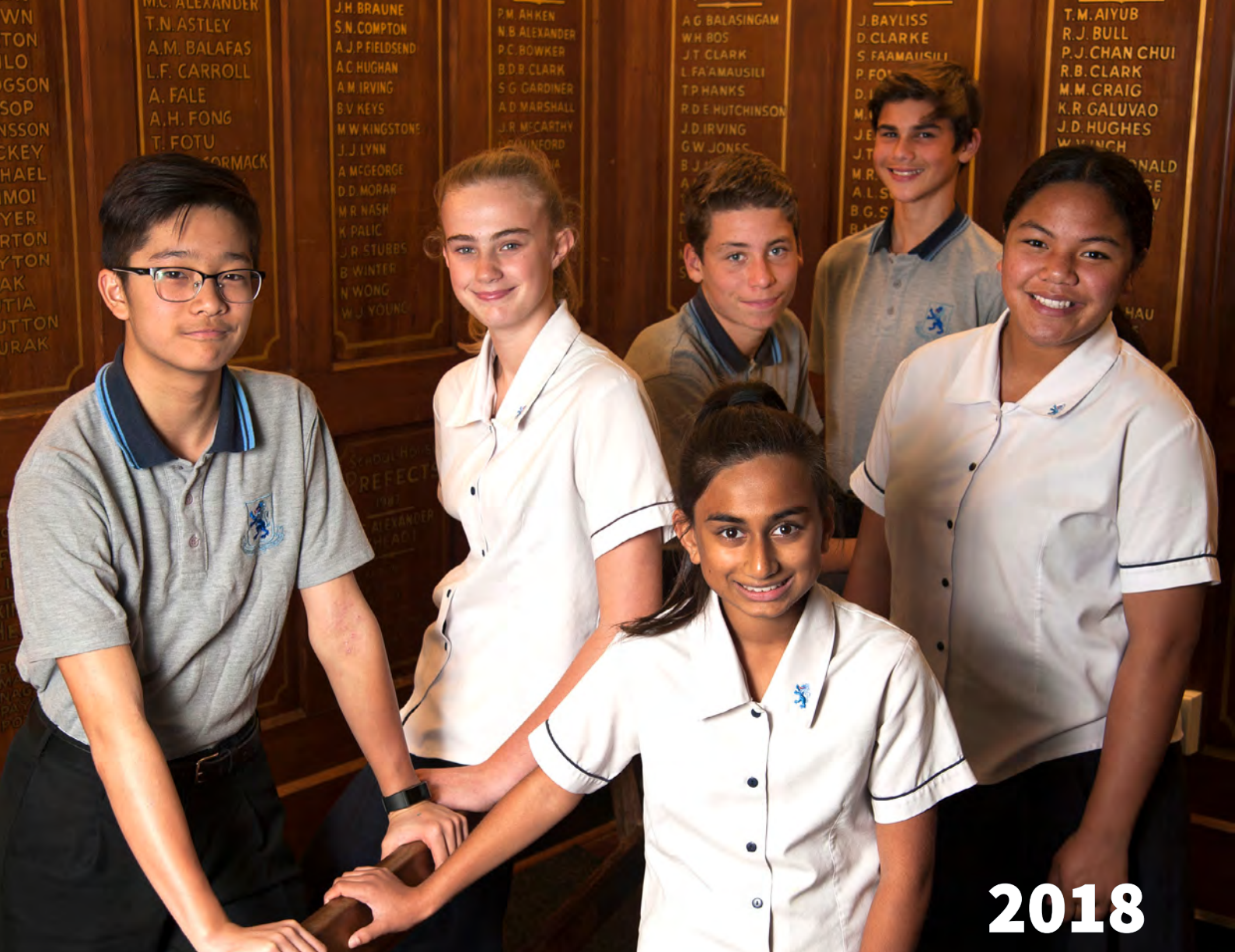


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# Our Centenary Lions 2022

Back in 2018, for the front cover of *The Lion*, we took the photo on the opposite page of a group of Year 9s who would graduate in our Centenary year of 2022. Here they are again five years later, in 2022, left to right:

**Josh Li** was one of our Prefects and was named Boys Dux Artium this year, and has been involved in several groups including the Centennial Choir, A Grade Table Tennis, Badminton, Relay for Life, Peer Support, and a range of Musical ensembles.

He has an Arts Lion, Scholar Lion and Service Lion.

