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From the Headmaster

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The Best of the Best!



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

After the postponement of 2021 Prizegivings at the end of last year, I am delighted to formally announce our top academic students for 2021.

Congratulations to Matthew Batcheler (Boys Dux) and Rosa Jack (Girls Dux)

along with Harding Gong (Proxime Accessit) and Nicole Muir (Proxime Accessit).

All four of the above students produced outstanding performances in the New Zealand Scholarship examinations, collecting 20 Scholarships between them!

The academic success of our 2021 students was a triumph over the adversity of the past year. Despite being prevented from physically attending school for long periods, MAGS students produced some of our best-ever examination results.

Our 104 New Zealand Scholarships place us in the top 5 schools in New Zealand. Nine students who gained three or more Scholarships will see their names in gold on the Academic Honours Board in the FW Gamble Hall. What an achievement by both our students and their teachers!

Congratulations to all who helped to turn the table on the challenges of 2021.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Thursday, March 24

Summer Sport Photos

Monday, March 28

Summer Tournament Week begins

Monday, April 4 to Thursday, April 7

Level 1 Drama Production

Thursday, April 14

Anzac Service/Albertians Luncheon



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And well done to our Duces and Proxime Accessits – you have set the bar high for this year's Centenary group!

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Softball Senior Girls v
Avondale College
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Our top academics announced



Congratulations to Rosa Jack and Matthew Batcheler (pictured above), who have been named our Girls and Boys Dux respectively for 2021.

The announcement of our top academics was postponed last year – because no formal assembly could be held – in the hope that they could be acknowledged at our annual Scholars Assembly in February but that also had to be scrapped.

Rosa and Matthew, who both received C.P. Liddell Scholarships last year (as pictured), also



both gained six scholarships in the 2021 Scholarship exams. Our Proxime Accessits for 2021 have been named as Harding Gong (pictured right) and Nicole Muir (pictured left), who each gained four scholarships in the 2021 exams. Nicole was also the first female recipient of the Jim Greatbanks Engineering Scholarship. All four will have their names inscribed



on our Honours Board, as will the other students who gained three or more Scholarships in the 2021 exams: Cole Hickey, Deboprana Mallick, Angus Edwards, Rahul Hendriksen and Ella Vuutilovoni.

You can read the citations for our top four academics [here](#)

Year 13 Scholars Assembly



On Wednesday, we acknowledged our Year 13 students, who (as Year 12s) achieved Excellence last year (at Level 2 or 3) in their NCEA exams and also those who gained Scholarships.

While we are unable to hold our traditional Scholars Assembly when Year 13 Leavers join others in the FW Gamble Hall, and this year's event was scaled back, it was still important to recognise the achievements of our top scholars in a tough year for learning.

Certificates and Scholar Lions were presented to students, who gathered outdoors and then had their names read out before being acknowledged by their peers as they stood in front of the grandstand.

Special mention was made of Deboprana Mallick (pictured right), who not only achieved Level 3 Excellence as a Year 12 but also gained three scholarships (Calculus [Outstanding],

Statistics [Outstanding] and Physics) and was among an elite group in NZ when she was named an Outstanding Scholar. She will have her name inscribed on our Honours Board.

Academic Dean Warwick Gibbs said Deboprana was a talented mathematician, and had presumably returned as a Year 13 to improve upon her 2021 results.

Level 3 Excellence was also achieved by Nishera Gnanendra, Eva Wadsworth and Jennifer Zhou.

Year 12s who gained Scholarships last year were also recognised. They were: Hannah Brook, Molly Cavanagh, Wesley Donald (2 Scholarships), Alonso Fitzpatrick, Nishera Gnanendra, Greeshma Kasuganti, Yasmin Lakeman (2), Aleisha Roulston, Eva Wadsworth, Vivienne Hei Man Wong and Yujia Zheng.

Next week, our Year 11 Excellence awardees for 2021 will be acknowledged.

