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From the Headmaster

Key Dates

Always Looking to Be Better



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

The Education Review Office is visiting MAGS this term for the first time since 2018.

ERO has shifted their model to a more developmental approach to evaluation and now works with schools over a period of time rather than a one-off review event.

Louise Malins joins us as our dedicated Evaluation Partner and will be working alongside the school as we strive for equitable and excellent outcomes for all students. A special focus will be policies and procedures relating to our International Student Programme and our School Hostels (School House and Centennial House). There will also be an opportunity for other stakeholders to feed into the review.

The process will culminate with the publication of a Profile Report focussing on our strategic goals and our journey to achieve these.

A key characteristic of MAGS, and the people within, is a desire to continually get better at what we are doing. Our staff bring with them a core belief that every young person can improve their learning every day. When our students also buy into this 'growth mindset' then there are no limits to what can be achieved!

The school welcomes the opportunity to work with The Education Review Office in the time ahead.

It promises to be a process of affirming what we do well and identifying where we can get better.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Monday, May 8
Rotuman Language Week Begins

Tuesday, May 9
Year 12 Rostered Home

Thursday, May 11
Auckland Region Teachers' Strike
Year 9s only to attend school

Thursday, May 18
Lumino Dental arrives on site, and is at MAGS until June 30

Friday, May 19
Pink Shirt Day

Sport

Photo Essay



Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Hockey Girls 1st XI v
Baradene College
Click [here](#)

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



Centenary Eight christening



MAGSROW Steering Committee member Roger McGarry watches on as MAGS Foundation member John Liddell christens the Centenary Eight.

MAGSROW christened its newest rowing boat, the 'Centenary Eight', last weekend and acknowledged the generous donors who made it possible.

Fifty years ago, donors helped fund the 'Jubilee Eight' for the MAGSROW squad, and MAGSROW steering committee member Roger McGarry says he was inspired to see if he could generate support for another eight to coincide with the school's centenary

celebrations last year.

“Now that MAGS is a co-ed school with a co-ed rowing squad, it seemed fitting to focus on an eight for the girls,” says Roger. “We were really pleased by the support we received, which came from both



Albertians and their families, and the families of students who are currently in our squad.”

Donors included the family of the late Bruce Culpan, the Liddell family, Greg Moyle, the family of former and current squad coxswains Meg and Guy Pinfold, Emma Rush and the MacGillivray family, the Mitchell family, the Boersen family, the Kerry Ashby Endowment Fund and a contribution from the MAGS Foundation. Generous donations were also made by Kerry Lee, alongside David and Percy Clark, towards the cost of the oars. In recognition of their generosity, donors were presented with miniature oars mounted on wood from the Jubilee Eight (pictured above).

The Centenary Eight boat has been purchased specifically for the girls programme and is tailored to the girls’ sizes with state of the art carbon fibre construction and fitted out with the latest in rowing technology.

This boat (pictured in action below) has already proven to be very successful, helping the senior girls crew to earn a bronze medal at the North Island Secondary School Regatta and make the A final of the Girls U17 Coxed Eight at the Maadi Cup.

Director of Rowing James O’Sullivan said, “The ability to invest in great boats, like the Centenary Eight, and to run a great programme that allows our students to reach their potential is really only possible with the incredible generosity of supportive donors and volunteers.”

MAGSRROW self-funds all of its rowing equipment and relies on sponsorship, volunteers and assistance in a wide range of areas to strengthen its programme.

If you, or your business, can support MAGSRROW in any way, please do not hesitate to get in contact with our Director of Rowing, James O’Sullivan, james.osullivan@mags.school.nz or 029 1247 659.



