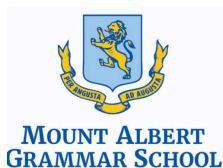




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Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

As we come to the end of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, I want to thank our student Kōmiti Māori for their leadership and organisation this week around the celebration of te reo Māori at MAGS.

Rather than simply focusing on just one week in the year, students have been encouraged to keep integrating our national language into day-to-day life throughout the year – something that is unique to us all as Kiwis!

Meanwhile, our senior students move into preliminary examinations next week followed by practice scholarship examinations being held in the first week of the holidays.

The NCEA preliminary exams take on an additional significance for students as the results from these assessments may be called upon in the unlikely event of disruptions around the time of formal NCEA examinations.

While it is still a time of some uncertainty for students, as mentioned last week the additional Learning Recognition Credits (the 'Auckland Weighting') on offer should provide real confidence that academic goals can be achieved.

There is still two months to go until the final NCEA Examinations and the home stretch begins with next week's prelims.

Kia pai o koutou rā whakatā (Have a good weekend)!

Patrick Drumm

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

**Thursday, September 24**

Last day of classes for Term 3

**Friday, September 25**

Staff Only Day

**Tuesday, November 10**

School Ball, 6pm, Ellerslie Event Centre



**Sport**



## Dance Concert gets off the ground



This week our talented Dance students participated in their assessment filming for *Artistry in Action*.

After this dance concert had been postponed then cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, it was wonderful to see them finally perform – even without a public audience.

HOD Dance Samantha French said, "Mr Grace, Ms Cesan and I are so proud of each and every one of our awesome students who gave it their all. Special mention must go to our Year 13 Leavers, who delivered outstanding performances and celebrated their last ever MAGS dance concert with so much pride."

More photos – taken by students Darcy Vasquez and Ed Duley – are [here](#)

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## Kia Kaha te reo Māori!



*MAGS' Kōmiti Māori members are, at front, co-leaders Henare Leef and Breanna Waka; at rear, left to right, Char'lee Jones, Madison Cross, Isaiah Nin, Pania Dowd and Charlotte Mann.*

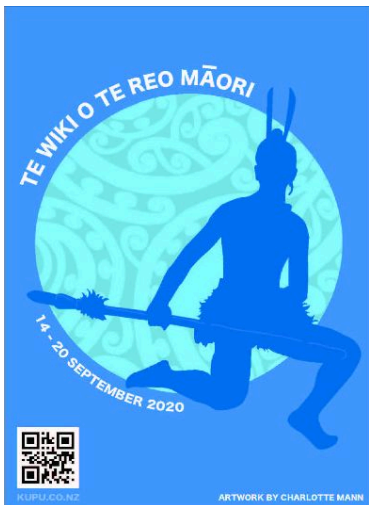
An amazing show of mahi tahi (teamwork) from our Kōmiti Māori this week has helped staff and students to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week), and improve their understanding of te reo and tikanga Māori.

The Kōmiti Māori put out some cool videos for Kupu o te rā (Word of the day) that you can see on their Instagram page [here](#) like the one at right showing you how to use 'mauri tau' ('relax'), just in time for the weekend.

They also organised a Korowai Competition for all junior form classes, with each student given a raukura (feather) to decorate, in order to create a class korowai (feather cloak). Next week, three classes will be chosen as winners of this competition and will each receive a pizza lunch.

There was also a three-day whakataetae (competition) on Education Perfect to encourage the learning and use of te reo, with MAGS coming eighth overall out of 389 schools in the country. Ka mau te wehi! (awesome!).

Also, Charlotte Mann created striking posters (some pictured below) that were put up around MAGS to raise awareness of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.



Can Drive feeds the needy



In another show of great mahi tahi (teamwork), the Interact Committee collected about 1070 cans and packets of food donated by staff and students for the Auckland City Mission. Pictured above with the results of the Can Drive are (from left) Interact President Shaye Coxon, with Vice Presidents Isla Thompson and Bailey Bennett.

The City Mission picked the food up on Monday and it will go towards the more than 20,000 emergency food parcels they supply annually.

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## Tough Guy/Gal Challenge



Our Year 12PE Performance classes competed in a Tough Guy/Gal Challenge held at MAGS yesterday due to the cancellation of the official Auckland event.

This event aimed to test their performance at the end of a six-week training programme to complete the 6.5km course – mostly around the ASB MAGS Farm – in the quickest time possible.

The event proved a real physical challenge with hilly terrain plus jumps and obstacles thrown in. But there were some notable times overall, with Luke Clements cleaning up with a time of 27:55mins for the boys and Amelia Caltax with a time of 36:58mins for the girls.

PE Teacher Andrew Scaife said, “There were also some notable dress-ups among the competitors which really lifted the spirit of the event and all will have a fantastic memory of this day, looking back as they reflect on this year.

“A big shout out, also, to all the helpers and marshals that were essential to the event’s success.”

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



## Sowing the seeds of love



MAGS has received a 'Seeds of Love' gift from Zayed College for Girls, thanking the school for its aroha and support following the March 15 tragedy in Christchurch last year.

The messages that MAGS sent the school have been recycled and mixed with wildflower seeds, which are ready for planting.

The above students in the English Language class, who are currently studying *The Secret Garden*, will sow and care for the plants.

The students are, left to right, Francheska Abrigana, Shima Bazi Mohamed Munye, Hei Nay Htoo, Shadiya Bazi Mohamed Munye and Nadia Ansari.

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## New date for School Ball

The school ball has been rescheduled and is now set to be held on Tuesday, November 10, the evening of Senior Prizegiving.

