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

As we come to the end of a fantastic Winter Tournament Week, it is time for our senior students to refocus on the upcoming Senior Pre-requisite Exams beginning in just over a week.

Our sports, arts and service activities continue to add depth to a MAGS education. These pillars are a point of difference and have been critical in re-engaging our students after the challenges of the past two years.

The school invests heavily into the life of our students outside the classroom. But the ultimate return on this investment must be measured by the achievement of our young people inside the classroom.

Academic success is our primary pillar and it must be viewed as such by all of our students. If we fail to achieve personal academic excellence during our time at MAGS, then everything else we do is for nought!

I have enjoyed watching our MAGS athletes competing across multiple sporting codes this week. Success in this arena relies on organisation, practice and determination. There is no shortcut to success at a national sporting level.

And it just so happens that those same traits can be found in our

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Tuesday, September 13
Senior Pre-requisite Exams start

Thursday, September 29
Last day of classes for Term 3

Friday, September 30
Teacher Only Day

 **Sport**

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Netball Premiers UNISS
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academic athletes. Our students must now call on these same generic skills in the lead up to examination week.

It's the time of the year to be an academic athlete!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Football Girls NZSS
Development Tournament
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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.



Donate to the Lion Fund now

Winter Tournament Week



Congratulations to our Curling Seniors Jack Millar, Liam Baber, Tahlia Petersen, Jude Sheehan and Sofia Skinner (pictured above), who are North Island Champions, having won the NISS Mixed grade at Winter Tournament Week. You can see a full report about the Curling in the Sports section below. And congratulations are due to three of our wrestlers – Max Shallard, Sean Harding and Tiger-Lily Cocker-Lemalie – who won titles at NZSS (see report below).

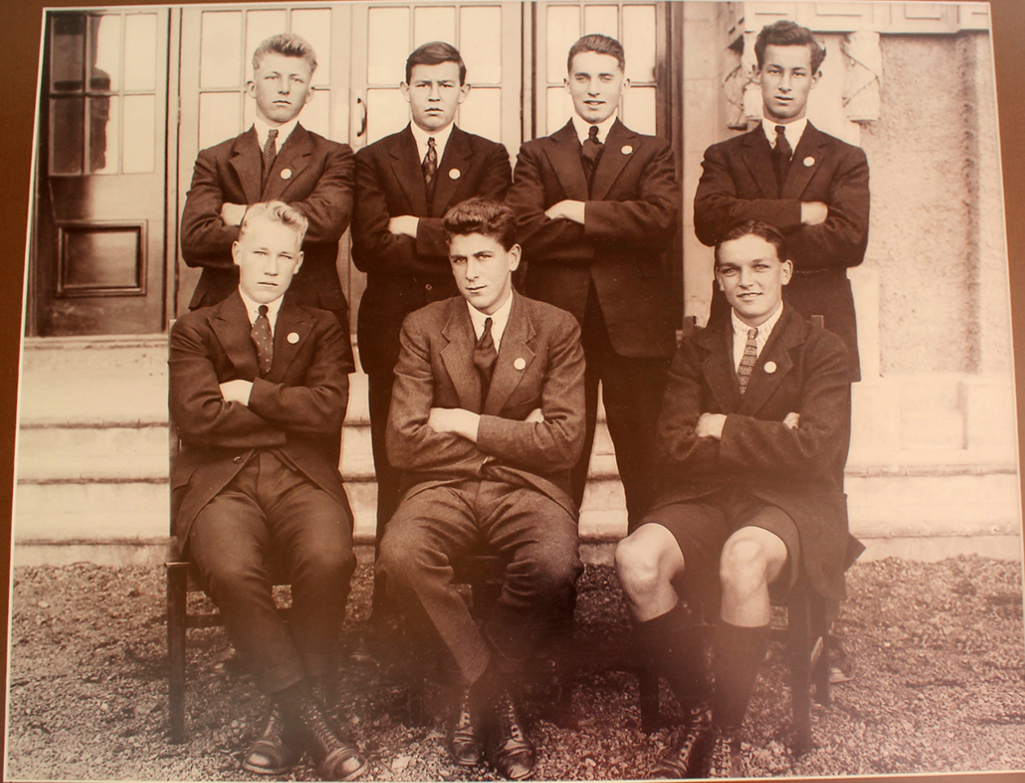
Our Football Girls 1st XI played a great game yesterday to draw with and then beat Baradene College in a penalty shoot-out to make the NZSS Final today against EGGS. They couldn't repeat that effort against EGGS and ended NZSS runners-up (pictured below), although MAGS' striker Emily Lyon (pictured right) won the Golden Boot award for scoring the most goals (12) during the tournament.

