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## From the Headmaster

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## Juniors Reclaim Their School



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

With our senior students currently on examination leave, we have been able to welcome Year 9 and 10 students back on site this week.

On Monday, almost 1000 junior students walked back through our gates after three months of online learning at home.

The opportunity to reconnect with classmates and teachers this side of Christmas, if only for a couple of weeks, is invaluable. Students have quickly settled back into the routines of learning and our high-expectation culture.

We're focussing on getting the small things right. Attitudes around attendance and punctuality, wearing the correct uniform (including a mask) and committing 100% to each lesson – these are base expectations at MAGS – and our students are delivering!

The return of our Juniors has breathed much needed life into our school. It's quickly beginning to feel like they never left!

Well done to our Junior School for reclaiming MAGS as your own!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

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**Thursday, December 2**

Year 9 Interform Competition



**Friday, December 3**

Year 10 Interform Competition

**Friday, December 3**

Last day of classes for Juniors

**Tuesday, December 14**

NCEA Exams end

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## Top achievers recognised



*Rosa Jack and Matthew Batcheler (pictured above) were this year's recipients of the C.P. Liddell Scholarship.*

Head Boy Marcus Savelio and Head Girl Hana Hilson have been named the Best All-Round Year 13 students as part of Senior Prizegiving 2021.

With Covid restrictions in place, there was no formal assembly this year to recognise our top achievers and academics.

Instead, prizewinners were invited to pick up their certificates and, for special prizewinners, to have their photos taken with their trophies.

The announcement of Boys and Girls Dux and Boys and Girls Proxime Accessit was also postponed until next year, and will be made at the Scholars Assembly planned for next March.

This year, the prestigious Gold Lion was awarded to five students: Wilhelmina Heeringa, Justin Hemara, Rosa Jack, Breanna Waka and Lucy Woodall. The Gold Lion is awarded to students who have gained all four Lions – for excellence in Academia, Arts, Service and Sport.

Ella Vuetilovoni (pictured right) was awarded the Woolf Fisher Memorial Scholarship, while Matthew Batcheler and Rosa Jack received the C.P. Liddell Scholarship.

Deputy Head Boy Tali Afele and Pasilika Ulugia-Pua were honoured for Service to the School with the Isaac Gray Cup and the Girls' Foundation Cup respectively.

Tali was also a co-winner, along with Deputy Head Girl Maria Boow, of the Neville Watson Memorial Prize for the Student who Best Typifies the Spirit of Mount Albert Grammar

School. Maria was also awarded the Sylvia Lamb Benevolence Cup.

The Harry Wichman Cup for Best All-Round Year 12 Boy was awarded to Manas Chigurukota, while the The Linda Fraser Cup for Best All-Round Year 12 Girl was awarded to Greeshma Kasuganti.

The Warwick Gibbs Cup for the Best All-Round Boy in Year 11 was awarded to Sahil Kirpalani, and the Brian Murphy Cup for the Best All-Round Girl in Year 11 was awarded to Bella Houghton.

You can see more photos and the full list of prizewinners [here](#)



*Head Girl Hana Hilson and Head Boy Marcus Savelio were named the Best All-Round Year 13 Students.*

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## Arts Awards presentations



