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

Celebration of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori has coincided with the commencement of Pre-requisite Examinations for all senior students this week.

Every student should be working to a study plan detailing dates and times for their upcoming exams. Like most things in life, quality outputs rely on quality inputs – and the formula for success in school assessments is no different.

Taking time to plan and prepare for each upcoming exam is critical. Looking after our physical and mental fitness during this time is a great way to deal with any stress or worry, which is a normal part of sitting exams.

You can get a bigger bang for your study buck by:

- Putting your social life on hold
- Getting lots of sleep
- Eating well
- Exercising

Focussing on these things will help students turn up to the exam room in the best possible shape.

With around seven weeks remaining before formal NCEA Examinations begin, these 'practice' exams provide a perfect

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Sunday, September 25 to Saturday, October 1
Centenary Celebrations (see details below)

Thursday, September 29
Last day of classes for Term 3

Friday, September 30
Teacher Only Day



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Fixtures and Results

opportunity to benchmark academic progress to date this year.

Click [here](#)

Let's make sure we are fully prepared and bring our best self to the examination hall.

Kia pai tō mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend).

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Our Lion Fund programme aims to provide financial support to allow every MAGS student to access the breadth of opportunities we offer at our school.



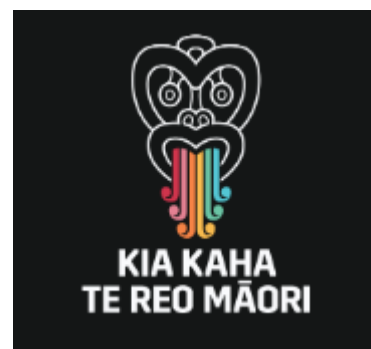
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Te Wiki o te Reo Māori



As part of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week), MAGS' Komiti Māori has been doing a great job posting videos on its [Instagram page](#) using Māori phrases and kupu (words).

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Māori Language Petition, which asked for active recognition of te reo Māori in Aotearoa, and for the language to be taught in schools. This event led to many of the kaupapa we have today, including Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.



Te reo Māori has been an official language of New Zealand since 1987, and Te Wiki o te Reo Māori has been celebrated in New Zealand since 1975, in an effort to raise awareness of the language, and get New Zealanders to embrace te reo Māori and use it more.

Centenary Event sales close next week



If you plan to attend any of our ticketed Centenary Events, you need to get in fast as ticket sales close soon and events are getting close to selling out. Our [Centenary Celebrations](#) take place during the week of September 25 to October 1 so sales for the big events will be closed off soon:



- Centenary Dinner (Saturday, October 1, 6.30pm, Grand Millennium Hotel). **Ticket sales close 2pm, Wednesday, September 21.**

The culmination of our Centenary Celebrations week will feature a three-course dinner, drinks and entertainment.

The event will be MC'ed by Albertian broadcaster Mark Watson and feature a Headmasters' Q&A session, as well as three guest speakers: Albertian rugby legend Sir Bryan Williams, Albertian high-flying academic Molly Swanson, and our Academic Dean Warwick Gibbs, who has taught at MAGS for 50 years and was named Albertian of the Year 2021.

Guests will also be able to order [Centenary merchandise](#), and buy the Centenary Book, *Change and Tradition*, which covers the past 25 years at MAGS and is a companion to MAGS' 75th Jubilee book, *Tradition and Change*. Dress code: Formal Wear.

- Centenary Reunion Drinks (Friday, September 30, 6pm, F.W. Gamble Hall). **Ticket sales close 2pm, Thursday, September 22.**

This informal gathering over food and drinks is a time for Albertians to catch up or reconnect.

There will be food on shared platters, a cash bar, a DJ on the night, and guests will be able to view class, sports and school photos from their time at MAGS.

A photographer will be available to take photos of the reunions of classmates and friend groups. Dress code: Smart Casual.

- Albertians' Day and Luncheon (Wednesday, September 28, at MAGS). **Ticket sales close 2pm, Thursday, September 22.**

This day begins at 9.00am with a School Tour, followed by a Centenary Tree planting conducted by one of our oldest Albertians, Professor Russell Stone (the co-author of MAGS' 75th Jubilee book *Tradition and Change*) and one of our students, who is a relative of our first Head Prefect in 1922.

