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9th-14th May 2022



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## From the Headmaster

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## Restarting Again (and again!)

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

Covid threw another curveball at MAGS this week when we received information on Sunday night of a Covid-positive student.

The student had attended classes the previous week while infectious. The school has been supporting the student and their family, who are doing well, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Despite the additional layer of uncertainty created by this news, we were delighted to reopen for all staff and senior students again on Wednesday. The speed with which this disruption was resolved was simply down to one thing – the very high vaccination rates within the MAGS community.

Early in the week, Public Health provided advice as to how

**Monday, November 22**  
NCEA Exams start

**Tuesday, December 14**  
NCEA Exams end

classmates of the infectious student were to be managed. They also assured us that the risk to the wider school community was very low – again due to the high vaccination uptake amongst staff and students.

Thank you to everyone who has done the right thing this week to allow us to restart our school again – and thank you for the courage of those who walked back through the school gates on Wednesday.

The reality for schools (and other organisations) is that positive Covid cases will continue to pop up from time to time. But we have a way to avoid disruption – vaccination!

It's good to be back!

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

**A SAFE SCHOOL IS A  
VACCINATED SCHOOL**



**SAFER COMMUNITY  
WITH IMMUNITY**

## Service Lion awardees revealed



Service is one of MAGS' Four Pillars, one that allow students to give back to their peers and their community.

This year, 91 students have put in an amazing effort across many groups and activities to gain their Service Lion despite the adversity and disruptions we have experienced.

### Junior Service Lions

Ryan Antia  
Nishka Arora  
Zoe Burnett  
Harshavardhan Tammina  
Jonathon Yu

### Senior Service Lions

Hannah Adye, Tali Afele, Kaemon Ah  
Kuoi-Simich, Ayyan Ali, Sathvika Alle,  
Holly Appleby, Matthew Batcheler,  
William Bell-Purchas, Rishita Bharani,  
Arnav Bhatiani, Henri Blakeley, Emeline  
Bloomfield, Samara Brain, Katie Bui,  
Oliver Bulman, Amelia Caltaux, Jasper  
Cameron, Nate Carroll, Molly Cavanagh,  
Tiara Chettiar, Nikitha Chinthalachervu,  
Freya Coulson, Lauren Cudmore, Chau  
Anh Dang, Briana Davidson, Sunny  
Davies, Rosie De Pledge, Matthew Denby,  
Grace Duan, Angus Edwards, Chloe  
Fernley, Leilani Ginnen, Nishera

Gnanendra, Leo Grachev, Nofolisi Hala, Wilhelmina Heeringa, Justin Hemara, Rahul  
Hendriksen, Hana Hilson, Humeera Imran, Rosa Jack, Maitreyi Jaywant, Nina Jia, Char'lee  
Jones, Reet Kamra, Greeshma Kasuganti, Fairuz Khairunnisa, Imogen King, Yasmin  
Lakeman, Jessica Lal, Shantelle Lee, Tabea Leonhardt, Dasha Leonhartsberger, Charlotte  
Mann, Xavier Milbank, Jack Millar, Ella Mitchell, Hannah Moy, Laura Muir, Isaiah Nin, Nidha  
Nureen, Calvin Pooley, Shreya Prakash, Victor Qiu, Sri Keeru Rangu, Maggie Robins,  
Sanskriti Roy, Keertana Sannidhanam, Thanushree Saragadam, Marcus Savelio, Kavita  
Sayers, Heeju Shim, Fiorenza Tan, Isabella Taouma, Genevieve Taua, Boston Tofa, Pasilika  
Ulugia-Pua, Ullrich Von Reiche, Ella Vuetilovoni, Eva Wadsworth, Helen Wen, Ruby Wilson,  
Vivienne Hei Man Wong, Lucy Woodall, David Wu, Veronica Zuo.







## 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 (Roading)** – labouring job opportunities available.

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## Mentor class photos



Mentor teachers have been distributing Year 11-13 class photos and individual portraits this week.

From Monday, any remaining photos can be collected from the Student Centre through to the end of the year, including over the exam period.

For Years 9 and 10, we are waiting to see if they will return to school or not, before making a decision on how to distribute.

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## Christmas ham fundraiser

Neat Meat is running a Christmas ham fundraiser with \$10 from each ham it sells to people using the 'MAGS' code donated to our school.

Half hams sell for \$85, and whole hams for \$145.

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



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](http://neatmeatstore.com)  
Type your school in the search bar: Mount Albert  
Grammar  
Select a ham and use the code 'MAGS'



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## Uniform shop closed until further notice

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, The Lion's Den uniform shop will not be open until retail in Auckland is allowed to open.

New hours will be posted when restrictions are lifted.

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