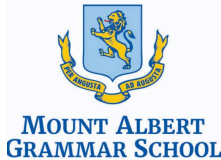




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9th-14th May 2022



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

The courage of our student community in returning to school this week has been great to witness and I congratulated them on that in my [Headmaster's Message](#) video today.

Close to 90% of students are back at school, signalling a vote of confidence in the safety of the MAGS learning environment. This show of trust is a credit to the way our whole community has responded to recent events.

Over 85% of our students and staff acted on the call to undergo a COVID-19 test – that's almost 3000 people! With the resulting lack of evidence of any community transmission, students and staff have been able to move back into the classroom and resume teaching and learning as normal.

A key message to our students is about the importance of looking forward. The year to date may certainly have been one like no other, but we cannot change that. What we *can* influence is the remaining 10 weeks until NCEA Examinations begin!

That is more than enough time to ensure academic goals are achieved. Work habits must be underpinned by characteristics such as determination and commitment – traits that have always been highly valued at MAGS.

We've shown such resilience as a community to get to this point in the year – and now we need to finish the job!

We can do this!

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Hepetema (September) 14-20
Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week)

Thursday & Friday, September 17 & 18
Artistry in Action dance concert, 7.30 pm, Centennial Theatre

Thursday, September 24
Last day of classes for Term 3

Friday, September 25
Staff Only Day
School Ball, 6pm, Ellerslie Event Centre



[Sport](#)

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Welcome back to school



Staff and Prefects were out in force on Monday morning to give students a warm welcome back to school and to in-person learning at Alert Level 2.5.

Following the Government announcement today that the current Alert Level settings will remain in place until at least September 16, MAGS will continue to encourage students to wear a mask, and to maintain social distancing and good hygiene practices.

More information is available on the Government's [COVID-19](#) website and the [Auckland Regional Public Health Service](#) website.

End of Term 3 schedule

The end of the term appears to be approaching very quickly and it is timely to be reminded of the 'busyness' of our final week.

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.

Art of Sport Challenge winners



A second Arts Challenge was offered to students just before the recent lockdown. Students had to use Sport as an inspiration or subject for their arts practice – be it a painting, dance, song or video.

Again, we were impressed with the entries. Winners will be acknowledged at assemblies in the next couple of weeks.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

1st place: **Inara Dutta** for her artwork (above)

2nd Place: Rose Leader

3rd place: Sara Fletcher-Hulbert and Amelie Kelly

Highly Commended: Ayesha Hayat-Frost, Felix Mead, Mia Crofts, Sylvie Edwards, Zoie Gallego, Gabriel Aitu and Ryan Antia

SENIOR SCHOOL

1st place: **Nacanieli Nathan Waqalevu** for his [video](#)

2nd place: Ayyan Ali

3rd place: Scott Wheeler

Special prizes for creativity and commitment to challenges

Junior – Ryan Antia

Senior – Ayyan Ali

Anzac Assembly and Luncheon cancelled

Sadly, due to COVID-19, we have had to cancel our planned Anzac memorial luncheon and assembly scheduled for September 17.

Other casualties are the Student Quiz Night and Shave for a Cure, which have been cancelled.

The Artistry in Action dance concert has been rescheduled to September 17 and 18, and the school is awaiting advice about whether it can go ahead as intended with an audience. Because of this, ticket sales have been suspended, and current ticket holders should hold on to their tickets and await further advice.

The Year 13 Drama Production has been rescheduled to October 22 and 23.

It is hoped that the School Ball will still be able to go ahead on September 25.



Please return Health Centre crutches

Any students who have crutches supplied by the School that they no longer need, could they please return them to the Health Centre or Physio.

Stocks at the Health Centre are low and they would gratefully receive any crutches that students no longer need so that they can continue to help other students.

