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

Service, loyalty, master teacher...just some of the words that generations of MAGS students and staff associate with the name 'Gibbs'!

Last night, MAGS Alumni, colleagues and friends gathered in the FW Gamble Hall to honour our own Warwick Gibbs for his 50 years of unbroken service to MAGS.

The event organised by the Albertians Association saw Warwick recognised as the 2021 Albertian of the Year – only the second non-alumnus to receive the award in the 100-year history of the school (Warwick attended Auckland Grammar as a student).

It was fitting to be celebrating Warwick in a setting surrounded by our honours boards. So many of those students, with their names recorded in gold, can credit their success to the influence and expertise of Warwick Gibbs.

Not just an outstanding teacher, Warwick has added strength across all of the MAGS pillars with his work in coaching sport and his magnificent musicianship, which continues to fill the FW Gamble Hall on a daily basis.

In the present day, when long service is a rare commodity and undervalued, we salute our own MAGS taonga, who has helped to guide our community for over five decades!

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Saturday, May 14

Centenary Sports Day (see details below)

Wednesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 19

Level 2 Drama Production
Noughts and Crosses,
6pm, E9 & E10

Friday, May 20

Pink Shirt Day

Monday, May 23

Lumino Dental arrives at MAGS

Thursday, June 9

Board Show and Market
Evening, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Greg
Taylor Building (formerly E
Block)



[Sport](#)

Take a bow – Warwick Gibbs!

Ad Multos Annos

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



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Albertian of the Year 2021: Warwick Gibbs



Mr Gibbs is presented with the Albertian of the Year plate by Albertians Association President Lisa Oakden.

Last night, our Academic Dean Mr Gibbs was honoured as Albertian of the Year 2021 for his 50 years of outstanding service to MAGS across its Four Pillars. At a ceremony hosted by the Albertians Association in the FW Gamble Hall, tributes flowed for Mr Gibbs, who has taught fulltime for all those 50 years as well as making an immense contribution in all areas of school life.

Mr Gibbs' long-time colleague Mr Cave had the tough task of summarising Mr Gibbs' achievements and contributions over that time.

He spoke of Mr Gibbs' huge influence across Academia, Arts, Service and Sport.

Mr Gibbs, who began as an English and Junior French teacher in 1972, has been a driving force in the Languages Department – establishing German for Juniors as well as overseeing the introduction of Te Reo, Chinese and Japanese in his 30 years as HOD

Languages.

In the sporting realm, Mr Gibbs has coached or managed cricket, rugby and golf over the years.

He has been the school pianist ("the piano man" as at least one student knew him) since the 70s, playing at assemblies and supporting musical productions.

Mr Cave said, "For as long as I have known him, Warwick has been prepared to give his own

time to his students, and to the students of others as well. He is still often found before and after school, giving extra lessons to students to improve their grades and to help students who started German late to catch up."

In his speech, Mr Gibbs said it was the relationships he had built with his students that had kept him in the classroom at MAGS for 50 years. He had no desire to chase promotion, and didn't even have a CV.

His philosophy about teaching was summed up when he won a 2018 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award: "Time with the young is never wasted. In a world where adults (including teachers) are so busy with their jobs and paperwork, one-on-one communication across the generations is reducing.

"I spend every interval and lunch with the students. At least the students take some time off and they are ever ready for discussion. My office is full of students wanting to share new things, discuss current affairs or talk about history, sport or anything they fancy. It becomes a place where they are out of the elements and also safe. You realise what it means when they and/or their parents write to you to say how much they appreciate it."

Fittingly, Mr Gibbs rounded out the evening by playing piano accompaniment as guests sang the School Hymn.

You can see more photos from the event [here](#)



Join us for Centenary Sports Week



Join us next week at MAGS in your MAGS colours and celebrate 100 years of MAGS Sport.

From Monday to Saturday (May 9-14) there will be home games across various codes, with Premier, Senior and Junior teams taking part, culminating in a Super Saturday with food trucks and a sausage sizzle.

Games start at 9am on the Saturday, and the FW Gamble Hall will also be open (10am-2pm) on the day.