You can see all the fixtures, results and placings for Winter Tournament Week [here](#)



One hundred years on...

The Prefects ÷ 1922



Standing, H.L. GREY, C.R. BARR, D.C. WATSON, W.M. McBRIDE.
Seated, E. CUMMING, C.C. LAMB (Head Prefect), H.N. FREEMAN.

C.C. Lamb was our first Head Prefect and Captain of the Rugby 1st XV in 1922 – and he has two relations currently attending MAGS: great-great-nieces Sophie Lamb (9PEA) and Jessica Lamb (12LND). The father of Sophie and Jessica, Geoff Lamb, says his uncle, Ross Lamb, has compiled the following notes on C.C. Lamb:

Cecil Cunningham Lamb (known as Bris) was born in Maungakaramaea, Northland, on February 24, 1905, the son of the local schoolmaster.

Bris was the only one of five siblings not to go to Whangarei High School. He was probably home-schooled under the watchful eye of his father at Maungakaramaea until the latter moved to Auckland to be inaugural headmaster at Avondale South School (later renamed Blockhouse Bay School) in 1920.

At MAGS, Bris was also Company Sgt Maj in the school's Cadet Corps in 1922.

He married Ruby Doris Savage in 1937 and, in 1938, their only child, Brian Gerald, was born. The 1941 electoral roll has the family living at 20 Onslow Rd, near Eden Park, and after World War II they lived at Maroa Rd, Penrose.

Bris's wife Doris, passed away in 1959 aged 64. Bris suffered a long illness before finally succumbing on February 15, 1967, aged only 61 and is interred at Waikaraka Cemetery.



* Rugby XV 1922 *



Standing E.R. EWEN R.A.E. SCHOFIELD W.E.A. KING E.G. MORRIS L.F. MINNEAR J.H. JENKIN
 E.D. BROWNLIE J.P. WAUGH H.N. FREEMAN
Seated L.V. SHARR J.F.B. WILSON A.L. SOMERVILLE (Vice Captain) C.C. LAMB (Captain) D.G. WATSON
 E. CAMPBELL J.E. GARDINER
In Front N.F. BOYES H.C. JENKIN P.G. MONK C.S. PALMER A.F. WILSON

Waka Ama medal haul at World Champs

Marlin and Marnie Toloa have each returned with a haul of medals from the Waka Ama World Championships held in London last month.

The pair represented New Zealand as well as competing for their clubs at the World Champs.

Marnie, as a NZ representative, was a finalist in the U16 Women's V1 (Individual) 500m (3rd in heat, 6th in final). In the World Club Champs, she won Gold in the U16 Women's V6 (six paddlers) 500m final, Silver in the U16 Women's V6 1000m final, and Bronze in the U19 Women's V6 500m final.

Marlin, as a NZ representative, was a finalist in the U16 Men's V1 500m (3rd in heat, 6th in final), and won Gold in the U19 Men's V6 500m final and U19 Men's V6 1000m final.

In the World Club Champs, he won Gold in the U16 Men's V6 500m final, the U16 Men's V6 1000m final, the U16 Men's 500m V12 final, and the U19 Men's V12 500m final.

AKSS Waka Ama is on next term and registrations should go up next week.



Spoken Word team into final

Last Saturday, the MAGS Spoken Word team made it through the semi-finals of WORD! The Frontline and will compete in the final at the Auckland Town Hall. The team competed in the first heat of the semis alongside six other schools: Mt Roskill Grammar School, De La Salle College, Wesley College, Northcote College, Papakura High School and St Dominic's College.



