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## From the Headmaster

### Key Dates

## The Pillars of MAGS

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

The penultimate week of Term 1 sees our students thriving across our MAGS Pillars: Sport (Summer Tournament Week), Arts and Culture (Unity Concerts) and Service (Relay for Life) have all been brought to life by our young people as they enjoy the unique breadth of what is offered at MAGS.

The connection and growth such activities generate is an essential contributor to our school culture. And the sense of belonging that follows leads to tangible improvements in our core pillar – academic excellence!

Not since 2019 have students been able to engage so fully (and without restrictions) in school life outside the classroom. They deserve credit and thanks for the way they have done this to date in 2023.

And thank you to the parents, staff and supporters who have helped bring these opportunities to our students – you are invaluable to MAGS!

**Saturday, April 1**  
Relay for Life, AUT Millennium Stadium, 10am-10pm

**Monday, April 3 & Tuesday, April 4**  
School Cross Country

**Thursday, April 6**  
Last day of Term 1

**Friday, April 7**  
Good Friday

**Wednesday, April 26**  
Term 2 begins

### Sport

#### Trials and Registrations

Click [here](#)

#### Fixtures and Results

Click [here](#)

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster



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**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

**Joyous celebration of diversity**



*Photos / QiQi Deng*

The first of two Unity Concerts was held last night at the Dorothy WInstone Centre.

Director of Arts Jacqui Cesan said, "Each of the seven groups that performed were outstanding in their joy and commitment and the expression of their various cultures."

The second of the concerts will be held tonight and is **SOLD OUT**.

You can see more photos from last night's Unity Concert [here](#)







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## Relay for Life tomorrow



Tomorrow, MAGS students hit the track for Relay for Life, and are getting close to their \$50,000 goal – you can see their progress and donate [here](#)

This year's event is taking place from 10am to 10pm tomorrow at AUT's Millennium Stadium on the North Shore.

Relay for Life raises money for the work of the Cancer Society.

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## Tournament Week success



There have been some great results for MAGS from Summer Tournament Week, which is starting to wind up.

The Futsal Junior Girls (pictured above with the Senior Girls) placed second, losing out 3-1 to Mt Maunganui in a close game. The Futsal Senior Girls placed fourth after a tight 2-1 loss to Queen Margaret College

The Futsal Senior Boys are still playing, with their placing yet to be determined.

In Waka Ama, Marnie Toloa took Gold in the U16 Girls W1 250 and Marlin Toloa also claimed Gold, in the U19 Boys W1 250.

The Premier Volleyball Boys team finished seventh, beating Papamoa College 3-1 to end a successful championship. A highlight for the Boys was beating Auckland champions Rangitoto on Day One, 3-1.

The Senior A Girls Volleyball team finished in 11th place, with some close scoring in their matches.

Maadi Cup finals started today, with MAGS rowers claiming two fourth places – in the Girls U16 Single Sculls (Olivia Tattersfield) and the Boys U17 Coxed Eight. Maadi Cup updates for MAGS are located [here](#)

You can see more results from Summer Tournament Week [here](#)

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## Cultural Dress Day





MAGS held a Cultural Dress Day on Tuesday to celebrate and recognise ethnic minorities and the general diversity we have at school.

Many students chose to wear cultural attire and there was an optional gold coin donation for all students with proceeds going to the Lion Fund.





## Milly Clegg called up to Football Ferns



Congratulations to Albertian Milly Clegg, who has been called into the Football Ferns squad to play Iceland and Nigeria in Turkey next month.

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

Shortly after the announcement, she scored twice for the Wellington Phoenix in the Women's A-League to seal a 3-1 win over Adelaide United.

Football Ferns Head Coach Jitka Klimková said, "Milly Clegg is a player we have been watching for a long time and are looking forward to seeing her as part of the senior team after brilliant performances at the U-17 and U-20 FIFA Women's World Cups, as well as for her club."

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 is being held in New Zealand and Australia starting in July.

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## Shakespeare Showcase next Monday

Next Monday, April 3, the Drama Department is holding its first ever Shakespeare Showcase.

The purpose of this showcase is to perform the items that have been submitted to the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition, as well as seeing the Level 2 students group Shakespeare pieces and a selection of Level 3 monologues.

# SHAKESPEARE SHOWCASE 2023



MAGS Drama invites you to come and see the 2023  
Sheilah Winn Performances and  
Level 2 + 3 Shakespeare students

Monday Week 10 at 4pm - outside the Library

## Join the Art Show crew

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED!



28th – 30th July 2023

We're looking for volunteers to help bring the annual MAGS Art Show to life and make it another fabulous success!

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' biggest annual fundraiser and we need your help!



