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From the Headmaster

A Master Teacher



Tena koutou ki te whanau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

MAGS teaching legend Mr Greg Cave retires this year after 46 years on our staff. After commencing as a Latin Teacher in 1974, Greg went on to teach French and Economics before introducing Japanese and Classical Studies as subjects at MAGS.

But wait there's more! Add on another five years as a student from 1964 and Greg's direct involvement with MAGS exceeds 50 years! And it doesn't stop there! The association of the Cave family with MAGS is unparalleled with Greg's father attending the school from 1923 as well as Greg's two sons attending in the 1980s.

Greg's wonderful ability to connect with students saw him add further value as a Dean and coach of many sporting teams. Staff and students have benefitted from his presence, wisdom and wit. So many of the stories of MAGS are carried with Greg.



It was wonderful to recognise Greg (pictured) as the 2019 Albertian of the Year at the recent Albertians Christmas Luncheon. He joins a select group of exceptional MAGS Alumni.

As a community we salute you Greg – a master teacher who has influenced the lives of many thousands of young people. Thank you for your outstanding service to Mount Albert Grammar School. *Ad Multos Annos*

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Tuesday, December 3
Year 13 Leavers Celebration,
FW Gamble Hall, 5pm



Thursday, December 5
Year 10 Prizegiving, 9.30am
Year 9 Prizegiving, 12.30pm

Friday, December 6
Staff Only Day

Tuesday, January 28
Year 9s start school

Wednesday, January 29
Full school starts



Sport



Fixtures and results

2019 Albertian of the Year: Greg Cave



Albertians Association Vice President Lisa Oakden presents Greg Cave with the Albertian of the Year silver salver.

Associate Academic Dean Greg Cave has been named Albertian of the Year after 46 years of teaching at MAGS.

Mr Cave, who is also Head of Classics, was honoured at the annual Albertians Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday for his years of service. He is retiring at the end of the year.

His connections to MAGS begin back in 1923, when his father was a pupil. After attending MAGS in the 1960s, Mr Cave returned as a teacher in 1974, and saw his two sons attend MAGS in the 1980s.

Tributes were paid to Mr Cave by Headmaster Patrick Drumm, Deputy Principal John Stradwick, Archivist Brian Murphy and Associate Principal Jo Williams.

He was lauded for his commitment, empathy and wicked sense of humour – traits that had seen him through the highs and lows of teaching over those years.

Mr Cave began at MAGS as a teacher of Latin. During his time he taught French and Economics, introduced Japanese as a subject in 1980 and in his Academic Deaning role has supported students as they prepare to transition to university and tertiary study.

Mr Cave said he had held nine different positions of responsibility, taught eight different subjects and coached or managed five different sports.

He said of his 46 years of service at MAGS: "I blame my parents first – they had grown up

