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From the Headmaster

Key Dates



Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Monday, November 20

Junior Arts Assemblies

Wednesday, November 29

Year 9 Interform Competition

Thursday, November 30

Year 10 Interform Competition

Iconic Building Taking Shape



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

Our newest addition to our MAGS site – The Murray Nairn Building – is taking shape, with this 20-classroom-equivalent block due for completion in April next year.

This three-level building, which will carry the name of the third Headmaster of Mount Albert Grammar School, will provide a new

school library on the ground floor along with a large study area for students. The second and third levels will consist of classrooms to house our Social Sciences Faculty.

Of special significance is the large whare wananga which will sit proudly at the northern end of the building. The whare not only recognises the growth in demand for te reo Māori as a subject at MAGS, but also confirms the place of tangata whenua in our school.

Tuesday, December 5

Junior Prizegivings:

Year 10 (morning)

Year 9 (afternoon)

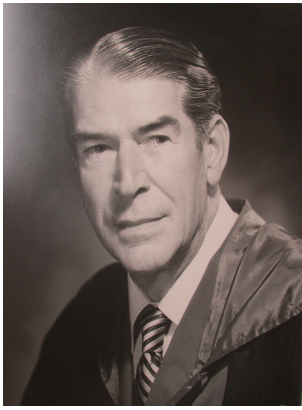
Sport

Photo Essays



Softball Boys Junior Championships

Click [here](#)



We are grateful for the support of the Ministry of Education, ASC Architects and Southbase for bringing this special space to life.

The innovative design will not only help to address our growing student roll, but also allow us to retire some of the portable classrooms – and in doing so regain green space for the school.

I'm certain Murray Nairn (pictured left) would have delighted in his new building! We look forward to bringing the building to life with students early next year.

Have a good weekend!

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Rugby Sevens Blues Region
Tournament

U15 Girls [here](#)

U15 Boys [here](#)

U14 Boys [here](#)

Fixtures and Results

Click [here](#)

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



School Ball goes to Vegas



Our Leavers Ball took place on November 4 at the Pullman Hotel with a glamorous theme of 'A Night in Vegas' and a fit-out to match.

The Ball Committee along with Mrs Cato, Ms Smith and Ms Butler set the scene for the night with plenty of balloons, bling, playing cards and dice decorating the ballroom and tables.

White Door Event Photography was organised to video and photograph the evening, and the students had the use of different, themed photo booths to capture the glamour of the evening. There were also some awards given out on the night:

Best Dressed – Jorjia Fiu

Best dressed to the Theme – Maxi

Bevacqua (pictured right)

Best Dance Moves – Jacob Cameron

Cutest Couple – Stella Nola & Hayden Turner

Most Likely to Become Prime Minister – Olivia Bennett

Most Likely to Fall Asleep in Class – Gabriel Aitu

Please Get a Haircut – Jules Webb



Albertian of the Year celebration

Thomas Wynne will be celebrated as Albertian of the Year at an event on Friday, December 1, from 4-6pm in the W.O.H. Gibbs Room.

You can buy tickets via this [link](#)

Thomas attended MAGS from 1980 to 1984. Since leaving school he has devoted himself to service in a wide variety of endeavours, both in New Zealand and in the Cook Islands.

He has been involved in education, health, counselling, communications, politics and is a strong advocate for Pasifika political, social and development challenges and successes.

He is extremely proud of his Pasifika background and is currently the Albertian and Pasifika Representative on the MAGS Board of Trustees.



You are invited

THE ALBERTIANS ASSOCIATION

presents

ALBERTIAN OF THE YEAR

FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

THOMAS WYNNE

(MAGS 1980-84)

FRIDAY | **1 DEC** | 4.00-6.00PM
2023

THE W.O.H GIBBS ROOM, MAGS

FIRST FLOOR, PA BLOCK (OLD SCIENCE BLDG), MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Tickets \$20

Ticket includes
hors d'oeuvres &
non-alcoholic drinks

Cash & Eftpos Bar



**Speeches
& Performances**

RSVP by Sunday
17th November to:

reception@mags.school.nz

Student photography winner

Congratulations to Year 12 student Lize Deng, who is the overall winner of Stills, a nationwide photographic competition for students. Lize is one of our talented student photographers who has been invaluable in covering school events and whose work can be seen on our website and in our newsletters and magazines.

