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9th-14th May 2022



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From the Headmaster

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Sweating the Small Stuff!



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

Students have returned to the new term energised after the holiday break. Congratulations in particular to our Kapa Haka and Dance students (and staff), who represented MAGS so well at Polyfest and Megaschools respectively during the holiday period.

Themes this week have focussed around building on the strong foundation laid last term.

We are now well beyond the beginning of the school year and the (hopefully uninterrupted) 10-week term ahead will be a time to consolidate learning inside the classroom while taking advantage of the many co-curricular opportunities on offer.

For each student, attention to detail and getting the small things right will be essential. Thinking about school the night before, completing homework, having all resources and equipment ready for the following day – ticking these boxes each night will allow students to hit the school day running!

And good routines in the morning (including waking up a bit earlier) can help manage that morning rush (and sometimes chaos) that is just part of family life.

Well done to the many students who arrive at school early for trainings and practices – what a fantastic way to activate the brain ahead of the school day.

The secret to success this term will be sticking to these good routines – which in time will become good habits.

It's a term for honouring commitments and getting the small things

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Tuesday, May 18

Year 11 Meet the Mentors Night, 7pm

Monday, May 24

Lumino Dental begins at MAGS and runs for six weeks

Thursday, July 8

Last day of classes for Term 2

Friday, July 9

Staff Only Administration Day
End of Term 2



[Sport](#)

Photo Essay



Hockey Boys 1st XI v
Auckland Grammar 2nd XI

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right!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Fixtures and results

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Megacrew third at Nationals



On Friday, April 23, our MAGS Megacrew came third at the Te Kaha o Te Rangatahi 'Light it Up' National School Dance Competition at Vodafone Events Centre.

HOD Dance Samantha French said, "After receiving first place in 2018 and 2019, we were thrilled to be placed in the top three once again. Our Megacrew ranges from Year 9s to Year 13s. This year we had the largest amount of Juniors who successfully made it onto the team.

"Brilliantly led by Head Boy Marcus Savelio and mentored by Albertian Moanekah Va'ai, the team did an excellent job and gave an outstanding performance on the night. They had

been training during Term 1, including late nights, weekends and early mornings – as well as every day in the first week of the holidays."

Ms French added, "Special mention must go to our talented Year 9 student Kyra-Leigh



Masina (pictured above right), who received 'Top Female Dancer' – the first time MAGS has received a special award for a stand-out dancer.”

You can see more photos of our Megacrew [here](#)

MAGS to the fore at Anzac Service



At the service, from left, are: Col. Esther Harrop, Cadets Henri Blakely and Ben Hume, and the Rt. Hon. Jacinda Ardern.

MAGS' Prefects and Cadets were to the fore at the Anzac Day Service at the Mount Albert War Memorial Hall on April 25.

Prefects paraded, sold poppies, helped set up, served Anzac cookies and cups of tea, and laid wreaths (Deputy Head Prefects Tali Afele and Maria Boow).

Air Cadet Ben Hume was Parade Commander on the day, while Air Cadet Rohan Patel (pictured) raised and lowered the flag during the service.



Cadet (and Prefect) Henri Blakeley, who spoke at MAGS' Anzac Service, was one

of the guest speakers on the day along with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Col. Esther Harrop, MNZM Logistics Commander.

Henri spoke about the loss of life during World War I, and particularly the NZ 6th Field Brigade that fought to the death in Egypt.

Col. Harrop spoke about her grandfather Andy Kronfeld, an Albertian who flew a Spitfire in

Britain during World War II. The plane was bought with money raised by Western Samoa via contributions for every crate of bananas sold.

Kapa Haka eighth at Polyfest



MAGS' Kapa Haka were first up on the Maori Stage at Polyfest on April 17 and battled terrible conditions to finish in eighth place in Division 1.