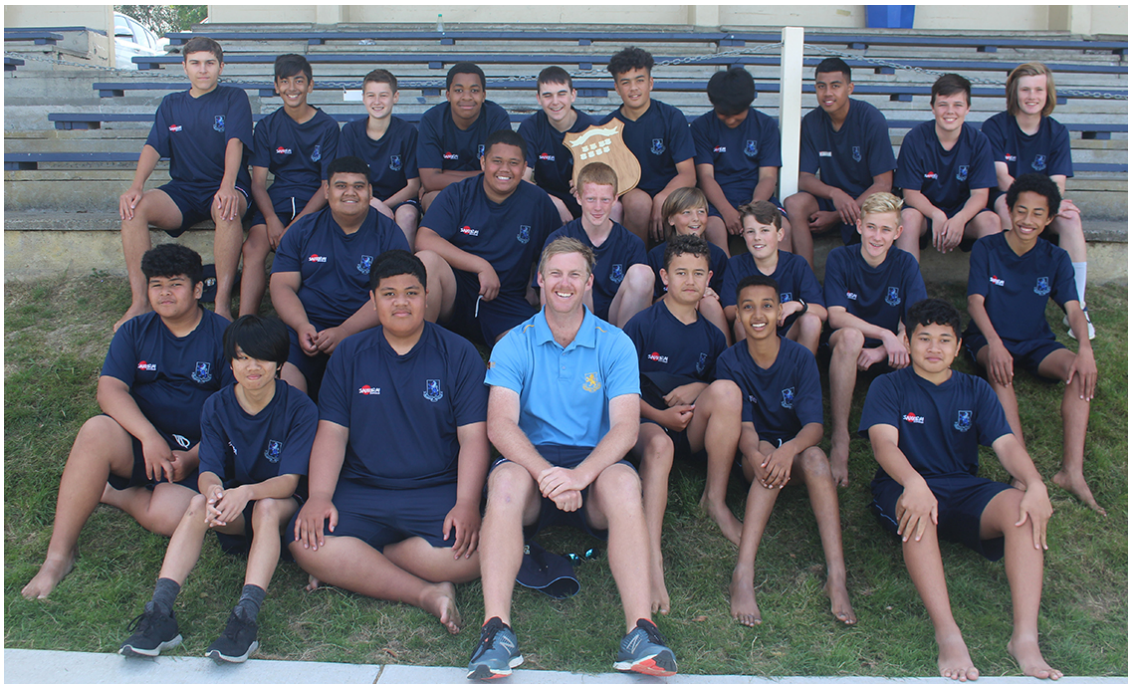
during the depression and they taught me that when you got a job you held onto it. "But the main reason I have stayed is that after the first couple of years when teaching was a real struggle, I enjoyed the job, I enjoyed the students and the colleagues and even the people in their offices in the front corridor.



"I simply could not conceive of teaching anywhere else. I had students whom I taught for five years that I didn't want to let down. And I couldn't imagine myself coaching a team against a Mount Albert Grammar team."

For more about the event and more photos, click [here](#)

Form Class Finals Day



Last Thursday and Friday saw the Junior School Inter-Form Class Competition wrap up with sporting challenges on Finals Day.

Overall winners are treated to a movie, while the winners on Finals Day get a pizza lunch. This year, 9CNS (pictured above) won for Year 9 Boys overall and on Finals Day so they go to a movie and score the pizza. Overall winner for Year 9 Girls was 9SEO (whose leaders are pictured right), while the Finals Day winner was 9HGH.

Overall winner for Year 10 Boys was 10CGL, while 10PNE won Finals Day. Overall Year 10 Girls winner was 10BRW, while 10CSN won the sporting challenges on Finals Day.

The competition – overseen by Year 10 Boys Dean Kerry Baker – includes both academic and sporting challenges throughout the year, and aims to help junior students settle into

high school life and get to know each other and the school, while learning new skills and games.

This year they have taken part in quizzes, a can drive, Pink Shirt Day, and a book drive.

On Finals Day, they played games such as Long Ball, Killer Ball, Harsh Ball and Capture the Flag.

You can see all the results and more photos [here](#)



New Albertians Association team

Prior to the Christmas Luncheon at School House on Tuesday, the Albertians Association held an AGM to fill its executive and committee positions.

Alan Holmes (pictured) has succeeded Daniel Brown as President, while Lisa Oakden now fills the Vice President role. The Secretary is Michael Riley, and Treasurer is also Mr Holmes

The Executive Committee is David Griffin, Brian Murphy, Greg Moyle, Ben Stallworthy, Hayley Becht and Colin Nicholls, with Headmaster Patrick Drumm in an ex-officio role.



Ag students feature in video



The Dairy Women's Network has made a great video featuring the ASB MAGS Farm and MAGS' female Agriculture students, including Rose Young (pictured above). The video is part of the network's OUR PEOPLE.THEIR STORIES visual story telling project, and shows the opportunities available for Ag students at MAGS and on the farm. You can watch the video [here](#)