Lize's prize is a FUJIFILM X-T5 + XF18-55mm kit from Fujifilm.

Here is the description of the image:

"Celestine Howard, First Violin in the MAGS Symphony Orchestra. Utilised rear-curtain flash sync to capture different phases in the musician's movement. Howard appears to emerge from a blanket of darkness, alluding to the 'flow state' of performance and highlighting the



physicality of playing."

You can also see some of his photographic work on the student blog The Roar [here](#)

Health Education Survey

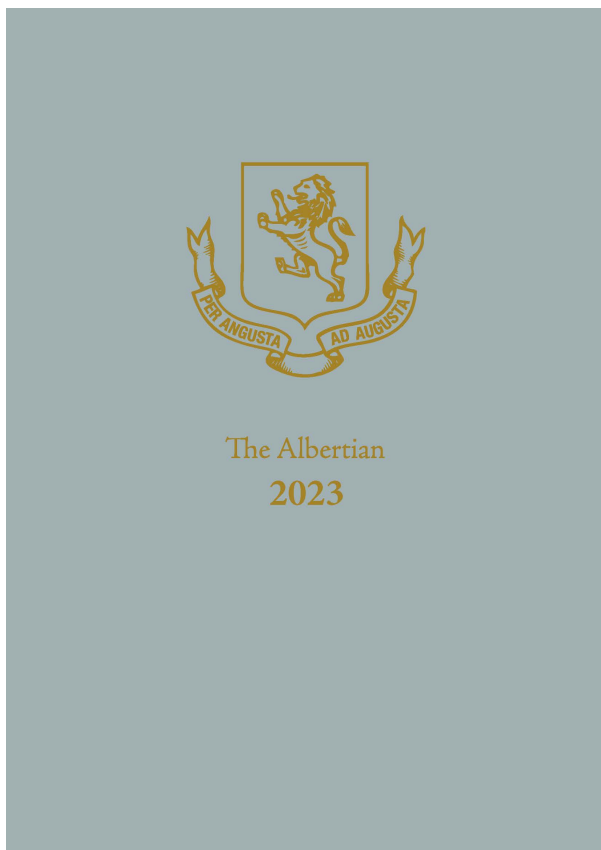
At least once every two years, Boards of Trustees are required to produce a written statement about how schools will implement Health Education under the requirements of the Education Act 1989 (Section 60B).

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](#)

Order your 2023 Albertian now



Our Finance Department is now taking orders for The Albertian 2023, which will be available by mid-2024. The yearbook contains a full wrap-up of the year including Academia, Arts, Service and Sports reports and photos as well as formal class photos – and much more! It can be delivered to Year 13 students, rather than picked up from MAGS, for a small extra cost. You can order the Albertian [here](#)

Choir members get into the Xmas spirit



Four members of our Centennial Choir were part of the Santa's Arrival Show at Westfield St Lukes last Saturday.

Able to be led by Albertian Tali Meavale, the group consisting of Josh Waqanivalu, Eved Ah Soon, Erich Retzlaff and Iose Fatuleai received wonderful appreciation from the St Lukes crowd,


Homestay families required

MAGS is still looking for more wonderful families, as we have a large number of International students starting in 2024. This is a great opportunity to learn about a different culture and build lasting friendships.


Our next student intake will be for Term 1, 2024. We will have short- and long-term students, staying for between 10 weeks to a full year. Homestay families are our most popular choice of accommodation as our students benefit from living with an English-speaking family and sharing in the New Zealand family experience.

What are the expectations of a host family?

A host family is expected to provide a clean and comfortable bedroom with a bed, a wardrobe (built-in or free-standing) and drawers, linen and towels, a desk and a lamp and three meals a day.


