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## From the Headmaster

### Tui Ki He 'Oua (*Faith*), Famili (*Family*) and Ngaue Malohi (*Hard Work*)!



Malo e lelei Mount Albert Grammar School.

Congratulation to our MAGS Tongan community for sharing such great messages of hope over recent days as part of Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga (Tongan Language Week) such as the one seen in [today's video](#)

Keeping the faith that we'll get through this, looking after our families at home and working hard at our school work – our Tongan students have reached out to the whole MAGS community in this, our fourth week of lockdown learning.

And the message has been well-received across the student body. We continue to have high levels of engagement in on-line learning with students adapting well to the self-managing environment.

The news from NZQA that the additional Learning Recognition Credits will once again be available to NCEA students will provide extra motivation. And with NCEA examinations now starting two weeks later on November 22, we can look forward to returning to school with ample time to prepare for external assessments.

Faith, family and hard work – a formula for moving ahead with confidence!

Thank you to our 133 Tongan students and their families for leading

## Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

#### Thursday, September 30

Last day of classes for Term 3

#### Friday, October 1

Staff Only Day  
End of Term 3

#### Monday, November 22

NCEA Exams start (new date)

#### Tuesday, December 14

NCEA Exams end (new date)



### Sport

**Sports registrations for  
Term 4**

Click [here](#)

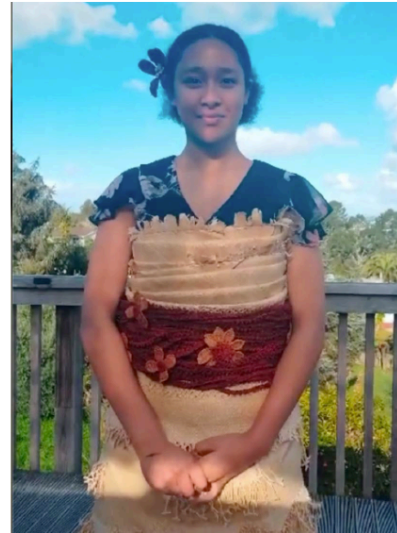
the celebrations this week.

Stay safe.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

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## Tongan Language Week



Today, our Year 13 students wrapped up Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga (Tongan Language Week) with another inspirational video, the fifth of the week – one a day from each of the year levels.

These great little videos cover topics such as 'Lototoo' ('Humility'), 'Faka'apa'apa' ('Respect') and 'Ofa' ('Love').

The videos can be viewed on the [MAGS YouTube channel](#) or on our [Instagram page](#)

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## Auckland rugby champions!



Congratulations to our Rugby Girls 1st XV, who have been named Auckland champions after the season was abandoned due to the latest, extended lockdown.

The Girls had beaten Manurewa High 29-22 in the semifinal the day before the Alert Level 4 lockdown was called, and were due to face Auckland Girls Grammar in the final.

Most other winter sport seasons are incomplete, and the standings in non-Premier sport at the time the lockdown was called will become the final result. Some Premier games and finals may still be played to determine final standings if they can be held by the end of Term 3.

That includes our Football Girls 1st XI's APC Final v Baradene, which has to be played by October 1.

You can read the full announcement from College Sport about how the latest lockdown has affected the various sports competitions [here](#)



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**No letting up during lockdown**



While we await a downward move on alert levels, there are plenty of activities to keep the mind and the body active and healthy – on top of online learning and revision.

The MAGS Art Challenge is well underway with some great entries (such as the one above left) featured on the [Visual Arts Instagram page](#)

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.

Our amazing Prefects continue to post lockdown tips (such as how to look after your mental health as seen above right), Prefect profiles and some neat videos of staff and students on their [Instagram page](#)

It's a great way to stay connected with your peers and see how everyone else is dealing with lockdown.

And, of course, there is always the MAGS Big K Challenge, with double points on offer tomorrow to help your team move up the rankings. Junior School Interform points are also up for grabs.

The competition features prizes as well as bragging rights for the top form class, year level, individual and overall winner.

Participants are challenged to log their activity each day – walk, run, row or bike, with one entry allowed per day and a minimum distance of 3km per entry (9km if by bike as biking distance is divided by three to be equivalent to a run or walk of equal distance).

Progress reports are posted on the [MAGS Sport Instagram page](#) and on Year Level pages. You can find out more and submit your entry [here](#)



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## Mourning two great Albertians

In the past couple of weeks, the MAGS community has lost two great Albertians in the form of entertainer and broadcaster Max Cryer, MBE, and conceptual artist Billy Apple, ONZM.

Max (pictured right), who died at age 86, attended MAGS from 1950-52 before embarking on an illustrious career on radio, stage and screen as a singer, entertainer, broadcaster, producer and presenter.

The height of his career was through the 60s and 70s when he recorded albums, performed in cabaret and musicals, and appeared as a performer and presenter on many TV shows.

In later life, he indulged his love for language and published books on etymology and had a long-running radio show focused on the quirks of language.

