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A Tradition of Excellence
9th-14th May 2022



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From the Headmaster

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Readers Are Achievers!



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**Saturday, March 27, 6pm to
Sunday, March 28, 8am**
Relay For Life, Lovelock Track,
Mt Roskill

Monday, March 29
Year 9 Parents' Evening,
6.30pm, FW Gamble Hall

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

Our Year 9 Boys continue to assemble each morning as part of their induction into the culture of Mount Albert Grammar.

At an assembly earlier this week, each student was asked to remove their reading book from their schoolbag and hold it up high for all to see!



I was delighted that almost every boy was able to present a novel or similar text as part of their learning material for the day.

For a young person wanting to become more successful academically, there can be no better advice than to make reading part of the everyday routine. Being a successful reader provides the foundation for every learning area. Reading both frequently and widely arms our young people with a broad vocabulary. It underpins the ability to articulate ideas and to think deeply, conceptually and critically.

Being well-read flows through to an ability to write well. The pen and



Sport

Photo Essays



Softball Premier Boys v
Rosehill College, ODT Final
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paper (or fingers and keyboard) remain the primary mode for students to show what they know and what they have learned. As such, improving the quality of student writing is a major professional learning goal for the MAGS staff this year.

At a time when reading levels are decreasing (*the New Zealand Book Council in 2018 found that 40% of adults cannot read at day-to-day functioning levels*), we are insisting our MAGS young people put down their phones and pick up a book!

Be an achiever ... be a reader!

Have a great weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Touch Senior Mixed: Northern Regionals
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Premier Girls AKSS Volleyball
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Fixtures and results
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Prefects for 2021 formally recognised



Whaea Tui Gallagher with Head Boy Marcus Savelio and Head Girl Hana Hilson after presenting them with their korowai at Wednesday's assembly.

Following the postponement of the Leadership Assembly earlier in the year due to the last lockdown in Auckland, the 2021 Prefects were finally recognised and congratulated at Wednesday's Headmaster's Assembly for Year 13s. Whaea Tui Gallagher, our Board of Trustees Deputy Head Chair, fitted Head Boy Marcus Savelio and Head Girl Hana Hilson with their korowai, which have been donated to the school by the Gallagher-Sullivan whanau and are a symbol of leadership.



Marcus and Hana then read out their fellow Prefects' names as they took to the stage to be congratulated by Headmaster Patrick Drumm. You can see more photos from the assembly [here](#)

Junior class representatives announced



Pictured above with Deputy Principals Mr Powell and Ms Hayes are Year 9 Level Representatives, from left, Brendan Akeli, Scarlet Connor, Khalen Quensell and Lucas Bindon.

At assemblies on Monday and Tuesday this week, the Year 9 and Year 10 Level Representatives, Class Representatives, Environment Leaders and Captains for the

Interform Competition for 2021 were announced.

You can see photos and lists of the Year 9 leaders and Year 10 leaders [here](#)

Pictured below with Ms Hayes and Mr Powell are Year 10 Level Representatives, from left, Rohan Sharma, Lily Curnow, Grace Moon and Ryan Antia.



Relay for Life passes \$54,000

About 300 MAGS students are gearing up for next weekend's Relay for Life, and they have already raised more than \$54,000 for the Cancer Society.

Relay for Life is a 14-hour event beginning at 6pm next Saturday at Mt Roskill's Lovelock Track and running through the night as students walk or run laps around a track with a baton symbolising the difficulty of a cancer journey.

Anyone who is a survivor of cancer is invited to attend Relay for Life and help open the event. At 5pm, hot drinks will be provided for them in the main marquee and then at 5.45pm there is an opening ceremony as survivors get to walk the first lap at the front of the group.

Money raised goes towards such things as helping cancer patients get to appointments, cancer research and funds for Domain Lodge, which is the accommodation next to the hospital where people can stay while undergoing cancer treatment.



To donate, click [here](#) and you can scroll to the bottom, click donate and then search for the name of a student.

Duke of Ed adventures



Last weekend, while the fine weather was still with us, 17 students completed their Silver adventurous journey, which for many of them is almost the final aspect towards completion of their Silver award.

They had several trips postponed due to Covid-19 but were finally able to get away.

TIC Mr Belson said the students tramped 38km up and down through the rugged Hunua Ranges, carrying food, tents, clothing and cooking gear. The weather being so hot made for some testing times while carrying a heavy pack (not helped in one case by 2.5kg of pre-cooked pasta!), in addition to some of the steep uphill and downhill.

"Students were self-sufficient, cooked some interesting meals, worked together

as a team and often displayed good interpersonal skills. These students were motivated and enthusiastic, making for an enjoyable three days. My thanks to Mr Fullerton for giving up his time to help out."



This weekend sees the Bronze students going down to the Karangahake Gorge for their journey.

