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From the Headmaster

Key Dates

Ad Augusta



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

The pinnacle event of our end-of-year celebrations was held on Tuesday as we recognised the best of our MAGS students at the Senior Prizegiving.

Over 160 students across Years 11, 12 and 13 walked the stage in recognition of their academic prowess.

The success of our Year 13 students, in particular, was a triumph as they have battled significant disruptions during each of their senior years at MAGS.

I am very grateful to the tertiary organisations, Albertians and friends of MAGS who collectively provided almost \$600,000 in financial support and scholarships to our graduates heading into tertiary study.

For the first time in 100 years, trophies were presented to the duces of the school – Wesley Donald and Deboprana Mallick. The Centennial Cups for Dux were kindly donated by Albertian and 1965 Dux Professor Peter Phillips (at left), who was on hand to present them, along with a significant monetary prize.

The academic pillar represents our core business as a community. Everything else we do as a school is for nought if our young people fail to reach their academic potential.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Saturday, November 5
School Ball

Monday, November 7
Teacher Only Day

Monday, November 7
Te Puna o Wairaka Awards
Dinner

Sport

Photo Essays



Junior Girls Softball v Mount Roskill Grammar

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Congratulations to all of our 2022 academic prize winners. You have capped off our centenary year in a most impressive way!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

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Senior Prizegiving



Girls and Boys Dux Deboprana Mallick and Wesley Donald are pictured with Professor Peter Phillips, our Dux in 1965, who donated and presented the Centennial Cups for Dux.

A highlight of our Senior Prizegiving on Tuesday was the inaugural presentation of the Centennial Cups for Dux to Deboprana Mallick and Head Prefect Wesley Donald. For 100 years MAGS has not had a cup to present to its Dux, something that Professor Peter Phillips has rectified by donating magnificent cups for the Boys and Girls Dux. Professor Phillips, an Albertian, was well aware of this anomaly, having been named Dux in 1965 at Senior Prizegiving, where he received some books while others were photographed with cups.

He was a guest at the prizegiving in the F.W. Gamble Hall to present the cups to Deboprana and Wesley.

Wesley and fellow Head Prefect Lucy Taylor (pictured right) were MCs for the event and also gave their farewell speeches, reflecting on their time at MAGS. There were also two musical items by our award-winning Centennial Choir.

In 2022, the prestigious Gold Lion was awarded to seven students: Molly Cavanagh, Nishera Gnanendra, Lara Grozev, Bella Houghton, Greeshma



Kasuganti, Tabea Leonhardt and Christopher Sykes. The Gold Lion is awarded to students who have gained all four lions – in Academia, Arts, Service and Sport.

C.P. Liddell Scholarships, worth \$15,000 each, were presented by John Liddell to Max Davison, Wesley Donald, Deboprana Mallick and Eva Wadsworth.

Our Boys and Girls Proxime Accessit for 2022 are Thomas Fairweather and Greeshma Kasuganti respectively. Greeshma was also the recipient of the Woolf Fisher Memorial Scholarship, worth \$3000 a year for three years, and The Prefects' Cup for the Best All-Round Girl in Year 13.

Max Davison was awarded the F.W. Gamble Memorial Cup for the Best All-Round Boy in Year 13.

You can read a full report and see more photos and all the award winners [here](#)



The Gold Lion recipients are, back row: Tabea Leonhardt, Lara Grozev, Molly Cavanagh. Middle row: Christopher Sykes, Bella Houghton. Front row: Nishera Gnanendra, Greeshma Kasuganti.

Pasifika Awards Dinner



Lorielle Cowley and Isaiah Nin were joint winners of the Ulugia-Pua Award for Outstanding Services to Mount Albert Grammar School.

The 2022 Pasifika Prizegiving Dinner held last Friday at Sorrento in the Park was a celebration of Pasifika achievement and ambition.

The theme of the night was that a collective effort by MAGS staff had raised Pasifika academic standards and fuelled students with greater ambition and the belief that they could achieve personal excellence.



