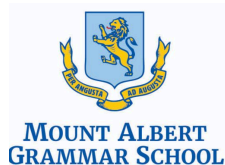


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A Tradition of Excellence
9th-14th May 2022



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

We have moved into the celebratory period of the school year as we hold awards evenings and prizegivings to acknowledge student success across our Four MAGS Pillars.

The fact that so many MAGS students have enjoyed outstanding achievements despite the disruption to the year is real testament to their character. We must also be thankful that our community can gather in person to recognise these students – something that is currently not possible in many parts of the world.

Our theme for this Term is about moving forward with *confidence*. The fact that students have weathered the storm and made it through to this point in the year is a credit to their resilience. It's time to relegate terms like 'uncertainty' and 'anxiety' to the past as we move into the final stretch of the academic year.

As we watch the best of our MAGS students walk across the stage to be honoured with certificates and silverware, we can join in recognising the excellence they bring to our school – and furthermore we can all draw on the confidence they provide as we strive for our own 'personal excellence' in the time ahead.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Wednesday, October 28

Board Show & Market Evening,
4.30pm

Friday, October 30

Pasifika Prizegiving Dinner,
7pm, Sorrento in the Park

Friday, November 6

Arts Prizegiving Dinner, 7pm,
Sorrento in the Park

Thursday, November 19

Teacher Only Day



Sport



Fixtures and results

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Top sports performers honoured



At left, Victrix Ludorum Latonya Lole and Victor Ludorum Andre Pickering. At right, Te Aroha Keenan Cup winner Brearna Crawford and Olympic Cup winner Adi Ashok.

The importance of sport at MAGS was celebrated just as much as sporting achievement at the Sports Awards Evening 2020 held on Wednesday in the FW Gamble Hall.

Headmaster Patrick Drumm said that with the school year disrupted by lockdowns, training for and playing sport had helped students maintain discipline and get back into routines – something that should help them in their upcoming exams.



Guest speaker and Albertian Sir Bryan Williams (pictured) reinforced that point, saying the discipline and commitment required by top level sport helped him succeed in the academic world.

For the second year running, Latonya Lole was named Victrix Ludorum, while Andre Pickering was named Victor Ludorum.

Latonya is the Athletics Captain and Senior Champion, the Premier Netball Captain, part of the AKSS Rugby 7s Condors team, and MAGS Mixed Touch co-captain, who are AKSS Champions. Andre is a member of the Boys 1st XI Hockey team, plays in the Boys Lacrosse team and 3rd XI Football, and is the top skier at MAGS, an AKSS Snowboarding medalist, and attended NISS for skiing and snowboarding.

The Squash Boys Premiers (Max Conder, Jae Kwan, Tarin Love, Riley McCracken, Mason Smales and Captain Jack

Conder) were awarded the Headmaster's Cup for Team of the Year after defending their national title.

The Te Aroha Keenan Cup for Outstanding Individual Achievement for Girls was once again awarded to swimmer Brearna Crawford, while cricketer Adi Ashok won the comparable Boys' award – the Olympic Cup.

Brearna is an Auckland Champs Gold medalist, a National Age Group record holder in 100m and 200m Breaststroke, 50m and 100m Butterfly Auckland Record holder, and NZ Open Record holder in 100m Breaststroke.

Adi is the 1st XI Cricket Captain, played for the NZ U19 Cricket team, was named AKSS Cricket Players Player of the year 2020, and is MAGS Best All Rounder.

You can read more about the evening, and see a full list of Blue Caps, Black Caps and individual sports award winners [here](#)

Arts Lions and Arts Attitude Awards



At a special assembly today, [Arts Lions](#) (pictured above) and [Arts Attitude Awards](#) (recipients pictured below) were presented to the top students across Cultural Activities, Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Art.

The assembly also saw (and heard) the debut of Gloriana – The Girls Choir with Dr Erin Atchison conducting as they sang *For the Beauty of the Earth*, accompanied on piano by Ms Catherine Oxenham.

Headmaster Patrick Drumm said the Arts had shone during the lockdowns, with students coming up with innovative ways of producing work and staying connected.

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



Board Show and Market Evening



Mount Albert Grammar School

Board Show & Business Market Evening

Wednesday 28th October, 2020 4:30-6:30pm in E Block

PAINTING, DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAY



Come see the latest work created by all of the talented 2020 MAGS Senior Visual Art students.

BUSINESS STUDIES MARKET STALLS



Year 10 Business Studies students will facilitate market stalls offering tasty light meals and drinks (cash only).