A highlight for him during his time at MAGS was performing in *The Big Sing* in 2021 and receiving multiple awards with the Centennial Choir.

He plans to study at Auckland University and obtain a degree in Computer Science.

**Lucy Taylor** was our female Head Prefect this year, and has taken NCEA in Dance, Drama, Media and Photography and been very involved in extra-curricular groups.

She has an Arts Lion, Scholar Lion and Service Lion.

Her highlight at MAGS has been the dance showcases through the years and creating a MAGS Dance and Arts family.

She plans to do a Bachelor of Arts double major in Media and Communication at Auckland University.

**Edgar Dorsemaine** has contributed to the Service and Sports pillars through the Football Boys 1st XI team.

He was 1st in Sports Leadership in Year 12.

His highlight at MAGS has been playing Football for the school, particularly the 1st XI, and his goal for the future is to be a sports commentator.

**Sharnia Dahya** has been involved in the Girls Hockey 1st XI for four years and has coached younger teams at the school as well.

She has Scholar and Sports Lions, and was a member of the Health Committee in 2022, as well as participating in Relay for Life over the years.

In Year 12, she gained 1st in photography for Level 2 at MAGS.

She plans to study design and pursue this passion.

**Taine Wilson** was the Football Boys 1st XI Captain, a 2022 Prefect, earned a Sports Lion, Scholar Lion, and was part of The Blue and Gold Business Group

A highlight for him has been his Football journey at MAGS – from Year 9 Academy to 1st XI Captain.

Taine is planning to go to the US on a Football scholarship thanks to his time at MAGS, which has helped him with the sporting side of things as well as academically to achieve this goal.

**Emelata Puafisi** has enjoyed Dance and her role in the Tongan Group performances.

She has been involved with the Pasifika Council and takes pride in encouraging Pasifika students to achieve their best as well as her community work during her time at MAGS.

A highlight for her has been getting NCEA Level 1 and 2 Endorsed with Excellence and Merit, respectively. She has a Scholar Lion.

She plans to do a BA in Psychology at University of Auckland.



# A 100-YEAR journey



A Tradition of Excellence



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I am delighted to present you with our 2022 Centenary Edition of The Lion.

Who would have thought after the challenges of the past few years that our MAGS community would be able to gather en masse to celebrate our 100-year journey.

Our school motto is as relevant today as it was in 1922. As our year comes to a close, there is certainly a feeling of glory over hardship as we reflect on the recent series of centenary events.



Long-serving staff members Mr Murphy, Mr Cave and Mr Gibbs have worked with some of our 1922 Foundation staff.

It has been a year of looking back and reconnecting with stories from the past. Some of our current MAGS people can boast connections right back to the first days of the school. We have long-serving teachers on our staff today who began their careers at MAGS alongside some of our foundation staff!



The legacy of our first head prefect in 1922, Cecil Cunningham Lamb, continues through to today with two of his great grandnieces currently attending MAGS. One of those descendants, Jessica Lamb (Year 12), joined with an Albertian, Professor Russell Stone, (MAGS 1936-1940) in planting our Centennial Tree as part of festivities.



A Thanksgiving Service in the FW Gamble Hall was followed by a week of sold-out centenary events. The Albertian Luncheon, Cocktail Function and Centennial Dinner were hugely successful with great numbers of Albertians in attendance – some returning to their school for the first time in many years.





Change and Tradition author Deborah Dunsford is pictured with, from left, Board of Trustees Chair Greg Moyle, former headmaster Greg Taylor and Mr Drumm.

In the midst of this we celebrated the launch of our centennial book “Change and Tradition – Mount Albert Grammar School 100 Years”. This magnificent publication authored by Deborah Dunsford with support from Albertian Dr Michael Bassett promises to be a taonga which will grow in value across the generations as the school moves into its second century.

An additional momentous announcement was also made during centennial week. The generous decision of the ASB Bank to gift the ownership of the ASB MAGS Farm to the MAGS Foundation is without precedent.

This significant asset, which now sits safely in perpetuity with the MAGS Foundation, promises to see the quality of our school-based primary industry curriculum lifted to new heights in the future. What a 100th birthday present!

The persistence and drive of the centennial committee, chaired by Dale Griffiths, must take much credit for bringing our celebrations to life. Time and time again they were faced with Covid curveballs that threatened to derail plans which had been some time in the making. There was even talk about deferring our celebrations to 2023!

