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MAGS Will Be The Winner On The Day



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

What a wonderful time our Albertians are enjoying at the moment on the International Rugby stage!

Almost two weeks ago at Eden Park, four former MAGS students starred as part of the All Blacks team which comprehensively beat the Australian

Wallabies in the Bledisloe Cup Test. Together on the field at the same time were – (below, from left) Nepo Laulala (2013), Alex Hodgman (2013), Jack Goodhue (2014) and Caleb Clarke (2016) – the first time four MAGS Old Boys have jointly achieved this feat.

And tomorrow night another chapter will be written when the Sydney Test kicks off with Albertian Irae Simone (2013), pictured below right, starting for the Wallabies at second-five-eighth, marking his old MAGS 1st XV team-mate Jack Goodhue!



The sporting pillar has been such a critical part of the MAGS story over the past 99 years. And while most of us won't reach the giddy heights of representing our country in our chosen sport, those that do always bring such pride to us back here at school.

We wish our Albertians all the best on the international stage tomorrow.



Friday, November 6

Arts Prizegiving Dinner, 7pm, Sorrento in the Park

Thursday, November 12

Te Puna o Wairaka Prizegiving Dinner, Te Mahurehure Marae, 7pm

Thursday, November 19

Teacher Only Day



Sport

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And whether you're backing 'Black' or the 'Green and Gold' ... MAGS will be the winner on the day!

Enjoy the weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



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AK SS Rugby 7s U15s Boys
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Board Show a huge hit



A feast for the body and soul, the Board Show and Business Market Evening held on Wednesday was again a big hit with the MAGS Community.

Staff, Albertians, students and their families turned out in droves to view the vibrant displays of Senior Visual Art – Painting, Design and Photography – as well as enjoy a huge variety of food and drinks being sold by Year 10 Business students from their stalls.

The classrooms and hallways of E Block were opened up to display art, while stalls were set up inside and outside as Year 10 Business Studies students learned about marketing and selling their products to the public.

MAGS' talented students also entertained with music, dance and drama pieces centred around E Block. And this year, the Technology Department had its own display with student work such as lighting, furniture and sculpture on show.

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



The Pohutukawa Tree



After an eventful year, MAGS' Drama Department was pleased to finally stage the Year 13 Production, *The Pohutukawa Tree*, last Thursday and Friday.

It is a classic of New Zealand theatre written by Bruce Mason. It follows the story of Aroha Mataira, a Māori matriarch whose faith in both tikanga and Christianity leave little room for her two teenage children. Set in the 1950s, it explores the shifting perspectives at the beginning of a time of great change for New Zealand.

HOD Drama Gerald Urquhart said, "The performance was very well attended with both nights selling out. The audience was moved by the performances from our soon-to-be school leavers."

'Ka to he ra; ka ura he ra.'

'A sun sets; a sun rises.'



"I could not think of a better quote from the play for this graduating class," Mr Urquhart said. "As the sun sets on school life for them, I am excited by the potential of the new dawn. I want to wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavours. Waimarie."

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

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YES they are the best



Congratulations to Coco Skincare, who won the 'Excellence in Business Management' award at the YES (Young Enterprise Scheme) Regional Awards held last Monday, October 19.

Coco Skincare is made up of MAGS students Talisa Gan-Setu (CEO, pictured centre front), Jazz Singh (Marketing Manager, middle rear), Thomas Brooks (Communications Manager, left rear), Chhaya Patel (Production Manager, left front) and Carlos Roldan (Finance Manager, right rear).

YES is an experiential, "hands-on" programme whereby students set up and run a real business activity of their choice.

Sixty-nine teams competed in the central Auckland region for the YES regional awards. To be eligible, students had to develop an innovative product, produce it, promote it and sell it over the course of the year.

Business Studies teacher Miss Carwardine (pictured with the students) said, "2020 was a particularly challenging year with Covid-19 and the ensuing lockdowns. Despite these disruptions, Coco Skincare persevered. Having identified a significant gap in the skincare market for young males, their team of five developed a customised, organic 'All in One' liquid showering product; one that reflected their diverse cultural backgrounds (Samoan, Indian, Maori and Filipino).

"Congratulations to them for reaching out – beyond the confines of the classroom – to engage with their community, and to compete on a regional and national level with schools throughout the country."

Crunching the numbers at Mathex



On Wednesday night, MAGS had four teams of junior mathematicians participate in the annual Auckland Mathex competition at Barfoot & Thompson Stadium in Kohimarama.