TECHNOLOGY DISPLAY



DANCE & DRAMA SHOWCASE



LIVE MUSIC



One of the highlights of the school calendar, the Board Show and Business Market Evening is back and even better this year.

Next Wednesday, October 28, MAGS will be opening the Art classrooms in lower E block for the community to view the work created by all of our Senior Visual Art and Technology students.

There will also be a range of food and product market stalls organised by Year 10 Business students as well as Music, Drama and Dance performances at this event, which starts at 4.30pm and runs for about two hours.

School Cross Country



The School Cross Country, which was supposed to be run earlier in the year, finally took place on Tuesday and Wednesday in fine and dry conditions. The event, which starts and finishes in the school grounds but is mostly run on the ASB MAGS Farm, is compulsory for Junior students, with Seniors and staff also joining in.

Special mention goes to Mathematics teacher Mr Naylor, who ran with the Year 9 Boys and offered to buy an iceblock for every boy who finished in front of him.

Mr Naylor, who is pictured above with the top Year 9 Boys runners, did not have

to open his wallet, and has been challenged to run with the Year 10 Boys next year.

The cross country winners were: Year 9 Boys – Jesse Burge 1st, Oscar Vink 2nd, Vinnie Shaw 3rd; Year 9 Girls – Frankie Pengelly 1st, Amelie Kelly 2nd, Lily Curnow 3rd; Year 10 Boys – Luke Eagles-Smith 1st, Justin Brendolise 2nd, James Ray 3rd; Intermediate Boys Champion Oliver Fox; Senior Boys Champion Luke Clements; Intermediate Girls Champion Eva Wadsworth.

You can see more photos [here](#)

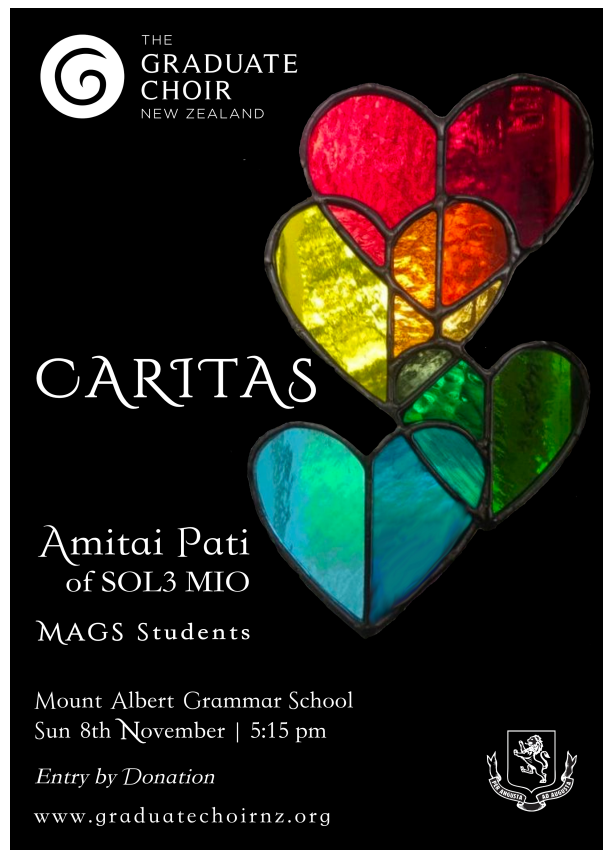


Choir singing at MAGS

MAGS is proud to be hosting the Graduate Choir on Sunday, November 8 in a concert that will also feature our Boys Choir as well as tenor Amitai Pati, who is part of the top-selling and world-renowned SOL3 MIO group.

The Graduate Choir NZ is one of New Zealand's premier mixed voice choirs. It was established in 2001 for school-leavers in South Auckland who wanted to keep singing with their Music Director Terence Maskell, who also oversees our Boys Choir.

The concert starts at 5.15pm in the FW Gamble Hall and entry is by donation.



THE GRADUATE CHOIR
NEW ZEALAND

CARITAS


Amitai Pati
of SOL3 MIO

MAGS Students

Mount Albert Grammar School
Sun 8th November | 5:15 pm

Entry by Donation

www.graduatechoirnz.org



Solo adventures



From 14 to 16 October, the Year 13 Outdoor Education class participated in a 48-Hour Solo experience.

The objective of Solo is to further develop an individual's self-awareness, self-esteem, self-

confidence, personal responsibility and personal motivation.