Year 9 art exhibition on now



Year 9 Art students have a range of outstanding artworks on display in the Small Gallery in lower E block. They have been exploring their identity, developing their observational drawing and mark-making skills this term. The works were selected and curated by Ben Mimms, one of our talented and hard-working Visual Arts Leaders.

Receptionist/Secretary vacancy

We are seeking an experienced receptionist/secretary to join our School. This role involves providing secretarial support to the Senior Leadership Team in conjunction with duties as the receptionist in the main school office. Strong secretarial and administration skills are essential, including:

- Confidence and experience in the professional presentation of documents using Microsoft Word. Experience with Excel and PowerPoint would be an advantage.
- Excellent spoken and written English

You will be the first point of contact for visitors to the school so you need to be professional, have good interpersonal skills, be highly organised and adaptable. This position is permanent, with hours of work 8am to 4pm, during school term time only and could be job shared with the right candidates

You can find out more about the role and download an application form [here](#)

Henna art session



Yesterday, some of the top senior art students had the chance to learn traditional henna tattoos with tutor Asia Rehman.

Polly Tse, the Visual Art Leader for Painting and Sculpture, assisted her and is pictured below with an example of her work.

This activity is sponsored by SPiCE (Sandringham Project in Community Empowerment) as part of the upcoming Floral Carpet Festival, where MAGS students will provide free henna tattoos for the public, alongside the main activity of the community making a carpet of flowers in a traditional rangoli pattern.

Asia has been doing henna since childhood, and brought in some patterns and henna cones for the students to learn and practise the techniques.

As well as traditional floral patterns, henna (which is made from a dried leaf), can be used to create any design desired by the artist and will leave a temporary tattoo after it is washed off.

The Floral Carpet Festival takes place at Sandringham Reserve tomorrow from 2-4pm and is a free community event. Get a free henna tattoo, and take part in creating the floral carpet, learn a classical Indian dance and enjoy a free mango lassi.



Let the Albertian Games begin!



Calling Albertians everywhere! Get behind the Pride and join the full school on Wednesday, March 31 in one of the many events leading up to our Centenary Celebrations (May 9-14, 2022).

Join us as we celebrate the Sports Lions of the past and present, with spectators welcome.

Past Premier players – intending to play or not – and spectators should register [here](#) for the event and the after-match at 5pm, which will feature a cash bar and savouries supplied by Westie Pies.

There will be more information coming to those who have registered, including a link to pre-order T-shirts (pictured above), available for \$40.



ALBERTIAN GAMES

CENTENARY
100
1922-2022

PAST PREMIER PLAYERS

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2021 PREMIER PLAYERS

GIRLS & BOYS IN EVERY CODE



DRAW

CRICKET 10.00AM-1.00PM

BASKETBALL 12.30PM GIRLS 1.10PM BOYS

FOOTBALL 1.30PM GIRLS 2.30PM BOYS

HOCKEY 12.30PM GIRLS 1.30PM BOYS

NETBALL 2.00PM

ROWING 2.00PM ERG RACE

RUGBY UNION/RUGBY LEAGUE - TOUCH GAME 2.30PM

**WESTIE
FOOD GROUP**

5PM AFTERMATCH

31ST OF MARCH 2021 @ MAGS

Albertian Register @ <https://forms.gle/gRKBPNX3VxhkeqAT7>

Historical photos



In 2006, a Girls' Lacrosse Team from MAGS competed for the first time in an Auckland-wide Lacrosse tournament, held at Parrs Park where there were a number of fields so that several games could go on at the same time.

This photo is part of Set 59, recently added to Historical Images on the MAGS website [here](#). These images are 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 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

Summer Tournament Week



Summer Tournament Week begins this weekend and sees our students competing across 10 different sports throughout the North Island. MAGS' rowing team is already at Lake Karapiro for the [Maadi Cup](#), with competition beginning on Monday and finals scheduled for next Friday and Saturday. Live-streaming of races from Thursday onwards can be seen [here](#) Three Futsal teams – Junior Girls, Junior Boys and Senior Boys – will be in Wellington to contest the [NZSS Futsal Championships](#)



Our Volleyball Senior A Boys and Senior A Girls will be competing at the [NZSS Volleyball Champs](#) in Palmerston North, while Rotorua's Lake Tikitapu will be the venue for the [Secondary School Waka Ama Nationals](#) Next week, our Softball Premier Boys will get the chance to defend their national title and go for eight in a row, something that was denied them last year due to Covid-19. They, along with the Premier Girls, will be competing at Papakura's Prince Edward Park. Our Basketballers will be out at Pullman Arena in Takanini competing in the [3x3 Basketball NZ Secondary School Champs](#) – 3x3 is street-style basketball played three-aside on a half-court with one hoop.

