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From the Headmaster

Key Dates

Academic Achievement of the Highest Order

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Tuesday, May 16

Year 9 Rostered Home

Wednesday, May 17

Year 10 Rostered Home

Thursday, May 18

Lumino Dental arrives on site, and is at MAGS until June 30

Friday, May 19

Pink Shirt Day

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

On Wednesday, our MAGS Girls Dux from 2022, Deboprana Mallick, was honoured at Parliament as a New Zealand Premier Award winner in recognition of her achievement in NZ Scholarship exams last year.

Sport



Her success in seven Scholarship subjects (three at Outstanding level) placed her in the top 11 students in the country!

The Top Scholar Awards were presented by the Prime Minister and Minister of Education and showcased the pinnacle of academic achievement by school students.

Local Mount Albert MP Melissa Lee and myself joined the proud parents,

Photo Essays



Football Girls 1st XI v

Baradene College

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Amal and Puloma (all pictured above with Deboprana) in The Grand Hall to celebrate this special ceremony. We were then fortunate as a group to be treated to a tour of Parliament by Melissa Lee with Deboprana looking very much at home in the Debating Chamber!

Deboprana's success is an inspiration to every MAGS student. Her achievement is richly deserved and a credit to the support of her parents and our outstanding MAGS teachers.

We very much look forward to following Deboprana's future success as she undertakes a Biomedical Science Degree at the University of Auckland.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Rugby Boys 1st XV v
Dilworth School
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Trials and Registrations
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Fixtures and Results
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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



Sports Captains announced



Sports captains for 2023 were announced and recognised at assembly on Tuesday, and came out for a (rain-affected) photo on the front steps.

You can read the full list of captains [here](#)

Get caught reading



The annual “Get Caught Reading” competition is being held in the library until the end of May.

Students “caught reading” during the day are able to win spot prizes and also go into a draw for major prizes each week – \$30 gift vouchers from The Warehouse. The main purpose of the competition/activities is to reinforce the importance of reading for students’ personal and academic lives.

Did you know?

Regular readers often have improved self-esteem, improved concentration, very good critical and analytical thinking skills, stronger memory skills and develop a greater vocabulary than students who read very little.

Make a difference with the Art Show

JOIN THE ART SHOW TEAM

And embrace the power of community spirit!

We are dedicated to creating an unforgettable art show every year, and we can't do it without you. Whether you have a whole day, a weekend, or just a few spare hours, we have the perfect role for you. Be a part of our team of:

- 40 Volunteers
- 10 Committee members
- MAGS school staff

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to get involved! Send an email to Wick at magsfom@gmail.com and join us today.

MAGS
ART SHOW
28th - 30th July 2023



Journey through the ranges



Last weekend, while the sunny weather returned on Saturday, 25 students completed their practice Silver adventurous journey, which for many of them is almost the final aspect towards completing their Silver award.

The students from years 11 and 12 tramped 30km up and down the rugged Waitakere Ranges, carrying food, tents, clothing and cooking gear.

The weather being variable made for some testing times whilst carrying a heavy pack, in addition to some of the muddy and slippery downhill.

Students were self-sufficient, cooked some interesting meals, worked together as a team and often showed good interpersonal skills.



TIC Mr Belson said, "It was a great three days enjoyed by both staff and students. My thanks to Mr Fullerton, Miss Absolum and Mr Denisov for giving up their time to help out."

Lockdown Drill Today

Mount Albert Grammar School conducted a Lockdown Drill today during Period 2 to thoroughly test its procedures in case of a threat to staff and student safety.

Police were advised about the activation of the drill, which is part of the school's Health and Safety requirements.

During the drill, classroom and office doors were locked, and students and staff reduced their visibility by closing curtains and turning lights off, and remaining hidden and silent with student devices and cellphones off.

Once the all-clear was given by the Senior Leadership Team, classes resumed as normal.

Lumino Dental coming to MAGS

The Lumino the Dentists Mobile Unit is scheduled to come to MAGS on Thursday, May 18 and be here until Friday, June 30.

It provides the School Smiles Programme – fully funded by the Ministry of Health – and offers free dental examinations, oral health education, x-rays and a professional dental

clean for students in years 9 to Year 13 up until their 18th birthday.

Treatment including white fillings, sealants and extractions of baby teeth are also provided on the school grounds as required.

For other treatment not completed at the unit, students will be referred to their local practice or orthodontic specialist.