Year 9 A team – Felix McElwee, Owen Frear, Alistair Clarke, Hector de Mornac

Year 9 B team – Sam Carryer, Felix Armstrong, Jacob Miller, Eved Ah Soon

Year 10 A team – Anatol Coen, Jay McElwee, Jules Webb, Harris Clow

Year 10 B team – Matthew Radcliffe, Oliver Tang, Emil Hinchliff, Liam Spencer

Mathematics teacher Mr Walden said, "The students were very excited to be able to attend this event, given it usually occurs earlier in the year. All teams performed competitively and represented our school wonderfully."

Both Year 9 teams scored the maximum 100 points; our A team came seventh and our B team came eighth, scoring 100 two seconds before the hooter.

Mr Walden said, "Well done to Eved for running that last and toughest lap at searing pace! Only eight teams out of the 84 entered achieved a score of 100, so these results were very impressive."

The Year 10 competition also proved very challenging, with only three teams out of 87 scoring the elusive 100 points.

Our A team scored 95, placing them fourth-equal with two other schools.

"The boys got stuck on 60 for some time, before recovering and powering through the last questions. I'm told they needed 40 seconds more to get the 100," said Mr Walden. "If I recall correctly – I got lost in the hype – our B team scored 85".

Last Pasifika Assembly of the year



Ahead of tonight's Pasifika Prizegiving Dinner, the last Pasifika Assembly for the year was held on Tuesday. The assembly featured a performance by Year 13 Girls, pictured above, and was followed by a tertiary studies preparation programme for Pasifika and Maori students. Pasifika students will see the shield (pictured right) presented at Senior Prizegiving on November 10 to the Best All Rounder. Assistant Archivist Greg Cave says, "It was first awarded in 2004 to the first Girl Head Prefect – Sosefina Fa'amausili. Sosefina was also a member of the first cohort of girls in 2000."



Albertians luncheon



Our end of year Albertians Luncheon will be held at School House on Tuesday, 24 November.

Please arrive no earlier than 12pm, for luncheon at 12.30pm. Our Headmaster Patrick Drumm will welcome guests and speak about our Centenary plans for 2022.

The cost of the lunch is \$35 per person. Payment can be prepaid online to the Albertians Association account (12 3029 0376398 00) using your first name and surname as a reference – or by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at School House on the day.

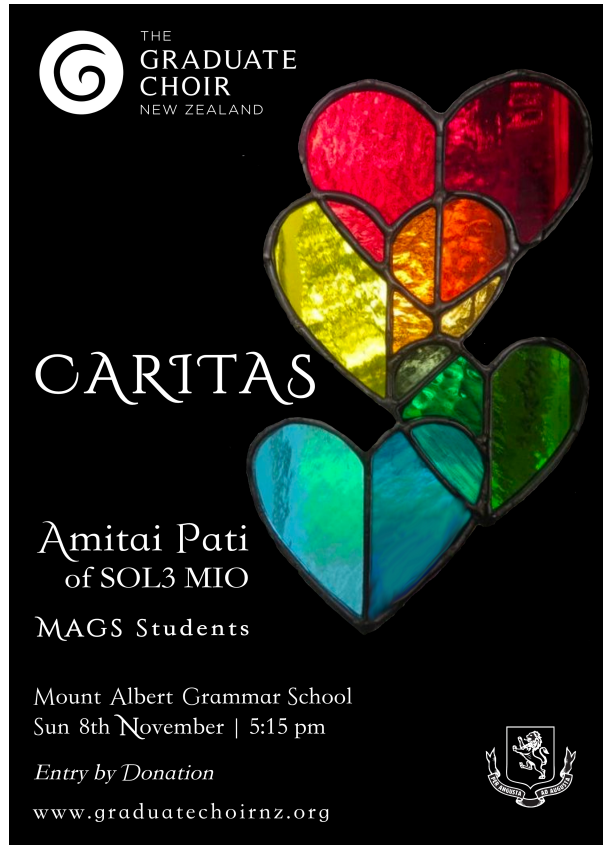
Please RSVP by Friday, 13 November to Emma John, Events Manager, either by email: events@mags.school.nz or by phone: (09) 846 2044 extn 8198 and leave a message.

