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From the Headmaster

100 Years of Sport



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

Tomorrow, here at school, sees the culmination of the Centennial Sports Week with our Super Sport Saturday.

Following tonight's Premier Girls and Boys Basketball games, we will have a full day of Rugby, Football and Netball at MAGS over

the course of the day.

Many thanks must go to Auckland Grammar School, who have agreed to play many of the fixtures here at MAGS in support of our Centenary.

Games begin at 9.00am, and all students have been strongly encouraged to attend part, or all, of the day, bringing their MAGS colours with them. Food trucks will be on site to allow the purchase of refreshments throughout the day.

The role of sport in building tradition and culture at MAGS over the past 100 years cannot be underestimated.

Sport has served as a wonderful medium to grow good young men and women, and it is fantastic to be able to recognise this in our Centenary year.

We look forward to what promises to be a special day of competition and friendship.

See you tomorrow.

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Monday, May 16
Teacher Only Day

**Wednesday, May 18 and
Thursday, May 19**
Level 2 Drama Production
Noughts and Crosses,
6pm, E9 & E10



Sport

Photo Essays



Football Girls 1st XI v Epsom
Girls Grammar
Click [here](#)



Rugby League 1st XIII v
Kelston Boys High
Click [here](#)

Join us for Super Saturday



Pictured above: Sir Bryan Williams leads the MAGS and AGS teams out for the 2017 fixture.

Join us tomorrow for Super Saturday – the culmination of our Centenary Sports Week – when there is a host of sports games across different codes and grades.

Highlights include 1st XI Boys Football v Auckland Grammar, Premier Netball v Epsom Girls Grammar and 1st XV Boys Rugby v Auckland Grammar. There are also many other junior and senior teams at home, starting from 9am

We are encouraging our students and wider community to come along flying their MAGS colours and wearing MAGS branded items to show support for our teams. To add to the enjoyment of the day, there will be food trucks and a coffee cart operating in the carpark adjacent to the Grandstand. Centenary apparel will be sold on-site from 10am so you can wear MAGS colours with pride.

The FW Gamble Hall will also be open (10am-2pm) on the day.

The final fixture of the day is the 1st XV Boys game at 2.30pm, on the Sir BG Williams Field, which will also be live-streamed [here](#), with coverage beginning at 2pm

SUPER SATURDAY
CENTENARY
Celebrating 100 years of MAGS Sporting Tradition!

Saturday 14 May
MAGS Fields
Hosting Auckland Grammar School &
Epsom Girls Grammar School
Premier Sports Teams

Football 12.00pm, Netball 1:30pm, Rugby 2.30pm
WATCH RUGBY LIVE: https://youtu.be/qpbjGzKd_uc

We'd love to see you there! Come wearing
MAGS colours/uniform to support our teams!

 **CENTENARY 100** 1922-2022 

Tomorrow's rugby match live-streamed

14th of May
MAGS v AGS
2:30pm

CENTENARY 100
MAGS | 1922-2022

If you can't make it down to MAGS tomorrow to watch the Rugby Boys 1st XV take on Auckland Grammar, the game will be comprehensively covered on live-stream at this [YouTube link](#), with coverage beginning at 2pm.

Sports broadcaster and Albertian Mark Watson and former All Black Steve Devine will provide in-depth coverage, with commentary and interviews throughout the broadcast. Kick-off is at 2.30pm but there will be pre-game interviews from 2pm with players, coaches

and the respective headmasters among those to feature.
Post-game, there will be interviews with the captains and a highlights package.

Parking restrictions at MAGS tomorrow

Please be aware that there will no parking within the school tomorrow.
Our school is celebrating its Centenary of Sport and all car parks are closed to pool users and the community from 11pm tonight.

The driveway gates will remain shut and be monitored for access by invited guests, sponsors, team management and referees during the day only.

To make sure that you are not disappointed when travelling to watch the games at MAGS, we recommend that you park on the surrounding roads and walk to the games via the Alberton Ave entrances. Mt Albert Baptist Church has also kindly opened 60 car parks (with entrances on Alberton Ave opposite Fresh Collective and on New North Rd opposite Rocket Park) for this event.