This annual event, which acknowledges and celebrates the success of MAGS' Pasifika students, was MC'ed by Deputy Head Prefects Lorielle Cowley and Isaiah Nin, and saw awards across Academia, Sports, the Performing Arts, and Service to Pasifika and the school. As well as the special awards, certificates were presented to Leavers, members of Pasifika groups and students who had achieved NCEA endorsed.

The Pasifika Leavers' Video provided a behind-the-scenes look at school life for

the Leavers over their five years, and that was followed by the Year 13 Tauluga, with staff joining in and showing off their dance moves.

Alonso Fa'alogo Fitzpatrick (pictured above) was named Top Year 13 Pasifika Academic and Best All Round Pasifika Student. He was also awarded the Pasifika Health Science Trophy for the Top Year 13 Science Student and, along with Nicholas Levy, the Komiti Faufautua Pasifika Initiatives Cup.

You can see more photos from the event and a full list of prize-winners [here](#)



Leavers '22 Celebration



Our Leavers '22 Celebration on Monday morning was a fantastic occasion, with staff wishing our Year 13s good luck in their exams and as they start the next chapter in their lives.

Year 13s had their final assembly, with speeches from Mr Drumm, Year 13 Deans Ms Bovaird and Mr Belson, and Head Prefects Lucy Taylor and Wesley Donald. Isaiah Nin, Sarah-lee Talataina and Nathan Setefano performed *Now or Never* to a rapturous reception.

The Leavers Video was a highlight of the assembly as students looked back on their MAGS journey.

Afterwards there were shirt signings with a sausage sizzle and soft drinks before students headed off for exam preparation.

You can see more photos from the event [here](#)





International Prefect for 2023

Congratulations to Monh Sabanhdit, who has been appointed the International Prefect for 2023.

From Savannakhet, Laos, Monh has been at MAGS since 2020 and will be boarding at Centennial House next year.

She says, "I would like to continue staying at Centennial House because it helps with socialising, group activities, and it also improves my academics and communication skills."

This year, Monh studied Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English, Maths and Dance.

"I have joined the badminton club this year, and I like to read when I am free. I also enjoy doing dance as I have participated in Unitec Dance Workshops during school holidays.

"Besides that, I like to be involved in any school activities as I have helped with Career Pathways at MAGS this year. All the activities and service I have done this year have truly made me want to continue doing it for the rest of my high school journey."



Monh Sabanhdit is pictured with, from left, Assistant International Director Maite Elgueta-Clavelle, Deputy Principal John Stradwick and International Student Support Coordinator Deborah Ball.

New appointments for Sports Department



MAGS is delighted to announce the appointment of two Albertians to key positions in the Sports Department.

Rocky Khan, at left, is our new Director of Rugby, while Hasan Pathan is Assistant Director of Rowing.

Rocky has had a long relationship with MAGS as a past student and then as coach for many 7s teams.

He has been part of the Academy programme as a student and a coach, and is looking forward to bringing his knowledge and enthusiasm to the programme.

Hasan has had experience coaching at MAGSROW for a number of years and was a member of the club as a student rower and cox.

Hasan will continue to coach and will lead our Academy programmes in the Junior School.

Real world economics



Last week, Albertian Daryl Collins (Dux in 1993 and Woolf Fisher Scholarship winner) spoke about the world of Business and Finance to a number of senior Economics students.

Daryl spoke about his time at MAGS, the challenges of representing the Bank of England as a regulator on the world stage during the global financial crisis of the mid-2000s, and the difficulties of his current job at the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ). He said post-Covid issues included trying to offset the negatives impacts of record levels of inflation facing New Zealand and the world.

HOF Commerce Blair Gilbert said, "Daryl was particularly impressed with MAGS students' probing questions about the economy and the RBNZ role in ensuring price stability and reducing unemployment.

"The Commerce students were equally appreciative of Daryl giving up his time to come in and speak to them and making the subject of Economics come alive."



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French rugby players visit Farm



Four French women rugby internationals enjoyed an afternoon away from training on Wednesday with a visit to the ASB MAGS Farm.

