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## From the BoT Deputy Chair

## Weekly Notices

## On-line Routines



## Key Dates



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

The remote-learning environment has continued for the school as we have moved through our first week in Alert Level 3. Constructive feedback from students and parents is helping teachers to refine their delivery via the on-line medium.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

### Monday, June 1

Queen's Birthday Holiday

### Thursday, July 2

Last day of classes for Term 2

As the novelty of our current situation begins to fade, the importance of students keeping to regular routines has become even greater. There is a strong probability that distance-learning for MAGS students will need to continue in some way for the remainder of Alert level 3 and into Alert Level 2.

The school is preparing for all possibilities in the weeks ahead to ensure our young people experience the best possible learning regardless of decisions around Alert Levels. We will continue to communicate regularly with our community as information comes to hand.

Thank you to our students for their input into the virtual life of our school. Much of their creative skill can be seen in the link to the virtual assembly below.

Keep connected and have a great weekend.

Per Angusta Ad Augusta.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster



## Sport



### Winter Sport registrations

Click [here](#)

## Keeping connected with Virtual Assembly



Today's Virtual Assembly features messages from Headmaster Patrick Drumm, Associate Principal Jo Williams, a dance performance from Prefect Faolan Okan (pictured below) and highlights from the MAGS Sport Lockdown Challenge (pictured right). Mr Drumm spoke about students staying committed to their online learning during Alert Level 3 and looking after family. Ms Williams spoke about the importance of staying connected to others and the ways you could do that. You can see the Virtual Assembly video produced by Deputy Principal John Stradwick [here](#)





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## School during Alert Level 3

**The key message for parents is that if you can, you should keep your child at home.**

If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness, you must keep them at home. If your child is sick, please also ensure you keep them at home.

All year levels will continue to be taught online lessons and parents are encouraged to continue to discuss their child's online learning programmes with them.

Years 11, 12 & 13 will continue with their online learning programmes at home.

Years 9 & 10 will continue with their online learning programmes at home.

All students are to continue to sign-in via their Year Level Announcement Google Classroom page – this is posted daily.

For the full letter sent to parents about school during Alert Level 3, click [here](#)

Term 2 Classes Start 15th April

# MAGS' Online Learning Behaviours



## BE PRESENT



- **Mark your own attendance** between 8.30am-11.00am each day
- **Be online & present** for all scheduled check-in periods your teacher sets
- **Be present for compulsory quizzes, check-ins, workshops, experiments or demonstrations**

## BE ORGANISED



- **Plan your day** the night before using your MAGS diary or your Outlook calendar
- **Join all your online classes** (including your Year Level Google Classroom)
- **Present your best 'school' image** in terms of dress and visual surroundings if going on LIVE video. (Wearing PJs during the day will not help your mindset to learn.)

## BE PRODUCTIVE



- **Get some learning finished each day**
- **Set small achievable goals**
- **Submit work on time** or communicate beforehand why this might not be possible
- **Take screen breaks** at designated times for your own well-being
- **Help** others at home
- **Work** in 25-minute chunks

## BE KIND



- **Speak & post politely** - say thanks.
- **Help others** with useful posts, links & sharing your ideas
- **Be inclusive & appreciative** of other learners who you didn't previously know
- **Be kind to yourself** - stay positive, ensuring you are sleeping, eating healthy, exercising, relaxing & staying socially connected

## COMMUNICATE



- **Show you are engaged** by making comments or giving feedback to posts during 'class'
- **Contact staff during your class** but not late in the day or night as they have family too
- **Use your words to help** other students & your teachers (as we are all learning together)
- **Communicate with your teacher, mentor, dean or counsellor** if you're lost or falling behind in your learning (they will understand).

**'Through Hardship to Glory'**  
**Isolation to Elimination**  
**STAY SAFE!!!**



**NEED TO TALK?** Freecall or text 1737 anytime for a trained counsellor / Free text Youthline on 234 or email [talk@youthline.co.nz](mailto:talk@youthline.co.nz)

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**Prefects collaborate on wellbeing video**



Head Boy Eric Shen and Head Girl Megan Williams collaborated with other Auckland high school prefects to produce a video containing positive messages about looking after physical and mental wellbeing, staying safe and valuing family during Alert Level 3. You can see the video [here](#)

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## Celebrating MAGS sport on Instagram



The Sports Department has set up an Instagram page to celebrate and communicate all things sport at MAGS. You can see how hard the Property staff have been working to keep the sports fields (at left) in good shape, ready for the return of students.

The Sports Department has also laid down some challenges, so get active and get following [here](#)

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## Student artwork goes online

# THIS YEAR MAGS STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR CREATIVITY ONLINE

This year MAGS students will showcase their creative work online in the form of paintings, design, drawings, mixed media, photography, and sculptures. This will be accessible for everyone to view.

This is a chance to enter friendly online art competitions coming up throughout this year.