But the desire to mark 100 years of MAGS in this our centenary year won out! Thank you to Dale and our organising committee, our sponsors and partners – and to all who joined together to toast a tradition of excellence at MAGS over the past 100 years!



ASB CEO Vittoria Shortt presented Mr Drumm with a framed Certificate of Title at the official ceremony to gift the ASB MAGS Farm into MAGS' ownership.

A school reaching 100 years will mean different things to different people.

Reminiscing with former classmates about school days, the teachers of the time, the positive (and maybe some not-so-positive) experiences that remain indelible in the adolescent mind – these themes will naturally be a focus for alumni reflecting on their time at school.

But our centenary must be much more than that. It must resonate with both current and future generations attending MAGS. The foundation built across the last 100 years must provide the present community with confidence to launch into the next 100 years.

MAGS of the future will be different to that which has gone before – and our students will be different. Our Grammar traditions anchor us with a value set that will remain universal across humanity – respect, aspiration, resilience, excellence. But the context in which these values are being developed has changed – and it will continue to evolve rapidly.

2022 has been a time to look back – a time to be proud of where we have come from. And it's right to look back – but we can't afford to stare for too long!

The next 100 years is here and upon us – and our MAGS students are more than ready!

Merry Christmas

Per Angusta Ad Augusta

**Patrick Drumm**  
**Headmaster**

# CENTENARY *Dinner*



The Headmasters Panel is quizzed by MC Mark Watson.

Our Centenary Dinner on October 1 was a celebration of the traditions, advances and diversity that make up the MAGS identity.

Our school is founded on the Four Pillars – Academia, Arts, Service and Sport – and follows the ‘MAGS Way’ values, and those were all on display and celebrated throughout the night.

MC’ed by Albertian Mark Watson, the event saw Albertians young and old packing out the ballroom at The Grand Millennium Hotel and enjoying musical performances as well as guest speakers such as Sir Bryan Williams, scientist Molly Swanson and our Academic Dean Warwick Gibbs.

First up was another stellar performance by our award-winning Centennial Choir, under the guidance of Terence Maskell.

That was followed by a Headmasters Panel Q&A session with Headmaster Mr Drumm and former headmasters Maurice

Hall (1970-88) and Dale Burden (2006-2015), and Noeleen Taylor standing in for her husband Greg, who was headmaster from 1988-2006. Mr Watson quizzed the panel about the changes they had seen and made at MAGS.

Then, Sir Bryan spoke about his time at MAGS and how that had prepared him for becoming an All Black at the age of 19 and a career in law. He said he had lived his life by the MAGS motto of ‘Per Angusta Ad Augusta’ (Through Hardship to Glory) as nothing had ever come easy in rugby or in law, and then balancing both with family life.

Ms Swanson, who is a research fellow at University of Auckland studying neurodegenerative disease, said she was a quirky teenager but found her place at MAGS and enjoyed the breadth of opportunity that was offered to her.

Before Mr Gibbs’ speech, Albertian Tali

Meavale and Deputy Head Prefect Isaiah Nin and Year 13 student Nathan Setefano (on guitar) performed a lively medley of songs.

Mr Gibbs, our Academic Dean, reflected on his 50 years (and counting) in teaching at MAGS and how times had changed since he was employed by Mr Hall fresh out of teachers college. He said teaching wasn’t always easy but he had enjoyed learning from his students just as much as teaching them.

Centenary Committee Chair Dale Griffiths wrapped up the evening with a toast to absent friends and one to the school, and presented our Events Manager Emma John with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her bringing together such a great evening.

To close, everyone got to their feet to sing the School Hymn accompanied by Mr Gibbs on keyboard.



Sir Bryan Williams reflects on his life and his time at MAGS.



Deputy Principal John Stradwick with some of our Prefect Executive.





Molly Swanson tells the audience how she found a place and a career path at MAGS.



Academic Dean Warwick Gibbs speaks about his 50 years in teaching (and counting).



Suzie Rogers, at right, with friends Celia and David Billing, was at the dinner to represent her two brothers, Nicholas and Simon Ramsden, who attended MAGS in the 1970s but have since passed away.



Centenary Chair Dale Griffiths wrapped up proceedings with a toast to the school and one to absent friends.





The Art Show Committee once again delivered a spectacular and successful event.

# MAGS CENTENARY *Art Show*







The MAGS Centenary Art Show was a huge success with great attendance over the weekend of August 5-7, including a sold-out Gala Night on the Friday, and more than \$220,000 worth of art sales.