Junior Excellence Awards

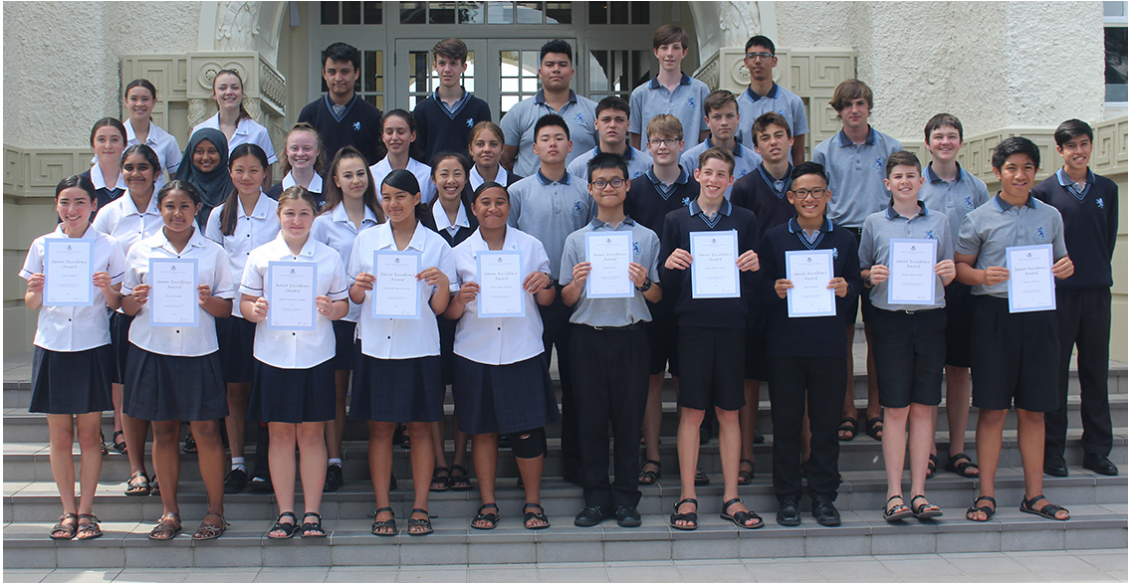


The Junior Excellence Awards for Term 4 were presented to students from Year 9 (pictured above) and Year 10 (pictured below) at assemblies on Monday and Tuesday respectively. Certificates are awarded to up to two students from each mentor class at the end of each

term. These awards recognise students who have demonstrated personal excellence by doing one or more of the following:

- shown huge improvement in the quality of work
- submitted outstanding work
- shown significantly improved effort
- exemplified the 'MAGS Way' values
- been a highly supportive and helpful member of their mentor class
- persevered through hardship to achieve success

The list of Year 9 winners are [here](#) and Year 10 winners [here](#)



Helicopter trust recognises volunteers



Year 11 students Jessica Marginson (left) and Danielle Stirling were presented with certificates by the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust for their volunteer efforts at the Royal Easter Show earlier this year. The pair volunteered for 24.5 hours each over the Easter break at the trust's stand, helping with such things as collecting donations and dealing with the public.

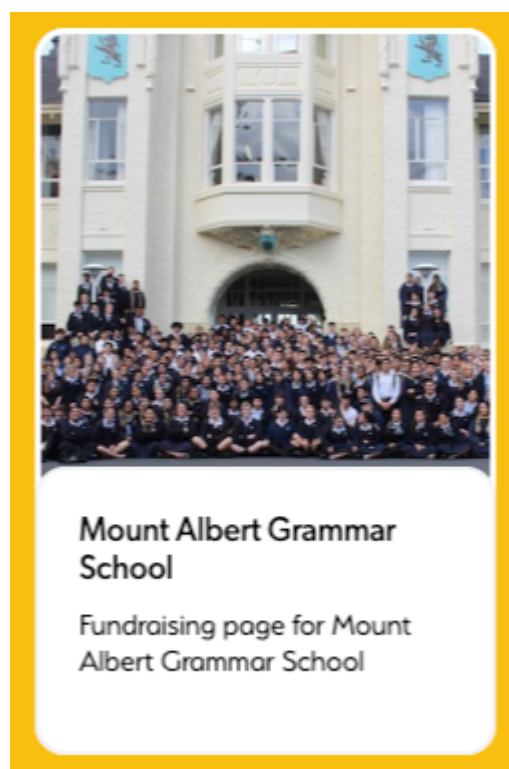
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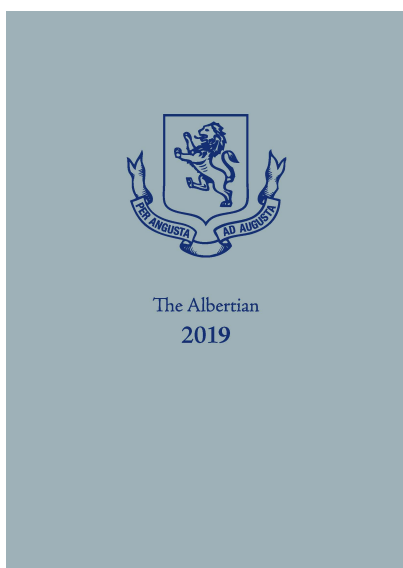
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To learn more and sign up to our page, please click [here](#)



