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## From the Headmaster

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## Nau mai ki Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori



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

Congratulations to our Kōmiti Māori (MAGS' Māori Student Committee) for their leadership during Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. Despite the challenges of our current situation, our Maori community has found a way to reach out to MAGS people. Thank you to all who have brought this celebration

of Te Reo Māori to life this week.

We wait with great anticipation for the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday afternoon – and hopefully an indication that we may be heading back to some degree of normality in our lives.

The way our staff and students are keeping faithful to online learning is commendable. But an indication of when we can take the first steps to returning to school will be much welcomed.

As expected, Minister Hipkins has confirmed that the upcoming school holiday dates will remain unchanged.

We had already factored this into our planning for the remainder of the year.

Hopefully students (and families) will be able to enjoy some time in the holiday period to refresh and reconnect in person with those important in their lives.

Thank you again to our Māori students and to all who continue to

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**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

**Tuesday, December 14**

NCEA Exams end



[Sport](#)

bring positivity and hope to our community.

We're almost there!

Stay safe.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

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Sports registrations for  
Term 4  
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## Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori



Huge thanks to our Kōmiti Māori and Te Puna o Wairaka teachers and students for a fantastic Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week), with inspirational videos, themes (kaupapa), challenges (wero) and Te Kupu o Te Rā (The Word of the Day).

The videos from throughout the week can be viewed on the Kōmiti Māori [Instagram page](#)

The kaupapa for this year's Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori is 'Kia kaha te reo Māori' / 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

Karawhiua te reo Māori! – ('Give Māori language a go!')

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## Staying positive during lockdown

There is light at the end of the tunnel with a possible move down alert levels next week.

In the meantime, our talented students continue to put in some great entries for the MAGS Art Challenge on the [Visual Arts Instagram page](#)

This week, as part of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, our Māori Art students posted their work such as the one by Mokaraka Renata (at right).

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 yourself during lockdown), Prefect profiles and some neat videos of staff and students on their [Instagram page](#)

The have started a new series of videos called 'After the Bell', which looks at students' extra-curricular activities, beginning with a video about our Auckland champion [Rugby Girls 1st XV](#).

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 again tomorrow to help your team move up the rankings. Junior Interform points are up for grabs again tomorrow.

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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## Winter Sport season abandoned

College Sport had hoped to be able to finish the Winter Sport season for Premier teams but the extension of the Auckland lockdown has seen those plans abandoned.

Because there was little likelihood of teams having enough time to prepare and to play before the end of Term 3, College Sport decided to end the season.

Read all about the state of play in the various competitions and who has been declared the winners [here](#)



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## Mourning former student and teacher



MAGS recently lost a long-serving former teacher in Gerald Wareing and a distinguished Albertian in Professor Alan Maxwell.

Gerald, who died aged 87, taught Science at MAGS from 1964 until 1998, most of that time as Head of Department. He also coached rugby, cricket and tennis.

He is pictured above (at front left) with his 1974 form class.

Like all those who have given 25 Years of Service, Gerald features in the photo gallery in the corridor of the main administration building.

Alan, who died aged 94, was at MAGS from 1939-43, and went on to study physics at the University of Auckland.

He pioneered detection of radio waves from sun spots, and completed his PHD at the University of Manchester's Jodrell Bank Observatory, and then set up a radio astronomy station for Harvard University in Fort Davis, Texas.

He lectured at Harvard for more than 30 years, nurturing many young scientists, before eventually retiring, as Professor Emeritus, to indulge his love of music and travel. He gave generously to educational and musical causes.

You can read more about Alan's life and work [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.

So, we ask that you continue to aim to submit In-Zone Enrolments by 1 October – complete or otherwise – because this will continue to be important for 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](#)

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## 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.



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## Sports Update

### Student Sport Spotlight is back!



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 asked to nominate one of their peers 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 Intermediate Girls Swimming Champ Amber George, and you can read more about her [here](#)

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### 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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