Art Show Manager Britt Schollum said, “I would like to thank all the committee members who had pivotal lead roles, the current and past parent volunteers, the curator, the graphic designer, the school staff who helped, the students who helped, the school Property team, the sponsors – especially the major ones, and the artists themselves.”

Mrs Schollum added, “The committee would like to say a massive thank you to the MAGS school community for their fantastic support of our show. In this difficult financial climate our community still came out to support our student artists and the beneficiaries of our fundraising.”

Profits from the Art Show go towards the Lion Fund (MAGS’ equity fund) and to support the Visual Art Department’s Artist in Residence programme that inspires and motivates students.







Head Prefects Wesley Donald and Lucy Taylor cut the Centenary Cake, watched on by Mr Drumm and Centenary Committee Chair Dale Griffiths.

# ALBERTIANS DAY



MAGS welcomed Abertians back on September 28 for a day that was all about 'Change and Tradition' (funnily enough, the title of our newly released Centenary book).

The day began with a School Tour, which allowed Albertians to see the changes that had happened to the school campus since they were last here, and also reacquaint themselves with traditional elements such as the F.W. Gamble Hall and its Honours Boards.

A Centenary Tree planting then took place and was conducted by one of our oldest Albertians, Professor Russell Stone (the co-author of MAGS' 75th Jubilee book *Tradition and Change*) and Year 12 student Jessica Lamb, who is a relative of our first Head Prefect in 1922, C.C. Lamb.

Following the ceremony, there was a special assembly for Year 13s with Albertians in attendance and former Headmaster Maurice Hall, aged 93, as guest speaker.

Guests then adjourned to the W.O.H. Gibbs Room for the Albertians Centenary Luncheon, which was MC'ed by Frosty James and featured



Professor Russell Stone holds a photo of his rugby team from 1938 that won the Sixth Grade Championship, while Jessica Lamb holds a photo of the 1922 Prefects featuring her great-great-grand-uncle C.C. Lamb, Head Prefect.







Professor Russell Stone and Jessica Lamb conduct the ceremonial planting of the Centenary Tree.



Professor Russell Stone and Deborah Dunsford with their respective MAGS histories.

# AND LUNCHEON

guest speaker, Dr Peter Phillips, an Emeritus Professor at Yale, who was Dux at MAGS in 1965.

Before he was introduced, Mr Drumm thanked Dr Phillips for donating trophies for our Girls and Boys Dux. As Mr Drumm observed, MAGS presents a multitude of cups at the end of the year but has never in its history had a cup for our Duxes. He said it was fitting that was rectified and that they would be presented during our Centenary celebrations.

Our Centennial Choir, who sang at assembly, then performed another item before Dr Phillips spoke about how his early life and his time at MAGS had shaped him and put him on the path to becoming a leading academic and econometrician.

He spoke fondly of his time at MAGS and how his exacting, and sometimes eccentric, teachers had left a lasting impression on him and had helped to steer him into a career he loved.

The Luncheon concluded with Head Prefects Wesley Donald and Lucy Taylor cutting the Centenary Cake.



Dr Peter Phillips speaks at the luncheon, standing beside the cups he has donated for our Girls and Boys Dux.







# Centenary Reunion Drinks



The MAGS Centenary Reunion Drinks on September 30 was one of the highlights of our Centenary Week as we welcomed Albertians back to MAGS to reconnect and renew old friendships.

Albertians from across the past seven decades filled the F.W. Gamble Hall to make for a fantastic gathering, with DJ Expo 88 playing hits across the years.

Guests were given a brief welcome by Mr Drumm and Centenary Committee Chair Dale Griffiths before the reminiscing and catching up began in earnest.









# CENTENARY BOOK LAUNCH



Change and Tradition author Deborah Dunsford is pictured with, from left, Board of Trustees Chair Greg Moyle, former headmaster Greg Taylor and Mr Drumm.

At the launch of our Centenary book *Change and Tradition*, Headmaster Mr Drumm thanked author Deborah Dunsford for producing a “taonga” for MAGS that would add to its rich history.

Mr Drumm told guests assembled in the W.O.H. Gibbs Room on September 22 that production of the book was a key part of our Centenary celebrations, and Mrs Dunsford had gone above and beyond the call of duty in producing a fascinating insight into MAGS’ past 25 years.

Mrs Dunsford, a local historian, said her book, which focuses on the period 1997-2022, paid tribute to and was a companion to Professor Russell Stone and Neville McMillan’s 75th Jubilee book, *Tradition and Change*, which covers MAGS’ history from 1922-1997.