For more info and enrolment, click [here](#)



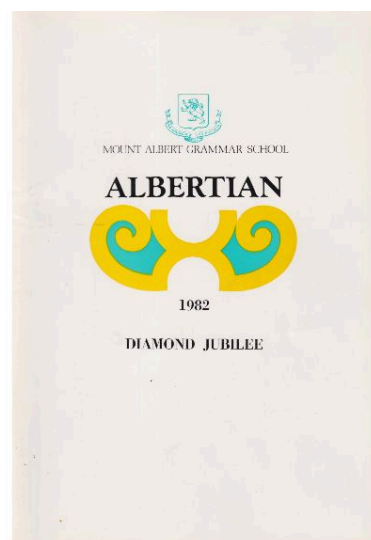
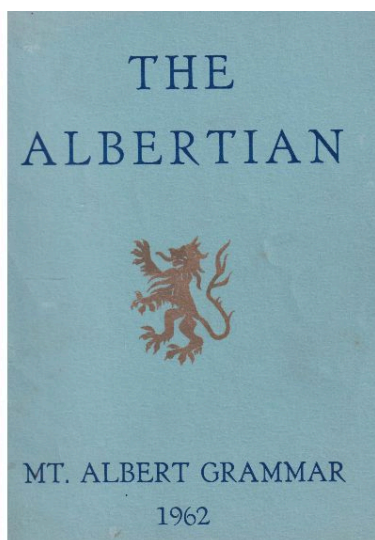
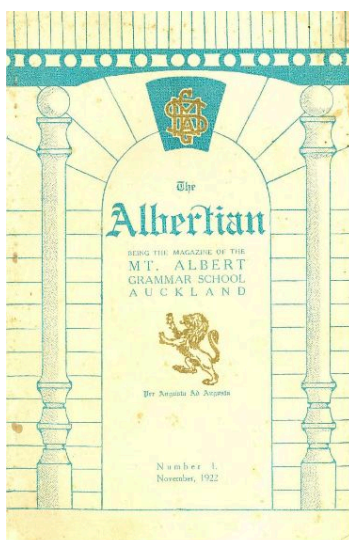
School Smiles Programme
FREE dental care for year 9-13*

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*Once enrolled, your child will be entitled to free treatment until they turn 18 years of age.

Lumino
The Dentists
Mobile

The Albertian through the years



The 2022 Centennial Albertian (pictured below) arrived at the school last week and is being distributed to students who have ordered it.

Our Assistant Archivist Mr Cave says, "It continues a long tradition. The first edition was published in 1922 and was compiled by John Hooper Harvey, the Head of English, and three students. It recorded the important events of the year and contained a number of photographs.



The Albertian
2022
Centenary Edition

"This has been the pattern for every Albertian since then. The school has copies of every Albertian published and they are a valuable source of information on the history of the school.

"For most of the past century the magazine has been compiled by one or more teachers with help from students.

"More recently, as the school (and thus the Albertian) has become larger, it has been one of the tasks of Graham Hepburn, our Communications Manager.

"This year's magazine is the largest so far but it is interesting to note that the very first edition contained 96 pages. During the war, because of paper shortages, the Albertian was much smaller.

The school holds copies of all the magazines published and a large number of them have been digitised. Unfortunately, no Albertian was published in 1992 and 1993 and hence our records of these years are quite limited."

If any of our readers have photos for these years, please contact Mr Cave at gcave@mags.school.nz so that they can be added to our archives.

The Albertian has undergone many changes in format and design. Included above is a sample of the front covers that have been used (click to enlarge).

Junior Excellence certificates presented



The Junior Excellence Awards for Term 1 were presented to students from Year 9 (pictured above) and Year 10 (pictured below) at assemblies this week.

Certificates are awarded to up to two students from each mentor class at the end of each term. You can see the list of students for Term 1 [here](#)

These awards recognise students who have demonstrated personal excellence by doing one or more of the following:

- shown huge improvement in the quality of work
- submitted outstanding work
- shown significantly improved effort
- exemplified the 'MAGS Way' values
- been a highly supportive and helpful member of their mentor class
- persevered through hardship to achieve success