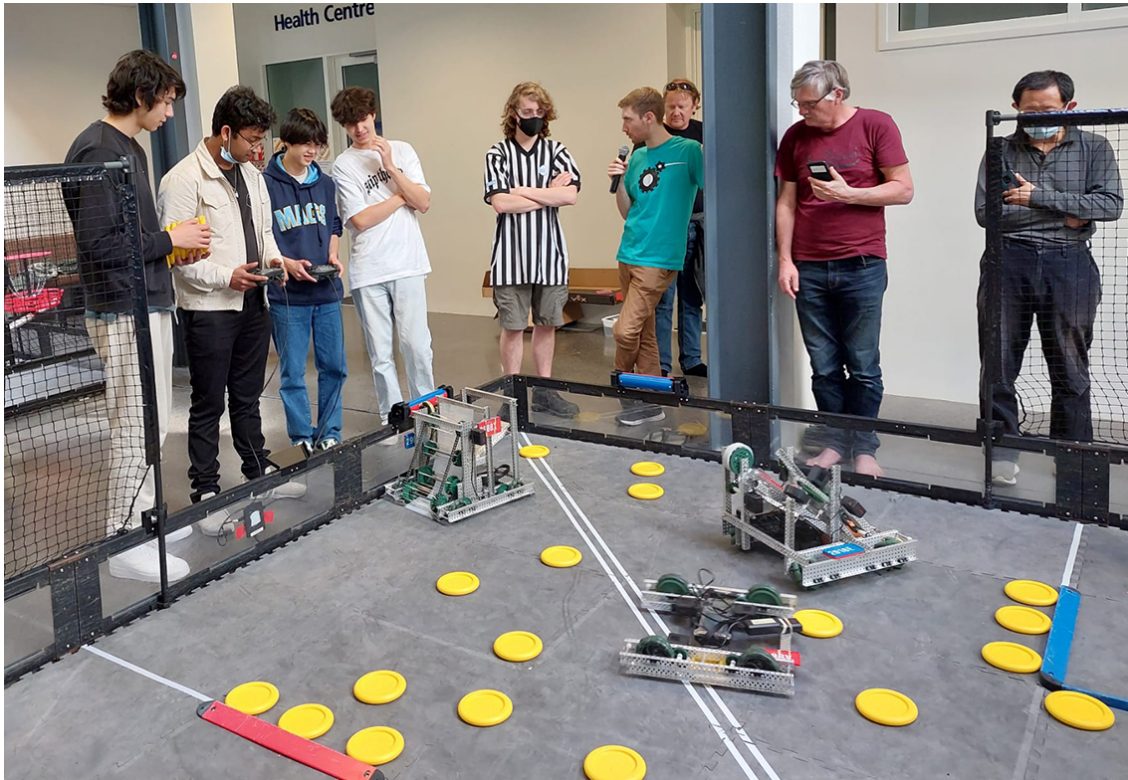
The MAGS WORD! The Frontline team performed three well-written, well-performed, well-articulated and emotional poems.

The MAGS team were acknowledged by the judges for having, "vocab-rich, emotionally present and technically excellent" writing and poetic performances.

English teacher and Spoken Word TIC Mrs Woodall, who watched the performance, says "I am so amazed by the power and confidence in each poem. The team really have worked so

hard getting their poems ready and deserve to have been chosen to compete in the final." The final is scheduled for September 24 at the Auckland Town Hall.

Vex Robotics at MAGS



Last Saturday, MAGS held its first VEX Robotics scrimmage in 10 years. Twenty teams and more than 100 students from schools across Auckland competed from excellent robotic schools such as Glenfield, Avondale and Lynfield. The feature of this competition was the game Spin Up where students design, build and code a robot. The robot was required to shoot discs into goals, be able to horizontally expand in area and spin cylindrical goals for your team. MAGS entered three teams and two advanced to the playoff rounds. One, led by Anatol Coen and Nick Lees, won a series of hard-fought games and made it to the final where they were narrowly defeated. Max Davison, Robotics Captain, said, "The day was a massive success with students showcasing their hard work and skills in the lead-up to the national competition. "The MAGS robotics team showed great enterprise by running a fundraiser selling pizzas, doughnuts and baking which will go towards new robot parts and developing the next generation of robotics students. Thank you to the Maths Department for letting us use the MH Block." You can see a video of the scrimmage [here](#)

Centenary Events on sale now



Our [Centenary Events website](#) now has full details about the upcoming Centenary celebrations during the week of September 25 to October 1.

You can buy tickets for paid events or register for free events via the site.



