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From the Headmaster

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Thank You!



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

We've finally reached the end of one of the most unique school terms in the history of Mount Albert Grammar School.

Teaching and learning has been rightly described as a 'contact sport'! The collective wisdom of the group (present in

person) has always been the greatest resource for any teacher.

The classroom becomes the setting for the dance between the curriculum content we teach and the relationships we build – relationships that foster trust and allow students to give us permission to teach them.

Skilful teachers get this balance right. They are constantly reading the room, assessing the classroom climate and making adjustments to maintain students in that learning zone. To be present with students in those learning moments is a privilege that teachers never take for granted.

But for the majority of this term we were called on to do things differently as a school. No longer could we rely on the human dynamics of the classroom to drive the lesson.

Student voice, feedback, rapport, humour, empathy – these classroom culture traits simply don't transmit as easily via a screen.

Yet we have kept our school going. Knowledge has been shared, relationships have been maintained, our people have been looked after.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Monday, October 18
Beginning of Term 4

Monday, November 22
NCEA Exams start

Tuesday, December 14
NCEA Exams end



[Sport](#)



Sports registrations for

Teachers, students, parents, family and whanau – thank you!

Term 4

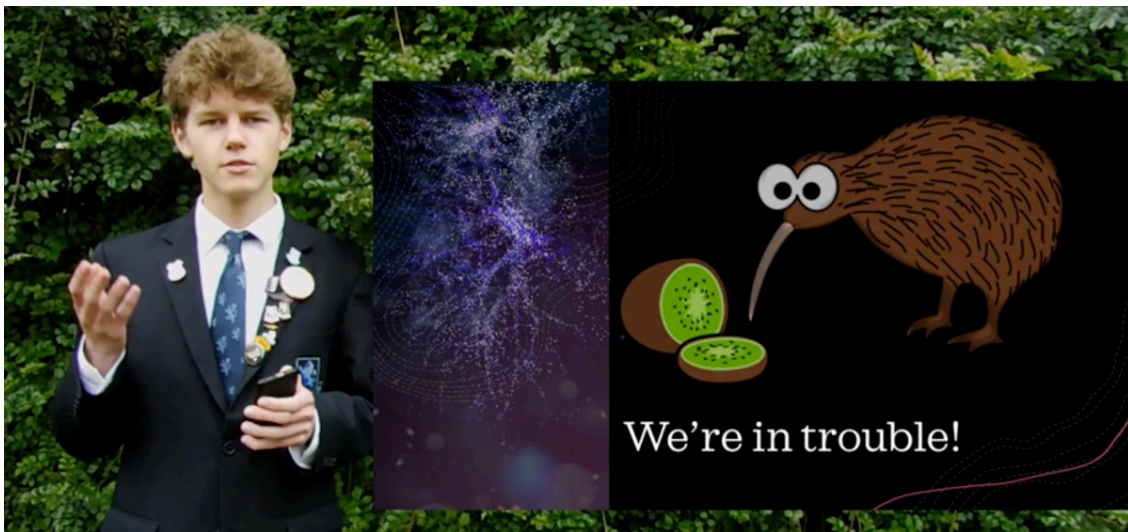
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We are more than ready to return.

Enjoy a break and see you in person next term.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Eureka! Finalists



Congratulations to Matthew Batcheler (above) and Jennifer Zhang (below), who have been named as two of the eight finalists for the prestigious Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards.

The awards challenge Year 12 and 13 students and tertiary students to deliver a 12-minute presentation

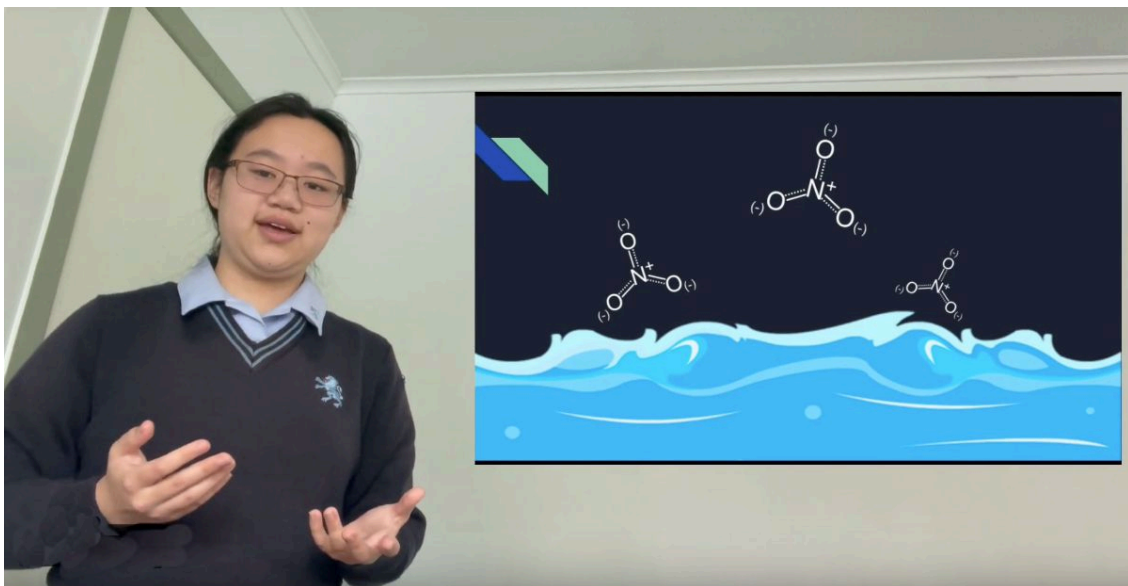
about how an application of science or technology will benefit New Zealand.

