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**MOUNT ALBERT  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

## A Tradition of Excellence

**CENTENARY**  
**100**  
1922-2022





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## From the Headmaster

## Key Dates



Click [here](#) for the Calendar

**Monday, November 21 &  
Tuesday, November 22**  
Year 10 Extra-Curricular Days

**Tuesday, November 29**  
Year 9 Interform Competition



## The Courage to be Tested



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

The culmination of our academic year is underway with NCEA and Scholarship Examinations continuing for our senior students.

It is a time to front up and be measured – and that takes some courage from our students. Unfortunately, there has been an ‘excuse culture’ within some schools that has given tacit permission for not sitting examinations this year.

This has somehow been packaged as being supportive of the wellbeing of our young people. The reality is that young people –

**Thursday, December 1**  
Year 10 Interform Competition

**Friday, December 2**  
NCEA Exams end

**Sunday, December 4 to  
Wednesday, December 7**  
Prefects Camp, School House

**Tuesday, December 6**  
Last day of classes  
Year 10 Prizegiving, 9.30am  
Year 9 Prizegiving, 1pm

and all of us – feel good about ourselves when we are achieving success (not avoiding it) – and being academically successful is a big part of that.

I am delighted that our MAGS students have not bought into this ‘opt-out’ approach. Their very high attendance to date across the examination round is sending a strong message about their determination to be successful.

Our students are not settling for achieving the bare minimum in NCEA. They are responding to the high expectations that both the school and parents have of them – an expectation to be the best they can be!

If 80% of success is indeed ‘showing up’, then our students are destined for another round of excellent NCEA results this year.

And they deserve real credit for their courage.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

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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**

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## Sport

### **Trials and Registrations**

Click [here](#)



### **Fixtures and Results**

Click [here](#)



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## **Year 10s expand their horizons**



Year 10s began their Cross-Curricular programme today with classroom and outdoor activities that will continue through Monday and Tuesday next week. Students are learning the school haka under the guidance of Matua Peter Walters and Whaea Waimirangi Paul, taking part in athletics (including gumboot throwing, at left) run by the PE Department, and undertaking workshops on Poetry, Anthropology, Criminology, Egyptology and Art History, run by the University of Auckland. There is also a 'Whodunnit' murder investigation run by the Science faculty using the ASB MAGS Farm as a resource.





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## Centenary Rowing appeal

In our Centenary year, MAGSROW is seeking donations for The Centenary Eight Fund to purchase a New Zealand-made skiff for our women's eight. Purchasing this boat signals our commitment to the development of our female athletes and recognises the incredible achievements of our female crews in recent seasons, including qualifying for the A Final in the Girls Under-18 Coxed Eight event at the 2022 Maadi Cup national rowing championships. You can sign up as a supporter [here](#) or read more more about the appeal [here](#)

**The Centenary Eight**  
CAPITAL APPEAL

*Be part of the crew!*

**CENTENARY 100**  
MAGS | 1922-2022

Join us in providing a legacy in our Centennial year. Following in the tradition of buying The Jubilee Eight in 1972, the MAGS community again has an opportunity to support these young women athletes and purchase our first ever girls' eight – The Centenary Eight

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## Duke of Ed Bronze Camp





From November 12-14, 25 students tramped the Karangahake Gorge to complete their Bronze journey with Mr Belson, Miss Murray and Mr Ploeg.

The weather was changeable, ranging from extreme heat to wet and foggy, as they tramped around, up and through the Gorge and the Karangahake Mountain. The campsite at Dickey Flat is the perfect place to learn about camping, tramping and cooking, with limited facilities.

"There were a lot of interesting meals being cooked!," said Mr Belson.

He added, "The students learned how to navigate, manage their group and themselves, and generally be prepared and safe in the outdoors. All the students were enthusiastic, committed and energetic and tackled their respective journeys in a positive manner. It was a great first introduction to basic bushcraft and tramping skills in preparation for the next level.

"They now need to ensure they complete the remaining three sections of the award before continuing onto Silver. They were all a credit to the school and the camp made for a great few days.

"My thanks again to Miss Murray and Mr Ploeg for assisting and supporting me on this camp."

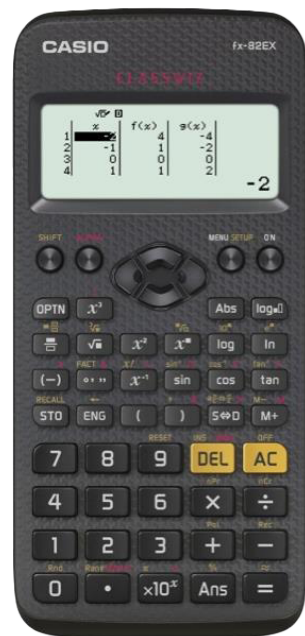
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## Donate your unwanted calculator

Students who know they will not need or use a graphics calculator after they leave school are encouraged to donate them to MAGS.

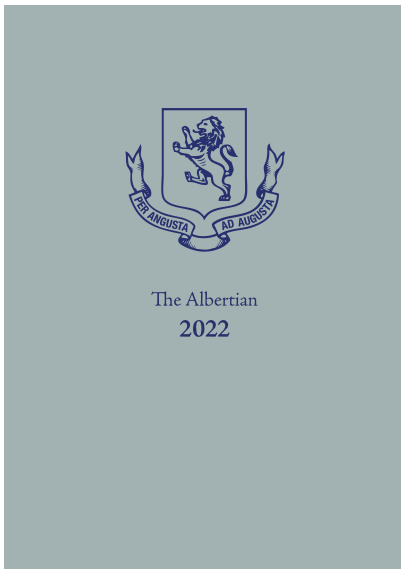
They can then be lent out to students in years 11-13 for whom the cost might be challenging or to those who have lost or forgotten theirs for tests and exams.