Order your 2019 Albertian now



Families wanting a copy of The Albertian 2019 yearbook should order it now before the Finance Office closes for the year on Thursday, December 5.

The Albertian 2019 showcases the breadth of achievement at MAGS through Academia, Arts, Service and Sport and includes formal photos of groups across those Four Pillars, as well as class photos and reports from school staff, departments, clubs and committees. To order the Albertian, parents should follow the instructions on the statement they were sent earlier this month and pay either via the KAMAR Parent Portal, or by direct credit, or over the counter at the Finance Office. The Albertian 2019 should be available by Term 2, 2020.

Sign up to the Centenary database

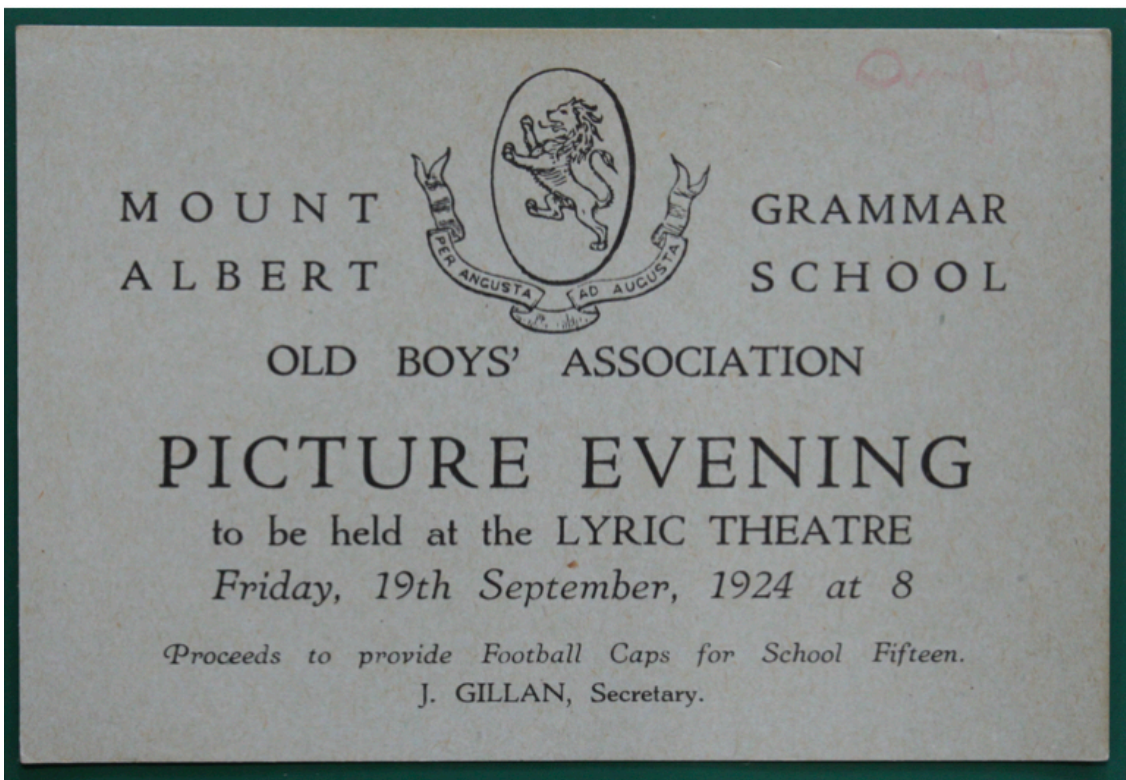


THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, LORD JELlicOE FORMALLY OPENING THE MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL AT AUCKLAND LAST WEEK.

