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From the Headmaster

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Weekly Notices



Key Dates

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Monday, June 1

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Thursday, July 2

Last day of classes for Term 2



Sport



Winter Sport registrations

Click [here](#)



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

Our [staff video](#) has come at a great time as we start to plan for the return of students to MAGS.

To be able to 'see' your teachers and the great messages they are sharing with you will hopefully be the motivation you need to once again pull on the MAGS uniform and venture back into school in person. It will take some courage – but that characteristic has always been part of the MAGS story for the past 99 years!

Monday afternoon will likely see the Prime Minister announce the exact timeline for the re-opening of schools but we are expecting to have students back in classrooms within a week or so.

While the last seven weeks have been challenging, there are still many positive experiences and learnings that have come from the lockdown period. It's time to think of the good habits and behaviours we may want to bring with us as we begin the move back to normality. It has certainly been a kinder time for our environment both locally and globally – and hopefully we have all been a bit kinder to ourselves.

To some degree, most of us will have reconsidered what is really important in our lives. Let's try and hold onto this as we begin to reboot the school year.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Virtual Assembly down on the farm



Mr Peter Brice | Farm Project Manager

Today's Virtual Assembly comes from the ASB MAGS Farm and features an update from Farm Manager Peter Brice (pictured above left), as well as the announcement of an Arts Challenge, news of MAGS' win in the ISO 3K Challenge, a message from Deputy Principal Corey Todd, and a highlights package of Drama productions.



The video opens with a prayer from Deputy Head Boy Niua Pomare-Khanna in te reo and there is also a promo for a [staff video](#) (pictured right) that was sent out to students today and features positive messages and encouragement from MAGS staff.

You can see the Virtual Assembly video produced by Deputy Principal John Stradwick [here](#)

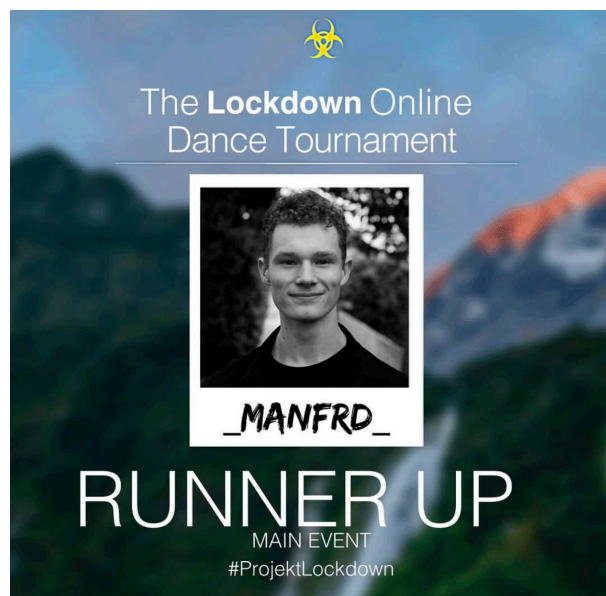
Arts Challenge open to all students

The MAGS Art Department is running a three-week platform open to all MAGS students to express their feelings and ideas idea through the medium of either visual art, music, dance, drama, poetry or film-making.

You can watch the video about the challenge [here](#)

Director Arts Co-Curricular Jacqui Cesan said, "It is at times like these, during huge disruption, when people turn to the Arts to express their feelings and ideas and we want you to share your creativity with us.

"The theme for this week is 'Colour' –



pick the colour that best describes your lockdown experience and base your song, dance, poem, film, painting or composition on this.

"For musicians and dancers – you can use 'appropriate and relevant' music from others for your submission."

All submissions must be between 30s and 1m30s, and you can register and submit them [here](#)

For inspiration, watch Faolan Okan's [solo piece](#), which featured in last week's Virtual Assembly and earned him runner-up in Projekt Lockdown's nationwide challenge and an award for 'Most Creative Use of Challenge'.

Sport Spotlight focuses on attitude



The Sports Department has started a new feature highlighting students who play sport for MAGS who are hard-working, positive and uphold the 'MAGS Way' values.

Students were asked to nominate someone via the Sports Department Google Classroom, and Girls Orienteering Captain Isla Thompson has been the first one chosen for the spotlight after being nominated by Boys Orienteering Captain Aidan Skinner and team member Seth Dean.

