College.

There were podium finishes for: Tom Aish (2nd, pictured at left), Angus Edwards (3rd, at right), Molly McGowan (2nd), Sam Carryer (2nd), Matthew Greenwood (3rd) and Ella Edwards (2nd).

Additionally, at last week's Auckland Secondary Schools Rogaine

Championships, MAGS took out three of the titles with wins for Sam Carryer and Matthew Greenwood, Luka Johnson and Ami McGowan.

The team is now preparing for the upcoming NZ National Championships in Hawkes Bay on July 23-25.

Bronze at Ski Champs



Three students represented MAGS at the Auckland Secondary Schools Ski Champs held at Snowplanet yesterday. Year 13 Mena Ren-Fritzke (pictured right) competed in the slalom, dual slalom and slopestyle events, earning a combined total of 57 points and placing MAGS 13th of 22 girls' schools.

The highlight of the day was Mena's slopestyle run in which she placed 3rd. Reuben Adye (Year 9) and Nate Lawson (Year 9) both competed in the giant slalom event, placing 24th and 55th of 99 competitors. This was a particularly good result considering they were competing against senior students in this category.

Reuben went on to race in the dual slalom event where he made it to the third round before being knocked out by the eventual 3rd placegetter.

Their combined performance placed MAGS 11th of 21 boys' schools on the day. All three students are excited for the snow season ahead and looking forward to competing again in the North Island Secondary Schools Championships in September.



Upcoming Premier Sport



Today at 5pm, the Badminton Premier team play Macleans College at Auckland Badminton.

Both our Premier Basketball teams are away tonight, with the Girls playing Massey High at 6pm, and the Boys at Auckland Grammar at 7.30pm.

The Football Boys 1st XI are also playing today: against Selwyn College at Bill McKinlay Park at 6pm.

Tomorrow, our Netball Premiers play St Kentigern College at Auckland Netball Centre at 9.30am.

Our Rugby Boys are at home tomorrow, facing Liston College at 2.30pm.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV are at home to Wesley College at 4pm.

On Wednesday, the Squash Boys Premiers play Rangitoto College at 4.15pm with the venue yet to be confirmed, the Football Girls 1st XI are at home at 4pm to Diocesan College, while the Hockey Boys 1st XI are way to Avondale College at 4.50pm.



On Thursday, the Lacrosse Girls Premiers are at home to Pukekohe High School at 4pm, the same start time for the Hockey Girls 1st XI when they play Pakuranga High School at Mt Roskill Grammar.

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

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