She thanked Professor Stone, an Albertian, for his input and guidance, and said she was indebted to many people at MAGS for their help, including the Centenary Book Committee of Mr Drumm, BoT Chair Greg Moyle, Centenary Committee Chair Dale Griffiths, Assistant Archivist Greg Cave and historian Michael Bassett.

Past headmasters Greg Taylor and Dale Burden, and MAGS Foundation Chair Peter Thorp provided invaluable help and important perspectives on the many changes that had shaped MAGS over the last quarter of a century.

Mrs Dunsford also thanked our long-serving Archivist, Brian Murphy, for his enthusiasm for the school’s history and care of its archival material.

She added, “I consider myself privileged to have had the opportunity to get to know Mount Albert Grammar School in some depth. It has certainly caused me to reflect on my own secondary education in the 1960s. I enjoyed my school days but these two-and-a-half years with MAGS have shown just how good a school can be.”

*Change and Tradition* has a RRP of \$45 but our Centenary pricing has it at \$35, and it can be bought in a bundle with *Tradition and Change* for \$50.







MAGS Foundation Chair Peter Thorp has been a driving force behind the farm along with, and as part of, the ASB MAGS Farm Advisory Committee.

In an extraordinarily generous gift in our Centenary Year, the ASB has handed the ASB MAGS Farm to our school.

Previously leased from the ASB, the 8.1ha working farm (with an estimated value of \$150 million) was established in 1932 and features horticulture, a variety of livestock, and a classroom centre educating students in Agricultural and Horticultural Science.

A special ceremony to mark the handover was held on September 30 in the MH Building, overlooking the farm, with guests welcomed with karakia and waiata from Matua Peter Walters and Whaea Waimirangi Paul along with Te Puna o Wairaka students.

At the ceremony, ASB CEO Vittoria Shortt presented Headmaster Mr Drumm with a framed certificate of title for the farm in recognition of the handover.

Ms Shortt said, "We're delighted to be gifting ownership of ASB MAGS Farm to the MAGS Foundation, ensuring that students will continue to benefit from this special learning environment for generations to come.

"Food and fibre production is the backbone of New Zealand's economy, and the farm plays a really important role in attracting young urban talent into these industries."

Mr Drumm said, "ASB MAGS Farm has a 90-year heritage and we're excited to continue its legacy.

"ASB's gift of this land will allow us to continue future-proofing the facilities and further diversifying the farm, and we have ambitious plans for the renovation of existing buildings and the construction of an experience centre to showcase opportunities in the AgriFood and Fibre sector.



Albertian Fatima Imran speaks about her time at MAGS, her love for the farm and how it opened up pursuing a career in AgriCommerce.

# ASB gifts farm TO MAGS



ASB CEO Vittoria Shortt presented Mr Drumm with a framed Certificate of Title at the official ceremony to gift the ASB MAGS Farm into MAGS' ownership.

"Our students benefit greatly from this education, and it will be enjoyed by generations to come."

MAGS Foundation Chair Peter Thorp said the ASB had been a great partner for the farm, and he hoped that would continue into the future as plans for the experience centre took shape.

Guest speaker at the handover ceremony was Albertian Fatima Imran, who is in her final year of an AgriCommerce degree at Massey University. She was initially attracted to the farm by the thought of looking after sheep and driving a tractor.

But she soon found out there was a whole lot more to the AgriFood and Fibre sector, and working and learning on the farm inspired her to pursue a career in AgriCommerce.



# CENTENARY Golf Day



The Centenary Golf Day at Muriwai Golf Club on September 29 raised \$4000 for the Sir Bryan Williams Rugby Fund, which supports teenage rugby.

Sir Bryan was among the 60 players who turned out for the day, which was a huge success thanks to the organisational efforts of Albertian John Liddell.

There was generous sponsorship of the holes and prizes, with players receiving \$8000 worth of prizes for their efforts in the Ambrose competition and by way of lucky draw.

Winners of the Ambrose were Innes Kerr-Taylor (who is a relative of the family that owned the land donated for the ASB MAGS Farm), Denise and Chris Webb, and Patrick Rowland with a net score of 57.

MAGS' Media Studies HOD Simon Allen won the longest drive and closest to the pin.







# CENTENARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Centenary Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, September 25 in the F.W. Gamble Hall was a great multi-generational celebration of the last 100 years with thoughts on what holds the MAGS community together.