Isla answers some questions about herself and her sport [here](#)

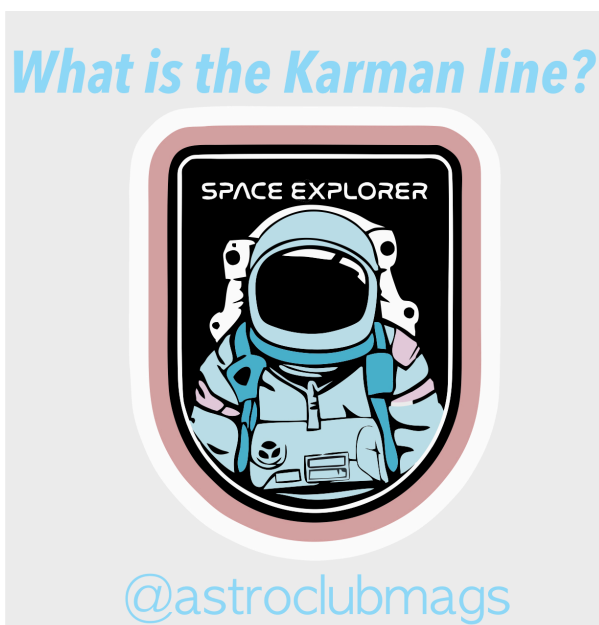
MAGS wins schools challenge



Students and staff might be in lockdown but the MAGS Spirit was rampant as the School came out on top of the College Sport Auckland ISO 3K Competition. MAGS put in a huge effort on the last day to win the competition, which challenged staff and students to run or walk at least 3km three times over one week in Alert Level 3. Another big team effort will be required to win the next challenge: the College Sport Auckland ISO Distance Competition, which challenges schools to see how many kilometres they can cover in a week either running, walking, cycling or rowing. The challenge started yesterday and ends 9am Thursday, May 14, with results announced later that day. Find out more and take up the new challenge [here](#)

Expand your mind with Astro Club

The MAGS Astronomy Club continues to share knowledge and foster an interest in amateur astronomy. In its latest post, the club looks at 'the Karman Line', the "edge of space" that is scientifically accepted to be 100 km above sea level. Today, a total of 448 people representing 36 nations have been above the Karman Line and therefore have reached outer space. The Karman Line is an attempt to define a boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space. This is important for legal and regulatory measures; aircraft and spacecraft fall under different jurisdictions and are subject to different treaties. The line is named after Theodore von Kármán (1881–1963), a



Hungarian American engineer and physicist, who was active primarily in aeronautics and astronautics.

He was the first person to calculate the altitude at which the atmosphere becomes too thin to support aeronautical flight and arrived at 83.6 km.

Follow the Astronomy Club on Instagram [here](#)

Student artwork goes online

THIS YEAR MAGS STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR CREATIVITY ONLINE

This year MAGS students will showcase their creative work online in the form of paintings, design, drawings, mixed media, photography, and sculptures. This will be accessible for everyone to view.



This is a chance to enter friendly online art competitions coming up throughout this year.

Open to years 9-13 for personal art projects or/and NCEA artwork to be shared on the Google Classroom and MAGS Visual Art Instagram account.

Google Classroom: **nwst3cf**

Instagram account: **@mags_visual_art**

This year, Visual Art students will display their vast creativity online with a gallery of paintings, mixed media, design work, sculpture, drawings and photography. Arts Leader Lois Wadsworth is curating the gallery, while the poster above has been designed by Kareena Naran.

More historical photos on website



Throughout the year, more historical images will be added to the website [here](#). This is an ongoing collection of images sourced and annotated by our archivist Brian Murphy.

In the image above, this dance group performed at a school concert at the Auckland Grammar School Centennial Theatre in 2007.

Sign up to the Centenary database



As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, we warmly invite all Albertians to sign up to the database [here](#) to keep up to date with information, communications and events leading up to the Centenary celebration.

Please encourage your friends and peers who were with you at MAGS to attend with you, and to also register at the link.

Sports update

Trials and registrations

While trials are on hold, the Sports Department is asking students to still register for sports in Term 2. Trials and registrations are posted on the website [here](#) and will also appear in the Daily Notices, accessed via the website or the MAGS App.



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