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From the Headmaster

Key Dates

A Most Important Partnership



Tēnā koutou ki te whānau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

The last two days of the school term have seen parents, students and mentors meeting for three-way academic conferences.

This mid-year 'check-in' provides an opportunity for students to reflect and report back on their progress to date as well as resetting and confirming academic goals for the remainder of the year.

Engaging with our parent community on this scale is a significant exercise. Over 3100 MAGS students and their parents have been hosted on-site for the conferences.

The 97% turnout speaks volumes about the value placed on the home-school relationship. This partnership is critical when it comes to student success.

We are very fortunate to have close alignment between whanau and the school in terms of standards and expectations. It is something we don't treat lightly and for which we are grateful.

When parents and the school share the same message, students feel more secure and confident. Their sense of belonging is strengthened and success and achievement follows.

Thank you to all parents and whanau for your ongoing support in what has been a somewhat disrupted year to date.

I am fortunate to have been granted a Principal's Sabbatical for next term that will allow me to travel and visit other schools and educational institutions.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Monday, July 17

Start of Term 3

Tuesday, July 18 and Wednesday, July 19

Year 8 Information Evenings,
F.W. Gamble Hall, 7pm-8pm

Tuesday, July 25

Careers Expo, MH Block, 4pm-
7pm



Friday, July 28

MAGS Art Show Gala
Evening, F.W. Gamble Hall,
6pm-9.30pm

Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30

MAGS Art Show, F.W. Gamble
Hall

I am grateful to Jo Williams for stepping into the Acting Principal role and to John Stradwick who will be Acting Associate Principal for the term.

Wishing our students a safe holiday break (a mixture of rest and some study please) and I look forward to returning at the end of next term.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Sport

Trials and Registrations

Click [here](#)

Fixtures and Results

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



Full houses for outstanding dance concerts



Photos / QiQi Deng

The annual Dance concert, named *Reboot* in honour of the first year of the next MAGS century, was staged at The Raye Freedman Arts Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday this

week.

Director of Arts Ms Cesan said, "The concert featured some amazing performances for assessment from all dance classes and also highlighted some of the stunning student choreography, already judged at excellence.

"Over 200 students performed a variety of dance styles – jazz, hip hop, salsa, cultural and contemporary genres – to very appreciative audiences in a one-hour show that was slick from start to finish."

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



Wonderful evening of classical music



Photos / QiQi Deng

The Viva Vivace evening of MAGS Classical performances was held at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre last night. Audience members were treated to performances by both the Centennial and Gloriana choirs, accompanied by Warwick Gibbs and Peter Walters respectively.

There were performances by several Chamber music groups that competed earlier in June at the NZCT Chamber Music Competition. These ensembles consisted of The Clan Quartet, The Moon Stars' performance of an original work composed by MAGS student Vedant Sheth, and MAGnificent, made up of talented Year 12 students.

The Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Miss Anna Cooper, contributed two stirring pieces – including, in her own words, a 'heavy metal for strings' composition by Ted Allen – *Fire in the Forge*.

To complete the evening, the Symphony Orchestra conducted by Mr Mark Bingham performed a selection of audience favourites that included Beethoven's *5th Symphony*, *The Incredibles Theme* and more.

Director of Music Mr Watson said, "The evening was a huge success and special thanks to QiQi Deng for photography, Rose Leader and co for videography, and Jude Wilson for the poster design."

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





Congratulations to The Centennial Choir, under Director Terence Maskell, who performed so well at Auckland regionals that they have made the Big Sing Finale, to be held at the Auckland Town Hall over the weekend of August 25-27.

Recent awards of Duke of Ed Golds



Several MAGS students/Albertians have recently completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which is an amazing achievement.

Ashleigh Muir, Louise Clarke, Caitlin Graham and Rishita Bharani have all achieved this pinnacle award through the five sections of physical recreation, skills, service, adventurous journey and residential project.

They committed to each for a year so have shown great dedication and initiative in completing the award.

Pictured is Rishita being presented with her award in Wellington earlier this year by Dr Richard Davies, the husband of the Governor General, Dame Cindy Kiro.

Students smash World Vision target

Last week, Interact collected donations at AMP time and held a bake sale that had to be moved to N Block due to the rain.



TIC Interact Miss Barlow said,

"We raised just over \$500, meaning we have now smashed our \$5000 goal, raising \$5790.23 to help provide access to clean water for those who don't have it.

"Our top fundraiser was Year 12 Adriana Hall with \$700, closely followed by Year 13 Stella Anderson with \$655.63. Year 12 Parum Nangia also raised over \$550 and Head Girl Olivia Bennett was next up with \$350. In fifth place was Year 10 Isabella Caie who managed to raise over \$300 solely over the 40 Hour Challenge weekend as she completed 40 kilometres in 40 hours.