One of the highlights of the day will be at 2.30pm when the Rugby Boys 1st XV defend the Jubilee Cup against Auckland Grammar, which will also be live-streamed [here](#)

CENTENARY SPORTS WEEK

MONDAY 9 MAY
Girls 1st XV Rugby v OTH 4pm

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY
Girls 1st XI Football v EGGGS 4pm
Boys 1st XIII League v KBHS 4pm
Boys 1st XI Hockey v AGS @AGS 4:30pm

THURSDAY 12 MAY
Girls 1st XI Hockey v St Cuths @AGS 5:30pm
Girls Premier Lacrosse v EGGGS 4pm

FRIDAY 13 MAY
Girls Prem BBall v EGGGS 6pm
Boys Prem BBall v AGS 7:30pm

SATURDAY 14 MAY
Saturday Boys 1st XI Football v AGS 12pm
Saturday Girls Premier Netball v EGGGS 1:30pm
Saturday Boys 1st XV v AGS 2:30pm

COME SUPPORT OUR TEAMS!

Celebrating 100 years of MAGS Sporting Tradition!

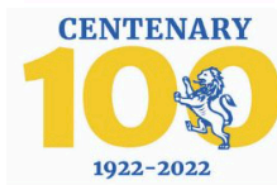
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CENTENARY 100 1923-2023



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](#)



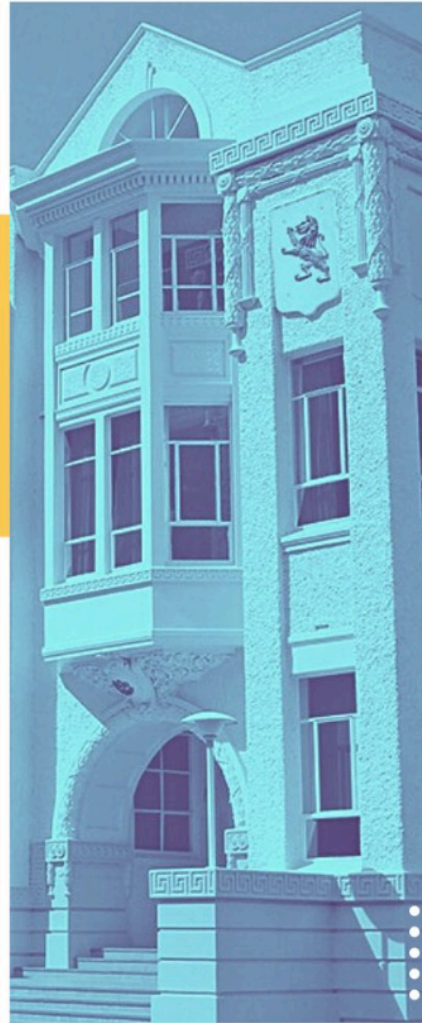
Ticketed Centenary Events

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>



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.

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



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



Billy Apple

Born Barrie Bates, Billy Apple (1935 – 2021) attended MAGS from 1949-51. He worked in design and advertising before leaving for London in 1959 to study at the Royal College of Art.

Bates became Apple in 1962. Bleaching his hair and eyebrows to fashion an artistic identity and look, he introduced Billy Apple to the world in his first London solo show, then relocated to New York in 1964. A friend of David Hockney and Ridley Scott and one of Andy Warhol's collaborators, Apple was part of the pop art vanguard of the 1960s and the 1970s conceptual art movement. By the mid-1970s, he was a big enough name to be exhibited at both London's Serpentine and on two New Zealand exhibition tours. In the 1980s, his work explored the commercial side of art, culminating in a \$85,000 solid gold apple created for high-flyer Ray Smith at the height of the stock market boom.

Returning to Auckland in 1990, Billy Apple was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2005. Later projects included participating in Dr Craig Hilton's The Immortalisation of Billy Apple® (2010 - creating a replicating cell line now held in Auckland and Virginia) and The Analysis of Billy Apple's Genome (2014 - sequencing and digitizing his genome) and a horticulture project to create a Billy Apple®... apple.

A major retrospective was held in 2015 which coincided with the launch of Billy Apple Ciders. He was named as an Icon by the Arts Foundation of New Zealand in 2018, an honour accorded to only 20 living New Zealanders.

Invited back to MAGS by Board of Trustees Chair Greg Moyle in 2019, Billy created an artwork for the School Collection which uses the school colours of his time here.

Ninety Eight Years Ago Today

FIRST XI., 1924.



BACK ROW—R. T. Gilmore, R. Broberg, R. G. Bush, H. Barnes.
MIDDLE ROW—L. E. Vivian, G. L. Weir, A. F. Wilson, M. Clark, C. P. C. Shea.
FRONT ROW—P. G. Monk, V. C. Butler (Capt.), E. S. Howell.