Calculators can be dropped off at the Student Centre at any time in the next few weeks.



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## 2022 Albertian orders close December 5



Our Finance Department is now taking orders for The Albertian 2022, which will be available in 2023. Orders close on December 5. The yearbook can be delivered to Year 13 students, rather than picked up from MAGS, for a small extra cost. Please click [here](#) and fill out the form to order your copy of The Albertian 2022.

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## Order your Xmas ham and help MAGS





## 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 4.26 - 4.75kg

How it works: \$80 per ham, with \$10 of this going back to  
Mount Albert Grammar School.

Pick up: Wednesday 7th December 4-6pm from MAGS.

Get in quick while they last!

Order your delicious Christmas ham now and help MAGS.  
Every ham ordered via the Neat Meat promotion sees \$10 go to MAGS.  
You can make your order [here](#)

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**Centenary books on sale now**

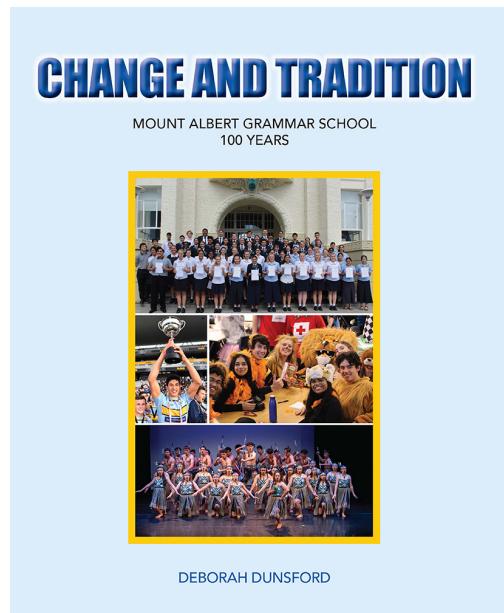
Our Centenary book, *Change and Tradition*, by Deborah Dunsford is available to [order online](#)

The book, which focuses on the period 1997-2022, is a companion to Professor Russell Stone and Neville McMillan's 75th Jubilee book, *Tradition and Change*, which covers MAGS' history from 1922-1997.

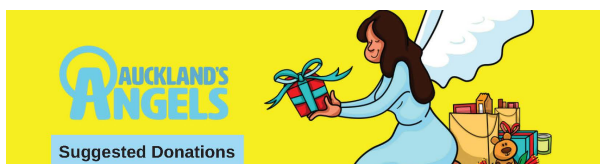
*Change and Tradition* has comprehensive coverage and photos of the past 25 years at MAGS.

The book has a RRP of \$45 but our Centenary pricing has it at \$35, and it can be bought in a bundle with *Tradition and Change* for \$50.

You can order these books online [here](#) along with MAGS Centenary apparel and merchandise.



## Helping City Mission spread the love



### Suggested Donations

#### Food Parcel Items

Below is a list of non-perishable items that go into Mission food parcels at Christmas time:

- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Baked beans, tinned soup and tinned spaghetti
- Tinned meat and fish
- Pasta sauce, pasta and rice
- Breakfast cereal and muesli bars
- Spreads, such as jam, peanut butter or honey
- Flour and sugar
- Christmas treats, such as mince pies, biscuits and chocolate
- Baby food
- Nappies
- Toiletries, such as soap, shampoo, deodorant and feminine hygiene products

#### Gift Ideas

Donations of **new, unwrapped** gifts for children and teenagers are hugely appreciated. Please do not gift clothes as it is difficult to allocate sizes. Here are a few popular gift ideas:

##### Infants

Rattles, night lights, bath toys, teething rings

##### Toddlers

Bath toys, puzzles, soft toys, Duplo, pull-along toys

##### Primary School

Puzzles, dress-ups, dolls/action figures, Lego, craft kits, toy cars, animal figurines

##### Teenagers

Sports ball, scarfs, hats, beach towels, toiletries, gift voucher or Prezy card

##### Family/All Ages

Board games, books, stationery, reusable drink bottles, toiletries, gift voucher or Prezy card

We can only accept **new** items for Christmas gifts. Quite often this is the only present a child is receiving, so we want to make sure they receive something that's just for them and not pre-loved.

We suggest a budget of about \$10-\$20 per gift.

While gift donations should be left unwrapped, the Mission is always grateful for donations of tape and wrapping paper!



MAGS is helping the Auckland City Mission to support families through Christmas, a time that can be a struggle for many households around Auckland. Students can donate non-perishable food and new gifts to help the Auckland City Mission make Christmas magical for families in need.

Last year, the Mission gave out 36,000 gifts to tamariki and 10,930 Christmas food parcels to Aucklanders who would otherwise have gone without.

**Collection bins are located in the Student Centre so drop off any donations there.**

Please click on the poster at left to see suitable food or gift donations. Donations will be accepted until Tuesday, December 6.

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Centenary Week  
25th Sept - 1st October  
<https://mags100.ptty.com>



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