"A massive congratulations to these five and all the other fundraisers who helped make this fundraiser such a success. We look forward to hearing about the impact our fundraising efforts have had."

Donations can still be made to the MAGS page [here](#) until the end of September.

Sylvia Brunt stars in rugby test



Albertian Sylvia Brunt (2017-2021) was named Player of the Match in the Black Ferns' 50-0 thumping of the Wallaroos in their rugby test in Brisbane last night.

Sylvia, playing at second five eighth, claimed two tries in the first half, as the Black Ferns defended the Laurie O'Reilly Cup.

The Black Ferns head to Canada next as the Pacific Four Series continues, and they should qualify for the inaugural WXV1, which New Zealand hosts in October and November and will see them come up against heavyweights England and France.

When she has time, Sylvia still comes in to help out with Girls Rugby at MAGS.

Milly Clegg named for Football World Cup

Congratulations to Albertian Milly Clegg (2019-2022), who has been named in the Football Ferns squad for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.

Milly joins three other Albertians in the Football Ferns squad – Grace Jale, Malia Steinmetz and Jaqui Hand – and now has a chance of playing at the Women's World Cup, which kicks off at Eden Park with the Football Ferns playing Norway on July 20.

Milly left MAGS last year to pursue her football career with the Wellington Phoenix and joined the NZ senior squad earlier this year after a breakout season for club and country, including goals at both the U-17 and U-20 FIFA Women's World Cups.



Pounamu for International Leavers



On Wednesday, the International Department held an end-of-term assembly at which it presented Leavers with a certificate and a pounamu necklace.

Pictured above are, from left, Shinichiro Miyauchi (Japan), Matteo Miotto (Italy), Luise

Lawerentz (Germany/Australia) and Ole Siemens (Germany).

Also leaving us this term are Internationals Shuhan Wang (China), Evelyn Nguyen (Vietnam) and Minh Dang (Vietnam).

Megacrew on stage next week

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.



Form class photos distributed



Mentor Class photos and student portraits arrived this week and were distributed at Mentor Class time on Wednesday where possible and via the Three Way Conferences yesterday and today.

Students who did not receive their photos this week will have another opportunity to pick them up in Week 1 of Term 3.


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.

Be in quick for Gala Evening tickets



With a month to go, the MAGS Art Show billboards are up around the school. Make sure you are in quick to grab your tickets for the MAGS Art Show Gala Evening on Friday, July 28, starting 6pm.

This event always sells out as it is a must-see, with the chance to be the first to buy amazing local art, and enjoy delicious food and wine as part of the best excuse for a night out.

Entry to the Art Show on Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30 is free.

Make sure to grab your tickets for the Gala Evening through iTICKET [here](#)

Rugby U15s' fundraiser tomorrow

MAGS U 15 A RUGBY: National Tournament Fundraiser!

Saturday 01 July, 2.30 pm.

MAGS B.G. Williams Grandstand, 1st XV match vs St. Paul's.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts!

Gourmet Sausages!

The U15A rugby team are fundraising tomorrow to attend the U15 Invitational National tournament during tournament week, hosted by Hamilton Boys High School. Please pop by the grandstand and give them your support – they'll have a gourmet sausage sizzle, Krispy Kreme donuts and delicious home baking for sale.

Term dates for 2024 confirmed

We have confirmed and published our term dates for the 2024 school year. You can see the term dates [here](#)

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](#)

Sports Update

Archers win St Peter's Cup



MAGS' Archery team has claimed the St Peter's Cup, an invitational archery tournament for the top five archery schools in Auckland

St Peter's hosts the competition and this year Baradene, Auckland Grammar, Kings and

MAGS attended the tournament. Archery coach Jan Lees said, "There are individual medals for each bow type [there are three bow types], and the team result is decided by the top seven archers from the whole squad, across any bow type.

"We won all three Barebow medals (Gold: Ben Whaley, Silver: Kathy Mitchell, Bronze: Eva Yarrow) and Bronze in the super-competitive Recurve (Nick Lees). Our top seven, who won the trophy, were five recurve and two barebow archers (Nick Lees, Orion Elward, Ben Whaley, Phoebe Newcombe, Cormac Fell, Kathy Mitchell and Sylvie Morrison). It was a superb win and they richly deserve it."



Big win at AKSS Duathlon



On Wednesday, the Auckland Secondary Schools Duathlon took place at a new venue, Ambury Regional Park in Mangere.

Students did the run leg on the roads through the park and the cycle leg on neighbouring streets.

Three boys entered for Mount Albert Grammar. Palepua Afoa (Year 11), Agelu Afoa (Year 12) and Theo Bray (Year 11).

Palepua and Theo competed in the Intermediate Boys section that consisted of a 3.5km run, 15km bike and 2.5km run to finish. Agelu was in the Senior Boys section which saw

him do a 5km run, 21km bike and 2.5km run.

