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## From the Headmaster

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### Excellence in Girls Education ... Another Chapter Begins

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Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

This week our Board of Trustees unanimously approved the establishment of a boarding facility for girls at MAGS from 2021.

This milestone decision comes as we celebrate 20 years of girls at MAGS, and the opening of this facility promises to be a fantastic way to mark our 100th year as a school next year.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

**Thursday, July 2**  
Last day of classes for Term 2

**Friday, July 3**  
Staff Only Day

**Monday, July 20**  
Term 3 starts

**Wednesday, July 22**  
Classes finish at 12.25pm for Three Way Conferences

Negotiations are underway with a highly regarded organisation that will partner with the school to run the hostel on our behalf.

**Thursday, July 23**  
No classes today to accommodate Three Way Conferences

This significant commitment by our Board could be seen as history repeating. In 1927, five years after MAGS first opened its doors, the then Headmaster Fred Gamble and the Board of the day approved the purchase of a property in New North Road to offer boarding to boys from outside Auckland.

It took another 45 years for the current purpose-built boys boarding house (School House) to be built on site. Likewise, opening our girls hostel next year begins the journey towards equity for girls and families from outside the MAGS zone who also wish to access the exceptional educational experience on offer. Just like boys boarding, this is a long-term vision that will evolve over time.

 [Sport](#)

The positive impact of 'House Boys' on the MAGS culture speaks for itself. Generations of Albertians have emerged from School House to become leaders in their field. New Zealand's greatest Olympian and 'Athlete of the 20th Century' Sir Peter Snell was one such figure.

#### Photo Essays



Football Boys 1st XI v

The success stories are too numerous to list, and our current House Boys are also certainly destined to carve out outstanding futures for themselves.

As we enter our 100th year we can also look to our first girls hostel adding much value to the richness of our MAGS community. Who knows? Maybe the 'New Zealand Athlete of the 21st Century' might just emerge in the future from our own MAGS girls' hostel!

Have a great weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

Auckland Grammar

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Football Girls 1st XI v Epsom  
Girls Grammar

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**Fixtures and results**

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## Positive vibes at lunchtime



There were a lot of laughs and lots of activity in the Caradus Quad at lunchtime today when some sporting Albertians joined with Revolution Tour, who were hosting a sports activation.

Blues rugby player Caleb Clarke (pictured above running defence in a basketball game), ITM rugby player Jack Akiono (above, far right) and basketballer Tessa Tomokino were part of the fun, which also included mini-putt and a dance-off.

Revolution Tour's Benji Greenwood, also an Albertian, ran the show today and enjoyed meeting up with former teachers Mrs Phyn and Mrs Mackinlay-Milne.

Revolution Tour is a charity that has been set up to share positive messages with students and to promote mental and physical wellbeing.



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## Mr Murphy celebrates his 85th



Brian Murphy, our Archivist, celebrates his 85th birthday today, and enjoyed some birthday cake with staff at morning tea yesterday.



He has served MAGS in various capacities for an amazing 60 years, and is pictured above with fellow 'veterans' Mr Cave (centre), who retired last year after 46 years of teaching at MAGS (but has returned as our Assistant Archivist), and Academic Dean Mr Gibbs (right) who has been teaching at MAGS for 49 years and is still going strong! Mr Murphy started at MAGS as a Science and Biology teacher in 1960, and over the years he has taught Chemistry, has been responsible for Junior Science, worked as a teacher-librarian and a school counsellor before becoming the school's Archivist in 1999 – a role he continues to this day. Happy Birthday Brian!

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## Art of Sport Challenge

The Arts Department has a new challenge for students. Read the poster below or watch the video about it [here](#)

# THE ART OF SPORT ONLINE CHALLENGE

**Due date:**

**Friday week 1, July 24th, term 3**

**Amazing prizes up for grabs!**

This a great opportunity for collaborations between students of Sport and Arts or an opportunity to develop artistic work.

This could be photos, paintings film, compositions, dance or poetry with the theme of sport as your inspiration. You can submit a personal piece of art or collaborate with friends and classmates.

Be creative! Be daring and start planning. Submit work to [jeesan@mags.school.nz](mailto:jeesan@mags.school.nz). Use We Transfer to send large files. Hardcopies of paintings or drawings can be submitted to Whaea Ainsley in E1, however you should still send a photograph of your piece to [jeesan@mags.school.nz](mailto:jeesan@mags.school.nz) for judging.

Winners announced Term 3 week 3. Prizes for winners and runners up each year level. All juniors will receive form class points as per last challenge.



**Theatresport hits the stage**



This coming Wednesday is the first Theatresports Players Night for MAGS. Our Theatresports Senior Team of David Laxon, Sharnah Pascoe-Scouller, Max Cumberpatch and Tabea Leonhardt will be travelling to Kelston Boys High where they will compete against three other schools. Theatresports is much like *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, with the students taking suggestions from the crowd and improvising scenarios on the spot. They are graded on technique, story-telling and, most importantly, entertainment. It will be a fun night and it will be great to have your support.

