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## From the Headmaster

## Key Dates



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### Monday, May 22

Year 11 Exams Begin

### Thursday, May 25

Year 11 Rostered Home

### Tuesday, May 30

Year 13 Rostered Home

### Wednesday, May 31 &

### Thursday, June 1

Level 3 Drama Production:

Pride and Prejudice

6.30pm, PA02

### Thursday, June 1

Year 12 Rostered Home

## Pink Shirt Day



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

*"You never really understand a person until you consider things from their point of view ... Until you climb into their skin and walk around in it!"*

– Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Today's Pink Shirt Day was a culmination of a week of promotion from our Student Health Committee as they shared anti-bullying messages across the school community.

Themes focussing on empathy and integrity have been promoted as a way of protecting a school culture to which everyone can belong regardless of ethnicity, religion or gender/sexual identity.

We all need to be proactive in this area. Being an *upstander* as

## Sport

### Photo Essays



Rugby Girls 1st XV v

opposed to a bystander can ensure bullying behaviours don't get traction among students. The willingness to rise up above the crowd and 'do the right thing' takes courage. But in doing so you will lift up others as well!

Our senior students will always carry the greatest influence on our MAGS culture and their leadership this year has been outstanding.

Thank you for making our school a safe place to learn.

A reminder to all Year 11s to use the weekend wisely in preparation for examinations commencing on Monday morning.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

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Rugby Boys 1st XV v  
Tangaroa College  
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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.**

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## Celebrating Pink Shirt Day



Our Health Committee members (pictured above with staff) were out this morning on Pink Shirt Day, handing out stickers and pink ribbons, and spreading the word about working



together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting

kindness and inclusiveness.

MAGS staff, including the Science Department (pictured right) and the Health and PE Department (pictured below) supported that message by wearing pink for the day.

Pink Shirt Day is about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion or cultural background. Pink Shirt Day is funded by donations. By donating to Pink Shirt Day, you're supporting the Mental Health Foundation to reduce bullying through raising

awareness about bullying prevention, funding education workshops and supplying thousands of free resources that promote inclusive workplaces, schools and communities.

You can donate to Pink Shirt Day [here](#)



## Book Drive helps flooded school



Hukarere Girls' College, located in Esk Valley in the Hawkes Bay, was ravaged by floodwaters following Cyclone Gabrielle. They lost everything. The students and staff had to move to Pukemokimoki Marae in Napier in order to continue their schooling.

Mandy Jarden from Hukarere put a call out on the NZ English Teachers email chain for books and resources to replenish their destroyed stocks. The English teachers of MAGS decided to do a book drive, in an effort to donate books – that may be sitting and gathering dust – to a school in dire need. Spearheaded by English teachers Andrea Reive, Lerena Glucina and Jessica Papesch, and English Prefect Lucia Jack, The English Club organised the collection and sorting of what ended up being about 4000 books (with the finally tally still to be determined).



Miss Papesch said, "This was a mammoth effort by students and staff, with junior form classes 09CHP, 09HBN, 10DUN and 10GRS topping their respective year level groups in donations and earning themselves Interform Points. 12FRA/THN took out the prize for most amount of books collected by a senior form class and enjoyed a donut morning tea as their prize.

"Lucia also organised a fundraising donut sale, the profits from which will go towards purchasing stationery supplies for the students of Hukarere Girls' College.

"The books are currently in the process of being sorted and boxed up and will be shipped down to Napier with all shipping kindly organised and costs covered by Adam Lambdin from local freight forwarding company Hemisphere Freight Services Ltd."

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## Students face ethical dilemmas



Five students took part in the Ethics Olympiad on Wednesday, fielding complex questions as a team via Zoom.

While they didn't place in the top three (the only rankings published), History/Social Studies teacher Mr Halliburton said, "Our plucky part-timers won praise from various judges for their insightful perspectives. Belle Horan (Captain), a three-year veteran of this competition, led the team with aplomb. An enjoyable day all round was summed up by our self-appointed Rookie of The Year: Year 13 Harris Clow, who described the event as, "Engaging [and] stimulating discussions on various ethical case studies."