Matthew's presentation is about about a plan to combat pests that kill our wildlife, while Jennifer's is about cleaning up our waterways.

The date and format of the finals has yet to be announced. In normal times, Jennifer and Matthew would make their 12-minute presentations to the National Finals judges in Wellington before attending an awards presentation and gala dinner.

You can see their presentations [here](#)





Junior Debating team rides high



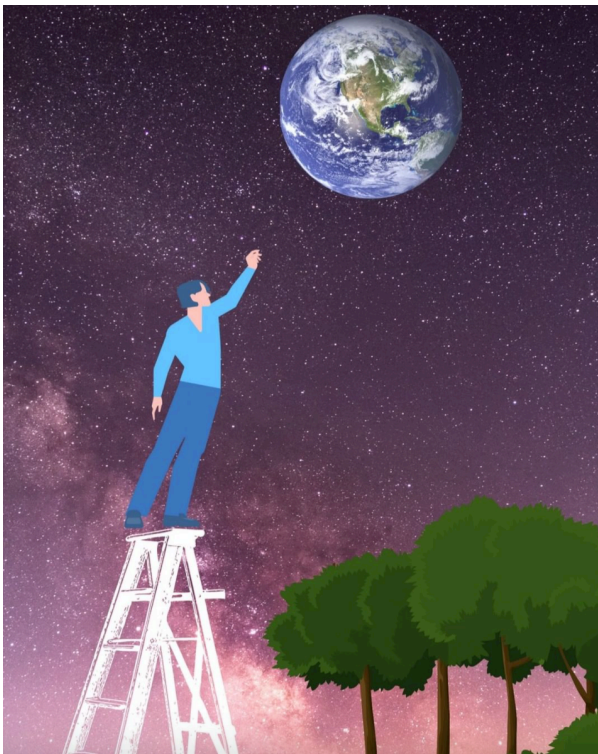
Congratulations to Year 10 student QiQi Deng (pictured right with his Junior Debating Team members Sneha Mandadi, Ryan Antia and Nishka Arora), who has been named a Top 10 Speaker by Auckland Schools' Debating.

At the Junior Championships earlier in the year, when the team finished fourth out of 46 teams, Qi Qi won the award for Top Speaker at the whole event, which featured 138 speakers.

The team won seven out of their 10 debates this year through the Junior Open and Junior Championships, proving themselves as one of the top junior teams in Auckland.

They won four out of five Junior Open debates; lost the octo-finals to ACG; won three debates at the Junior Championships but lost the octo-finals of the Junior Champs to ACG. QiQi said, "The highlight from this debating season came after the Junior Championships. We were standing outside the Sir Owen Glenn Building at The University of Auckland, and I realised how well the team had done this year. It was incredible to realise that this was the same team that only won one debate last year, and that was because the other team didn't show up! Although we lost the octo-finals that day, it didn't tarnish a great season."

Last day for Art Challenge entries



Midnight tonight is the deadline for entries in the MAGS Art Challenge, which you can see on the [Visual Arts Instagram page](#)

There are some great entries such as the one pictured by Grace Leach.

Students have been challenged to create a personal response to lockdown through whatever media they prefer (photo, drawing, painting, film, design, collage, writing, dancing, playing etc).

There are \$50 Westfield vouchers up for grabs for the top two entries.

Go to the [MAGS Visual Art Instagram page](#) for more info and examples of student work.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Our amazing Prefects have used their [Instagram page](#) this week to post tips and positive messages as part of [Mental Health Awareness Week](#)

This year's theme for the week is take time to kōrero/mā te kōrero, ka ora – a little chat can go a long way.

This is all about connecting with the people in our lives and creating space for conversations about mental health and wellbeing. Whether it's checking in with a mate, having a kōrero over some kai or saying hello to a stranger, a little chat can go a long way.



New walkway progress



Anyone who has passed our school recently will have noticed that progress is underway on the Centennial Walkway, which will provide better and safer access to MAGS. The walkway will also have a plaza that will host our school flagpole and a memorial to fallen Albertians who have served our country.