In light of that, it will serve as the MAGS Leavers' Graduation Ball, and be held in the Guinness Room at Ellerslie Event Centre with doors opening at 6pm.

MAGS is doing everything possible in difficult times to hold the ball for our Year 13s.

Due to the uncertainty around COVID-19 Alert Levels, there are complications around cancellations and refunds. You can read the full details [here](#)



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## Winter sport season ended



Following the Government's decision that Auckland will remain at Alert Level 2.5 until at least Wednesday, September 23, College Sport Auckland (CSA) has made the decision to cancel all remaining winter sports fixtures. CSA says that with a maximum of four days of competition left, it is not viable for the winter sports season to continue. The College Sport Auckland Ski Championships on September 21 have also been cancelled.

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## Online parenting help





## Introducing SchoolTV

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MAGS has subscribed to SchoolTV to provide a credible, well-researched resource for parents to help them raise happy, healthy and resilient children.

With SchoolTV, parents have at their fingertips a huge range of articles, videos and strategies for dealing with issues such as mental health, physical wellbeing, cybersafety, and positive parenting.

SchoolTV aims to empower parents with sound information and realistic strategies delivered by experts.

You can see what SchoolTV offers [here](#)

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## Please update your school app

An important app update has been released by SchoolAppsNZ to make recording absentees at MAGS more efficient.

This update has a student absentee form that must include the student ID number for the form to be submitted.

Please make sure you are using the latest version, which is Version 2.5.1

You can download it to your phone [here](#)



## Options open for Year 10s in 2021

Year 9s have until next Friday, September 25, to choose their options for 2021 by using [SchoolPoint](#)

There is a comprehensive presentation about the options [here](#)

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## Chiropractic college open day



New Zealand College of Chiropractic is holding an open day on October 17, from 12.30pm to 3pm at 6 Harrison Rd, Mt Wellington, for prospective students and their friends and families to learn more about a career in chiropractic.

Among other activities, you will be able to take a tour of the campus and attend a technique class to see chiropractic in action.

You can find out more details and RSVP [here](#)

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## End of Term 3 schedule

### Examinations:

**Senior students in Years 11, 12 & 13** will be on examination study leave across Week 10 – 21-25 September. These prerequisite examinations are timetabled across the week Monday to Friday inclusive, and senior students have been supplied with the examination timetable to plan their schedule for the week.

Across this week, senior students are expected to be at home revising for these examinations and many will be completing portfolio/assessment work, unless at school sitting examinations or attending scheduled subject workshops/tutorials.

### Last days of term:

**Junior students** will finish the term on **Thursday, 24 September**.

**Senior students** will finish the term on whichever day they have their last exam scheduled in Week 10. For **some senior students** this will be **Friday, 25 September**, with only those students who have exams scheduled on that day expected at school.

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## Lions at Eden Park in 2010



This image, part of Historical Images Set 49, shows MAGS supporters at the Auckland Rugby First XV Championship Final played at Eden Park.

MAGS defeated King's College 40-10 and went on to win the New Zealand Championship and the Moascar Cup.

Historical Images on the MAGS website is an ongoing collection of images sourced and annotated by our Archivist, Brian Murphy.

For more photos like this, recently added to the MAGS website, click [here](#)

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**Sign up to the Centenary database**

## MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

STAFF - 1954



(Photo by H. N. Cheesman.)

Back row (left to right): G. W. HERON, L. R. CASTLE, N. A. C. McMILLAN, C. R. HEMUS, J. HORROCKS, T. J. FORAN, W. H. WENDELIN, R. P. KELLY, G. G. HARVEY,  
C. T. HOPKINS, R. G. SMYTH, D. E. DAVIES, R. B. MARTYN.  
Middle row: W. F. BOADEN, V. B. HERBERT, H. McLEOD, T. G. MOORCRAFT, W. S. MITCHELL, F. E. COULTHARD, L. H. YORKE, R. N. PATTERSON, A. G. BLAMIRE,  
A. F. McKIMMING, P. A. JONES, D. A. ANDERSON.  
Front row: W. E. KING, N. B. BODY, E. H. BOULTON, J. G. BROWN, H. L. TOWERS, C. P. WORLEY, W. CARADUS (Headmaster), R. B. HARDY, H. L. CALDER,  
J. H. JENKIN, R. WILLMOTT, J. L. D. WOOLLOXALL, G. L. WEIR.

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

### Albertian in Wallabies squad

Albertian Irae Simone (2009-13) has been named in the Wallabies squad for the first time and could make his international debut against the All Blacks in the Bledisloe Cup games next month.

Irae, who played rugby for MAGS' 1st XV and was Victor Ludorum in his final year, has been making a name for himself across the ditch playing inside centre for the Brumbies.

The 25-year-old moved to Australia in 2014 and spent two years playing rugby league with South Sydney U20s before switching back to rugby with a Sydney club then joining the Waratahs in 2017.

Last year, he signed with the Brumbies and scored three tries in 17 appearances.

*Photo: Lachlan Lawson/Brumbies Media*



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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 24, 2019 and October 12, 2020. To receive your Black Cap at the Sports Dinner on October 21 you will need to submit your application by Friday, September 25. Any performances after September 25 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 15 at 1.00pm.

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

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## General Notices

# Mt Albert Primary School



The logo features the school crest on the left, which includes a shield with a mountain range, the acronym 'MAPS', and the motto 'Honour before all' on a banner below. To the right of the crest, the years '1870' and '2020' are written in a curved path, with '150 Years' in large, bold white text in the center.

## ***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/](http://www.mtalbertprimary.school.nz/150th/)

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