Open to years 9-13 for personal art projects or/and NCEA artwork to be shared on the Google Classroom and MAGS Visual Art Instagram account.

Google Classroom: **nwst3cf**  
Instagram account: **@mags\_visual\_art**

This year, Visual Art students will display their vast creativity online with a gallery of paintings, mixed media, design work, sculpture, drawings and photography. Arts Leader Lois Wadsworth is curating the gallery, while the poster above has been designed by Kareena Naran.

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Challenge to get active and stay connected



MAGS students and staff are being urged to join the College Sport Auckland ISO 3K Competition – 3 x 3km over one week in Alert Level 3.

The participation-based competition is aimed at helping students and staff to keep active, stay connected and engage in some friendly sporting rivalry between schools during Alert Level 3.

The challenge, which began on Tuesday and ends next Monday, is to run or walk 3km in your neighbourhood to contribute to your school's points total. Each time participants submit a 3km run or walk, they earn a point for their school (maximum of three entries per person). Proof of the run/walk needs to be uploaded with each entry (e.g. a screenshot from Strava, Map My Run, Nike Run Club etc.)

Final placings will be announced next Tuesday, May 5. Find out more and take up the challenge [here](#)

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## Warlocks finish second

On Monday, the MAGS Warlocks E-Sports team faced off against Knox Grammar School (Australia) in the grand final of the Australia/New Zealand Clash Royale High School League tournament. TIC Jack Su reports, "Our boys fought tooth and nail, to the very last man standing, but unfortunately they could not take the win, placing MAGS Warlocks second in the ANZ HSL Clash Royale Competition, an absolute heartbreaker.

"We should still be proud of Hayden Groves, Bryn Burke and Faisal Sohail and their accomplishment. I'm sure they will come back even stronger in the next split."



# Free filter for online safety



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND N4L

## switch on safety

When children learn from home, it's important to help them stay safe online.

Network for Learning (N4L) helps to keep your child safe at school. So while your child is learning from home, we have a simple, **FREE** way to block the worst of the web.

To Switch on Safety, you need to change the 'DNS' settings on your child's device. We've outlined simple instructions for the different devices at [switchonsafety.co.nz](https://switchonsafety.co.nz)

[VISIT SWITCHONSAFETY.CO.NZ](https://switchonsafety.co.nz)

Crown company Network for Learning (N4L) has partnered with the Ministry of Education and Netsafe to provide free internet filtering – Switch on Safety – to keep children safe online.

To enable Switch on Safety, you need to change the 'DNS' setting on your child's device. Click [here](#) for information and instructions about how to use Switch on Safety.

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## Public transport during Alert Level 3





Public transport will continue to be free when we are at Alert Level 3.

Those travelling on public transport should avoid peak times unless it is necessary, such as going to work or school. This is to ensure that two metres of physical distancing between staff and customers can be maintained.

For bus and train service updates in real-time, you can use the [AT Mobile app](#)

The AT Mobile app now has a feature that indicates how many people are on a bus or train service at any given time. This lets you know if two-metre distancing is achievable before you board.

All Auckland Transport school buses will begin operating again from Wednesday, April 29. Buses will, however, have reduced capacity due to the need for physical distancing on board so AT recommends that parents wait with their child(ren) at the bus stop until they can see if the bus has enough room on board for their child(ren).

There is more information about using AT services [here](#)

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## Health Committee Instagram page

Check out the [MAGS Health Committee's Instagram page](#) for some great photos, and everything from advice about mental and physical wellbeing to Dad Jokes. There is also a [video message](#) from Head Boy Eric Shen and Head Girl Megan Williams about managing mental health during the COVID-19 lockdown.



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## Facebook group to boost studies



MAGS' Academic Council has started a collaborative Facebook page called [MAGS Student Studies](#). This is a new platform for students to join together as a community and lift each other up into academic success. Its purpose is to replicate the sort of help from peers and tutors that students would get in a classroom environment.

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## More historical photos on website



Throughout the year, more historical images will be added to the website [here](#). This is an ongoing collection of images sourced and annotated by our archivist Brian Murphy.

In the image above from 1999 – part of the recently added Set 35 – we see Minister of Education Nick Smith, BoT Chair Peter Thorp and Headmaster Greg Taylor with the letter

from Mr Smith confirming that from 2000 Mount Albert Grammar School will become a co-educational school.

The letter was handed over on the front steps of the school.

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## Sign up to the Centenary database



As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, 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.

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## Sports update

### Champion swimmer eyes US college

Brearna Crawford has given a verbal commitment to attend the University of Indiana next year and join their swim team.



While at MAGS, Brearna has smashed Auckland and national swimming records, especially in breaststroke and individual medley. She represented New Zealand last year at the FINA World Junior Championships in Budapest.

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## Trials and registrations

While trials are on hold, the Sports Department is asking students to still register for sports in Term 2. Trials and registrations are posted on the website [here](#) and will also appear in the Daily Notices, accessed via the website or the MAGS App.



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