You can see more photos from this event [here](#)



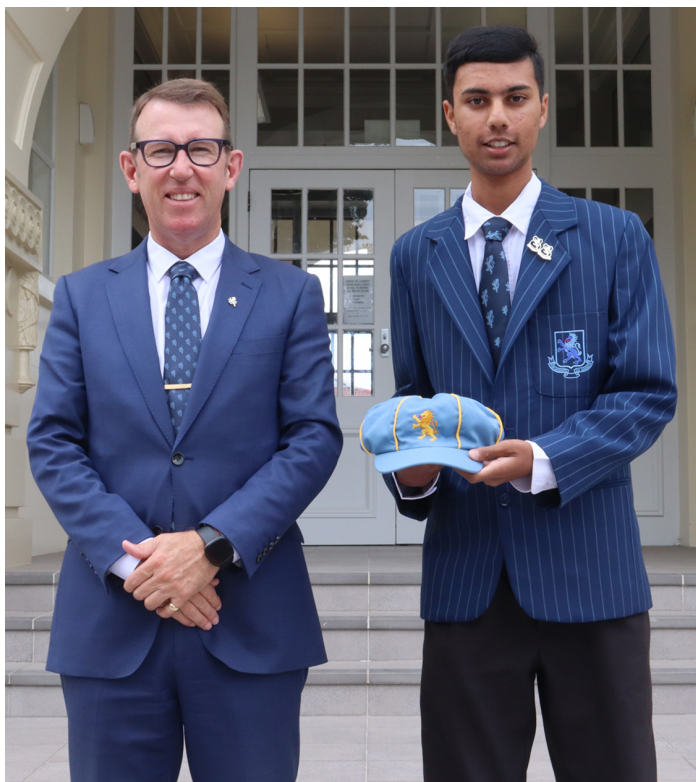
Centenary Cricket Match

Tomorrow sees the celebration of 100 years of cricket between MAGS and Auckland Grammar with the respective Boys 1st XIs facing off at MAGS at 10.30am.

To mark the occasion, Grammar will present MAGS with one of their cricket caps and this, along with the MAGS cap, will be preserved in a perspex case with the team cards for the match.

The umpires will also be presented with commemorative medals to mark the day.

Pictured with Mr Drumm is Cricket Boys First XI Captain Dhruv Patel, showing off the MAGS cricket cap.



Omicron response update

Term 1	MON 14/3	TUE 15/3	WED 16/3	THU 17/3	FRI 18/3
	At home	At home	At home	At home	At home
Week 7	Y11	Y9	Y10	Y13	Y12

Yesterday, our school community was emailed an update regarding Year Levels continuing to be rotated to learning from home for one day each across next week.

The schedule is as above and will be reviewed again towards the end of next week.

You can read the full email [here](#)

SPORT

Many will have heard of the proposed changes to vaccination requirements for students and participation in school sport.

Please note, there can be no immediate changes to participation so the requirement for vaccine passes remains until the official written advice of this change in legislation is received. This is not anticipated until 15 March.

Junior Art trophies and badges 2021



Pictured above from left: Alysha Dodampegamage (Best All-round Year 9 Drama Student), Leila Brain (Most Promising Female Dancer), Kyra-Leigh Masina (Best All-round Year 9 Dance Student) and Delcie Pomfrett (Most Promising Visual Arts Creative).

Junior Arts Badges and trophies for 2021 were presented at assemblies this week to recognise students' excellence in the Arts last year.

You can see more photos and a list of the awardees [here](#)

Pictured below with Associate Principal Ms Williams, are, back row from left: Pranz Cortez (Most Promising Classical Musician), Eved Ah Soon (Most Promising Male Dancer, Tali Meavale Trophy for Commitment to Cultural Initiatives) and Ryan Antia (Excellence in Junior Drama – Boys). Front row from left: Zoe Burnett (Most Promising Contemporary Musician), Stella Hardwick (Excellence in Junior Drama – Girls), Rosa Fox (Excellence in Academic Dance), Emma Newland (Most Promising Actor), Sofia Hart (Excellence In Dance Performance). Absent: Misaki Nakamura (Excellence in Visual Arts).



MAGS chapter of Whale Tales



Several of our Art leaders, including Lara Grozev, who is the Art for the Planet leader, have completed a magnificent entry on behalf of MAGS in the Whale Tales sculpture trail. TIC Ms Ter Huurne said, "This fabulous entry was dropped off by Lara and myself yesterday. It will be on display for several weeks in the Mount Albert Library."

The other students involved were Pipiana Coventon, Aleisha Roulston, Sanskriti Roy, Jorja Stevens, Nico Stroud and Christopher Sykes.

The tail is a fibreglass mould provided by the World Wildlife Fund, and students began working on the design at the beginning of term before embarking on painting the tail. The paint was provided by Resene in Takanini.



Whale Tales is a free, family-friendly public art trail for all to enjoy. Featuring 80 Big Broos (large tail sculptures) and 80 Pēpi (mini tail sculptures) that have been turned into bespoke pieces of art by well-known and emerging Kiwi artists and schools.

