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From the Headmaster

Weekly Notices

Resetting the Academic Finish Line



Key Dates



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

The recently announced [changes to NCEA](#) for the 2020 year have been welcomed by schools.

The changes include the ability of students to be awarded 'additional' credits based on the credits they achieve during the current year. The

threshold for Level and Subject Endorsements has been reduced as has the requirement for University Entrance.

The rationale for these changes is clear and consistent. They offer compensation for lost learning time and are designed to be easy to understand and implement while maintaining the integrity of the qualification for our students.

Senior students will now be able to adjust their academic targets for the remainder of the year. Coupled with the calendar change to the exam period (now commencing 16 November) there is confidence that the impact of the lockdown period will have minimal effect on overall academic learning.

The challenge now for students is to put a full-stop to the events of the past 10 weeks and use wisely the significant time remaining in the academic year.

We have great confidence in the resilience of our MAGS students – and their ability to be successful this year!

Per Angusta Ad Augusta

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Monday, June 15

First week of Winter Sport

Thursday, July 2

Last day of classes for Term 2

Friday, July 3

Staff Only Day

Monday, July 20

Term 3 starts



Sport



Winter Sport trials and registrations

Click [here](#)

Have a good weekend

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Exploring university relationship



Today, Headmaster Patrick Drumm met with Professor Neil Quigley (above left), the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Waikato, and former Wellington College Headmaster Roger Moses to explore the potential for ongoing learning opportunities for MAGS students and staff.

Mr Drumm said strengthening the relationship with the university could benefit MAGS students in regards to career pathways, as well as supporting ongoing professional learning for teaching staff.

Arts Challenge winners



The winners of the first MAGS Art Challenge have been announced with Dasha Leonhartsberger (at left) winning her year level (Year 12) and being named overall winner for her work (pictured above). Director Arts Co-curricular Jacqui Cesan said, "The theme was colour, and we had some amazing entries across all Arts strands. "All entrants will be presented with a certificate acknowledging their contribution to the Arts, and winners will be presented with their prizes in the next formal assembly."

The other year level winners were:

Year 9 – Cindy Zhou for her [video](#); Year 10 – Jacob Cameron for his [video](#); Year 11 – Maddy Walker, Lucy Taylor, Ella Sutton and Sofija Milic for their [video](#); Year 13 – Norah Anderson for her [poem](#).

You can see a full list of winners, placegetters and those who were commmended [here](#)

World Environment Day



Since 1975, World Environment Day has been celebrated on June 5 and is aimed at engaging governments, businesses, celebrities and citizens to focus their efforts on environmental issues. Students can do their bit by joining the MAGS Environment Group, which featured in a student notices [video](#) played during form period today. The Environment Group is involved in various programmes such as moth pod collection, stream clean-ups and planting natives on the ASB MAGS Farm and Motutapu Island. For more info or to join, contact Ms Dunham hdunham@mags.school.nz



Sports draws available next week



Secondary school winter sport competitions are expected to start from Monday, June 15, and sports draws should become available [here](#) next week.

There are pre-season games starting, with rugby and football next week, and netball the following week.

Indicative dates for the resumption of various sports are:

Basketball – June 22

Football – June 20 (Junior Girls – June 17)

Hockey – June 17

Lacrosse – June 18

Rugby – June 27

Rugby League 1st XIII – June 24

Squash – June 22

Table Tennis – Term 3

The Sports Department has been advised that Swimming Nationals, Squash Nationals and regional Hockey tournaments have been confirmed as going ahead.

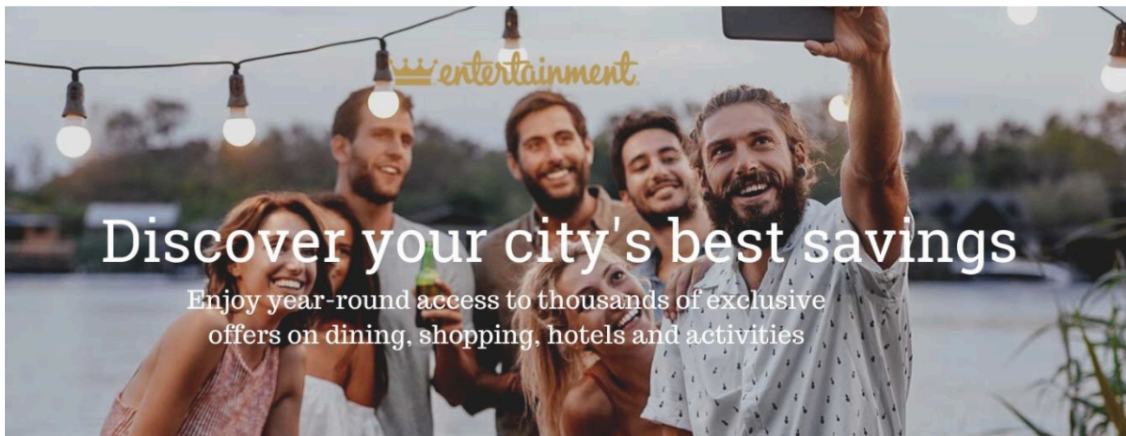
The delayed school tennis champs are taking place on June 13.

