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From the Headmaster

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Building for the Future!

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

Construction is soon to begin on a new three-storey building in the centre of our school that promises to provide 20 additional classrooms for our MAGS students. This building will house our new Library and carry the name of Murray Nairn, the third Headmaster of MAGS.

An exciting part of this project will be the construction of a new Whare Wananga (pictured below), which will sit with prominence facing the Sir BG Williams Field. It will anchor Te Puna o Wairaka in the school community and further support the increasing numbers of students wishing to learn Te Reo Māori at MAGS.

Over many years, our Board of Trustees has been relentless in their commitment to providing first class facilities to support the

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Saturday, March 12

Centenary Cricket Match: Boys 1st XI v Auckland Grammar, at MAGS

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

excellent achievement of our students.

Guided by our master plan, there is a drive to integrate many of the single-level, relocatable classrooms into modern multi-level buildings. In doing so, the school site will become more user-friendly for students. We also reclaim valuable green space for curriculum and co-curriculum use.

Our MAGS building programme is providing hope and certainty for the future – a valuable commodity in these times.

Thank you to the business, property and design teams who are creating a legacy for the many generations of MAGS students to come.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Sport

Trials and Registrations

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Fixtures and Results

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Arts Leaders recognised



The 2022 Arts Leaders were presented with their leadership badges at assembly today. Arts Leaders are important assistants to TICs of the ever-increasing groups across all Arts forms.

While unfortunately the whole group was not present, we hope to see all the leaders at leadership training, which is next Thursday, March 10, at 2.10pm in the FW Gamble Hall.

Omicron response update

Term 1	MON 7/3	TUE 8/3	WED 9/3	THU 10/3	FRI 11/3
	At home	At home	At home	At home	At home
Week 6	Y12	Y11	Y9	Y10	Y13

Today, 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.

Tania Dalton Scholarship



Softballer Ocearn Matthews (pictured above second from left at front, and right) has been awarded a Tania Dalton Foundation scholarship in the class of 2022.

Ocearn has been a regular selection for the Junior White Sox (JWSX) softball team, which could have an overseas tour this year, with an eye to the Oceania Qualifier (if required) in 2023, being the first qualifier in the JWSX's bid to make the World Cup in 2025.

The Tania Dalton Foundation was created created in honour of the Silver Fern netballer, who died in 2017.

The Foundation exists to inspire young women to be the best they can be through sport, by coordinating a range of programmes aimed at making a positive and measurable impact.

The three-year scholarship provides financial support (\$5000 per year),

pastoral support, one-on-one mentoring and personal development workshops.



Previous recipients of the Tania Dalton Foundation scholarship at MAGS include Sylvia Brunt, Princess Elliott and Sharne Pupuke-Robati.

Peer Mediator training underway



Peer Mediator training at MAGS went ahead this year despite decreased numbers. Counsellor Marianne Wilson said, "Training was in the upper gym, which was great to have the big space for breakaway groups.

"The challenges of all wearing masks and being heard did not take too much away from what was an invaluable day of learning communication skills as well as managing conflict. Invaluable learning in a world that is increasingly needing these skills.

"Hopefully the Peer Mediation service will be up and running before the end of the term – once we have had the small group training of the micro skills of mediation. There will be a second training opportunity from the Peace Foundation for those students who missed out because of COVID isolation."

Immersive learning



Following a classroom lesson yesterday, 120E continued their Learn to Scuba Experience with pool training at the Mt Albert Aquatic Centre today.

This is a performance assessment, and the lessons are followed by an open water session at Goat Island. Thanks to Epic Scuba for instruction and equipment.

From this initial training, students can go on and get certified for scuba diving.

Get involved with the Art Show



**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!

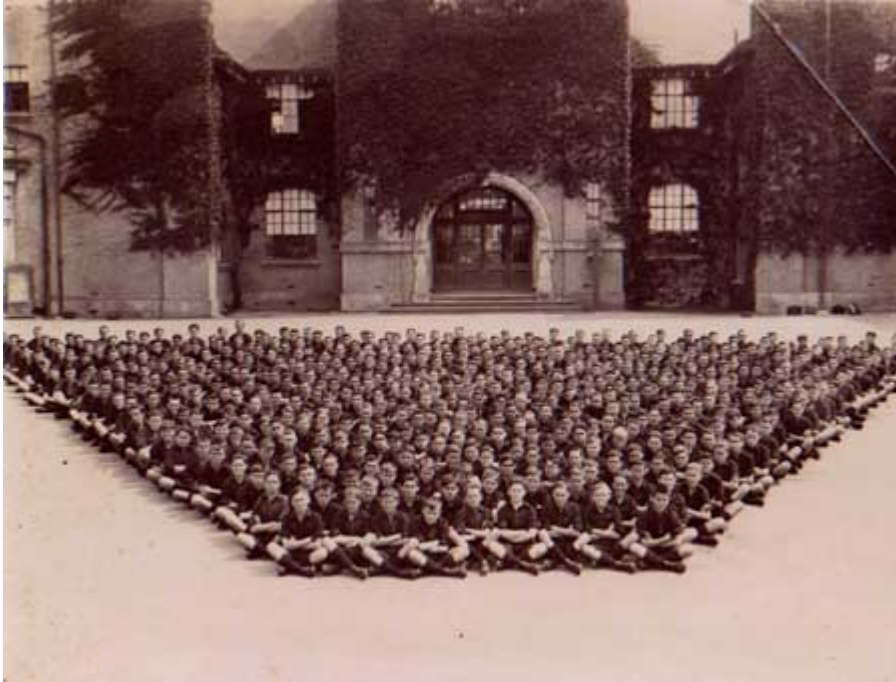
If you're keen to join our great team, please email artshow@mags.school.nz

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.