It was a test both mentally and emotionally, and has hopefully helped each student further consider their own values and provide them with a time without distractions to set their own goals.

The experience is largely about reflection in order to devise strategies for lifelong well-being.

With only a basic shelter and minimal food, participants also heighten their appreciation of what a lot of us take for granted.

Thank you to Sharon and Neil Waller for their ongoing support in allowing us to use their stunning coastal property on the Kaipara Harbour.

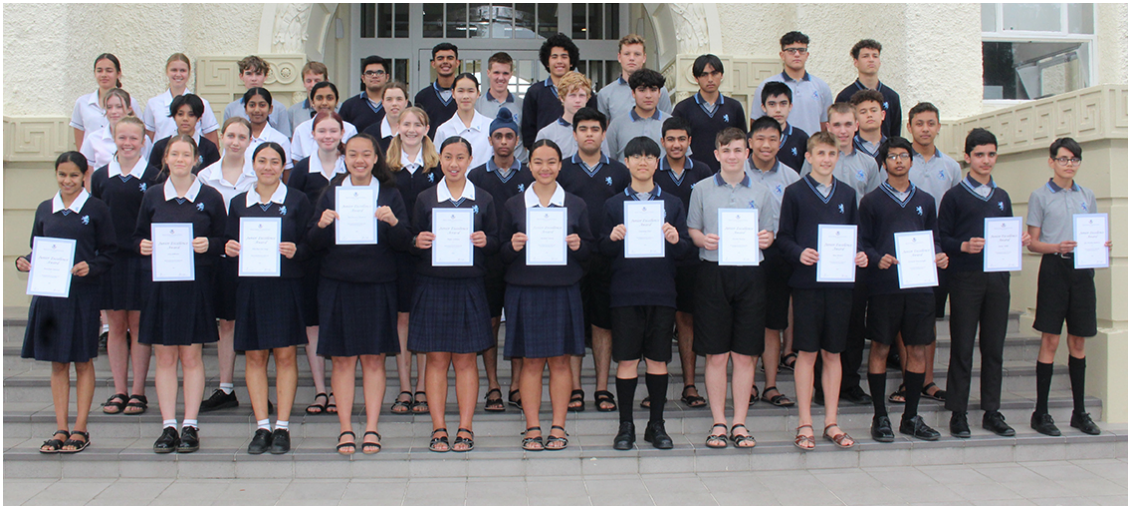
Junior Excellence Awards



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. You can see the list of students [here](#)

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



Astronomy Club back in action

Astronomy Club Pop Up Sessions are back.

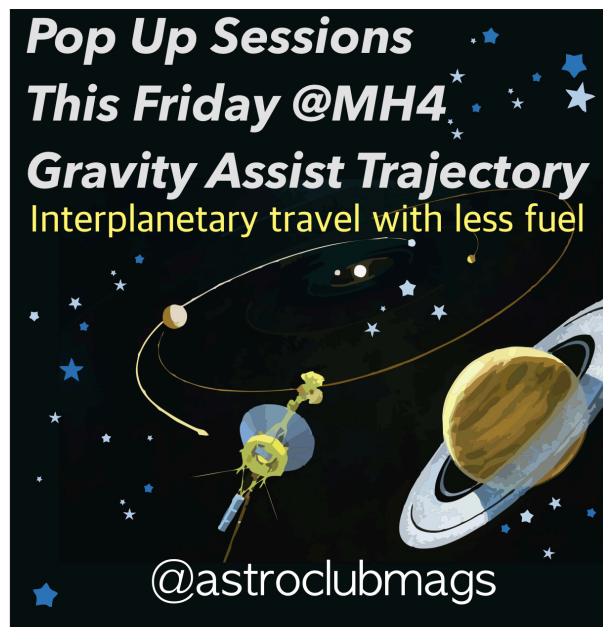
Please bring your lunchbox and all your interstellar facts and questions and join Mr Alarcon at MH4 every Friday at lunchtime to talk about space science, sci-fi, astronomy and more.

The Astronomy Club Pop Up Sessions promote environmental awareness. In the sessions, the club attempts to reveal a universe that is vast, varied, and beautiful.

Mr Alarcon said, "We try to cover a wide range of topics that could be related to other subjects such as physics, maths, earth science, chemistry and more.

"This week our topic was: *Gravity assist trajectory, Interplanetary travel with less fuel* – do not miss out on our next session. All welcome."