The highlight of the day was Theo (pictured top) winning the Intermediate Boys race by 30 seconds. Theo took the lead in the first run leg. At the transition for the 2nd run leg after the cycle, he was in 4th position. A strong second run leg saw Theo overtake all three boys who were in front of him for the win. Theo has made a strong showing in a number of events this year, which also included a third place finish in the triathlon at the start of the year and first in the Central/West Zone Cross Country. Assistant Director of Sport Mr Crossan said, "Thanks to Hanah and Daniel Afoa for assisting with marshalling. Also, thanks to Melissa Bray for supporting the students on the day."



AKSS Snow Sports showdown

Over recent weeks students have represented the school at two snow sports events at Snow Planet.

Snowboarding

The Auckland Secondary School Snowboard Champs took place on June 8.

Mount Albert Grammar School was well represented with 10 students competing – the largest contingent at the event.

Students showed significant promise and there is a good foundation to build on for future years. Special mention to Cecilia Simpson as she managed to get into the final rounds for Female Slopestyle and only narrowly missed out on a medal. Lucas Turner also narrowly missed out on a medal in the Juniors Boys Slopestyle, finishing 4th.

Assistant Director of Sport Mr Crossan said, "Thanks to Mr Huang who coached/managed the team by organising a practice night and also for attending the event on the day."

Snowboard Team: Cecilia Simpson, Liam Simpson, Ryan Dew, Dan Graham, Ben Han, Seungyong Han, Harri Headland, Kelly Turner, Lucas Turner and George Wong

Skiing

The Auckland Secondary Schools Ski Champs took place on June 22 at Snow Planet.

Eight students represented the school at the event across the various categories (Dual, Race and Slopestyle).

Darcy Stroud had a strong showing in the Junior Boys Slopestyle, finishing third with a combined total of 87 points from his three attempts.

Assistant Director of Sport Mr Crossan said, "Thanks to Mrs Dunham for coaching/managing the team on the day."

Climbers take skills to next level



On Sunday, Round 3 of the ACCS Climbing series saw Top Rope at Vertical Adventures Glen Eden. Having previously climbed at the venue in Round 1, all the MAGS climbers were keen to improve on their earlier results – and with a fantastic effort all five did just that.

Katherine Rogers (17th Senior Girls), Thomas Roberts (19th Intermediate Boys) and Ronin Ng (14th Intermediate Boys) all set personal bests with Ronin scoring over 100 points for the first time. Meanwhile, both Anna Swan (10th Senior Girls) and Riley Hobbs (12th Intermediate Boys), our top scorer with 132 points, came within a climb of making their respective finals. The final round is next term at Boulder Co. when overall placings will be decided.

James Dougal flying high

Albertian James Dougal (2016-2020) has been selected for the New Zealand Trampoline Open team to compete at the World Cup in Palm Beach, Florida next month.

He will travel with Olympic Trampolinists Dylan Schmidt and Maddie Davidson to Canada for a training camp first and they will all compete in Florida.

James represented MAGS, Auckland and NZ throughout his years at school and recently won a silver medal at the 2022 world age group championships in Bulgaria, in the under 21 division for synchronized trampolining.

James was also in the MAGS Premier Softball team that won the National Championship.



Upcoming Premier Sport

Mount Albert Grammar School 1st XV 1973: Winners Secondary Schools' Competition

'A' Grade
Competition
matches:

Played: 11
Won: 11



Results:

- v Westlake Boys High
won 23-15
- v St Peter's College
won 11-6
- v Sacred Heart College
won 31-3
- v St Kentigern College
won 9-0
- v King's College
won 29-6
- v Auckland Grammar
won 12-7
- v St Paul's College
won 31-9
- v Kelston Boys High
won 20-13
- v Otahuhu College
won 17-7
- v Rutherford High
won 31-0
- v Hato Petera
Won 11-3

Back Row: W.J. James, J.T. Stanley, D.S. Hitchcock, M.B. Taggart, R.B. Cain, L.G. Harris.
Middle Row: A.L. Yallop, F.B.C. Atiga, P.D. Jones, P.H. Clark, I.L. Hart, R.G. Ingram, K.G. Thomas, W.S. Hansell,
Front Row: Mr E.B. Ashby, (Coach), J.L. Liddell, M.R. Poynter (Vice-Capt.), R.I. Underwood, (Capt.), F. Ah Kuoi, G.M. Callander, N.F. Faimasasa.

With school holidays starting, there is little in the way of Premier Sport in the next week, although the Football Boys 1st XI are in action tonight against Rosmini at Crum Park at 7pm.

Tomorrow, the Rugby Boys 1st XV are at home to St Paul's College at 2.30pm, a game which will see MAGS hosting the 50-year reunion of the all-conquering 1973 Rugby 1st XV (pictured above), which played 11 and won 11 in the Auckland secondary schools competition.

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

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