The tails – inspired by the endangered Bryde’s whale – will tell the tales of our moana and how we all have a part to play in maintaining a healthy ocean. You can learn more about the sculpture trail [here](#)

Changes to isolation requirements

From **11.59pm tonight**, isolation requirements for positive cases of COVID-19 and their household contacts will be reduced from 10 to **seven days**.

This change has been made due to up-to-date public health advice: there is a decline in infectiousness of Omicron over time and, in most cases, transmission occurs within seven days.

This reduction in the isolation period will ensure we maintain a balance between controlling the outbreak effectively and minimising the impacts of isolation requirements on people’s lives.

Evidence also shows that the risk of re-infection within the first three months after someone has had Omicron is very low. For this reason, recovered cases will **no longer** need to isolate again if they become a household contact within 90 days of having the virus.

This has been **extended** from 28 days.

From **11.59pm tonight**, all cases and household contacts who are currently isolating can end their period of isolation after Day 7.

Those currently in isolation will not have to complete their Days 8, 9 and 10 of isolation.

Please see the information below for changes that will be in effect from **Saturday, 12 March**.

Cases of COVID-19

Anyone who has tested positive for



COVID-19 will be required to isolate for seven days.

Day 0 is the day symptoms began or the day the positive test was taken (whichever came first). Cases will isolate for a full seven days and are free to return to normal activities on Day 8, if they are not symptomatic.

Household contacts

Household contacts are required to isolate for the same seven days as the case.

They can return to their normal activities on the same day as the first case in their household, so long as all test results have been negative, and they are not symptomatic.

Household contacts should continue to self-monitor for symptoms up to Day 10.

Household contacts will be required to take a self-administered rapid antigen test (RAT) on Day 3 and Day 7 of the case's isolation period.

If symptoms develop at any time during isolation:

- the usual advice remains in place to undertake an additional RAT
- if the test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again 48 hours after that negative test
- if symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test until the required Day 7 test. If this is negative, they can return to daily life on Day 8.

If a household contact has new symptoms on the day of release:

- they should undertake an additional RAT and stay at home while unwell
- if that test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again after 48 hours. If symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test.

If a household contact has finished their period of isolation, they do not need to return to isolation if a new case is identified in their household. However, **this only applies for a period of seven days** following their leaving isolation. Should a new household member be confirmed as a case eight or more days after the household contact has left isolation, then they must start a new period of self-isolation for seven days.

General advice

Anyone that has had COVID-19 or who is a contact of someone who has COVID-19 should avoid attending high-risk settings until 10 days have passed since they were infected or exposed to the virus. These will include, for example, aged-care facilities, correctional facilities and hospitals (unless the individual is requiring care).

As always, undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT) if symptomatic. If the RAT is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, you should test again 48 hours after the negative test. If symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test.

Moth Plant Competition

SANDRINGHAM Moth Plant Competition 2022

help us eradicate this invasive pest species!

Moth plant is a pest plant taking over the gardens and parks of Sandringham. This autumn we are encouraging the Sandringham community to help us tackle this problem by entering our Moth Plant competition. Grab some friends, get outside, find moth plants and take them down!



1st PRIZE - \$500

FOR THE MOST PODS & SMALL VINES WITH ROOTS



2nd PRIZE - \$300

FOR THE MOST PODS & SMALL VINES WITH ROOTS



THICKEST VINE

PRIZE - \$100



PLUS SPOT PRIZES THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION!!!

To enter go to
spice.org.nz/moth-plant-comp

Register your team by 31 March!



**TAG AND FOLLOW @MAGS.ENVIRONMENT
TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH COMPETITION NEWS**

Help the Environment Club eradicate moth plants by getting involved in the Moth Plant Competition next month.

There are prize categories for primary schools, high schools and community groups.

Get involved with the Art Show

A promotional poster for the MAGS Art Show 2022. The top left features a blue circle with the text 'MAGS ART SHOW' and '5th-7th Aug, 2022' below it. To the right are two photos: one of a group of people and another of an art show gallery. The bottom half is a blue banner with white text. A yellow bar at the very bottom contains a note about vaccination passes.

**MAGS
ART SHOW**

5th-7th Aug, 2022

We're still looking to fill these positions:

- Committee Secretary
- Art Show Committee Chair
- Graphic Designer
- Website Lead

WE NEED YOU!