Rocket League team on a roll again



MAGS' Rocket League team is one win away from the Grand Final of the META Rocket League Championship as they take on the best schools across Australia and New Zealand. The MAGS Pureial team of Drew French (DarthDrewbie), Noah Banks (Arky), Luka Jeremic (Applecrash) and Lewis Duguid-Jones (SavageLewis) had to fight hard to overcome Westlake Boys High School in a best-of-seven series to make the championship round and give themselves a chance of going one better than last year when they lost the grand final to South Australia's Unley High at the Melbourne Esports Open. Since qualifying for the championship round, MAGS Pureial has beaten Sydney school Canley High, and face Darwin High School tomorrow at 3pm for a place in the Grand Final on October 10.

Staff win Big K Challenge!



Year 9s staged a comeback but MAGS staff still ran away with the BiG K Challenge when entries closed on Sunday.

Participants were challenged to log their activity each day during lockdown – walk, run, row or bike, with one entry allowed per day and a minimum distance of 3km per entry.

The morning tea shouts from Westie Food Group were won by 9FRS (most entries) and 10CNS (most kms).

There were also spot prizes such as Burger Fuel vouchers, Lotto sports gear, beanies and T-shirts.

Victoria University graduates

Congratulations to the former students of Mount Albert Grammar School who have graduated from Victoria University of Wellington.

The following students have graduated from Victoria University between June 2019 and May 2020:

Alex Mcshane
Bruce Asher
Daniel Dowsett

MFACP - Master of Finance
LLB - Bachelor of Law
BA - Bachelor of Arts

Daniel Dowsett	LLB - Bachelor of Law
Felix Drissner-Devine	BA - Bachelor of Arts
Felix Drissner-Devine	LLB - Bachelor of Law
Fergus Lees	BDI - Bachelor of Des
Finn Welsford-Ackroyd	BEHONS - Bachelor of
Gilbert Patten-Elliott	MFACP - Master of Fir
Henry King	BA - Bachelor of Arts
Jackson Enright	BA - Bachelor of Arts
Jonathan Stuart	BCOM - Bachelor of C
Jonathan Stuart	LLBHON - Bachelor of
Lucy Moss-Mason	MA - Master of Arts
Nina Ives	MCCSP - Master of Cli
Opeloge Ah Sam	PHO - Doctor of Philoi
Rebecca Reilly	MA - Master of Arts
Sophia-Jean Enright	MA - Master of Arts
Stephen Fountain	BSC - Bachelor of SciE
Syed Husnain Adil	GDTCS - GDip Teach

Out-of-zone applications closed for 2021

The Mount Albert Grammar School Board of Trustees may approve a limited number of out-of-zone enrolments for 2021.

Applications for out-of-zone enrolments have closed, and should a ballot be needed this will occur next Wednesday, 9 September. Applicants should find out within a matter of days after the ballot if they have been successful.

More enrolment information [here](#)

Cooks boosting flavours



A cooking competition was held in 2010 as part of the promotion of the school cookbook, *MAGS Flavours*. Albertian and renowned chef Michael Meredith was one of the judges. For more photos like this, recently added to the MAGS website, click [here](#)

Sign up to the Centenary database



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

Milly Clegg picked for national football camp

Congratulations to Milly Clegg, who has been selected to attend the NZ Women's U-17 Football Camp in October. With no playoff games possible, New Zealand has been nominated as the Oceania Football Confederation's representative for next year's FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in India. The NZ Women's U17 team won Bronze at the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in Uruguay in 2018.



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

Sportsperson of the Year nominations

College Sport Auckland's Young Sportsperson of the Year (YSPOTY) Awards have been held since 1991 to celebrate the outstanding sporting achievements of Auckland secondary school students.

This year, the 30th Annual YSPOTY Awards will be held Thursday, November 19 at 6.30pm at Eden Park to recognise outstanding achievement across many sports.

You can find out more about the awards and fill out a nomination form [here](#)

Nominations close September 7.

General Notices

Mt Albert Primary School



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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/

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