Further changes to NCEA and UE requirements

As many of you will be aware, following news reports this week, further changes to NCEA and University Entrance requirements have been made for this school year.

You can read more about the changes [here](#), which include translations in Māori and seven Pacific languages: Cook Islands, Niue, Fiji, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga and Tuvalu.

Support MAGS with Entertainment membership



You can save money on dining, shopping, accommodation and activities – and support MAGS by buying an Entertainment membership.

If you buy a membership and download the Entertainment app [here](#), 20 per cent of the fee goes to MAGS.

A choice of memberships provides access to thousands of 2-for-1 deals and up to 50 per cent off offers from thousands of business partners in dining, travel, activities and retail across New Zealand.

2021 Term Dates

Term dates for the 2021 school year – including public holidays and staff only days – have now been posted on the MAGS website [here](#)

Reminder: No food deliveries for students

Parents and students are reminded that the use of services such as Uber Eats or pizza delivery is not permitted for students.

As all parents will appreciate, vehicles belonging to unknown persons coming into school and delivering items to students cannot be policed or managed, and potentially compromises student safety.

The school trusts that parents will also endeavour not to do this, and make any important or urgent contact via the Student Centre.

New way to order lunch

The logo for 'Lunch Orders' is written in a white, bubbly, cursive font with a blue outline, set against a yellow background.

COMING SOON
JUNE 15

ONLINE ORDERING • NEW EAT SMART MENU
CONTACTLESS • QUICK & EASY

Lunch Orders is coming to Mount Albert Grammar School on June 15 and will provide a convenient and contactless online lunch ordering platform.

Users will be able to browse the new Eat Smart menu and order or schedule a nutritionally balanced and affordable meal. The order is then sent to the tuckshop where it will be made fresh on the day.

You can find out more about Lunch Orders [here](#) or watch a short video about the programme [here](#)

Talanoa Ako app for Pasifika parents

Launched this week, the Talanoa Ako app provides Pacific parents with ongoing access to education and learning information.

The content is in plain English and 10 Pacific languages. Each language is also available in audio with visually impaired functionality. The app provides core information for Pasifika parents and families to build their knowledge and confidence about education in their own time and in their first language so they can support their children's learning.

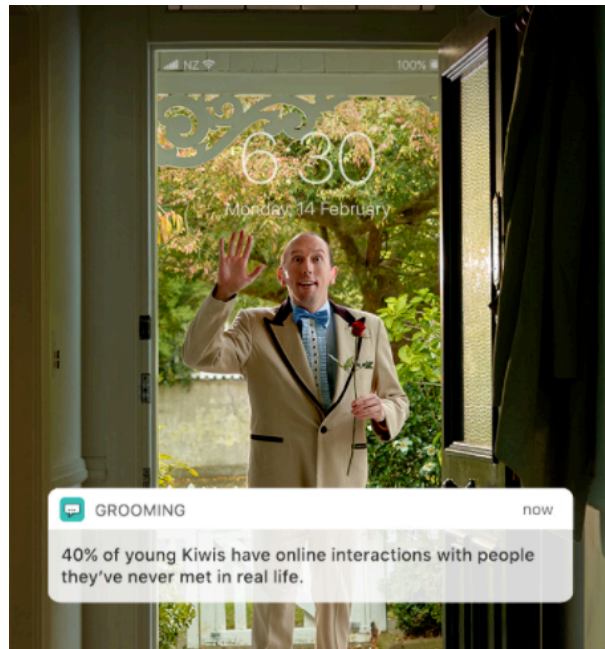
The app is free to download for Android and IOS devices.

Online safety initiative

The Department of Internal Affairs with Netsafe and the Office of Film and Literature Classification is launching a 'Keep it Real Online' campaign. The campaign will support parents and caregivers to reduce the risks of online harm such as cyber-bullying, inappropriate content, pornography and grooming.

Parents and caregivers can find information including tips on how to have conversations with their kids [here](#)

TV, radio and print ads will commence from this coming Monday. Printed and online adverts will be produced in English, Te Reo Māori, Samoan, Mandarin and Hindi.



Showtime in 2005



In 2005 *Macbeth* was staged, and in this image Prolene Maharaj works on make-up for Danver Braganza, who played the Sergeant in Duncan's Army.

You can see this and other images as part of Set 40, 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.

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.

Sports update

Trials and registrations

Trials and registrations (including those for the Auckland Snowboard Championships) are posted on the website [here](#) and will also appear in the Daily Notices, accessed via the website or the MAGS App.



General Notices

Arts talk at Alberton

On Sunday at 2pm at Alberton, Mt Eden artist Emma Bass (pictured) will be in conversation with Aimee Rafini, from Art Ache, followed by tea.

The event is part of her exhibition *The Impossible Garden* for the Auckland Festival of Photography. The richly decorative works, which blur the boundaries between photography, painting and collage, adorn the walls of the historic homestead's ballroom.

Bookings for the event on Sunday are required as places are limited. Contact alberton@heritage.org.nz or ph 8467367.

Otherwise, the exhibition is free entry and runs until July 26.



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