The group also met some of our Girls Rugby players and answered questions, via an interpreter, about rugby at the top level. The girls then presented Jessy Tremouliere, Clara Joyeux, Emilie Boulard and Caroline Drouin with MAGS Caps. The latter three will be starting against the Black Ferns in the World Cup semifinal at Eden Park tomorrow evening. Farm manager Peter Brice said, "They enjoyed spending time away from rugby for a small amount of time. Emilie has milked cows for a few years as a job, Clara was a duck farmer and Caroline was from Brittany, which is pretty rural.

"There were lots of questions about cows and farms from them, with their interpreter being the key for any conversation."

New Advocacy Ambassadors



Congratulations to Year 13s Rishita Bharani (pictured left) and Sonia Airehrour (at right), who have been appointed Advocacy Ambassadors at World Vision in 2023.

The World Vision Advocacy Ambassador team works on a volunteer basis to advocate for legislative and cultural change in Aotearoa with a particular focus on campaigning for a Modern Slavery Act to be passed in New Zealand.



TIC Interact Miss Barlow said, "Both students went through a rigorous selection process so it is an honour they were chosen, and I am sure they will do a wonderful job in their new roles."

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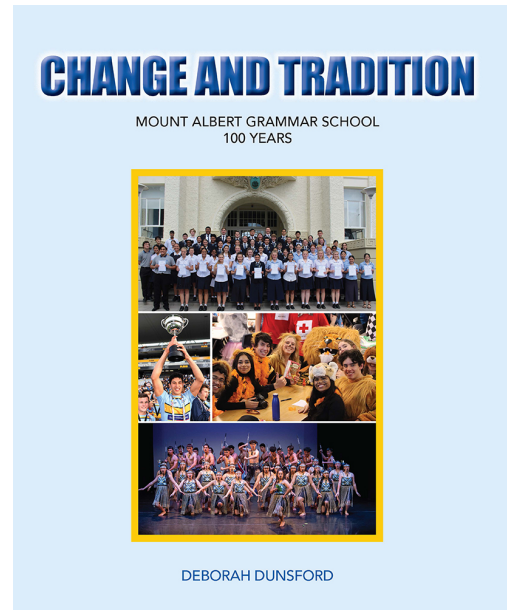
Our Centenary book, *Change and Tradition*, by Deborah Dunsford is available to [order online](#)

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.



Uniform Shop hours over summer

The last day that the Lions' Den Uniform Shop will be open this year is Thursday, December 15 (3pm-6pm).

It will reopen again on Monday, January 9, 2023 (9am-1pm).

You can see the full Lions' Den hours [here](#)



Junior Exam Timetables



Junior Exam Timetables for Week 4 are out now. Exams start on Tuesday, November 8. Click [here](#) for Year 9 and [here](#) for Year 10 for times, locations and instructions.

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The Albertian
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Our Finance Department is now taking orders for The Albertian 2022, which will be available in 2023. 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.

Sports Update

Girls Sevens win AKSS title



Last Friday, our Girls and Boys Premier 7s competed in the AKSS event held at Waitemata RFC, with the Girls coming away with the title.

The Boys had a tough pool, and a draw to St Paul's in pool play meant a hard-fought and close quarter-final against De La Salle College. The boys eventually finished 6th.

The Girls played well throughout the day, scoring a lot of tries in pool play and that set them up well for a semi-final win against One Tree Hill College. The final saw them meet Howick College again, always a strong team, but the MAGS girls worked together and came away with the win and the title.

They will head to the Condor 7s Premier tournament in early December.

In the U15s Rugby Sevens today, also held at Waitemata Rugby Club, the Girls team was third overall while the Boys were second in their pool.



Girls Sevens support marathon runners



Our Premier Girls 7s, with the help of Barfoot and Thompson, had a great time supporting the Auckland Marathon runners last Sunday morning. They were cheering people on at the final 2km mark and were excited to see so many of the MAGS community out running or walking.



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