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GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

## A Tradition of Excellence

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## From the Headmaster



## Success for Every MAGS Student



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

This week we launched the **Lion Fund** programme, which aims to provide financial support to allow every MAGS student to access the breadth of opportunities we offer at our school.

Most of our students have the resources to enjoy MAGS to the fullest, but this is not the case for all. For our families suffering financial hardship, the basic costs of schooling can be overwhelming and, as a consequence, some students will opt out of sporting, arts and service opportunities in the school.

In the past two years we have supported over 400 MAGS families

### Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

#### Thursday, June 9

Board Show and Business Market Evening, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Greg Taylor Building (formerly E Block)

#### Wednesday, June 15

Big Sing, Auckland Town Hall

#### Saturday, June 18

Slam the Jamz Contemporary Music Concert, 7pm, Raye Freedman Arts Centre



### Sport

#### Photo Essays



with costs for uniform, stationery and co-curricular activities. MAGS staff and students helped with the delivery of almost 300 food parcels to our families in need. The Lion Fund promises to sustain this level of support for our community.



Proceeds from last year's MAGS Art Show have provided significant establishment funds for the Lion Fund.

In our Centennial Year, we are inviting our wider MAGS community to contribute to the Lion Fund so we can continue to offer that 'hand up' to our students as needed.

Thank you to all who continue to support our school community.

## Donate to the Lion Fund now

Manuia le Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa!  
(Happy Samoan Language Week!)

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

Football Boys U15 Knock-Out Cup v Western Springs College  
Click [here](#)



Football Boys U13 Knock-Out Cup v Rosmini College.  
Click [here](#)

## Samoan Language Week



MAGS has been celebrating Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa/Samoan Language Week with cultural dress, performances and, yesterday, a Staff v Students netball game. On Wednesday, the MAGS Samoan Centennial Group were invited by Mr and Mrs Afoa of



the Aiga Aukilani Golf to perform at Redwood Park Golf Club in Swanson, West Auckland, to celebrate the Samoan Independence Day 60th Anniversary. The Consul-General of Samoa, Faalotoi Reupena Pogi, and the Hon. Faualo Harry Schuster, Minister for Police, were in attendance.

It was a privilege for our MAGS Pasifika students to be part of this significant celebration.

They performed four items, including, Pese Viiga, Pese Faatalofa, Mauluulu, and Tauluga. The Taupou for this Year, Meyuti Poutu was fully dressed in cultural attire as she performed her solo. Today, the group gave another vibrant performance for staff, students and family members in the lower gym.



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## Slam the Jamz tickets on sale now

You can buy tickets [here](#) for MAGS' annual Contemporary Music Concert – Slam the Jamz, coming up on Saturday, June 18 at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre.

There are more than 10 acts, ranging from soloists and duets to rock bands and hip hop music.

A Night of Contemporary Music



# Slam the Jamz '22

**7 PM Saturday  
18th of June**  
Raye Freedman  
Arts Centre, Gillies  
Avenue, Epsom



**ADMISSION COSTS**  
Adult \$20  
Student \$15  
MAGS STAFF/  
STUDENT \$10  
[www.iticket.co.nz](http://www.iticket.co.nz)

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**Quiz Night tickets on sale**



# MAGS QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday  
June 17th**

**F.W Gamble MAGS School Hall**  
**6pm - 9pm** (Door open at 5:30pm)  
**\$100 per tables - 8 people per table**  
**\$80 early bird deal** (Before June 10th)  
pay at MAGS finance office under your team  
leader name

**A GREAT NIGHT OUT  
WITH FRIENDS AND  
WHANAU!!**

- costumes encouraged!
- pizza and drinks sold on the night
- non - alcoholic event
- **great prizes to be won!**

Email any queries to: [academiccouncil@mags.school.nz](mailto:academiccouncil@mags.school.nz)

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Save the date for Unity Concert



Save the date for the Centennial Unity Cultural Concert, coming up on Thursday, June 23 at 7pm at the Dorothy Winstone Centre at AGGS. Ticket information will be available next week.

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## Weaving some Matariki magic





Year 10 Visual Art students and staff were grateful to Nat Rose Te Hei for her harakeke (flax) weaving workshops this week.

Nat provided a weaving workshop for the teachers first, and this included harvesting of the flax.

The purpose of the workshops was to learn about weaving as an artform and to acknowledge the Matariki celebration.

## Albertian Artists in the Frame



5 - 7 August 2022

Centenary Art Show

Mount Albert Grammar School



### Jessica Gurnsey

MAGS Art Show alumna Jessica Gurnsey completed her secondary school education last year and is already making waves in the art world. Last week, Jessica became the youngest-ever entrant to win the 2022 Adam Portraiture Award for her self-portrait 'Lady Day' out of a field of 351 entrants and 45 finalists. The image is based on a photo taken by a friend and was painted during lockdown, capturing a moment enjoying pre-lockdown freedom. The judges found it 'assured' and 'compelling' and were impressed by the level of detail in the work.

Jessica's passion for art was inspired during her time at MAGS, and she has been exhibiting at the MAGS Art Show since she was in Year 9. She constantly creates art for enjoyment and to a high standard. The Adam Portraiture Award is not her first significant accolade – last year, she was also awarded the overall prize and first prize in her age group in the National Youth Art Awards.