Following this ceremony, there will be a special assembly with guest speakers in former Headmaster Maurice Hall and Dr Peter Phillips, a Professor at Yale who was Dux at MAGS in 1965.

Guests can then adjourn for the Albertians Luncheon (for Old Old Boys and past staff) in the W.O.H. Gibbs Room. Make sure you bring along some \$5 notes for the raffle.

Guests will also be able to buy the newly released Centenary Book, *Change and Tradition*. Dress code: Smart.



- Centenary Golf Day (Thursday, September 29, 11am, Muriwai Golf Club) There are limited slots left for this event, which will be an Ambrose competition with a shotgun start, with a social function and prizegiving afterwards at the Muriwai Golf Club. Tickets are \$150. **Email John Liddell – John_liddell4@hotmail.com – to check availability.**

And don't forget to register for our free events:

- The Centenary Thanksgiving Service (Sunday, September 25, 10am, FW Gamble Hall) kicks off the week, with Caleb Faleolo as MC and the guest speaker being Thomas Wynne on "Through Hardship to Glory". The one-hour service will feature musical pieces by Matatumua Opeloge Ah Sam and our school choirs, with refreshments served at the end.
- The Alternative School Tour with the Pua brothers (Friday, September 30, 10am at MAGS). Social historians Mua Strickson-Pua and Sofi Ulugia-Pua (pictured right) will conduct a light-hearted and nostalgic tour of the school grounds with fun facts, trivia and prizes.
- School Tours (various days throughout the week). Tours will be led around key locations of the school campus with time to explore the

honours boards in the F.W. Gamble Hall. Some tours will culminate in the W.O.H. Gibbs Room (the new staffroom), with light refreshments and some time to speak with our archivists Brian Murphy and Greg Cave.

You can learn more about these Centenary Events and buy tickets for them or register for them [here](#)



Health Expo promotes wellbeing



Last week, the Year 12 Health Science students hosted the MAGS Health Expo. The Year 12s are working towards an achievement standard where the overall aim is for students to enhance an aspect of people's wellbeing within the school community. Students had to identify a health issue in the MAGS community, research the topic, develop resources, present their expo and then evaluate the effectiveness of it. This is giving the students first-hand experience of how health promotion works. Some of the topics students chose were Healthy Relationships, Mental Health, Social Media, Vaping, and Nutrition and Exercise. The Expo was a success, with hundreds of students filling the hall, visiting students stalls, taking away information and giveaways to support their wellbeing.



Programmers top in NZ



Last Saturday, Year 12 students Anatol Coen, Ollie Lynas and Nick Lees (pictured) won the high school division at the New Zealand Programming Competition at Auckland University. This national contest involves solving hypothetical situations using computer programming techniques. Not only did these students win their division but they also finished second overall – up against current and postgraduate university students.

Year 10 Options for 2023

Course selection for Year 10s in 2023 is open, and choices can be made through [SchoolPoint](#)

Click [here](#) for a useful form with information, and [here](#) for instructions about Year 10 course selection. Students should try to complete option selections by **Thursday, September 29**. Students can also contact their Dean for help:

Dean of Year 9 Girls Ms Nicole Hook:

nhook@mags.school.nz

Dean of Year 9 Boys Mr Thomas

Guy: Thomas.Guy@mags.school.nz



Secondary teacher training 2023

Mount Albert Grammar School is one of 22 Auckland schools involved in the Auckland Secondary School Teaching Training Programme that is run in conjunction with University of Waikato.

This programme offers the opportunity to train as a secondary school teacher within a secondary school environment, while completing the Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching online. 2023 sees this programme in its third year of operation.

Trainees accepted into this programme spend a full year working on site at MAGS, completing their Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching online with the University of Waikato. The programme provides the opportunity for trainees to be paired with a subject specific mentor and work alongside them in a both a senior and junior class. There is an expectation that trainees will also choose to be involved in the co-curricular programmes within the school: for example, those in the arts, sports or service pillars.

During the year, trainees will also have the opportunity to participate in a three-week professional experience (practicum equivalent) at one of the other Auckland schools in the programme. Plus, there are also 12 professional development days hosted across the other Auckland schools involved.