If you have a particular topic that you would like addressed in the next sessions, please email Mr Alarcon dalarcon@mags.school.nz



Upcoming prizegivings and celebrations

Pasifika Prizegiving Dinner – Friday, October 30, 7pm, Sorrento in the Park.

Arts Prizegiving Dinner – Friday, November 6, 7pm, Sorrento in the Park.

Te Puna o Wairaka Prizegiving Dinner – Thursday, November 12, 7pm, Te Mahurehure Marae.

Senior Prizegiving – Tuesday, November 10, 10am, MAGS.

School Ball – Tuesday, November 10,
6pm, Ellerslie Event Centre.

Year 10 Prizegiving – Monday,
December 7, MAGS (afternoon).

Year 9 Prizegiving – Tuesday, December
8, MAGS (morning).



Legacy of original staff



Our Assistant Archivist Greg Cave was busy rummaging through files this week when he discovered this photo.

Mr Cave says we have a number of prizes named after these original staff of 1922.

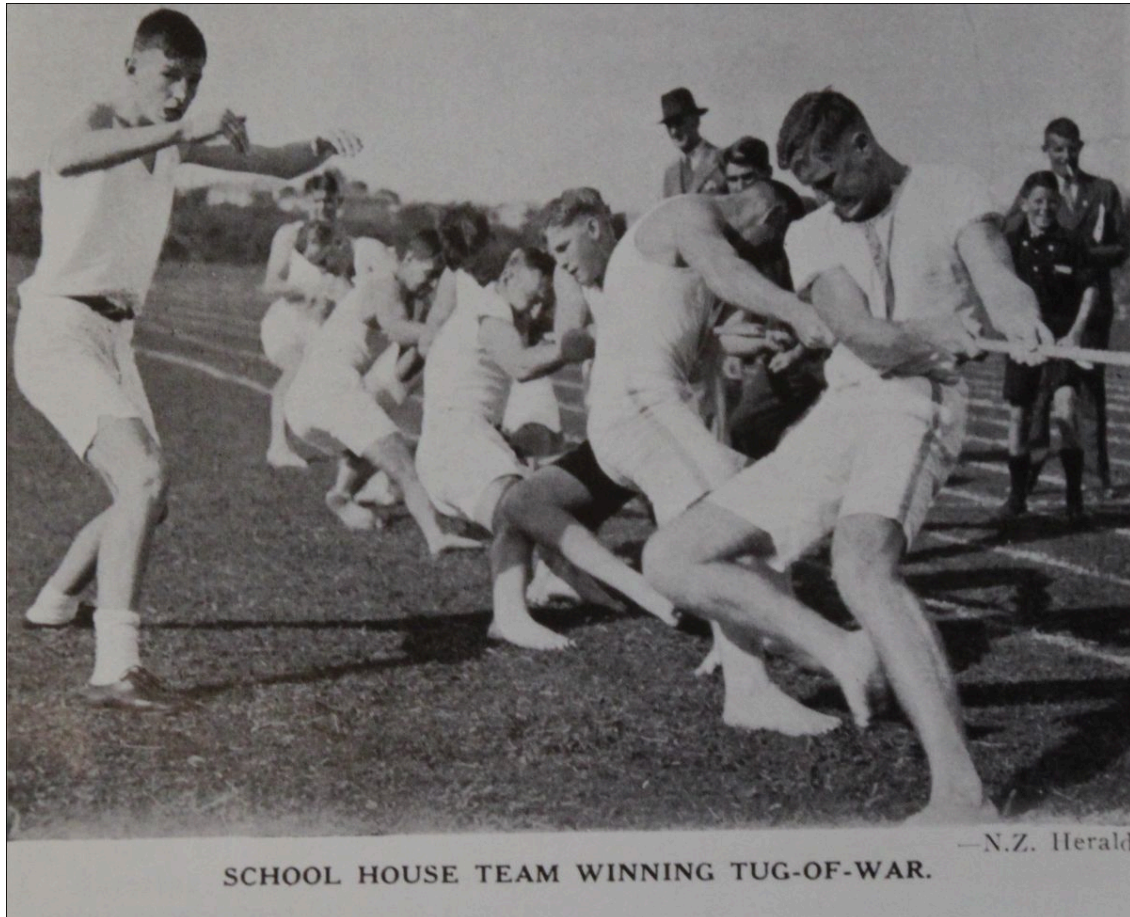
There is the Hardy Senior Commercial Prize; Towers Mathematics Prizes for years 10,11 and 12; Harvey Senior English Prize; Worley Year 11 Chemistry Prize; and Coldham Prize for Senior Language.

