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 <p>MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL</p>	<p>A Tradition of Excellence 9th-14th May 2022</p>	<p>CENTENARY 100 1922-2022</p>
		

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From the Headmaster

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Friday, October 1

End of Term 3

Monday, October 18

Beginning of Term 4

Monday, November 22

NCEA Exams start

Tuesday, December 14

NCEA Exams end



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

The school site has come alive this week as building contractors and key staff have returned to MAGS under Alert Level 3.

Building projects back underway include the new Dance and Drama facility along with the Girls' Hostel refurbishment in Lloyd Ave.

And, if you drive past the school, you will see the beginnings of the new Centennial Walkway (artist's impression above), which will provide safe pedestrian access to the school from Alberton Ave.

The theme of safety for all MAGS people is front and centre as we look to re-open our school for all students next term. Many people are already asking whether students and staff will need to be vaccinated in order to return to school.



Sport

Our response as always will defer to the official advice we regularly receive from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education – and we need to trust their messaging.

And that message is clear. Getting vaccinated will protect you, your family, your classmates and your teachers from the worst effects of Covid! The science is unquestionable!

I hope common sense will prevail throughout our school community before we return to school next term. We're aiming for 100% of our MAGS people to do the right thing to keep themselves and each other safe!

I'm off to St Lukes to get my second shot tomorrow – a family outing!

Might see you there!

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



**Sports registrations for
Term 4**

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Looking forward to a return



The move down alert levels was welcome this week, and hopes are high of welcoming students back on October 18, the first day of Term 4.

Our multi-talented music teacher Mr Watson and his whānau (pictured above) encapsulated that feeling this week with their rollicking [Lockdown Shanty](#) dedicated to MAGS staff.

Our students continue to put in some great entries for the MAGS Art Challenge on the [Visual Arts Instagram page](#)

This week, there is a neat little animation (as pictured at bottom) from Zoie Gallego about her lockdown experience with her family.

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](#)

This week, in their new 'After the Bell' segment about student extra-curricular activities, they feature our award-winning Centennial Choir (pictured right) with a look behind the scenes [here](#) And, of course, there is always the MAGS Big K Challenge.



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](#)



Learning during Alert Level 3

With the move to Alert Level 3 this week, Mount Albert Grammar School will, as has been our practice in the past, continue to follow the advice given by the Government to ensure the best health and safety interests of students and staff.

At Alert Level 3, schools are essentially closed. The key message for you is that, again, **at Level 3, if you can, you should keep your child at home** and should only physically send your child, **and only if in Year 9 or Year 10**, to school if you need to.

If your child has a health condition, meaning they are at greater risk of a severe illness, you must keep them at home.

If your child is sick, please also ensure you keep them at home.

Staff should and will continue to work from home.

Year 11-13 students are legally required to stay learning from home.

A letter regarding Alert Level 3 was sent to the school community this week, and you can read the full letter [here](#)

NCEA Updates

To recognise the extended disruption for senior secondary school students in Auckland, the Minister of Education this week announced a full reintroduction of the measures that applied for students in Auckland last year, when a similar total amount of time was spent in lockdown. In summary, these are:

- Auckland students will be entitled to 1 Learning Recognition Credit (LRC) for every 4 credits they achieve through assessment in the 2021 school year, rather than 1 LRC for every 5.
- Auckland students will be eligible for up to 16 LRCs at NCEA Level 1, and 12 LRCs at levels 2 and 3.
- The threshold for Auckland students to be awarded a Certificate Endorsement will be 44 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50.

The changes to Course Endorsements and University Entrance announced on September 2 will **continue to apply**. This means:

- Auckland students will require 12 credits at Achieved, Merit or Excellence level to receive Course Endorsements, rather than 14.
 - To be awarded University Entrance, students in Auckland will need to achieve 12 – instead of 14 – credits in each of 3 University Entrance Approved Subjects, as well as attaining NCEA Level 3 and meeting the usual literacy and numeracy requirements.
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Christmas ham fundraiser coming soon

We are pleased to announce that Neat Meat will soon be sharing details of a new Christmas Ham fundraiser with \$10 of every ham they sell donated back to MAGS. Neat Meat has recently launched their new online store – neatmeatstore.com – where you can order anything from scotch steak to pork ribs. Place your order before midnight for delivery the following day.



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](#)

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.



Sports Update

U18 Rugby selections



Congratulations to those Rugby Boys who have been named in the Blues and Auckland U18 squads this week.

First XV Captain Tama Anderson, Riki Ruben and Ben Skelton have been selected in the Blues U18 squad, while TJ Aloj, Henare Leefe, Jovis Meredith and TK Parkinson have been chosen for the Auckland U18 squad.

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

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