'Lady Day' will be exhibited in the New Zealand Portrait Gallery in Wellington until August along with the other finalists before touring nationally, then returning to Wellington to be permanently displayed in the Portrait Gallery alongside previous winners of the award.

## Sixty Six Years Ago Today





In 1956, the Prime Minister, Sidney Holland, addressed a large gathering in the FW Gamble Hall before opening the War Memorial Pavilion (aka the Grandstand).

Rain prevented the entire ceremony from being held outdoors.

Our Archivist Mr Murphy notes of this clipping from the *NZ*

*Herald*: "The windows are original, there is a large speaker which,

in the photograph, is above the Prime Minister's head. There is an Air Force Band,

refreshments on a central table, and almost all the ladies are wearing hats, and boys and men have short-back-and-sides haircuts. Many of the adults would be relatives of the

fallen."



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**Board Show and Market Evening is back!**

# Centenary Board Show & Business Market Evening

Thursday 9th June, 2022 4:30-6:30pm GT Building

## PAINTING, DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAYS



Come see the latest work created by this year's Visual Art students

## BUSINESS STUDIES MARKET STALLS



Business Studies students will facilitate market stalls offering handmade gifts and tasty snacks

**BRING CASH!**

Enjoy **LIVE** performances from

### DRAMA



### DANCE



### MUSIC



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One of the highlights of the school calendar is coming up soon – our Board Show and Business Market Evening.

Come and see the latest work by our Visual Art students and buy handmade gifts and snacks from our Business Studies students. There will also be Dance, Drama and Music performances throughout. And bring cash!

## 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](#)





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## Historical photos



Pictured above are Aggie and Murray Boxall and their daughter Casey at the Leavers' Dinner, Alexandra Park in November 2004.

Casey was Victrix Ludorum that year. Both their sons also went to MAGS and both became New Zealand representative Football players.

Michael has played for the Wellington Phoenix in the A League and for Minnesota United FC (St Paul), a team in Major League Soccer.

Niko played for European clubs before joining the San Diego Loyal, playing in the USL.

You can see more images like this one (part of the recently added Set 77) on our website's [Historical Images](#) section, compiled and annotated by our Archivist Mr Murphy.

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## Sports Update

### Good form at AKKS Cross Country



Six students competed at the Auckland Secondary School Cross Country Championships yesterday, held at Lloyd Elsmore Park in Pakuranga.

Conditions were challenging due to the rain over the last couple of days creating a slippery course.

Our students competed well against a strong field of runners from the greater Auckland region. Two students finished in the top 10 of their age group.

Year 10 student Nina Chalmers (pictured above) finished 9th in a high-quality Junior Girls section, carrying on her good distance running form across various events this year. Maia Lythe (Year 11) finished 10th in the Intermediate Girls section. Maia also made the top 10 in this event in 2021.

Myles Kelly (Year 9) competed well in a large Junior Boys field of 95 runners to finish a credible 23rd. Emily Rednall (Year 12) competed strongly in her first distance running event of the year to finish 15th in a competitive Senior Girls category.

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## Orienteers crowd the podium

Over the past two weeks MAGS orienteers have competed at the Auckland Schools Orienteering Sprint and Long events.

At the Sprint event, which was two events on the same day at Pukekohe High and Strathallan College, Callum Wishart took out the win in the Senior Boys events.

MAGS had second places for Tom Aish, Molly McGowan (pictured), Sam Carryer and William Wood. There were third places for Daniel Wood, Oscar Vink and a highly impressive showing from our new Junior Girls, Izzy Spreitzer (third) and Maddy Earley (fourth) in their first-ever event.

At the long event in Waiuku North Forest, MAGS performed exceptionally well in the



Individual events and the overall Top School competition. In the Boys, we took out Top School with 27 points, with second-placed Auckland Grammar way back on 6 points. In the Girls, we finished third behind Baradene and St Cuthbert's. There were wins for Molly McGowan, Luka Johnson, Sam Carryer and William Wood. Daniel Wood took second place, with Tom Aish and Matthew Greenwood finishing third.

There were top 5 finishes for Ella Edwards, Callum Wishart, Oscar Vink and Izzy Spreitzer.



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## Upcoming Premier Sport



This weekend sees a reduced number of fixtures due to it being Queen's Birthday Weekend. Today, our Badminton Premier Open team plays ACG Parnell at 5pm at Auckland Badminton, and our Football Boys 1st XI play away at St Peter's at 6pm. On Wednesday, the Rugby league 1st XIII play James Cook High on the Sir BG Williams Field at 4pm, and the Hockey Boys 1st XI are scheduled to play Macleans College, with the



venue and time to be confirmed. The Football Girls 1st XI have an away game at Howick College at 4pm.

On Thursday, our Lacrosse Premier Girls are at home to Westlake Girls at 4pm. The draw for the Hockey Girls 1st XI had yet to be released.

Next Saturday there are two big homes games for supporters to get along to, with the Football Boys 1st XI playing Saint Kentigern at midday, and the Rugby Boys 1st XV taking on De La Salle at 2.30pm.

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

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