Eighty nine years ago today



Sitting in the front row, fourth from left, in 1933 is the smallest boy in the School, RD Muldoon. He was to grow up, become the Member of Parliament for Tamaki in 1960 and the 31st Prime Minister of New Zealand (1975-1984).

The ivy was removed from the walls in 1956, in preparation for the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh. The School was painted for the first time, mostly white, but the west wall of the quadrangle was pink.

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



Arts Notices

PIANIST REQUIRED FOR GLORIANA CHOIR

Gloriana is seeking a pianist to accompany the choir 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.

Must be available Wednesdays from 3.10pm-5.30pm.

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

Staff Vacancies

Netball Co-ordinator

We require a Netball Co-ordinator to provide organisation and administration support to the Director of Netball for the school's 22 netball teams.

The role is part time – 15 hours a week, school term time during the netball season only and involves working Saturday mornings during the netball season.

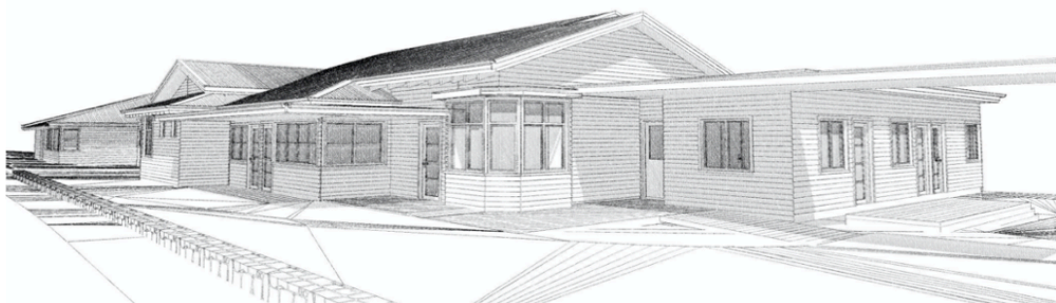
Teacher Aide

We are looking for someone who has the skills and passion to work with students in our Learning Support Department.

You will work closely with students who require classroom help, primarily with literacy and numeracy skills and also with executive function skills such as organisation, impulse control and task initiation.

You can find full job descriptions for these roles and the staff application form [here](#)

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](#)

Formative years for musician



This image, taken in 2006, shows Ben Sinclair, who now plays bass for successful indie pop band The Beths. Ben, who also plays piano and clarinet, is from a musical family and later did a music degree and came back to teach music at MAGS, looking rather different with short hair.

He left teaching due to his commitments with the band, who toured extensively around the world pre-Covid.

This image is part of Set 67, recently added to our website's [Historical Images](#), compiled and annotated by our Archivist Brian Murphy.

Sports Update

Big medal haul at Junior Regatta



MAGSROW won two golds, two silvers, three bronzes and made 15 A Finals at the AON Junior Regatta last weekend.

This was the first major North Island regatta of the 21/22 season, with more than 40 North Island secondary schools competing in the 2km rowing heats and finals at Lake Karapiro. Due to Covid restrictions, heats and finals were held on the same day with the girls racing taking place on Saturday and the boys on Sunday.

Head Coach Alice Denyer says the medal-winning performances of the squad after such a disrupted season were a reflection of the squad's dedication.

"Our rowers and their coaches have committed to keeping up their training and fitness throughout this season, even when face-to-face sessions and on-water training were not an option. It is really rewarding to see the MAGSROW squad back on the water and to have their hard work paying off."

MAGSROW crews won Gold and Silver in the final of the Boys U17 Coxless Pair Oars, with Nick Bryan and Lewis Mazza-Carson crossing the line first and Charles Martin and Baden Campbell taking out second place.

Theo Brown and James Brown won Gold in the Boys U18 Coxless Pair Oars.

The Girls U18 Coxed Eight (pictured above) won Silver with the crew being Katie Finch, Setai Setoga, Kate Grubi, Ava Paynter, Olivia Abbott, Bianca Power, Xanthe Werder, Ruby Burge and cox Meg Pinfold.

There was Bronze in the Boys U18 Coxed Eight for Theo Brown, Cam MacGillivray, Nick Bryan, James Brown, Max Jarvie, Charles Martin, Samuel Cooper, Lewis Mazza-Carson and cox Kaelin Reinsfield-Bree, who crossed the line with an impressive race time of 5:57.11. Theo Brown, Cam MacGillivray, James Brown, Nick Bryan and cox Kaelin Reinsfield-Bree won Bronze in the Boys U18 Coxed Four.

Max Jarvie, Zac Hornblow, Fraser MacGillivray, Charlie Heath and cox Guy Pinfold won Bronze in the Boys U16 Coxed Four.

The next major rowing event for the MAGSROW squad is the North Island Secondary Schools regatta at Lake Karapiro being held later this month.

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9th-14th May 2022

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