Highlights of the week include:

- Thanksgiving Service (Sunday, September 25, 10am, FW Gamble Hall)
- Albertians' Day and Luncheon (Wednesday, September 28, at MAGS)
- Golf Day (Thursday, September 29, 11am, Muriwai Golf Club)
- The Alternative School Tour with the Pua brothers (Friday, September 30, 10am at MAGS)
- Centenary Reunion Drinks (Friday, September 30, 6pm, FW Gamble Hall)
- Centenary Dinner (Saturday, October 1, 6.30pm, Grand Millennium Hotel)
- School Tours (various days throughout the week)

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

Albertian on RNZ Concert



Albertian Siliga Sani Muliaumaseali'i (1980-85) will be the new breakfast host for RNZ Concert for Mondays to Thursdays, starting next month.

At MAGS, Sani had leading roles in musicals (such as *West Side Story*) and in the Samoan Cultural Group. Sani, a tenor, has had a busy career working as a singer, director, writer, composer, choreographer and producer around the globe.

He joins RNZ Concert after returning to Aotearoa after many years overseas with over 20 years spent in the UK where he worked with high profile opera companies including English National Opera and Royal Opera House Covent Garden, winning an Olivier award (Best Ensemble) for *Porgy & Bess*.

Mathematicians run the numbers

Last week, MAGS had four junior teams out at Barfoot and Thompson Stadium competing in the annual Auckland Mathex Competition.

The two Year 9 teams performed admirably, scoring 95 and 75 points out of a total of 100.

Our Year 10A team, consisting of Ava Poynter, Harrison Fu, Macy Li and Ben Wright, placed 8th-equal, with 95 points.

The Year 10B team, made up of Victor Coen, Ansel Weatherall, Fearghal Reid and Victor Kyawzaw, came awfully close to a podium finish, cracking 100 with six minutes to spare which saw them

placing 5th. This was particularly impressive given that only seven teams out of 104 reached the maximum score.

Mathematics teacher Mr Walden adds, "Victor Coen and Ava Poynter should be further congratulated for placing in the top 30 nationally (out of 4500 students!) in the 2022 Otago Junior Maths Competition.

"The competition was held over two rounds, with the final problems being a good challenge for all who competed. Students are encouraged to get involved in future problem-solving opportunities."



Theatresports Players Night



On Wednesday night, the MAGS Theatresports group competed at an official theatre sports Players Night at Auckland Grammar School. The team was made up of leaders Max Cumberpatch and Tabea Leonhardt, and Jorja Stevens and Molly Cavanagh. They faced Auckland Grammar and Botany Downs, coming in a tight third place with only one point in it. From scenes about Canadian ice cream to driving tractors around burger joints, it was a fun evening for all.

Albertian wins film awards

Congratulations to Albertian Bala Murali Shingade, whose short film *Perianayaki* won the New Zealand's Best 2022 Audience Award at Whānau Mārama New Zealand International Film Festival.

Bala also won two of the three Jury Prizes – the Auckland Live Spirit of The Civic Award and the Flicks Award for Best Film. As winner of the Audience Award, Bala receives 25 per cent of the box office from New Zealand's Best 2022 screenings in the four main centres. Bala, who attended MAGS from 2009-2013, was a Prefect in his final year.

He went on to complete a BA (hons) and MA from the University of Auckland, majoring in Screen Production. Since finishing his MA in 2018, Bala Murali has been working in film and theatre as a writer, director, producer and actor.

In 2019, Bala Murali received the Geoff Evans Prize for Excellence in Screen Production for his MA thesis film, *Brown Boy Lies*, a coming-of-age short film featuring a young Indian New Zealander as the lead character.



Out-of-Zone Applications for 2023

The Mount Albert Grammar School Board of Trustees may approve a limited number of out-of-zone enrolments for 2023.

Applications for out-of-zone enrolments must be received by next Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Should a ballot be required for out-of-zone enrolments, this will occur on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

You can find out more about enrolment [here](#)

Senior Pre-requisite Exams



Senior Pre-requisite Exams start on Tuesday, September 13.

These examinations provide the opportunity for students to test themselves under the same conditions that NZQA exams are run at the end of the year.

You can see the exam information [here](#) and the timetable [here](#)

Homestay families for 2023

The International Department is currently looking for families to accommodate our international students in the year commencing 2023.

Homestays are our most popular style of accommodation as our students benefit from

living with an English-speaking family and sharing in the NZ family experience. The experience is enriching and rewarding for both students and hosts.

What are the expectations of a host family?

A host is expected to provide a clean and comfortable bedroom with bed, wardrobe (built-in or free-standing) and drawers, linen and towels, desk and lamp, heating in room, three meals a day plus snacks and laundry. We prefer our students to be placed within a 20-minute commute of school



What is the benefit of hosting?