The other team members were Chloe Targett – Year 13, third and final year as a competitor, Jonathon Yu – Year 12, four-year veteran, and sole survivor of the original MAGS Team Red from 2020, and Ryan Antia – Year 12, second year as a competitor. The eight case studies that the team had practised throughout terms 1 and 2 included topics such as Death Taxes, Anger in Politics, and National Service, amongst other evocative ethical dilemmas.

Mr Halliburton added, "The 2023 edition was the fourth time that Mount Albert Grammar has competed in this national event at the senior level. We intend to march on, through hardship to glory, to compete again in 2024."

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## Top reviews for a top show

Join us for the MAGS Art Show Gala Night, an event not to be missed! If you haven't attended before, let this year be the year you do.

This year's event marks the Art Show's 10th anniversary and the Gala Night promises to be a fun night of art, food, wine and great conversations. For more information, check out our [Reviews Page](#) to read feedback from attendees and artists alike.

Tickets for the Gala Night will be available next month.

**"Very professionally run, great exhibition space, food & wine were superb. Good all round night out or day out."**

C Cornwall

**"A fabulous event, that I have attended since it's inception that never disappoints."**

J Flatt

**"A winter highlight - so much talent and joy in one room! Delicious food at the gala too!"**

S King



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**Updated Arts Calendar for Term 2**

| WEEK             | DATE (S)                                      | EVENT                                                 | WHERE                     | TIME                                                |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 6                | 31 <sup>st</sup> May,<br>1 <sup>st</sup> June | LEVEL 3 DRAMA<br>PRODUCTION<br>Pride and<br>Prejudice | PA02                      | 6.30pm                                              |
| 7                | 8 <sup>th</sup> June                          | VISUAL ARTS<br>BOARD<br>SHOW/MARKET<br>EVENING        | E Block and<br>Quad       | 4pm till 6.30pm                                     |
| 7                | 8 <sup>th</sup> June                          | CHAMBER MUSIC<br>COMP                                 | TBC                       | MAGS<br>Performance times<br>TBC                    |
| 8                | 13 <sup>th</sup> and<br>14 <sup>th</sup> June | YOUDANCE<br>YOUTH DANCE<br>FESTIVAL                   | RFAC EGGS                 | MAGS<br>Performance<br>14 <sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm |
| 8                | 15 June                                       | Contemporary<br>Music nights                          | E9 and E10                | Time TBC                                            |
| 9                | Weds 21st June                                | THE BIG SING<br>Centennial choir                      | Auckland Town<br>Hall     | 1.30 pm session<br>and Gala concert<br>7.30pm       |
|                  | Thursday<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> June             | THE BIG SING<br>Gloriana Choir                        | Auckland Town<br>Hall     | 8.30 am session<br>and Gala concert<br>7.30pm       |
| 10               | 27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup><br>June | DANCE CONCERT                                         | RFAC EGGS                 | 7.30 pm                                             |
| 10               | 29 <sup>th</sup> June                         | CLASSICAL MUSIC<br>CONCERT                            | RFAC EGGS                 | 7pm                                                 |
| JULY<br>HOLIDAYS | 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY                          | BLUEPRINT<br>SCHOOLS HIP HOP<br>COMP                  | Due Drop<br>Events Centre | MAGS<br>Performance times<br>TBC                    |

## Year 11 Exams next week

Year 11 (Level 1) exams begin next week – Monday, 22nd May and run to Friday, 26th May. Students should read the exam timetable and instructions carefully. They can be downloaded [here](#)

Students have also received a copy of this timetable via their Google Classrooms and through their Mentors.

These exams are extremely important and may be used as a Derived Grade for a Final Exam if required. The feedback from these exams will also help students to help identify the next steps required to improve these results prior to the final exams.

Students are on exam leave during this time and normal lessons resume on Monday, 29th May. Year 11s must only attend school to sit an examination or, with the permission of a staff member, for tutorial or study purposes. At all other times they must be at home studying.

Students are not permitted to be at St Lukes Mall during the school day or at the mall in school uniform.

All students need to check the timing of their exams carefully as they vary from normal lesson times and there are different exam times for Thursday, 25th May in the morning. It is very important that students arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the start time of the

exam to ensure they are seated and ready to start for the beginning of the exam.

Correct uniform must be worn to exams. Students will not be admitted to an examination in incorrect uniform.