We're looking for volunteers to join the 2022 MAGS Art Show Committee, to help us bring it to life & make it a success. This is our Centenary Year so expect it to be big, bold and very special!

You don't have to be an art expert to join us – it's all about teamwork, having fun and that 'feel good' feeling you get from helping a great cause.

This is MAGS's biggest annual fundraiser, and we need your help!

If you're keen to join our great team, please email artshow@mags.school.nz

Please be aware that in order to come to the meetings, we are required to sight your vaccination pass. This is current school protocol.

Here's your chance to get involved with a fun event and a great team for the Mount Albert Grammar School Art Show planned for August 5-7.

The Art Show Committee is looking to fill four positions initially: Art Show Committee Chair, Sponsorship Lead, Graphic Designer and Website Lead.

As always, the committee will also welcome any volunteers who are willing to contribute their skills, whatever they may be.

Forty six years ago today



In 1976, the 'new' Library was opened and included an AV centre that boasted, among its assets, the modern miracle of video tape equipment.

The Albertian magazine of the day reported excitedly: "The advantage of video over movie equipment is you can wipe the tape and start again and there is no developing process, just re-run the tape and watch the TV monitor."

In 2006, the Library was renovated and extended.

These and other milestones will be acknowledged at our Centenary Celebrations. Find out more [here](#)



Pianist required for choirs

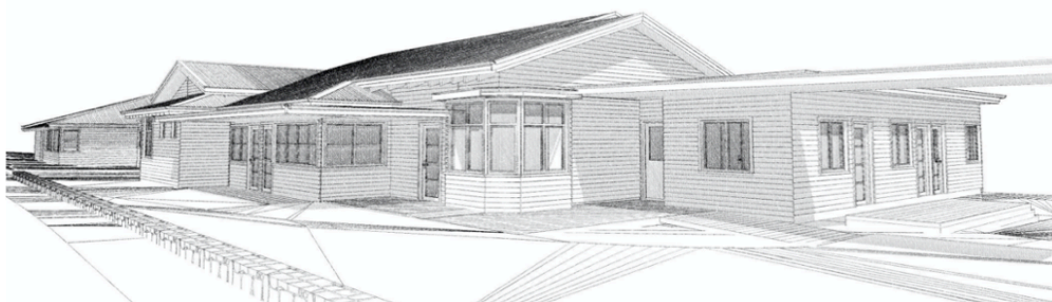
PIANIST REQUIRED FOR BOYS AND GIRLS CHOIRS

Gloriana and the Centennial Choir are seeking a pianist to accompany them for school-based rehearsals and performances.

Skill-wise, we need someone Grade 8 (ABRSM or Trinity) or higher, with an interest in learning this skill set.

All inquiries to Director of Arts Jacqui Cesan jcesan@mags.school.nz

Online enrolments for Girls Boarding



You can now download enrolment forms for our new girls' hostel, Centennial House, which will be hosting boarders from Term 2 this year.

The newly refurbished property can accommodate up to 28 female students and is located in a safe and beautiful residential street – six minutes' walk from school.

If your daughter would like the opportunity to join the MAGS hostel experience, please contact Clare Leon-Brown cleonbrown@mags.school.nz

You can download the application forms for Centennial House [here](#) and see the fee schedule [here](#)

The first school concert in 1923



This image, taken in 1923, shows the cast of *The Merchant of Venice*, who performed Act 1, Scenes 1 and 3 at the first school concert.

The report at the time included: "Our thanks are due to Mr F Dickeson for assistance in 'make-up' and to the Auckland Amateur Operatic Society in the matter of costumes."

The players were: WM Warin (Lorenzo), PA Eaton (Salarino), RS Harrop (Shylock), OS Hintz (Antonio), AW Reed (Bassanio), CG Prior (Salanio), JM Spottiswood (Gratiano).

This image is part of Set 68, recently added to our website's [Historical Images](#), compiled and annotated by our Archivist Brian Murphy.

Sports Update

Softballers do the double at ODT



Congratulations to our Senior Boys and Girls Softball teams, who both triumphed today at the AKSS One Day Tournament at Rosedale Park.

The Girls fought out a close match with One Tree Hill College, to come through 3-0; while the Boys had a convincing win over Rutherford College, 13-0.

Five Albertians in NZ team

Five Albertians have been named in the NZ Mens U23 Softball squad, which is set to play at the World Cup in Argentina in October.

Brock Evans, Oscar Clark, Max Earley, Floyd Nola and Taine Slaughter have been named among the 16 for the World Cup.

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9th-14th May 2022

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