G. Jasper, Birkenhead, Photo.

There were notable people in this 1924 Cricket 1st XI. Weir was Head Prefect in 1926 and Captain of both Cricket and Rugby in that year. Bush was Head Prefect in 1927 and was also Captain of both Cricket and Rugby as well as Tennis Champion.

In later life, Barnes became a trade unionist with a national profile, and links with the ILO.

Bush and Butler represented New Zealand at Rugby, and Weir represented New Zealand at Cricket. Bush, Butler and Weir served in conflict zones as mid-ranked officers during World War II.

Bush was taken prisoner of war. Weir became HOD English here, then Deputy Headmaster and Acting Headmaster. Butler returned to teach here and became inaugural Headmaster at Mount Roskill Grammar School.

You can see more images like this one (featured in Set 74) on our website's [Historical Images](#) section, compiled and annotated by our Archivist Mr Murphy.



Visual Art students' winning logos

Congratulations to Zoe Whaley for winning the Mount Albert Bowling Club 125 Year Logo Design Competition.

The club says it was the beautiful simplicity of Zoe's entry (pictured) that secured her the top spot.



The judges loved the design's "excellent versatility, and the colour application gives it just enough of its own personality while adhering to the MABC brand".

There were also two Highly Commended entries from MAGS, submitted by Chris Sykes and Sumaya Abrahams.

Zoe receives a \$400 voucher to spend at The French Art Shop, while Chris and Sumaya will each get a \$100 voucher, and MAGS receives a \$200 voucher.

Seamstress required

Attention sewers! The Gloriana Choir needs a seamstress to make new choir uniform (top and skirt) for the Big Sing competition in June. This is a paid job, of course.

Please email Jacqui Cesan jcesan@mags.school.nz if you can help out.

Sports Update

Rowers to represent NZ



Following their sensational double-gold success at the Maadi Cup last month, Cam MacGillivray and Nick Bryan (pictured above with Director of Rowing Alice Denyer) have

been picked to represent NZ.

They have been included in the Coxless Four at the 2022 World Rowing Under 19 Championships in Varese, Italy, to be held at the end of July.

Orienteers' top results at nationals



The Easter holidays saw a number of MAGS Orienteers head to Nelson for the National Orienteering Championships, where they recorded some exceptional results.

Sam Carryer (pictured above at centre) took out the national title for the Sprint and the Middle Championship in the Men's 16A grade. Matthew Greenwood (pictured right) took out third place in the Middle.

Molly McGowan competed in the Women's 20 Elite Grade, performing consistently in 5th, 5th and 6th across the three events.

Daniel Wood and Callum Wishart performed well in the Men's 20 Elite Grade – Daniel (11th, 8th, and 9th), Callum (13th, 14th, and 15th).

William Wood, James Milne and Ben Mitchell all had top five finishes in races.

More Waka Ama success

Congratulations to Marlin Toloa, who has been selected for the NZ Elite U19 Men's Waka Ama team that will compete at the IVF World Sprints Championships in London in August. Marlin had already qualified to represent New Zealand in the U16 Men's V1 500m sprint event in London.

MAGS should be well-represented at the event as Eternity Williams-Harris and Marnie

Toloa have also qualified in the U16 Women's category.

All three have also been picked for the world club champs, which will be held at the same event.

Donate sports shoes for Tonga



MAGS is helping out with the Blues' Best Foot Forward for Tonga campaign, which aims to collect 20,000 pairs of sports shoes for the Pacific nation.

Any sports shoes in good condition can be donated – laced together and placed in the collection bin outside the Sports Office.

For every bin that's full, the Blues will provide 50 general admission tickets to MAGS for the Blues v Reds game next Saturday (May 14).

Upcoming Premier Sport

The Winter Sport Season got underway this week, with our Hockey Boys and Girls and Football Girls 1st XIs having already played.

Our Premier Basketball sides are away to Rangitoto College tonight, with the Girls on court at 6pm, and the Boys at 7.30pm.

Tomorrow, the Football Boys 1st XI hosts Selwyn College at midday, while the Rugby Boys 1st XV hits the road for a pre-season game against Hamilton Boys High at 12.30pm.

Netball grading starts this weekend and almost all other winter sports teams start next week.



And we look forward to seeing you next week at MAGS for our Centenary Sports Week!
For more fixtures and results, click [here](#)

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