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

Thank you for your support of the teams.

Centennial Events on sale now

Tickets are now on sale for two of our MAGS Centenary events – our Reunion Drinks (Friday, September 30) and the MAGS Centenary Dinner (Saturday, October 1).


You can buy tickets for the Reunion Drinks [here](#) and for the Centenary Dinner [here](#)



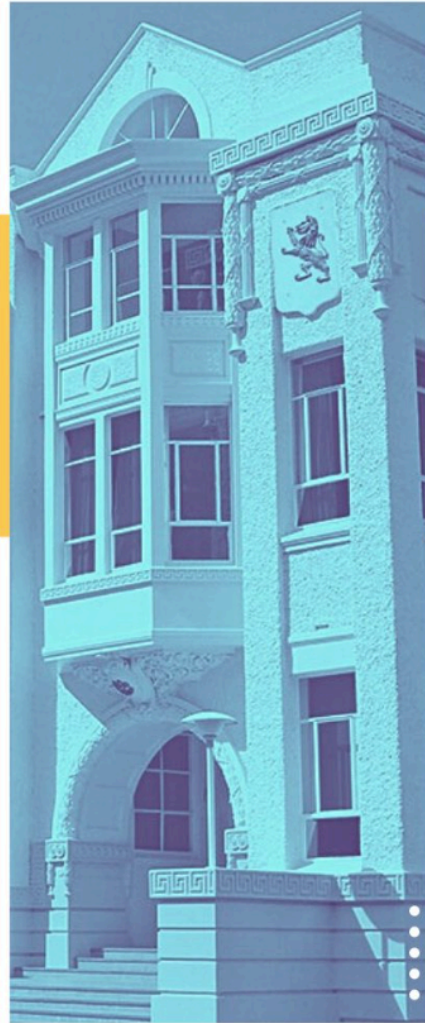
Ticketed Centenary Events

Mt Albert Grammar School Centenary 2022

 **Reunion Drinks Evening** - all decades
Friday 30th September, 6pm (\$35 & Cashbar)
F.W Gamble School Hall, MAGS.

 **MAGS Centenary Dinner**
Sat. 1st October, 6pm (\$125 & Cashbar)
Grand Millennium Hotel, Mayoral Drive, Auckland.

Limited Tickets On Sale From 1st May
Join the Albertians and/or buy tickets at
<https://mags100.ptly.com/nz/mags/#centenaryevents>



Top Scholars recognised



Mr Drumm is flanked by Top Scholars Marcus Savelio and Matthew Batcheler and their families.



Our two Top Scholars in NZ for 2021 were formally recognised at a ceremony at Parliament on Wednesday. Marcus Savelio (Dance) and Matthew Batcheler (Technology) were the top students in the country in their subjects in the 2021 NZQA Scholarship exams. Matthew was also named as an Outstanding Scholar, an elite group of NZ's top academics.

Noughts and Crosses on sale now

Tickets are now on sale for *Noughts and Crosses*, written by Malorie Blackman and performed by our Level 2 Drama students next Tuesday and Wednesday. This is a dystopian love story set in a world divided into two classes of people – Noughts (white folk) and Crosses (black folk).

In this world, Crosses are the ruling majority. Callum, the Nought son of an activist, and Persephone, the Cross daughter of the Deputy Prime Minister, are the centre of this love story.

Echoing *Romeo and Juliet*, this story sets forth challenges for them and their families as an avalanche of unfortunate events spark a political crisis of unimaginable proportions.

Please note that this play is not suitable for young children – the Drama Department is

only inviting Year 11s or older.

There will be no door sales so book a ticket by visiting the Performing Arts Offices or emailing the HOD Drama at chughes@mags.school.nz



17th & 18th May
6pm start
Dance & Drama rooms (E9/E10)

MAGS Staff & Students - \$5
Adults - \$10

Presented by
Level 2 Drama
Arranged by Play Bureau

Book a ticket by visiting the Performing Arts offices or by emailing HOD Drama at chughes@mags.school.nz

All tickets must be booked in advance - no door sales.

**noughts
&
crosses**

original novel by
Malorie Blackman
adaptation by
Dominic Cooke



Get your Centenary apparel now!