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

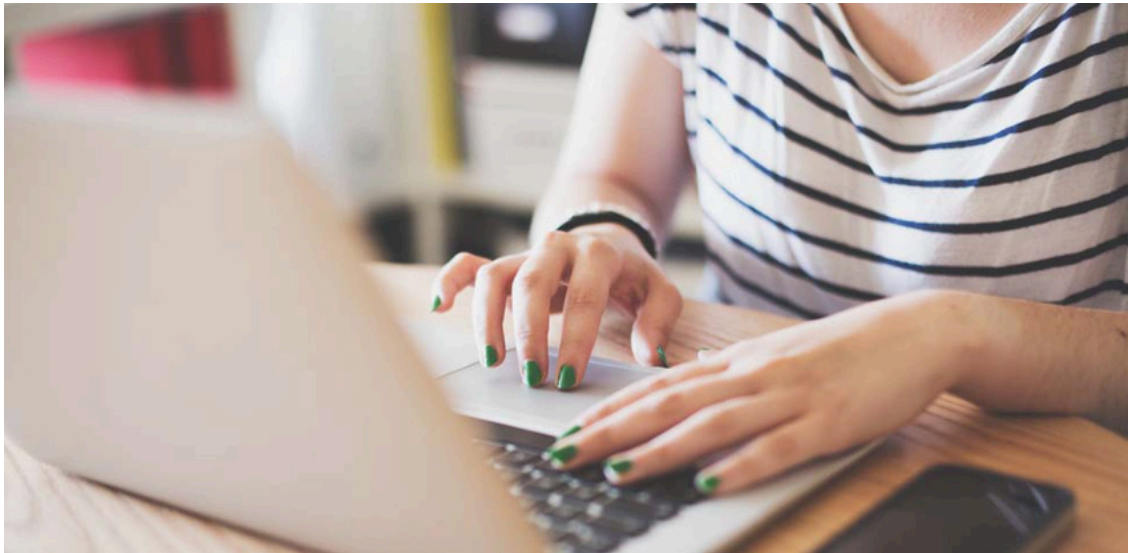
Mercy Hospice Shop seeking volunteers

Mercy Hospice is looking for reliable and mature student volunteers to work in its hospice shop in Stoddard Rd, Mt Roskill.

The organisation prefers Year 12 and Year 13 students, who can not only learn the value of volunteering but also get valuable retail experience. The hours worked can also be put towards the service component for those doing Duke of Ed.

Those interested should contact Volunteer Coordinator Sue Campin at scampin@mh.org.nz

Chiropractic online event



Online Chiropractic Career Talk (Thursday 12 November)

12 November, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm NZDT

The NZ College of Chiropractic is holding an online event for those interested in pursuing a career in chiropractic.

The Zoom event will allow participants to connect with current students and graduates, and there will be plenty of time to ask any questions you might have.

You can learn more and RSVP [here](#)

The right stuff

Mt. Albert Grammar School
Rugby III. A Team, 1949
Winners of Secondary Schools' III. Grade Competition

GAMES	
Played	10
Won	9
Lost	1

POINTS	
For	212
Against	32



Alan Blakey Studio

Back Row—R. E. W. Elliott, R. H. Brown, L. R. Beck, D. L. Harry, J. B. Patterson.
Middle Row—N. E. Lawrence, J. G. Digby, B. F. Hibbard, P. R. L. Davison, J. H. Sinclair, G. C. Cummins.
Front Row—Mr. J. L. D. Woolloxall, R. V. Walker, J. G. Williams (Vice Capt.), P. B. Johnston (Capt.), R. Y. Collins, O. H. Costley, Mr. H. L. Calder.
In Front—W. A. Massey, G. G. Massey, J. H. Watkinson.

The winning 3A Rugby team of 1949 had an impressive record: nine wins and one loss. 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

Orienteers scoop top prizes at Nationals



Over Labour Weekend our Orienteering team competed in the rescheduled National Orienteering Championships held in the Manawatu and achieved some outstanding results.

On exceptionally difficult courses, Matthew Greenwood (pictured left) had an outstanding weekend, winning all three of his races in the Long, Middle and Sprint

distances to be crowned National Junior Boys Champion.

Seth Dean (pictured right) was also a National Champion in the Senior Boys, winning his Long and Middle events.

There were also podium places for the following students:



Long distance event – Mitchell Cooper (2nd) and Aidan Skinner (3rd) in Senior Boys.

Middle distance event – Aidan Skinner (3rd) in Senior Boys.

Sprint event – Tom Aish (2nd) in Intermediate Boys; Mitchell Cooper (2nd) and Aidan Skinner (3rd) in Senior Boys.

Archery medal



Congratulations to Tyler Gomes-Luis, who placed second in the Novice Recurve Barebow division at the ADAA Field Champs earlier this week. Tyler started shooting on the MAGS archery line back in March with coach Jan Lees, who has been enthusiastically backing MAGS' archers. His success comes despite Covid-19 playing havoc with his training.

General Notices

Mt Albert Primary School



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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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