A brief history of rowing at MAGS



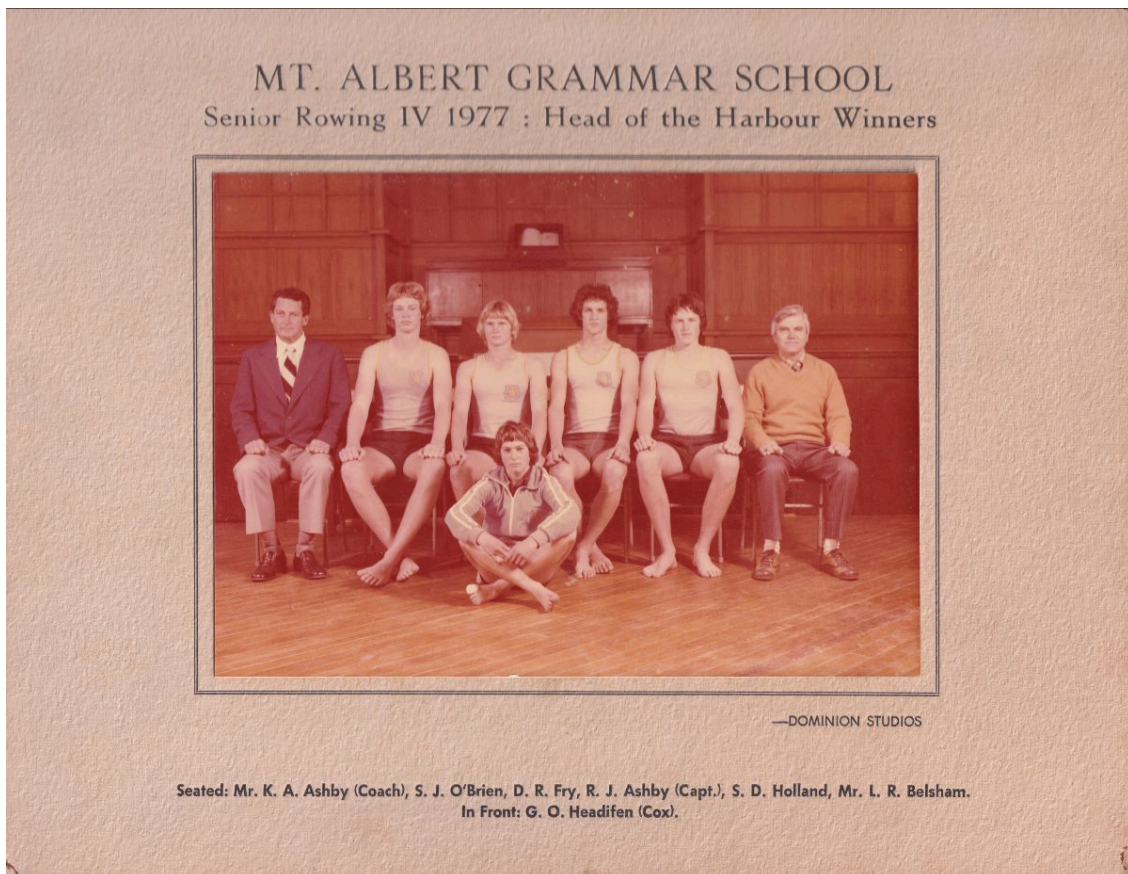
In 1936 Mount Albert Grammar School and Sacred Heart College became the first schools in New Zealand to offer rowing as a sport for their students. MAGS developed close ties with the West End Rowing Club; ties that have continued to this day.

Our Assistant Archivist Mr Cave says, "Inter-school competitions seem to have started in 1938, and for many years Mount Albert was at the forefront of rowing in New Zealand. MAGS was also the inaugural winner of the prestigious Maadi Cup in 1947, and has won it eight times, with the bulk of those titles coming in the 1950s.

Mr Cave adds, "In 1984 Shane O'Brien (student from 1974 to 1978) was a member of the New Zealand team which won the Olympic gold medal in the coxless four. Two years later at the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games he won a silver medal in the coxless four and a bronze in the eights."

Rowing at MAGS went into a hiatus in the mid-1980s but returned under Headmaster Dale Burden (pictured above in 2011 christening a boat) when the 2011 Albertian reported: "Mount Albert Grammar School Rowing has now completed its first full season since the 1980s".

Pictured below, the 1977 Senior Rowing Four, featuring Shane O'Brien.



Mathematicians taking on the world



During the last week of Term 1, four of our students took part in the International Maths Modelling Challenge – and their solution has been judged as one of the top two entries from New Zealand.

That means that Year 13 student Anatol Coen, Year 12s Jacob Miller and Ryan Shen, and Year 11 Victor Coen will now move forward to be judged internationally against the best entries submitted from across the world.

The problem they worked on for five days straight was to come up with mathematical models to determine the best use for a specific plot of land in the vicinity of New York that factored in variables such as “geography, climate, business options, community needs and local culture”.

International judging should take place next month.

Earthquake fundraiser a success

Interact’s Term 1 fundraiser for those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria was a great success.

Students promoted the cause in assemblies, went around form classes and held a bake sale in Week 9.

TIC Miss Barlow said, "It was the most baking I think we’ve received while I’ve been TIC of Interact and we were selling right up to the bell. Overall, we raised \$1454 to be donated to the Red Cross, who are on the ground helping those in need."

Gloriana members host choir



On Sunday, our girls choir Gloriana supported the launch of a new branch of All Together Now's community choir network.

Three of our choristers were on hand to act as hosts on behalf of MAGS and sing in with the 70-person choir at their rehearsal.

Pictured above are Gloriana members Quinn Bell-Purchas, Anouk Blackburn and Charlotte Pullen along with Music Directors Kate Bell and Steven Rapana.

