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"Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm"

– Publilius Syrus

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

Earlier today, under the morning sun, almost 500 Year 13 students gathered (not too closely together) for our 2021

outdoor graduation event.

It was fantastic to be able to hold this event to mark the conclusion of school education for our 'Class of 21'. Despite the somewhat tumultuous year to date, our Prefect leaders were determined to draw their year group together for one last celebration before they all head off for examinations and beyond.

Our 100th Year 13 group has been special. This past year has revealed their true character. Their instinctive care and concern for others has been an endorsement of our MAGS Way Values. Rarely would we find such an opportunity in the life of a school to test what we espouse to be true in our school culture – yet our students have delivered time and time again.

Maybe that is the silver lining from the past 18 months. As they navigate their way through the Covid haze, there is the potential for this group of young people to emerge better prepared for the world ahead of them – resilient, committed to fairness and equity, a strength of character which will steel their core for whatever the

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Monday, November 22

Juniors return to school
NCEA Exams start

Thursday, December 2

Year 9 Interform Competition



Friday, December 3

Year 10 Interform Competition

Tuesday, December 14

NCEA Exams end

future may throw at them.

Just like those legendary generations of New Zealanders who faced overwhelming adversity in the past – so too are these defining times for our current students.

The sea has been rough, but our Year 13s have held the helm and steered us with confidence!

And we are grateful.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Good luck to our 2021 Leavers!



After what has been a challenging year, our Year 13s had the chance to enjoy their final day today with peers and staff before exams and heading off to new adventures.

Huge thanks go to our Prefects, who put in a big effort organising, setting up and running today's Leavers celebration, which saw people gather in the CS Quad for speeches, shirt-signings, singing of the school hymn, farewells and a group photo of our 2021 Leavers. Headmaster Mr Drumm paid tribute to the Prefects who had not only continually pushed

for a Leavers celebration – in the face of Covid complications – but had also delivered an amazing event. You can see more photos from the event [here](#)



Sports Awards 2021



Sylvia Brunt and Luke Clements (pictured above) were named Victrix Ludorum and Victor Ludorum respectively in the 2021 Sports Awards.

Due to Covid restrictions, the format for this year's awards was somewhat different to past years – held outdoors for ventilation, and with masks and social distancing.



Award recipients assembled in the Albertian Quad to be presented with trophies and certificates before being photographed and moving on to the fields for more photos and the announcement and presentation of the four top awards: Victor and Victrix Ludorum, and Outstanding Sporting Achievement (Boys and Girls). Sylvia is MAGS Senior Girls Athletic Champion and Captain of the Rugby Girls 1st XV. She has also played senior



representative rugby.

Luke is MAGS Senior Boys Athletic Champion and one of the country's top secondary school distance runners. He has also played 1st XI Hockey in all five of his years at MAGS. Squash player Tarin Love (pictured above right) won the Olympic Cup for Outstanding Boys Achievement in Sport, while pole vaulter Hannah Adye (pictured above left) won the Te Aroha Keenan Cup for Outstanding Girls Achievement in Sport.

You can read more about these winners, and see more photos from the awards and the full list of winners [here](#)

Arts Awards 2021



Congratulations to 2021 Boys Dux Artium Marcus Savelio (pictured left) and 2021 Girls Dux Artium Lucy Woodall.

With Covid restrictions preventing the usual Arts Awards Dinner going ahead, the awards have gone online.

Director of Arts Co-Curricular Jacqui Cesan said, "While it was disappointing that we couldn't do this live, the video does mean that students are able to watch with their families. I trust they will enjoy, and, again, congratulations to all the winners of these awards."

You can watch the video [here](#)

WINNERS PHOTOS

There are two opportunities for Arts Awards winners to come in next week and have photos taken with trophies and to pick up certificate(s) and a full colour copy of the 2021 Awards programme, which acknowledges all the winners.

Photo times are: **Monday, November 22 from 12.30-2.30** and **Tuesday, November 23 from 12.30-2pm.**

Please come to the front entrance of the school (in school uniform) and you will be handed your trophy for photographs. You can take the trophy out the front to take your own photos and then we will do an official photo on the steps. After this, trophies must be returned to the table inside.

If you are unable to come in during either of these times, please let Ms Cesan know.

NB: Junior students and groups – your group leaders will advise you of times for your photo.

NCEA and Scholarship Exams

NCEA and Scholarship Exams run from Monday, November 22 to Tuesday, December 14. The link to the exam timetable is [here](#)

Students need to bring the following items to their exams:

- Admission Slips
- Photo ID (Student ID, Drivers Licence, Passport – or see your Dean)
- Personal equipment required for the exam – pen, calculator etc
- Face Mask

If you have not yet collected your Admission Slip, you can collect it from the Student Centre during opening hours.