MAGS will meet the costs associated with the Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching and pay a stipend, currently \$10,000, for the year.

We are specifically interested in those who wish to train as Mathematics, Physics, Technology and Te Reo Māori teachers. However, applications from other subject areas are also welcome.

If you are interested in further information about this programme, please see the link [here](#) and/or contact Sarah Hayes, Deputy Principal (shayes@mags.school.nz or phone 815 4038).

In Memoriam: Sir Graeme Davies

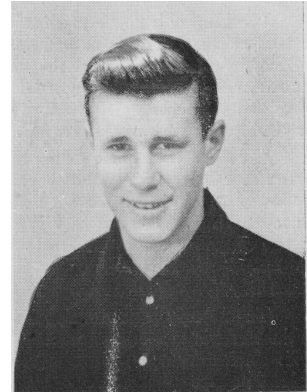
Distinguished academic and Albertian Sir Graeme Davies (1950-54) has died at home on August 30 after a brief illness at the age of 85.

At MAGS, Sir Graeme was Dux in 1954 and focused his studies on Mathematics and Science. He is pictured right taken from an article in The Albertian 1955 in recognition of his 10th place in the University Junior Scholarship Exam

Headmaster at the time Murray Nairn noted in his testimonial:

"He has also taken a full part in outside activities. He has played Soccer for school teams each year and in his last two years has been in the 1st Association XI. After playing Cricket for two years he changed to Softball and has been in the 1st IX the last two years. Other activities include successes in Swimming events and Life Saving, Choir work, and progress in the Cadet Battalion to the position of Regimental Quarter Master Serjeant."

Sir Graeme graduated from the University of Auckland with a BE in Aeronautical Engineering and a PhD in Materials Science.



He then arrived as Fellow to St Catharine's College, Cambridge in 1962, subsequently becoming an internationally distinguished academic metallurgist. During the following 30 years he led and transformed a series of institutions of higher education.

He was Professor of Metallurgy and Pro Vice-Chancellor at the University of Sheffield 1977-1986; Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool 1986-91; Chief Executive of the Higher Education Funding Council 1991-95; Principal of the University of Glasgow 1995-2003; Vice-Chancellor of the University of London 2003-11, and the only Emeritus VC the University has appointed.

He served many more public institutions and charities in the UK and overseas and received extensive honours for his contributions. Sir Graeme was knighted in 1996 for his services to higher education.

Sir Graeme was awarded 13 honorary degrees during his lifetime and published many books, mainly on metallurgy.

He is survived by his wife Svava, his son Michael, his daughter Helena and five grandchildren.

Sir Graeme was inducted into MAGS' Hall of Distinction in 2009 (as pictured above left).

You can read Sir Graeme's Hall of Distinction induction notes [here](#)

Get your Centenary merchandise now!



MAGS Official Centenary apparel and merchandise is now available to order, with more Centenary merchandise to be added.

Available now are stylish hoodies, rugby jerseys, basketball singlets, caps, beanies, ties, scarves and face masks – all in MAGS colours and most of them boasting the Centenary logo.

You can order MAGS Centenary apparel and merchandise [here](#)



Sports Update

Rugby representatives announced



Congratulations to the many Mount Albert Grammar School students who have been selected for various representative rugby teams based on their efforts throughout the season and attending development or trial days:

Auckland Central-West Under 18 Girls Team: Danii Mafoe, Eisha Chandra, Kaane Maiva,

Matele Vaea, Minako Taniyama, Wainouna Tohi-Kaleopa.

Auckland West Under 16: Braiden Higgison, Edsun Craig, Ikaika Hanks-Papali'i, Jason Vincent, Kyle Cross, Lata Togia, Lisi Crichton, Maihi Wilcox, Nathan Mareva, Noah Gregory, Peniamina Tafua, Shiraz Ofamo'on, Terence Ieriko, Vaaimalae Toevai, Zach Taulapapa.

Auckland Under 18 1A Team: Ben Skelton, Riki Ruben.

Auckland Under 18 Gulls Team: Ben Hellriegel, Roy Tatupu, Rob Ah Chong Vakalahi.

Blues Under 18 Development Squad: Riki Ruben, Ben Skelton, Roy Tatupu.

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