Mr Cave adds, "There is also the Calder History Prize named after Harry Calder, who came in 1923; and the JH Jenkin Memorial Prize for Woodwork. Jack Jenkin was a Prefect in 1923 and then taught from 1930 to 1963. Caradus, in the front row, was the second

headmaster."

You can see more photos like this as part of Historical Images on the MAGS website [here](#)

Sign up to the Centenary database



As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, with events planned for May 9-14, 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.

Sports update

NZSS Swimming medals

MAGS sent away a team of 18 who had qualified for the 2020 New Zealand Secondary School Swimming Championships in Hamilton.

After a difficult year and training block leading into the event due to Covid-19, there was

still plenty of success in the pool in the form of personal best times and medals. The MAGS Aquatic Team finished 10th overall out of 123 different schools who participated in this year's event and will continue to build on this success in years to come.

Medals

Relays:

Gold – Men's Under 16 4x100m Free
(Tito Tipi, Hunter Dobson, Sebastian Taku, Quin Walden)

Silver – Mixed Under 16 4x50m Free
(Hunter Dobson, Anna McGowan, Tito Tipi, Isabella Houghton)

2x Bronze – Mixed Under 16 4x50m
Medley (Tito Tipi, Isabella Houghton,
Hunter Dobson, Anna McGowan), Mixed

Open 8x50m Free (Quin Walden, Edie Ancell, Hunter Dobson, Lara Grozev, Justin Hemara, Isla Marsh, Thomas Murray, Amber George)

Individual Results:

Hunter Dobson (pictured above right) – Men 15 Years – 2 Golds (100m Back, 200m Back)

Amber George – Women 15 Years – Gold (50m Back)

Quin Walden – Men 15 Years – Silver (50m Back)

Tito Tipi – Men 14 Years – Bronze (50m Back)



NISS champions four years running



MAGS has won the North Island Orienteering Championships for the fourth year in a row. For the Orienteers, this was their first (and only) major event of the year.

For the championship, MAGS took a strong team to Tuakau College in the Sprint and Waiuku Forest in the Long.

The Boys took out the event in dominant style, finishing more than 150 points ahead of their nearest rival. There were wins for Tom Aish, Sam Carryer, Matthew Greenwood and podium places for Callum Wishart, Luke Clements, Matthew Greenwood (again) and Sam Carryer (again). There were also strong Performances from Aidan Skinner, Mitchell Cooper and Seth Dean in the Forest event.

The Girls finished third in their highest ever position with a podium performance from Ayleigh Loomes in the Senior Girls and a strong showing from Eva Wadsworth in the Sprint (5th).

MAGS retains AKSS Fencing title

MAGS retained the Auckland Secondary Schools championship team title at the weekend, with MAGS A narrowly winning the final.

Eight teams from a variety of schools battled it out at the Fencing North event.

The MAGS B team scored a great victory against the early favourites Kristen (past winners), before falling to Hamilton High School and finishing fifth.

MAGS A were not really tested in the early rounds, before narrowly winning the finals in a very tense and close match 45-43 against a composite team.

MAGS A (Caleb Anderson, Shaun Owen and Daniel Finch) are pictured left with coach Kyle Macdonald.



All Sevens teams to play at nationals



The Auckland Rugby Sevens competition saw both the Senior Girls and Senior Boys teams qualify for the national competition the Condor 7s. The Girls finished fourth in the competition and the Boys second.

The U15 teams (pictured above and right) also played their tournament having already accepted the invitation to attend the Condor 7s.

Both teams finished third, with the girls losing their semi in golden point.

You can see photo essays from the Senior Boys competition [here](#) and the Senior Girls [here](#)

Photos / Grace Meecham



Underwater Hockey reps

Congratulations to Maya Azam and Flynn Lakeman for making the Northern Under 18 Girls B team and Boys B team respectively.

They will compete this weekend in Wellington. Saturday and Sunday's round robin games will be livestreamed on the Underwater Hockey NZ YouTube channel, and finals on Monday will be on the Sky Sport Next YouTube channel.

This will be a great opportunity to see what the sport is all about if you are interested in giving it a go next year.

General Notices

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We are turning 150 years old!

We would like to invite all past and present:

Students | Parents | Family | Staff

and anyone who feels connected to our amazing school. To recognise this once-in-a-lifetime occasion, we are planning to hold events on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th November 2020.

Please go to the school website for more information and register your interest

www.mtalbertprimary.school.nz/150th/

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