Year 11 students taking Level 2 or Level 3 subjects may be able to attend these classes within their study and exam commitments.

However, Level 1 exams take precedence and teachers are aware that they are on official exam leave.



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Buy yourself some gourmet sausages and support MAGS! The new Strength and Conditioning Facility at MAGS (next to the GL Weir Indoor Sports Centre, and pictured below) is nearly complete and we are now fundraising for the equipment. In support of MAGS, Neat Meat is offering a great deal at this [link](#)





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## Proud parents pose with prefects



After the Leadership Assembly in 2007, when prefects were presented with their badges, Head Girl Anna Poulgrain and Head Boy Malcolm Richardson were photographed with their proud parents.

These photos are part of Set 88, recently added to our website's Historical Images [here](#)

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## Sports Update

### Striding out in Cross Country



On Tuesday, 27 students competed at the North/West Zone Cross Country event at Moire Park in Massey.

After some rain in the days leading up to the event, the sunshine came out in a timely manner. The rain did create a damp course that got muddier with each race.

MAGS students had a strong showing with two students winning their age categories.

Nina Chalmers (Year 11) won the Intermediate Girls race in style by 25 seconds with a time of 14:47 on the 4km course.

Theo Bray (Year 11) made it a clean sweep in the Intermediate age category, winning the boys section in a close finish. Theo finished strong in the last 100m to win by two and half seconds over the 5km race.

Other top 10 finishes came from Peggy Taylor – 8th – and Olivia Appleton – 9th – in the Junior Girls category. Eva Yarrow finished 9th in the Intermediate Girls category.

MAGS also had success in the cumulative team competitions in the 3- and 6-person categories. They are as follows:

Junior Girls 3-person team (Peggy Taylor, Olivia Appleton, Hazel Helmore): 2nd

Junior Boys 3-person team (Conrad Priest, Heath Longbottom, Whetu-Kura Nikau-Gibbons): 3rd

Intermediate Girls 3-person team (Nina Chalmers, Eva Yarrow, Jessica Loxton): 1st

Intermediate Boys 3-person team (Theo Bray, Oliver Mayers, Ben Hori-Elliot): 2nd

Junior Girls 6-person team (Peggy Taylor, Olivia Appleton, Hazel Helmore, Ailsa Taylor, Tessa Fletcher, Elizabeth Rennell): 1st

Intermediate Boys 6-person team: (Theo Bray, Oliver Mayers, Ben Hori-Elliot, Blake Climo, Henry Hills, Ty Gonzales): 2nd



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## Hockey Boys' scoring spree



Our Hockey Boys 1st XI amassed what could be a record score for the team, defeating Rosehill College 17-0 at Pukekohe last week.

As coach Mr Dempster reports, "We were scheduled to play at 5.30pm. As we drove out there we got a call from College Sport to say the game was now kicking off at 6.30pm. "With two hours to kill, the boys played small-sided games on the mini turfs they have set up there. Rather than being overtired, this had the team raring to go, with MAGS racing to a 10-0 first half lead.

"Jamie Wheeler and Sanuj Sharma both scored four goals, with Tom Grant also getting a hat-trick. The score finished at 17-0 with the Rosehill goalie making a number of memorable saves to prevent the score being even higher. It was great to see our strikers in the right place finishing off the good work done in the midfield."

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## Upcoming Premier Sport



The Basketball Premier Girls and Boys are away this evening at Westlake Boys with the former playing Westlake Girls at 6pm and the latter Westlake Boys at 7.30pm. The Football Boys 1st XI are also playing this evening – at 7pm at Crum Park Turf against St Kentigern. Tomorrow, the Netball Premiers play Auckland Girls Grammar at 9.30am at Auckland Netball Centre, and the Rugby Boys 1st XV have their first home game of the season – against King's College at 2.30pm. Albertians are invited to a de-brief after the game at Albert's Post at 4.15pm.

On Tuesday, the Lacrosse Premier Girls play Marist College at MAGS at 4pm.

On Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI play at home against St Cuthbert's at 4pm.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Premier Girls have another game – this one away to St Cuthbert's at 4pm, and details of the Hockey Girls 1st XI's game on this day have yet to be confirmed.

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

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