If you are collecting it on the day of the exams, you must collect it **at least 40 minutes before your exam.**

Christmas fundraiser for MAGSROW



MAGSROW is selling a selection of Christmas items to raise funds for its rowing activities. All the money raised will go towards MAGSROW's fixed costs, helping to reduce rowing fees this season and offset some of the financial impact of Covid-19 for our squad.

Christmas cakes \$30 & mince pies \$20

- Traditional rich, dark Christmas cake with fruit and spices (cakes 15cm in diameter and weigh approximately 900g)
- Six-pack of delicious Christmas mince pies
- Made by Bread & Butter Café, a local gourmet bakery
- Will come to you attractively gift-wrapped
- Ideal as gifts for family, friends, staff or suppliers
- To make an order, please email your order through to magsrowclub@gmail.com

Cakes and mince pies can be collected on December 6.

Christmas trees

- Beautiful real trees from Misa Christmas Tree Farm
 - Trees start at \$60
 - Available for contactless click and collect or delivery
 - To order, please use the Misa [website](#) and use the code MAGS20
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Uniform Shop hours

The Lion's Den uniform shop is open again but with strict rules in place. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only MAGS STUDENTS and STAFF are allowed on school grounds and can visit the uniform shop during school hours (8.00am-3.00pm)

ALL customers can visit the shop after 3.00pm

We ask that you support the Lion's Den safety measures: please scan in, physically distance from staff and other customers, sanitise your hands on entry and wear a face covering at all times.

You can see the full Lion's Den hours for the end of this year and the beginning of next year [here](#)



Order stationery now for 2022



You can now order stationery for 2022, and choose to have it delivered straight away or next year.

Get your stationery order started by clicking [here](#)

Jobs and apprenticeships available

The following opportunities are available to apply for **NOW**. School leavers interested in any of the below please email Mrs Connor – jconnor@mags.school.nz

Amenity Horticulture (Urban Gardening) – Apprenticeship

Business Apprenticeship program – Scholarship available

Electrical – Apprenticeship

Electrical – fabrication switch/control gear (keen to learn use of hand and power tools)

Outdoor Equipment – Junior Technician – servicing outdoor power

Equipment including mowers. Ultimately becoming an
Apprentice and qualifying in “ Small Engines”.

Construction – concrete specialist – foundations, driveways, hard landscaping etc. Junior role, leading to qualification and supervisor role.

Mast – Marine & Specialised Tech – covering:

- Marine – boatbuilding, marine systems engineering, powerboat systems, sail-making, interior and exterior coatings, marine electrical, marine interiors, upholstery
- Composites – working with carbon fibre and fibreglass in composite production over a wide range of industries such as aeronautical, architecture, military, automotive and marine
- Marina – boatyard and marina operations

Tiling Company – learning the basics with scope for career development.

Arborist – well-paid apprenticeship opportunity available (tree cutting/pruning)

Engineering – Machine turning and sheet metal workers sought (two roles).

Apprenticeships available to those keen and motivated.

Furniture Making – Woodworker – learning to build custom furniture. Apprenticeship available to motivated student.

Upholsterer – learning the skill of cutting and covering new furniture. Apprenticeship available to keen student.

Civil Construction (Roothing) – labouring job opportunities available.

Barcats – part time and permanent hospo roles available. No experience necessary.

Maintenance Company – Hiring now: painters, builders, waterproofing tech, roofers etc.

Several opportunities available – good starting pay plus training provided.

Joinery Company (Henderson) – offering a position to a school leaver interested in doing bespoke joinery.

Training in Natural Medicine

South Pacific College of Natural Medicine is offering the NZ Certificate in Study & Career Preparation (Level 4) as a part-time option in 2022 (Feb – Nov; equivalent to 16 hours work per week) or full-time in Semester 2 (July – Nov; equivalent to 32 hours work per week).

Fees-free is available and study allowance available for full-time option only. For more info, see [here](#)

This Certificate prepares learners for further tertiary study at degree level with a particular emphasis on study in Natural Medicine and as a foundation for those thinking about applying for the Bachelor of Natural medicine and a career in this field.

Christmas ham fundraiser



Mount Albert Grammar School

CHRISTMAS HAM FUNDRAISER

\$10 donated to your school for every ham sold

Two Options:

New Zealand Free Farmed
HALF HAM On The Bone
4.2kgs - \$85 Each

OR

New Zealand Free Farmed
WHOLE HAM On The Bone
8kgs - \$145

To purchase, visit neatmeatstore.com
Type your school in the search bar: Mount Albert Grammar
Select a ham and use the code 'MAGS'



Get in quick for our Christmas ham fundraiser as they are selling out fast and orders close on December 6.

Neat Meat will donate \$10 to MAGS from each ham it sells to people using the 'MAGS' code.

Half hams sell for \$85, and whole hams for \$145. They can be collected from our school hall on December 14.

For more information about how to order and collect, click [here](#)

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