NZ music website AudioCulture ('The noisy library of New Zealand music') has a fantastic biography with videos and a pictorial tribute to Max [here](#)



Photo (of Max in 1965) courtesy Auckland City Libraries



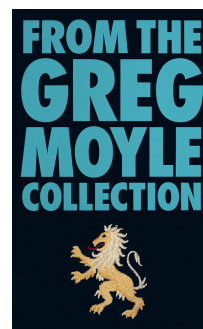
Board of Trustees Chair Greg Moyle in 2019 (as pictured) and was taken on a tour of Mr

Billy Apple, who died aged 86, attended MAGS from 1949-51 as Barrie Bates but changed his name to Billy Apple in 1962 and became a living brand.

His work is associated with the New York and British schools of pop art in the 1960s (when he collaborated with the likes of Andy Warhol), and with the Conceptual Art movement in the 1970s. From there, his work focused on the economics of art in the 1980s when he produced his famous solid gold apple.

In 1990 he returned to NZ and kept working and exhibiting – one of his more recent projects was having his genome sequenced and digitised so 'the artist would live forever'.

Billy was invited back to MAGS by our



Moyle's art collection displayed around the school.

Mr Moyle said, "Afterwards I asked him if he was prepared to provide an artwork for the School Collection.

"The work he provided (pictured above right, and on display in the main building) was his idea and concept, using the school colours of his day. Billy was a 'perfectionist' in respect of ensuring that the design, workmanship, colours etc. were as per his brief.

"His passing, along with other Albertian art luminaries John Edgar and Max Cryer is a great loss to our MAGS community in this our Centennial Year."

You can read more about Billy's career [here](#) and see an interview with him [here](#)

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## Eureka Awards semifinalists

Congratulations to Matthew Batcheler, Victor Qiu and Jennifer Zhang, who have been named as semifinalists for the prestigious Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Awards.

The awards challenge Year 12 & 13 students and tertiary students to deliver a 12-minute presentation about how an application of science or technology will benefit New Zealand.

Matthew presents about combating pests, Victor about communicating with augmented reality, and Jennifer about cleaning up our waterways.

You can see their presentations [here](#)



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## Covid vaccination opportunity

An invitation has been extended to our wider MAGS community to book Covid vaccinations at the Epsom branch of the Pharmacy Care Group.

Should anyone wish to take up this offer, please see details as follows:

Vaccination Centre Address: **105 Great South Rd, Epsom, Auckland** (entrance at the back of the building, please proceed down the driveway)

- Contact persons on site: **Sue Jan Lee or Zoey Lau**
- Ample parking off-street and at rear of the building
- Kindly ensure that you have your **NHI number** ready (you can secure this from your GP Clinic)
- Wearing of **face masks** is strictly required on site
- Travel within your respective bubbles
- Kindly arrive on time for the scheduled booking
- If this is your second dose, please bring along your vaccination card.

Please find the attached link below for you to complete prior to your scheduled vaccination visit.

You may use this same link to register your immediate family members only.

Bookings close at **3.00pm on September 15, 2021.**

[Register here](#)

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## Class photos available post-lockdown

Class photos were delivered to MAGS on Monday, August 16, the day before we were notified of lockdown, and were to be distributed through Mentor Classes later that week. When MAGS returns from lockdown, these photos should be available via Mentor Classes within a couple of days.

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## Further exam updates



Last Friday, MAGS students and their parents were emailed a letter with updates on how our latest lockdown will affect the academic timetable.

You can read the full letter [here](#)

As previously advised, the dates for the end of year NCEA and NZ Scholarship exams have been delayed by two weeks. They will now run from **Monday, November 22 until Tuesday, December 14** inclusive.

You can see the new timetable [here](#)

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## Sign up for Centenary Celebrations



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Centennial 9th - 14th May 2022  
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MAGS is excited to announce that its [Centenary website](#) is up and running, with a schedule of events available for our 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 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.

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Albertians are also encouraged to register at our [Albertian Online Community website](#). This is a legacy website that will endure beyond the Centenary Celebrations and will allow current and former staff and students to connect and reconnect for years to come. Through the site you can find former classmates, stay up to date with school news and browse the photo galleries and archives. The Albertian Online Community registration process is rigorous but we have these measures in place to ensure that only Albertians are registering – and to protect privacy and personal data.



# Sports Update

## Black Cap applications open



The Sports Department is taking applications [here](#) for the MAGS Black Cap. You must have represented New Zealand between October 28, 2020 and October 28, 2021. To receive your Black Cap at the Sports Dinner, you will need to submit your application by Friday, October 1. Any performances after October 1 will still be celebrated at the Sports Dinner but the student name will not appear in the programme and your Black Cap will not be embroidered until after the dinner.

- You must have played in a game/sport
- Non-playing or paper teams do not count
- You must be a current MAGS student when you competed in the event

A formal photo of all Black Cap recipients will be taken at School on Wednesday, October 27.

The Black Cap will be presented at the Sports Dinner on Thursday, October 28. Venue is to be confirmed. Ticket information will follow in due course.

Any queries, please email [sports@mags.school.nz](mailto:sports@mags.school.nz)

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