Rich experience at Youth Program



Interact member Ryan Antia attended the RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) Youth Camp last term, sponsored by the local Rotary Club that Interact is affiliated to – Westhaven Rotary. The group of around 50 participated in team-building exercises and took advantage of many opportunities to practise leadership. After the camp, Ryan was the guest speaker at the next club meeting, and thanked the club for sponsoring him. He highly recommends the RYPEN for anyone looking for an opportunity to learn and to grow as an individual and said, "I can confidently say it was one of the best experiences of my life."

World Vision Youth Conference

Eleven Year 13 leaders attended the World Vision Youth Conference on Tuesday at Due Drop Events Centre.

The conference focused on educating students on the issues affecting our world, teaching them about leadership and equipping them to make a difference.

Students were lucky enough to hear from inspirational young speakers Aigagalefili Fepulea'i Tapua'i and Vira Paky.

While they were there, they saw 2022 Year 13 Rishita Bharani who is now enjoying her role as Advocacy Ambassador for World Vision.

TIC Miss Barlow said, "The leaders now feel inspired to run the 40 Hour Challenge at MAGS, which will be held at the end of June.

"The students who attended were Interact leaders Leilani Kaho, Mehak Sehgal and Shayyan Ali; Prefect Executive members Olivia Bennett, Tairahia Moataane-Mika, Hannah Moy, Bella Houghton, Kaloni Tovo, Nikau Hopwood and Andrew Samuels; and Prefect and one of our 2022 top fundraisers Ashleigh Muir."

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.

Arts Calendar for the term

WEEK	DATE (S)	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
3	Performance dates TBC	BITS OF BROADWAY	PA02	TBC
6	30/31 May	LEVEL 3 DRAMA PRODUCTION Pride and Prejudice	PA02	TBC
6	8 June	VISUAL ARTS BOARD SHOW/MARKET DAY	E Block and Quad	4pm
7	TBC	CHAMBER MUSIC COMP	TBC	MAGS Performance times TBC
8	14 June	YOUDANCE YOUTH DANCE FESTIVAL	RFAC EGGS	7.30PM
8	15 and 16 June	Contemporary Music nights	E9 and E10	TBC
9	21 and 22 June	THE BIG SING	Auckland Town Hall	MAGS Performance times TBC
10	27 and 28 June	DANCE CONCERT	RFAC EGGS	7.30 pm
10	29 June	CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT	RFAC EGGS	7pm
July Holidays	9 July	BLUEPRINT SCHOOLS HIP HOP COMP	Due Drop Events Centre	MAGS Performance times TBC

Historical Images



This image from Set 87, which has just been loaded to the [Historical Images](#) section on our website, shows Do Young Gwak, a prefect in 2007, playing the gayageum, a 12-string traditional Korean instrument.

Sports Update

Lacrosse player represents NZ



In the April school holidays, Benji Norris (Year 13, pictured above) travelled to Perth, Western Australia, to compete in the U18 Australian Lacrosse Championship as part of the New Zealand Boys team.

As well as NZ, the championship consisted of the top male and female players representing Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria.

The New Zealand Boys were a younger team than last year and had two Albertians in Sam Nash and Liam Baber.

Their playing went from strength to strength, with results improving considerably over the week. Their first game saw a 15-3 loss, but the play-off for third/fourth on the final day was much closer, losing 7- 6 in the last 20 seconds to South Australia.

Unfortunately, COVID has disrupted the Auckland School Boys Lacrosse competition, which has has paused, but keep an eye on notices in case the competition restarts.

Upcoming Premier Sport



The Basketball Premier Girls and Boys get their seasons underway this evening at home with the former playing Baradene at 6pm and the latter Sacred Heart at 7.30pm. The Football Boys 1st XI are also playing this evening – at 6pm at North Harbour against Rosmini College.

Tomorrow, the Netball Premiers play St Kentigern College at 11.30am at the Auckland Netball Centre, and the Rugby Boys 1st XV play their first game of the 1A season away to Dilworth College at 2.30pm.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV might have a pre-season game vs Epsom Girls, with details to be confirmed.

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 take on Auckland Grammar at MAGS at 3pm; the Football Girls 1st XI are at home to Baradene at 4pm, another tough game after drawing 2-2 at top-rated EGGs this week; the Rugby League 1st XIII have a pre-season game against Otahuhu College at the Marist Rugby League Club at 4pm; and the Hockey Boys 1st XI play Ormiston, with details to be confirmed.

On Thursday, the Lacrosse Premier Girls have another grading game – this one against Diocesan at MAGS at 4pm, and the Hockey Girls 1st XI play Baradene 2nd XI, with details to be confirmed.

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

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