Arts Calendar for the term

WEEK	DATE (S)	EVENT	WHERE	TIME	
6	30/31 st May	LEVEL 3 DRAMA PRODUCTION Pride and Prejudice	PA02	TBC	
7	8th June	VIS ARTS BOARD SHOW/MARKET EVENING	E BLOCK and Quad	4pm	
7	Performance dates TBC	CHAMBER MUSIC COMP	TBC	MAGS Performance times TBC	
8	14 th June	YOUDANCE YOUTH DANCE FESTIVAL	RFAC EGGS	7.30PM	
8	15 AND 16 JUNE	Contemporary Music nights	E9 and E10	TBC	
9	21 ST AND 22 ND JUNE	THE BIG SING	Auckland Town Hall	MAGS Performance times TBC	
10	27-28 June	DANCE CONCERT	RFAC EGGS	7.30 pm	
10	29 June	CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT	RFAC EGGS	7pm	
JULY HOLIDAYS	9 TH JULY	BLUEPRINT SCHOOLS HIP HOP COMP	<u>Due</u> Drop Events Centre	MAGS Performance times TBC	

MAGS parking restrictions

Please be aware that parking restrictions are also in place at MAGS on the school grounds outside of school hours.

The only parking on site available to all supporters, visitors, students, parents and staff are a very limited number of white parks in the bottom car park. Once the parks are full, the



school carpark will be closed and monitored and only pool patrons will be allowed to enter.

Mount Albert Aquatic Centre patrons will have access at all times during the day to the bottom car park, and the yellow marked car park spaces which are allocated for pool patrons only.

All cars will need to display their parking pass or pool receipt on their dash to ensure that they are not towed from these council parking spots. Please note there are also 'No Parking' or '24hr Tow away' areas clearly indicated. If you park here, you also risk being towed.

To make sure that you are not disappointed when travelling to watch games at MAGS, we recommend that you park on the surrounding roads and walk to the games via the Alberton Ave entrances.

We understand the frustrations with parking in Auckland so want to make sure you are prepared when travelling to MAGS sporting events.

Thank you for your support of the teams.

Holydays and Holidays



Our Archivist Mr Murphy has been compiling a list of significant dates throughout history called 'Holydays and Holidays', which is now on the MAGS website [here](#)

Mr Murphy says, "While it is true to what it says on the tin, there is more. It is also a calendar of battles, sieges, assassinations and executions. There are national and international days. There is a parade of saints, martyrs and rogues, historical figures, authors, politicians, explorers, scientists, inventors, and entertainers, a spy and a pirate. Plus the Gunpowder Plot and Woodstock."

Sports Update

Water Polo Gold



During the school holidays, our Premier A Boys Water Polo team competed in the New Zealand Secondary School Division 2 championships in Auckland. They competed well in pool play, putting away Hamilton Boys 12-0, Orewa College 15-2, Rangitoto College 19-1, and St Peter's College 6-4. They met Glendowie College in a close semifinal, winning 6-4 and setting up a final against Sacred Heart College. The final was tightly contested, with no team giving up but MAGS edged it 7-6. MAGS Captain Jamie Eickhoff (pictured left) was named Division 2's Most Valuable Player of the Tournament.

Cross Country Champions



This week at assembly, our Cross Country champions were recognised and presented with their trophies.

They are, back row: Millee Loxton (Senior Girls Champion), Oliver Mayers (Intermediate Boys Champion), Olivia Appleton (Junior Girls Champion).

Front row: Peggy Taylor (Intermediate Girls Champion), Theo Bray (Senior/Open Boys Champion), Matias Nunez Gutierrez (Junior Boys Champion).

Upcoming Premier Sport



The Basketball Premier Girls and Boys are away this evening with the former playing Northcote College at 6pm and the latter Rangitoto College at 7.30pm. The Football Boys 1st XI are also playing this evening – at 6pm at North Harbour against Westlake Boys High. Tomorrow, the Netball Premiers play One Tree Hill College at 9.30am at Auckland Netball Centre, and the Rugby Boys 1st XV are away to Tangaroa College at 2.30pm.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV are away to Manurewa High at 4pm, and the Football Girls 1st XI play at the same time away to Takapuna Grammar.

On Tuesday, the Football Boys 1st XI have a first round Knockout Cup game against Macleans College at MAGS at 3pm.

On Wednesday, the Squash Premier Boys face off with Macleans College at Howick Squash Club at 4.15pm; the Football Girls 1st XI are away to Westlake Girls High at 4pm; the Rugby League 1st XIII have a pre-season game against Otahuhu College, with details to be confirmed; and the Hockey Boys 1st XI play Pakuranga College at Auckland Grammar, with time to be confirmed.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Premier Girls have another grading game – this one against Pukekohe High at Pukekohe at 4pm, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI have a bye.

For updated fixtures and results, click [here](#)

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