HOD Te Puna o Wairaka Ms Paul said, "Overall, the weekend went well and the kapa produced a really good performance given the circumstances (the really early wake-up time and the weather on the day – it poured down!), and stood with much ihi, wehi and wana.

"In summary, we placed eighth overall out of 14 kapa in Division 1 and had some close aggregate placings that would have seen us place third in some disciplines had it not been for one or two points.

"Looking ahead, we plan to have a debrief to go through the results and judges' comments in more detail, and to discuss how we can better prepare ourselves next year with the aim to improve our overall competitive results and campaign in general."



Tickets on sale for The Crucible

From May 17-20, Level 2 Drama is performing the first Drama production of the year – *The Crucible*.

The Arthur Miller play is a historical drama about the Salem Witch Trials of 1692-1693. Around this time, the small town of Salem, Massachusetts, hanged people convicted of being witches. The shows are at 7pm in the Dance and Drama room (E9) from Monday to Thursday, May 17 to 20.

There are two casts performing so if you're coming to see a particular student, ask them about the right night to see them.

Tickets are just \$5 for MAGS students and staff, and \$10 otherwise.

Due to the limited space, you do need to reserve a seat as there will be no door sales available on the night. Thursday is almost sold out and the tickets are going very quickly.

If you are interested in coming, please email Miss Hughes at chughes@mags.school.nz or visit the Performing Arts Offices.

THE CRUCIBLE
BY ARTHUR MILLER

17TH - 20TH MAY 7:00PM
IN THE DRAMA ROOM

MAGS STAFF AND STUDENTS: \$5
ADULTS: \$10

CASTS VARY PER EVENING
TICKETS MUST BE BOOKED
THROUGH DRAMA DEPARTMENT
NO DOOR SALES

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Sylvia Brunt earns scholarship



Rugby Girls 1st XV Captain Sylvia Brunt is the latest MAGS student to be awarded a scholarship by the Tania Dalton Foundation.



Sylvia (pictured above, 2nd from right at rear, with other scholarship recipients) played for the Blues in the first women's Super Rugby game – against the Chiefs – last weekend and scored a try.

Playing at centre, she was alongside Blues winger and Albertian Princess Elliott, who was a previous Tania Dalton scholarship winner.

A Prefect at MAGS, Sylvia is also an Athletics champion, and captains the Rugby Girls Sevens.

The Tania Dalton Foundation was created in honour of the Silver Fern netballer, who died in 2017.

The Foundation exists to inspire young women to be the best they can be through sport, by coordinating a range of programmes aimed at making a positive

and measurable impact.

The main initiative for the Foundation, launched four years ago, is the Scholarship Programme, which honours Tania Dalton's passion for supporting young women in sport.

The three-year scholarship provides financial support (\$5000 per year), pastoral support, one-on-one mentoring and personal development workshops.
The 2018 recipients are now part of the alumni, committed to supporting future recipients.

MAGS Art Show opportunity

MAGS Art Show 2021 planning is well underway and we have an exciting opportunity for a parent or friend of the school who wants to be involved in this great event.

Marketing and PR Lead

- Advise and deliver on best marketing plan for the Show, using all channels open to us.
- Seek any opportunity to gain valuable PR for the Art Show.
- Overseeing copy and writing of programme and catalogue.
- Ensure there is a cohesive feel to the marketing of the show.
- Liaise with printer to ensure effective delivery of all materials.
- Help in the wrapping up of the Art Show with Thank You Cards and other activities for our community.



Promoting renewable energy

Albertian Thomas Land returned to MAGS yesterday to present to the Environmental Group and staff about renewable energy.

Thomas (1989-1993) is responsible for business development for Ecotricity – New Zealand's only 100% carboNZero renewable energy electricity retailer. He is also on the Board of the Sustainable Business Network.

He has a background in the development of solar and wind energy, and explained the production and advantages of clean energy and the benefits of electric vehicles – and how NZ could move in that direction.