If you're keen to join our great team, please email Wick at [magsfom@gmail.com](mailto:magsfom@gmail.com)



## Surf's up for Year 10s



Over the last fortnight, our Year 10 Outdoor Education classes have been visiting Piha as the culmination of classroom and pool lessons related to surf awareness and surfing. Head of Outdoor Education Darren Whitehead said, "It was awesome to see all of the manaakitanga being shown towards each other, the environment, equipment and instructors. Thanks to Rapu Adventures for their assistance."

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## Moth Plant Competition is back!

# **SANDRINGHAM** Moth Plant Competition 2023

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!

## CATEGORIES

1. PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
2. HIGH SCHOOL
3. COMMUNITY

**GET TOGETHER A TEAM OF 5 AND REGISTER!**



### **1ST PRIZE**

FOR THE MOST PODS & SMALL VINES WITH ROOTS  
- \$500



### **2ND PRIZE**

FOR THE MOST PODS & SMALL VINES WITH ROOTS  
- \$300



### **BONUS PRIZE!**

THICKEST VINE  
- \$100



Registrations open from 27 March to 16 April.

Collect pods until 21 May!

Go to [www.spice.org.nz/moth-plant-comp.html](http://www.spice.org.nz/moth-plant-comp.html)

to register.

Scope of works at Observatory





This image from Set 85, which has just been loaded to the [Historical Images](#) section on our website, shows the start of construction of the MAGS Observatory in 2007.

The observatory houses MAGS' Meade LX200 12-inch telescope, one of the best school telescopes in the country.

Former teacher Gavin Milne got funding for the telescope, which was bought in the early 2000s, and for the observatory, which was built to accommodate it.

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## Sports Update

### Silver Fern visits Netball Academy

Silver Ferns and Mystics player Grace Nweke spent time working with the Year 10 Netball Academy this week.

As well as enjoying time with the Silver Ferns' goal shoot, the Year 10 Netball Academy is looking forward to a trip to Christchurch, and have an Easter Hamper raffle fundraiser with \$5 tickets available from the Director of Netball Office or email: [kathy.henry@mags.school.nz](mailto:kathy.henry@mags.school.nz)



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## Gripping action at Rock Climbing

Last Sunday saw the opening round of the Auckland College Climbing Series, starting with a Top Ropes competition. With Vertical Adventures in Glen Eden being a small venue, MAGS could only take a limited team but came away with a good showing with Ronin Ng 10th, Riley Hobbs 14th and Thomas Roberts 24th in the Junior Boys grade, and Anna Swann 13th in the Senior Girls (after her great performances in the junior grade last year). Next term, Round 2 will see MAGS' full team take on Bouldering.





## Curling offers cool fun



Looking to try something new? Ever fancied having a go at an Olympic sport? MAGS competes in the Auckland Schools Curling Competition, which runs on Thursdays across Terms 2 and 3 at Paradise Avondale and is looking for new players. No experience necessary, all the equipment is provided at the venue and there is free coaching, too. All genders, age groups and accessibility levels compete together in a fun and supportive – if a bit chilly – atmosphere. All you need is a warm jumper. There are two “Have a Go” days in April. See this [link](#) or see Miss Hobbs – [dhobbs@mags.school.nz](mailto:dhobbs@mags.school.nz) – in the Social Science office for more details.

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## Fencers on the podium



The first of the Northern Secondary Schools Individual events was held last weekend with MAGS fencers nabbing a couple of podium places. Elijah Yarr (pictured top left) was second-equal after a great semifinal win – 15-11 – over the Auckland U17 champion, and Emi Mason (pictured below, second from right) defeated a Commonwealth cadet fencer in a great quarter-final match, 15-13. On top of these results, Nico Meyer (pictured top right) was sixth-equal, Lawrence Zhao eighth-equal, and Yvette Luo 8th-equal, her first top 8 finish.





## Two titles for Orienteering team

Last Sunday at the Auckland Schools Orienteering Sprint Finals, MAGS students took out a couple of the overall titles.

In the Senior Boys, Sam Carryer continued his impressive form by taking out the title, 1m 39s ahead of his nearest rival, and Tahi Harris romped home in the Junior Boys by 3m 44s. Held over two events at Long Bay College and Akoranga Campus, the day was a huge success for MAGS.

There were podium places for Matthew Greenwood (3rd) and Charlie Milne (2nd). There were top 10 places for Oscar Vink (4th), Hugh Skinner (10th), Eve Thompson (5th), Ella Edwards (8th), James Milne (4th), William Wood (6th), Reuben Adye (10th), Ami McGowan (8th), Anna Batcheler (10th) and Leo Vink in 9th.

The team now prepares for the North Island Championships in Whanganui in the Term 1 holidays.

### A Tradition of Excellence

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