Recruiting Year 9 rowers



The rowing team at MAGS is recruiting Year 9 squad members for Term 4 and next year's Term 1.

Last season the squad gained three medals at Nationals and were Gold medalists for the first time in 60 years.

If you are interested in trying out rowing, we are offering a four-week Learn to Row programme in Term 4. There are 20 spots available.

If interested, please contact the Director of Rowing alice.denyer@mags.school.nz.

Chiropractic Open Day

Two upcoming information events for students who are interested in a career in Chiropractic will be held this month.

The Bachelor of Chiropractic offered by the New Zealand College of Chiropractic is a four-year professional degree, plus one year of prerequisite study of specific health sciences. Interested students can connect in several ways to learn more:

OPEN DAY

If Auckland moves to Level 2, the Open Day will proceed with certain restrictions to ensure the health and safety of all visitors. This will be done as two separate information sessions on the day.

It's a great chance to learn more about a career in chiropractic, meet faculty and students, and hear about the programme. There will be a self-guided tour of the campus and an opportunity to experience what it is like to study at this college

Date & Time: Saturday, October 16, one 90-minute session starting at 10am, and one at 12.30pm.

Location: New Zealand College of Chiropractic, 6 Harrison Rd, Mt Wellington.

Registration: chiropractic.ac.nz/event/openday

ONLINE INFORMATION EVENT

In the event the Open Day cannot go ahead or if preferred, there will also be an online information event on Tuesday, October 19 at 7pm.

Attendees will hear from a representative of the College about what a career in chiropractic offers as well as getting the chance to ask any questions.

Details for this event and registration can be found [here](#)

Deadline for In-Zone Enrolments for 2022

MAGS appreciates the current challenges we are all dealing with during this latest lockdown.

We also appreciate how limited access to scanners and printers and JPs will be affecting many, making it difficult to provide the required Statutory Declaration and other supporting documents to submit a complete In-Zone Enrolment.

In-Zone Enrolments – complete or otherwise – should have been completed by today to help us with our planning for 2022.

And we further ask that any supporting documentation, not initially supplied, be submitted to the school by the end of Week 1, Term 4 – Friday, 22 October.

For more information, visit our enrolment page [here](#)

Class lists on Albertians site now



Our Assistant Archivist Mr Cave has been busy compiling class lists from the previous decades and these can now be viewed on the [Albertian Online Community site](#)

Albertians are encouraged to register on this site to use the resources such as the class lists and connect or re-connect with classmates, view photos from past functions and keep up to date with next year's [Centenary Celebrations](#) across May 9-14, 2022.

There will be more details to come about these events, and more events added as we move towards the Centenary Celebrations.

These events will bring together current and former students and staff, parents and supporters of MAGS as we celebrate our tradition of excellence.

The Centenary site will also allow you to buy tickets – when they are released – to our premier ticketed events such as the Centennial Gala Dinner and Albertian Reunion 'Pub Night'.

There will also be free arts, cultural and sporting events, culminating in a festival at MAGS on May 14.



Sports Update

Student Sport Spotlight



In the [Student Sport Spotlight](#), the Sports Department highlights students who play sport for MAGS and are hard-working, positive and uphold the 'MAGS Way' values.

Students are nominated then the Sports Department chooses who will have the spotlight focused on them.

Those selected answer some questions about themselves and their sport.

In this latest edition, the spotlight is on Year 12 Football Boys 1st XI player Taine Wilson.

You can read all about Taine [here](#)

U18 Rugby selections

Congratulations to those Rugby Girls who have been named in the Auckland Central/West U18 squad this week: Yoko Tsukushi, Daele Vaea, Mayann Ioane, Wainouna Kaleopa, Eisha Chandra and Stella-Rose Woodman.

Albertians in Sport



Three Albertians have been selected in the All Whites squad, which has two upcoming matches.

Michael Boxall, Nikko Boxall (pictured) and Sarpreet Singh have been picked to travel for the games against Curaçao on October 10 and Bahrain on October 13.

The All Whites have not played a football international since November 2019 so these matches, which both take place in Bahrain, have huge significance as the All Whites begin their quest to qualify for next year's World Cup in Qatar, beginning with an Oceania qualifying tournament in Qatar in March.

The winner of that tournament will then go into a home and away playoff for a place at the World Cup against a team from another region that just missed qualifying.

After leaving the NZ Warriors rugby league team last year to move to the Parramatta Eels, Albertian Isaiah Papali'i has been named NRL Second Rower of the Year at the Dally M Awards and was also named Parramatta's Player of the Year.

Isaiah, who was part of MAGS' First XV national champion rugby team in 2016, made his first-grade debut for the NZ Warriors as a teenager in 2017 and has gone on to play for the Kiwis rugby league team.



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