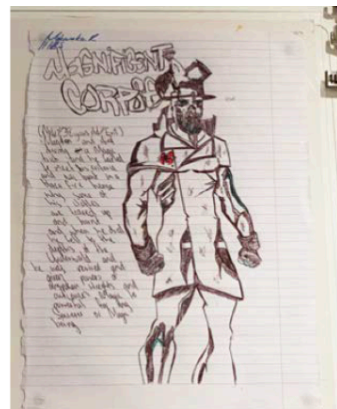
**What:** First Theatresports Players Night for MAGS

**Where:** Kelston Boys High School

**When:** Wednesday 1 July, 7pm

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## Fantasy character sketch winners



Visual Art students were challenged to create and sketch a fantasy character with cash prizes up for grabs.

The Senior first, second and third place-getters are pictured above from left to right, and were drawn by Sandy Xie, Chau Anh Dang and Mokaraka Renato respectively.

The Junior first, second and third place-getters are pictured below from left to right, and were drawn by Sumaya Abrahams, JR Mangkit and Malachi Gainsford respectively.



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## Sheilah Winn videos available

This year, because of the COVID-19 lockdown, MAGS had to film its three submissions for the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival rather than perform them live.

The videos of these performances are now available. You can see Ophelia Sykes and Sarah Norman's reinterpretation of Lady Macbeth's breakdown [here](#)

David Laxon's reimagining of *Romeo and Juliet* in a modern context can be seen [here](#)

And HoD Drama Gerald Urquhart's more traditional take on a scene from *As You Like It* can be seen [here](#)

For a report about the performances and more photos, click [here](#)



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## Future Pathways Expo

# FUTURE PATHWAYS EXPO

## MH BLOCK 4-7pm

### GROUND FLOOR

All NZ universities & a range of Industry Training Organisations & Private Training Organisations.

### UPPER FLOOR

Additional providers featuring Interactive displays. Faculty & Subject Rooms. Advice from Faculty staff. Deans & NCEA information.

### IMPORTANT

MAGS 2021 Subject Option Choices due 13 August.



Term 3 Week 3 Tuesday August 4th : 4.00-7.00pm

The Future Pathways Expo is back and will once again be set across both floors of the MH Building.

The Expo – on August 4 from 4pm – features information and advice from universities and training organisations, as well as interactive displays, faculty and subject rooms, NCEA information and advice from Deans.

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## When students are unwell at school

To parents, a reminder please that if your child is unwell at school they must see the School Nurses before contacting you to collect them from school.

Whilst the ability for you and your child to contact each other via text is convenient, we require that your child engages with one of our Nurses to determine the most appropriate course of action.

Should the Nurses decide that contacting you is the best course of action, they will contact you via phone. Please refrain from ringing the Student Centre to ask them to collect your child from class, as we cannot facilitate this request.

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## Students looking to clean up

Year 11 Business students have created a business selling handmade soaps for their Level 1 assessment.

The business name is Albert Soap and the soap, which sells for \$6.99 per bar, is made with a relaxing essential oils blend.

To place orders, please email:

[mgolaboski@students.mags.school.nz](mailto:mgolaboski@students.mags.school.nz)





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## Winning rowers in 1941



This crew won the Second Four race in the 1941 regatta.

They are: Back Row: JF Carter (3), Mr JH Jenkin, FW Aiken (Bow). Front Row: DA Allely (Stroke), AC Mitchell (Cox), PN Farley (2).

The image is a gift of Al Mitchell (1941-1945) in May 2009, and is part of Set 42, the most recent collection of historical images added to the website [here](#)

This is an ongoing collection of images sourced and annotated by our Archivist, Brian Murphy.

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**Sign up to the Centenary database**



As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, with events planned for May 9-14, we warmly invite all Albertians to sign up to the database [here](#) to keep up to date with information, communications and events leading up to the Centenary celebration. Please encourage your friends and peers who were with you at MAGS to attend with you, and to also register at the link.

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## Sports update

### **MAGS' Tennis Champions**



MAGS' Tennis Champions were recognised at Assembly this week and presented with their trophies.

Pictured above are, at back from left: Freddie Lockhart (Senior Boys Singles and Boys Open Doubles), Kelvin Annan (Junior Boys Singles). Front row from left: Claire Jiang (Intermediate Girls Singles), Jennifer Zhang (Senior Girls Singles), Shona Nakano (Girls Open Doubles and Mixed Open Doubles)

Absent: Chelsea Wijntjes (Junior Girls Singles and Girls Open Doubles), Luke Eagles-Smith (Intermediate Boys Singles and Boys Open Doubles) and Jacob Solomon (Mixed Open Doubles).

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## Upcoming Premier Sport

Our Premier Basketball teams get their seasons underway with games at home tonight against Rangitoto College at 6pm (Girls) and 7.30pm (Boys).

Tomorrow morning, the Netball Premier 1 team play Howick College at St Kents at 9.30am, and the Premier 2s play Botany Downs at 10.30am at ANC-St Johns.

At midday, the Boys 1st XI Football are at home to Westlake Boys, while 1st XV Rugby plays away to Aorere at



2.30pm in the Moonie Cup Challenge.

On Tuesday, the Boys 1st XI Football are back in action again, this time playing a Knockout Cup game away to Kristin at 3.30pm.

The 1st XI Football Girls are away to Takapuna Grammar on Wednesday at 4pm, the same time that the Rugby League 1st XIII host Aorere College at MAGS. At 5.45pm, the Hockey Boys 1st XI take on St Peter's at Auckland Grammar.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Premier Girls host St Cuthbert's at 4pm, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI are away to King's College at 5pm.

You can see more fixtures and results [here](#)

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