- A chance to meet students from all over the world.
- An opportunity for your children to learn a different language and build an international friend network. We have many families who have visited or sent their children to stay with their past homestay students overseas.
- Prompt fortnightly payment of \$640 (\$320 per week).
- Short- and long-term students available.

If you would like some further information, please email homestay@mags.school.co.nz

In Memoriam: Max Weston



Albertian Max Weston (1947-51) passed away on August 6, aged 88 years.

He was a member of the Senior 8 in 1950 and 1951 (as pictured above, fourth from left in the back row) and a Prefect in 1951.

Max was also a member and stalwart of the West End Rowing Club since 1950, when he started rowing for MAGS.

During his rowing career Max won four NZ Championship Eight Titles (Redcoats) for West End. During his membership Max held nearly every position at the club: Committee member, Club Secretary, Club Captain, President and Patron. In 1980 he was honoured with being made a Life Member.

Max was heavily involved in MAGS rowing via this connection with West End during the 70s and 80s.

He also made other major contributions to the sport of rowing, holding many positions with the Auckland Rowing Association and as part of the team that organised the 1978 World Rowing Championship regatta at Lake Karapiro.





Max Weston (at left, seated) coached MAGS' Senior Coxed Four in 1974 as well as other MAGS crews through the 70s and 80s.

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

Curling Seniors NISS Champions



In Winter Tournament Week, we had two teams competing in the North Island Secondary Schools Curling Championship held at Paradise Ice Rink in Avondale, with the Senior team named champions and the Juniors finishing runners-up.

Our Senior team of Jack Millar (13HMR), Liam Baber (13JTN), Tahlia Petersen (13ANH), Jude Sheehan (13CNL) and Sofia Skinner (13AHN) were in the Mixed grade, played as a round-robin tournament.

Game One saw MAGS edge Long Bay 5-3 and a 7-2 victory over Massey in Game Two left MAGS in a good position at the end of day one. Game three was against Mount Roskill, favourites for the title. A fantastic four-stone score from MAGS in the first end had Mount Roskill playing catch-up and while they mounted a spirited fight back, MAGS held them off to win 7-5.



Game four was another close 5-3 win against Long Bay while game five was an emphatic 17-2 demolition of Massey. This left MAGS unbeaten and thinking it would be a showdown with Mount Roskill in the final game. Then news came in from the other sheet – Long Bay

had beaten Mount Roskill 5-4 in the very last end of their game. MAGS' position at the top of the table was now unassailable and with one round still to go MAGS were Mixed grade North Island Champions for 2022.

Our Junior team consisting of Koru McDonald (11BRN), Felix McElwee (11GIB), Samuel Reeves (11GIB), Max Shallard (11PNE) and Riley Hobbs (09CLN) were in the final against Lynfield College in the Boys Division in a best-of-five format.

TIC Ms Hobbs reports, "Our novice team knew it would be a tough challenge against the more experienced side, but when a tight first game finished only 4-1 to Lynfield they saw they had a chance. In the second game MAGS took a lead from the first end and won the game 6-2.

"On Day Two, Game Three saw Lynfield three stones up with just one end to play. However, MAGS threw their best end of the competition getting the three they needed for a 5-5 draw. Game Four, however, went to Lynfield 7-3, leaving a mountain to climb in the final game. With two of our stones in the house there was the possibility that it could happen, but alas with one expert shot knocking out our score, the game, and the title were Lynfield's."

Wrestlers come out on top

Four students from MAGS competed at the New Zealand Secondary School Wrestling Nationals last Sunday at Rutherford College.

The day proved to be a successful one for our wrestlers, gaining three 1st places and a 3rd place.

Sadi Ansari (Year 11) made a good showing, finishing third in his category. Max Shallard (Year 11) won all of his three fights in

the Senior Male Under 55kg category to win the division. Sean Harding (Year 11) continues to show his promise in the sport, winning the Senior Male Under 65kg section.

Tiger-Lily Cocker-Lemalie (Year 13) – fresh off her great effort representing Tonga at the Commonwealth Games, where she narrowly missed out on a medal – finished first in her division. This is the second year in a row that Tiger-Lily has won a New Zealand Secondary School title.

A big thanks to all the parents who supported our wrestlers on the day.



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