MAGS Official Centenary apparel is now available to order, with more Centenary merchandise to be added over the coming months.

Available now are stylish hoodies, rugby jerseys, basketball singlets, caps, beanies, ties, scarves and face masks – all in MAGS colours and most of them boasting the Centenary logo.

You can order MAGS Centenary apparel [here](#)



Albertian Artists in the Frame



5 - 7 August 2022

Centenary Art Show

Mount Albert Grammar School



Tara Falconer

MAGS alumna Tara Falconer is making her way in the digital design world. A student at MAGS from 2015 to 2019, she is now studying communication design at AUT and will graduate this year with a Bachelor of Design. With an eye to the challenges of the future, her degree has included sustainability studies, motivating Tara to focus on how to use design for positive change.

Tara currently works part-time as a graphic designer at MEA Mobile (a mobile app and website specialist) after completing an internship with the company over the summer. She was able to work on real-world projects such as billboards, branding design, social media, animation and more and is looking forward to many other exciting opportunities and prospects as her career develops. After she graduates, Tara hopes to progress to full-time work in her current graphic design role and would also like to travel and spend time living overseas.

This year, Tara is coming full circle by lending her design skills to the MAGS Art Show as its graphic designer. It is a special moment for her to be returning as a design artist, in MAGS' centenary year, to the place where her interest in design first started.

Our Peer Mediator role models



Peer mediators Mandy Zhang, Jude Sheehan, Rishita Bharani and Aditya Singh spent yesterday filming a training video for the Peace Foundation. Rishita reports: "We had a lovely filming crew from Wellington called Core Education, who filmed us doing a mediation role play in the counselling offices. The film created will be used nationally and internationally to promote mediation and how the process works. This puts MAGS on the map as a school leading the charge with Peer Mediation practices!

It was such an amazing experience and learning curve for us; we are all filled with gratitude to work with The Peace Foundation and the MAGS Counselling team and are so stoked to see the finished film.

Mediation is a process which helps resolve internal and external conflict through communication and closure, which are key to positive relationships.

The peer mediation process has taught me how to be a good listener while being presently empathetic and understanding towards resolving any conflict."



Albertian wins fiction prize

Rebecca K Reilly (pictured) won the Hubert Church prize for best first book of fiction for *Greta & Valdin* at the Ockham New Zealand Book Awards on Wednesday night.

She was also one of the four finalists for the overall fiction award.

Greta & Valdin is set in Auckland and focuses on the complex relationships in a Russian-Maori-Catalonian family.

At MAGS (2005-2009), Rebecca was a top Drama student and a key member of the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare and Theatresports teams.

You can read a review of her book [here](#) and a NZ Herald interview with Rebecca [here](#)



100 Years Ago ... and today



Back in 1922 there were seven Prefects in total in MAGS' first year, and a roll of 291 boys. These days our roll is around 3100 (girls and boys) and we have eight students in our Prefect Executive alone, with a total of 57 Prefects.

You can see more images like the one above on our website's [Historical Images](#) section, compiled and annotated by our Archivist Mr Murphy.



The Prefect Exec ÷ 2022



Standing, L.C.A. COWLEY, M.K. CHIGURUKOTA, I.B. NIN, B.L. SKELTON.
Seated, E.J. WADSWORTH, W.M.K. DONALD (Head Prefect), L.P. TAYLOR (Head Prefect), G.R. KASUGANTI.

Huge Moth Plant eradication effort



The Sandringham Moth Plant Competition 2022 was a huge success, with 19,561 moth plant pods and small vines being removed from the Auckland community.

Moth Plants are a pest species that suffocate desirable plants and kill monarch butterflies.

The competition was funded by Sandringham Project in Community Empowerment (SPICE), organised by Joanne Harland and co-organised with Mount Albert Grammar School Environment Group leaders Greeshma Kasuganti and Eva Wadsworth (all three pictured above).

In the High School category, 1st prize worth \$500 was awarded to "NMM" Maren, Momoka and Nicola, with a total of 3027 pods, from Marist College.

From Mount Albert Grammar School, team "Clippy the Paper Clip" placed second with a total of 2518 pods! Incredibly impressive work by Year 9 boys Bennet Cullen and Matthias Hendry (pictured right), which won them a prize of \$300.