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Homestay families
required for
Mount Albert Grammar School



Kind and caring host families needed for students from a variety of cultures. If you are interested in becoming part of the MAGS international family get in touch.

Email homestay@mags.school.nz for more information

The application process:

The application process involves police vetting for all family members over 18 years. This is followed by a home visit from the school. This helps us to know a little more about your family's interests and lifestyle and enables us to make a well-informed student match.

We pay \$330.00 per week (from 2024) which is paid fortnightly in advance.

If you would like some further information, or to receive the application forms, please email homestay@mags.school.nz

MAGS has your Xmas sorted

Neat Meat is again helping our Sports Department with fundraising for students in need – \$10 from every ham sold goes back to the school.

Pick-up is December 11, and you can order [here](#)

And MAGSRow has Christmas cakes and trees for sale, as per below.



Quality Manuka Smoked Christmas Hams

The perfect Gift for you and MAGS



**New Zealand Free Farmed Half Ham, Cooked on the Bone.
Gluten Free and Delicious.**

Each ham weighs approximately 4.25 - 4.75kg

**How it works: \$90 per ham, with \$10 of this going back to
Mount Albert Grammar School. <https://forms.gle/dSvM9vwwSyCchN8aZ>**

Pick up: Monday 11th December 4-6pm from MAGS.

Get in quick while they last, only 80 hams!



Support MAGS Rowing this Christmas!!

Yummy Xmas Cakes:

BREAD & BUTTER
BREAD THAT'S BETTER

Christmas cakes from Bread & Butter

- Traditional rich, dark Christmas cake with fruit & spices (*cakes 15cm in diameter & weigh approximately 900g*)
 - Will come to you attractively gift-wrapped
 - \$35 each or \$32 when you order five or more
 - Ideal as gifts for family, friends, staff or suppliers
 - To make an order, please email your order through to christasmagsrow@gmail.com
- Cakes will be delivered early December



Real Christmas Trees

Nothing beats the smell of real Christmas trees

- Trees start at \$60
- To order your tree (or trees!), visit the Misa website <https://misachristmastrees.co.nz/> and use the code MAGS20



Sports Update

Junior Sevens teams in action



MAGS sent three teams out to the Blues Region sevens tournament at Pulman Park last week.

The Rugby Girls U15 Sevens team won their way through to the the Blues Region final but couldn't get the better of Howick College and finished runners-up. Our Boys U15s won their first three games to make the semis but suffered two losses to finish fourth, and the Boys U14s team faced very strong opposition in their pool and eventually finished eighth.



Junior Softballers win championship



Our Junior Boys Softball team clinched the Auckland Junior Softball Championships last week with an 8-0 victory over Selwyn College in the final. The Championships were held at Rosedale Park, beginning with a round robin format against One Tree Hill College, Howick College and Selwyn College, then onto semi-finals and finals. The team started well with Whetu-Kura Nikau-Gibbons pitching against One Tree Hill College, and continued to dominate each game, and, with some good fielding from Flynn Young, didn't lose a game during the round robin. In the game against Selwyn College, Cruz Hohepa-Masi batted well and had a massive hit, which just fell short of an automatic, this helped two of our players home and saw him take

the only home run on the day, for our team.

The boys moved into the semi-finals in top position and played Howick College on the main diamond, which was very exciting for our young players.

Vontay Faleaana pitched, with Captain Morris Johns catching, and they held Howick to zero runs. Some fast base running from Jacob Stephens and Lucas Cartwright, who had a few battle scars from sliding onto base, helped the boys into the final to play Selwyn College.

Coach Kuron had Ollie Paterson pitching and Jared McKinstry catching, and with some great fielding from James Millar the boys held Selwyn College to zero runs. They then piled on some big hits and scored three runs in the 1st innings and five runs in the 2nd innings to win the Auckland Junior title 8-0.

Sports Administrator Mrs Johns said, "It was great to have new players Affan Sharif, Tristan Avaiki, Niko Ripley and Lachie Smythe learning the game from the more experienced players in the team. Thank you to all the parents for their help and a big thank you to Kuron for coaching the team."



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