Year 11 Meet the Mentors/NCEA Evening

All Year 11 parents and guardians are invited to an evening presentation on Tuesday, May 18, 7pm-8pm, in the FW Gamble Hall.

Senior staff will present on 'Understanding NCEA' and other significant Year 11 information. There is also an opportunity to meet the Mentor (form teacher) of your child if you wish. Please note that this is not a formal sit-down parent-teacher conference; more like a short 'meet and greet' after the presentation.

Students are not required to attend and will likely already be aware of the information being presented. However, they may attend if they wish.

Information in hard copy will be handed out on the evening, along with ideas and next steps for ensuring your child has the opportunities to be successful in their first full year of NCEA.

Other relevant upcoming dates:

May 31 to June 4 – Year 11 Practice Assessments/Exams

July 28 & 29 – Year 9-13 Parent-Student-Mentor Conferences

September 14 to September 23 – Year 11-13 Prerequisite Exams

November 8 to December 2 – 2021 NCEA Exams ([timetable here](#))

Mother's Day choral concert

A promotional poster for a Mother's Day choral concert. The background is dark with a bouquet of flowers including white lilies, red roses, and pink peonies. At the top left is the logo for 'THE GRADUATE CHOIR NEW ZEALAND', which consists of a white stylized 'G' inside a circle. The text on the poster includes the title 'A Mother as lovely as you' in a white script font, the date and time 'Sunday 9th May | 5:30pm', the venue 'Good Shepherd Church Balmoral Telford Ave, Mt Eden', and the names of the performers: 'Chris Artley | piano', 'Philip Smith | organ', 'Felicity Tomkins | soprano', and 'Terence Maskell | conductor'. A red banner across the middle contains the text 'Mother's Day Concert' in white script. At the bottom right, it says 'Entry by Donation no bookings required' and provides the website 'www.graduatechoirnz.org'.

Albertians and current students will be singing as part of the Graduate Choir Mother's Day Concert this Sunday, May 9 at the Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral, starting at 5.30pm. Bring your mother along to hear this impressive choir.

Community consultation on health education

At least once every two years, Boards of Trustees are required to produce a written statement about how schools will implement Health Education under the requirements of the Education Act 1989 (Section 60B).

Boards of trustees consult with their community to:

- Inform the school community about the content of the health curriculum.
- Ascertain the wishes of the school community regarding the way in which the health curriculum should be implemented, given the views, beliefs and customs of the members of that community.

To help with community feedback, you can complete a survey [here](#)

Calling all budding musicians



Online registrations are open for Smokefreerockquest and Smokefree Tangata Beats but must be completed by May 12.

Both competitions aim to motivate young musicians – individuals or groups – to prove their ability and realise the heights they can reach in their music careers, and to encourage their peers to support original New Zealand music.

Any students can come and see Mr Watson in the Music Department if they are interested in taking part.

You can find out more about Smokefreerockquest [here](#) and Smokefree Tangata Beats [here](#)

Golden year for sport



The image above shows the Presentation of the Old Boys' Athletic Cup in 1938.

Archivist Brian Murphy said, "The Cup commemorates an *annus mirabilis* in sport."

Those in the photograph are: D Sumner, WH Tongue, Mr FW Gamble, Mr W Caradus, RC Aiken, NB Body and VC Butler.

"In that year we won the Senior Championship in Cricket, Rugby, Association Football (both the Championship and the Knockout Cup), Hockey (all 22 games), the inter-secondary Schools Senior Athletics and the Rowing Head of the Harbour.

"No other sports had the inter-school competitions then, but in swimming PS Hannon won the New Zealand 100yd Freestyle Championship. It was a clean-sweep year for the school." This photo is part of Set 60, recently added to Historical Images on the MAGS website [here](#) These images are sourced and annotated by Mr Murphy.

Sports Update

Boys Orienteers' fifth straight NISS win



Last weekend, MAGS' Boys Team won the North Island Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships and the Girls Team narrowly missed out on the title. MAGS' Boys Captain Angus Edwards received the Champion Boys Team award – the fifth year in a row that MAGS has won it.