The thickest vine prize, valued at \$100, was awarded to team "Haricots Éblouissants" – MAGS Year 13 students Alex Barker, Aleisha Roulston, Paris Campbell and Greeshma Kasuganti.

In total, MAGS students removed 6838 moth pods and seedlings over the competition



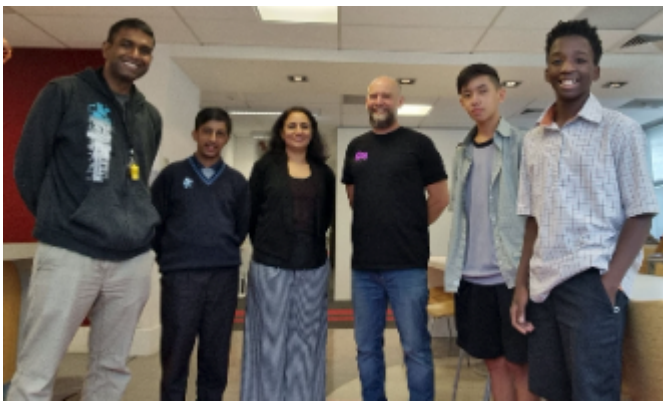
period of only two months.

Greeshma said, "The incredible efforts of the Sandringham community are appreciated, and especially the hard work of our Mount Albert Grammar school students in battling the Moth Plant pest species, and contributing to the preservation of the local environment!"

Visit to CodeHQ

On Monday, Ms Bharani and Year 12 student Jaiden Patel visited CodeHQ – a NZ business specialising in creating custom software, located in Auckland's CBD.

Here's Jaiden's report: "There we met with students from Ormiston Junior College and were welcomed by Mike Hibbert, CodeHQ's Chief Technical Officer.



Throughout the day, Mike explained the process of creating and implementing software. To do this, he used computer games as an example of how different elements such as User Experience, Databases, Development Operations and Data Privacy and Security come together to make a finished product.

Mike also explained the different project management methodologies such as Agile and Waterfall, which are used to manage development projects in sprints.

Following a Q&A session, we discussed industry-related careers, qualification requirements and what future employers might look for when hiring candidates.

We are grateful for Mike Hibbert and his team letting us experience 'a day in the life of a software engineer'. They greeted and hosted us so well amidst their movement to a new location.

Overall, the visit was a great insight into the software development side of the IT industry, and I would like to thank Ms Bharani, my Digital Tech teacher and MAGS for this wonderful opportunity, as well as CodeHQ for this valuable learning experience."

Sports Update

Centenary Sport Week



It's been a big week of sport already, and there's a lot more to come tomorrow!

On Monday, our Rugby Girls 1st XV held off a strong challenge from One Tree Hill College to win 27-22.

On Wednesday, our Rugby League 1st XIII played Kelston Boys, and held the halftime lead but KBHS came back to win 16-14.

The same day, the Football Girls 1st XI rallied from 0-2 down to draw 2-2 against EGGs. Playing away, the Hockey Boys 1st XI had a 4-0 win over Auckland Grammar.

Yesterday, the Lacrosse Girls Premiers had a big win over EGGs, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI drew with St Cuthbert's.



Upcoming Premier Sport



Today, our Badminton Premier Open play Auckland Grammar at 5pm at Auckland Badminton.

Our Premier Basketball teams are at home tonight, with the Girls on court v Epsom Girls at 6pm, and the Boys v Auckland Grammar at 7.30pm.

Tomorrow, our Super Saturday sees the Football Boys 1st XI face Auckland Grammar at 12.00pm, the Netball Premiers take on EGGS at 1.30pm, and the Rugby Boys 1st XV play Auckland Grammar at 12.30pm.

On Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI play Diocesan at Dilworth at 4pm, the same time

that the Rugby league 1st XIII kick off against De La Salle College at Walter Massey Park.
On Thursday, the Lacrosse Premier Girls are away to Diocesan at 4pm.
Draws for Hockey Boys and Girls 1st XIs had yet to be released.
For more fixtures and results, click [here](#)

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