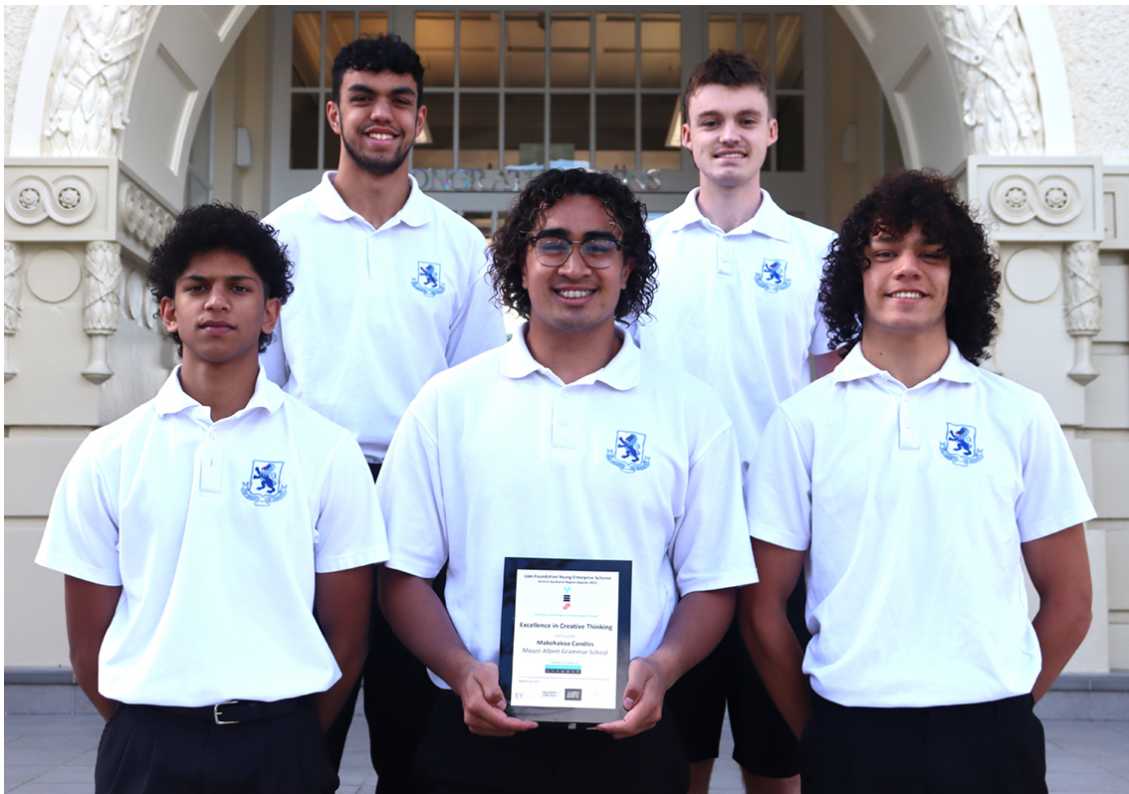
*Boys Dux Artium Marcus Savelio and Girls Dux Artium Lucy Woodall are pictured with Mr Drumm after receiving their trophies this week.*

Arts Awards winners were named last week but this week were invited to pick up their certificates and be photographed with their trophies in lieu of the traditional celebrations at the annual Arts Awards Dinner.

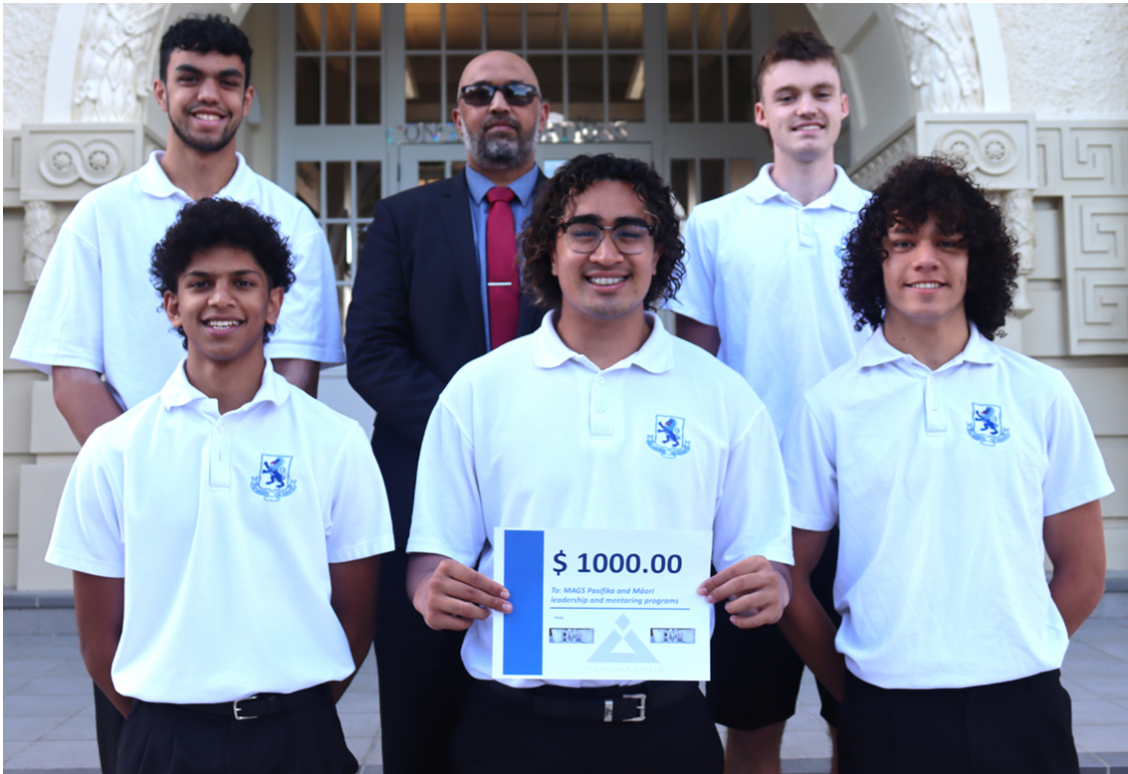
You can read more about the winners and see more photos [here](#)