Also based in Auckland, our Cricket Girls 1st XI will be playing an AKSS T20 competition at Lloyd Elsmore Park that doubles as a national qualifying tournament. There's also the chance to see our Senior A Girls Water Polo in action, competing in the NISS at various Auckland schools, whereas the Senior A Boys Water Polo have their NISS competition in Wellington.

There is also NISS Mountain Biking Champs on Sunday in the Hunua Ranges, and there is AKSS Wrestling at Dilworth School on Friday.

You can see the teams' fixtures and follow their results throughout the week [here](#)

Athletes eye Auckland Champs

On Wednesday, close to 50 students represented MAGS at the Central/West/East Secondary School Zone Athletics meet at Mount Smart Stadium.

A large number of students gained top four places, qualifying for the Auckland Secondary School Championships on Tuesday, March 30.

There were also two school records broken at this meet. The Junior Girls 4 x 100m relay set a new time of 54.09 seconds, surpassing the record set in 2017 of 54.19 seconds.

Luke Clements (pictured) broke the long-standing Senior Boys school record for the 3000m with a time of 8:58.39, surpassing a record that was set in 1986.

The following students gained top placings:

Tommee Paeu: 3rd Junior Girls 100m, 2nd Junior Girls Shot Put, 4th Junior Girls Discus, 2nd Junior Girls Long Jump; Gezreyal Maiu'u: 1st Junior Girls 200m, 1st Junior Girls 300m, 1st Junior Girls Triple Jump, 1st Junior Girls 70m Hurdles*; Bisi Ogundipe: 2nd Junior Girls

70m Hurdles*; Nina Chalmers:
4th Junior Girls 70m
Hurdles*; Junior Girls 4 x 100m
Relay (Gezreyal Maiu'u, Tommee
Paeu, Nina Chalmers and Ella De
Coek): 1st ; Anika Todd: 4th
equal Intermediate Girls High
Jump, 2nd Intermediate Girls
Long Jump; Amelia Caltaux: 5th
Senior Girls 400m; Yoko
Tsukushi: 2nd Senior Girls Shot
Put; Sylvia Brunt: 3rd Senior Girls
Shot Put, 3rd Senior Girls
Discus; Ziggy Davidson
Faaiuasoo: 4th Junior Boys 100m;
Pomare Schultz: 4th Junior Boys
200m; Benjie Fairclough: 3rd
Junior Boys 300m, 4th Junior
Boys 80m Hurdles*; Dimitri



Fruean: 4th Junior Boys Shot Put; Jirah Esekia: 4th Junior Boys Discus; Elliot Kitchener: 4th Intermediate Boys 100m, 4th Intermediate Boys 200m; Troy Middleton: 1st Senior Boys 200m, 1st Senior Boys 400m; Luke Clements: 3rd Senior Boys 3000m; Ben Skelton: 4th Senior Boys Javelin, 2nd Senior Boys Shot Put, 2nd Senior Boys Discus.

* Awaiting for confirmation on Auckland Championships Qualification

A big thanks to Ms Wright, Hannah Adye and Edie Ancell who assisted with marshalling and organising the starting lineup. Also, thanks to Mr Murdoch, who helped with managing the students on the day.

Strong performances at Triathlon Champs



MAGS sent a team of 11 students – three teams and two students who raced as individuals – to the Auckland Secondary Schools Triathlon Championships on Tuesday at Point England Reserve.

The event is ever-growing, and the standard of racing was high. The highlight of the day was Year 13 student Ward Hope finishing 3rd in the hotly contested Senior Boys individual section. This a great reward for a hard-working athlete who finished 6th in this category last year.

A special mention goes to Year 9 student Palepua Afoa, who challenged himself and competed in the Intermediate section against students two years older than him. He finished 14th in that category.

A big thanks goes to all the parents who assisted with transporting the students to the venue on the day. A special thanks to Mrs Sanders for use of her van to transport some bikes and Ms Wright for her assistance on the day.

Placings:

Ward Hope: 3rd Senior Boys; Palepua Afoa: 14th Intermediate Boys; Intermediate Boys Team: 5th; Intermediate Girls Team: 4th; Senior Boys Team: 4th.

Lacrosse honours for Sam Nash



Sam Nash co-captained the Auckland U18 Men's Lacrosse Team to win the New Zealand Lacrosse Association National Under 18 Tournament, held in Hamilton last weekend.

Representative boys and girls teams from Auckland, Waikato and Wellington competed throughout the scorching heat of the weekend for their respective national titles.

The Auckland U18s were matched up against their rivals from Waikato over three matches, with Auckland winning two games to one over the three hard-fought and close encounters.

Sam (pictured right) was named as Auckland's MVP for Game 3, and was named in the Tournament Team for his performance in the midfield.

He is now helping to mentor the new wave of talent in Boys Lacrosse at MAGS.



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