The Boys had a runaway victory, securing 479 points in beating Havelock North (2nd with 332 points) and Westlake Boys in third.

There were podium places for Tom Aish (2nd) and Matthew Greenwood (3rd) in the Sprint, and a Relay win for the Intermediate Boys (Sam Carryer, Justin Brendolise and Matthew Greenwood).

MAGS Intermediate Boys teams took out the top three places on the podium, while the Senior Boys Team (Tom Aish, Angus Edwards, Callum Wishart) finished 3rd as did the Junior Boys team (Thomas Alsweller, Victor Coen, James Milne).

In the Girls competition, MAGS finished in third place on 407 pts, narrowly behind St Cuths (431 pts) and Baradene (416 pts). The highlight of the event was a win in the Intermediate Girls relay, with Ella Edwards, Ella Graves and Eve Thompson beating very strong competition.

There were strong performances across all girls grades with Top 10 finishes for Anna

Batcheler (Sprint & Long), Molly McGowan (Sprint & Long), Ami McGowan (Sprint & Long), Nicole Abbott, Ella Edwards, Asmara Hillen and Kate Rogers.



Higher rowing honours



Following their Maadi Cup Gold medals, Nick Bryan (above left) and Cam MacGillivray (above right) have been selected for higher honours.

Cam was selected for the Rowing New Zealand U18 North Island team, specifically the eight and the coxed four, which raced against the South Island team during the middle weekend of the school holidays at Lake Karapiro.

Nick has been selected for the Rowing New Zealand U19 squad in the Men's Eight. The crew will train throughout the winter. This squad would normally travel and race at the Junior World Championships in late August, however this is unlikely to happen.

At this stage it is unknown if they will compete as a crew but as with other Rowing New Zealand squads, the crews are selected and will train as if the championships are going ahead.

Soane Vikena debuts for Blues



Congratulations to Albertian Soane Vikena (pictured at right, with Albertian and All Black Caleb Clarke), who debuted for the Blues in Super Rugby against the Crusaders on April 25.

Soane, who plays hooker, was the 2020 Blues Development Player of the Year and was in the Blues' Mitre-10 Cup side. While at MAGS, he was selected for New Zealand Secondary Schools, who toured Australia. He has been part of the Blues Development system for Under-18s and Under-20s and was selected for the New Zealand Under-20s.

Most improved Archers

Three MAGS Archers have been named 'Most Improved' by Archery NZ.

Congratulations to Nick Lees (Recurve Men), Sylvie Morrison (Recurve Women) and Tyler Gomes-Luis (Barebow Men) for their awards.

Upcoming Premier Sport

The Winter Sports season kicks off with a vengeance in the upcoming week, beginning with our Premier Basketball teams tonight – the Girls are playing Baradene at Sacred Heart College at 6pm, while the Boys are away to St Kentigern at 7.30pm.

Tomorrow at noon, the Football Boys 1st XI, who beat Northcote college 7-2 on Tuesday,

take on Selwyn College on MAGS 1.

On Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI, who beat Marist College 8-0 this week, are at home to EGGs at 4pm, the Rugby League 1st XIII is away to Aorere College at 4pm, the Premier Boys Squash swing into action (with draw yet to be released), and the Hockey Boys 1st XI face St Kent's at Lloyd Elsmore Park at 5.30pm.

On Thursday, the Hockey Girls 1st XI play EGGs at Mt Roskill Grammar at 4pm, and at the same time the Lacrosse Girls Premier team play EGGs' B Team at MAGS.

The Badminton season starts next Friday for our Premier team, who play Mt Roskill Grammar at the Auckland Badminton Centre, beginning 5pm.

Premier Netball and 1st XV Rugby seasons get underway later on.

For more fixtures, and the latest results, click [here](#)



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