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## **Entrepreneurs giving back to MAGS**



Five Year 13 Business students got together earlier this year to set up Mākohakoha Candles as part of their Young Enterprise business project. They were so successful that they won a Young Enterprise award for Excellence in Creative Thinking at the regional awards held in October, and have donated \$1000 dollars to MAGS for leadership and mentoring programmes for Pasifika and Māori students. The five students (pictured above with their award are from left: Sparssh Singh, Kuresa Tapula'aia, Justin Hemara, Jack Morgan and Troy Middleton) saw firsthand the challenges that lockdown caused to the mental health of Māori and Pasifika students. So Mākohakoha Candles was formed with a social goal to both bring awareness and attention to this issue and support Māori and Pasifika mental health and leadership at MAGS by donating a percentage of their revenue to MAGS. Business Studies teacher Mr Avis said, "These five young entrepreneurs, right from day one, showed initiative and innovation through producing a New Zealand-themed candle, fundraising by sausage sizzles at Bunnings to pay for their expenses, and proactively selling their candles within the school and local community to promote their product and cause." They are also pictured below with the cheque they presented to Deputy Principal Mr Todd to help Māori and Pasifika students.



## Juniors welcomed back



Year 9s (pictured above) had their first assembly yesterday since returning to school this week (outdoors in the CS Quad with masks and social distancing).

Mr Drumm welcomed them back and congratulated them for their courage and for observing Covid protocols and looking after each other.

Year 10s (pictured below) had their assembly this morning.



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## End of year for Juniors

The last day of the school year for our Junior students is next Friday, 3 December, finishing at 2.30pm.

Next week, across Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, our students will complete subject-specific assessment opportunities.

They will then participate in our usual end-of-year Interform Competition, with Year 9 taking part on Thursday and Year 10 on Friday.

As most are already aware, current Covid public health measures restrict our ability to hold our usual Junior Prizegiving celebrations, which were to take place the following week, but we are determined to mark these occasions next year as soon as we are able.

A letter that you can read [here](#) was sent out to parents today regarding end-of-year arrangements.

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## Kiwifruit shaping up

The ASB MAGS Farm's plot of gold kiwifruit now has its first fruit beginning to form. Farm Manager Peter Brice said, "We had tricky conditions over the pollination period with a lot of wind and rain but things are looking good for a small crop next year.

"The crop yields will become bigger as the plants establish. Over the next months we will be tying down new growth to form a bigger canopy and intercept as much light as possible. This will maximise plant growth and fruit development. We are looking forward to picking the fruit in April next year."



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## Reminder to empty lockers



Please be aware that student lockers must be emptied and locks removed before students leave for the year. Any remaining locks will be removed during the holidays and any contents stored at the Student Centre for collection next year. Students will need to purchase a new locker next year if they want one.

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## 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](mailto: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](#)



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## 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](#)

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## 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](mailto: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** (Roding) – 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.

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## 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 foundation for those thinking about applying for the Bachelor of Natural medicine and a career in this field.

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## Christmas ham fundraiser



Mount Albert Grammar School

### CHRISTMAS HAM FUNDRAISER

**\$10 donated to your school for every ham sold**

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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

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To purchase, visit [neatmeatstore.com](http://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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