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.

From the Archives



Our Archivist Brian Murphy has been cataloguing old photos relating to MAGS and more of these will soon be added to the [Historical Photos](#) section of our website. A recent addition is an Old Boys Promotional Card for a picture evening from 1924. The Old Boys of the day would have been late teenagers, yet the committee had tickets printed and mailed out, got responses and likely made a block booking.

School photos available to order



All mentor class, sports and the recently added Arts and Cultural group photographs are now available to purchase from the Photolife website (www.photolife.co.nz). You can use your child's online code that has been previously handed out to order any of these. If you need your child's code, please email Mr Hobbs mhobbs@mags.school.nz. If you have already ordered an arts, cultural or sports group photograph for your Year 11, 12 or 13 child, it can now be picked up from the Student Centre. Photographs for Junior students will be handed directly to them.

School closedown and re-opening

The last day that Mount Albert Grammar School will be open is Thursday, December 5, and that will also be the last day that the Enrolment and Finance offices will be open.

The final day of school on December 5 for Year 9s and 10s is also Junior Prizegiving day with Year 10s' prizegiving beginning at 9.30am and the Year 9s' starting at 12.30pm.

The International Office will close on Friday, December 13, and will reopen on January 8, 2020.

The Enrolment Office will be open again on Monday, January 20, 2020. Mount Albert Grammar School enrolments should be done online [here](#)

Senior Re-Enrolment is on Wednesday, January 22 (10.30am-3pm).

The Finance Office will be open again on Tuesday, January 28 **for Year 9 only**. For all other years, the Finance Office is open from Wednesday, January 29.

On Tuesday, January 28, Year 9s start school, with the full school in on the next day – Wednesday, January 29.

The term dates for 2020 can be found [here](#)



Uniform Shop hours

The last day the Lion's Den Uniform Shop will be open this year is Thursday, December 12 (3pm-6pm) and it won't reopen again until January 6 (9am-1pm).

It is also open on Auckland Anniversary Day – Monday, January 27 (9am-12pm) – to alleviate any last-minute rush before school opens for Year 9s on January 28 and for the

full school on January 29.

Please don't leave getting your uniform to the last few days as it will be extremely busy and stocks will be depleted. Also, please bring your own bag when you come in to purchase items.

Click [here](#) for the Uniform Shop hours at the end of this year and for the first term next year.

You can contact the Lion's Den on 021 727 430 or email lionsdenuniforms@gmail.com

Sports update

Indoor rowing medals



MAGSRow brought home some medals from the NZ Indoor Rowing Champs at Cambridge last weekend.

Nick Bryan (pictured at centre) won Gold in the U15 1000m and second places in the 2000m and 500m. Cam MacGillivray was second in the U16 1000m. Staff member and rowing coach John Cook won Gold in the Masters 500m.

Four teams at Condor 7s



MAGS has four teams taking part in the Condor 7s being held at King's College this week. The U15 Boys and U15 Girls started their tournament yesterday and finished up today. You can get out and support the Open Boys and Open Girls sides, who start playing tomorrow and finish their tournaments on Sunday.

General Notices



Alberton December Market Day

A festive feeling will be in the air at the next Alberton Market Day on December 8, with traditional treats such as tarts and cake for sale as well as handmade decorations. An array of specialty produce such as chocolate, olive oil, nuts, teas, preserves, honey and jams will provide perfect gifts for foodie friends and family.

At midday, gardener Debbie Siasm, of boutique plant nursery Puriri Lane, will be sharing 'Festive Styling Tips for your Christmas Table & Home' in a free demo. Foliage and materials to create your own décor at home will be for sale, along with old-fashioned cottage plants and botanically inspired giftware.

As always, there will be artisan street food stalls, Alberton's tearoom, live music, children's crafts and face-painting.

Alberton Market Day, Sunday 8 December 10am-2pm, free entry.



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