The focus was on how MAGS has certainly changed and adapted with the times but also held onto meaningful traditions and brought continuity.

The keynote address – Through Hardship to Glory – was given by Thomas Wynne (pictured above centre).

There were some terrific musical items from our Gloriana Choir, Isaiah Nin and Tali Meavale, and Opeloge Ah Sam.

A candle of remembrance for those that have passed was lit by Head Prefect Lucy Taylor while a video montage played.

Mr Drumm closed off proceedings before guests adjourned to the W.O.H. Gibbs Room for refreshments, and more reminiscing and sharing of stories.

Some people travelled from as far away as Tauranga for what was the only Centenary event they could make during the week.





# CENTENARY

## School Tours



The 1966 6A (Scholarship) class reunited to take part in a School Tour during Centenary Week. From MAGS, they went on to experience success in the realms of academia, research and industry.

School Tours were held in the last week of Term 3, our Centenary Celebrations Week, with a total of 130 people taking part across four days.

The tours were led by a small team of Year 12/13 History students with Libby Markham (HOF Social Science), and planned and co-ordinated by Deputy Principal Christine Cato.

Mrs Cato says, "The main tours were an opportunity to view the school site and see the significant changes to buildings and development while also revisiting those areas of the school that have hardly changed at all, such as the F.W. Gamble Hall.

"The tours triggered some wonderful memories that were shared by the groups as they toured the school, culminating in a cuppa and further reminiscing in the W.O.H. Gibbs Room afterwards."

## Alternative School Tour



Led by Albertians the Rev. Mua Strickson-Pua and Sofi Ulugia-Pua, the Alternative School Tour on October 30 featured music, a lot of laughs and the sharing of many stories.

The Pua brothers, who have been doing Auckland Heritage walks for over 15 years, welcomed guests on their tour before taking them into the F.W.

Gamble Hall, where they sat on the stage together and each shared their stories about their time at MAGS.

Once everyone had introduced themselves, the tour set off around the school for more tales about MAGS life.

The Pua brothers said, "The Alternative Tour lived up to its name. There was a 50-year

spread of Albertians who walked or rode their bikes to school. Then you had the House Boys who had a whole different level of stories. Some of these Albertians had not been back since the day they left school.

"One person came to honour her father as she discovers his journey at MAGS through letters written to his mother. While

another Albertian relived his duty as the official bell ringer.

"They were amazed by the scale of development around the school. They also remembered a teacher or a mate that helped their time at school be enjoyable. Proud Albertians, who found their way through life by their time at school."



# 100 years apart

As part of our Centenary celebrations, MAGS staff had some fun recreating images from 1922 with our present-day students.

The Prefects + 1922



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

The Prefect Exec ÷ 2022



Standing, L.C.A.COWLEY, M.K.CHIGURUKOTA, I.B.NIN, B.L.SKELTON.  
Seated, E.J.WADSWORTH, W.M.K.DONALD (Head Prefect), L.P.TAYLOR (Head Prefect), G.R.KASUGANTI.

FIRST XV. AND EMERGENCIES, 1922.



FIRST XV, AND EMERGENCIES, 2022.



FIRST XI, 1922.



FIRST XI, 2022





# LEAVERS '22 CELEBRATION



Our Leavers '22 Celebration on October 31 was a fantastic occasion, with staff wishing our Year 13s good luck in their exams and as they start the next chapter in their lives.

Year 13s had their final assembly, with speeches from Mr Drumm, Year 13 Deans Ms Bovaird and Mr Belson, and Head Prefects Lucy Taylor and Wesley Donald. Isaiah Nin, Sarah-lee Talataina and Nathan Setefano performed Now or Never to a rapturous reception.



The Leavers Video was a highlight of the assembly as students looked back on their MAGS journey.

Afterwards there were shirt signings with a sausage sizzle and soft drinks before students headed off for exam preparation.





# REMEMBERING Mary Kerrigan



MAGS celebrated the life of our former HOF Commerce Mary Kerrigan on August 25 and dedicated a plaque to her that will go up in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

Mary (pictured left), joined MAGS as Head of the Commerce Department in 2019, and passed away towards the end of the year.

Mary had taught alongside many current MAGS staff members in her previous roles at Aorere College and Papatoetoe High School. Her brother Joe Kerrigan teaches at MAGS.

At the plaque dedication event in the

advice to the Headmaster about how we could continue to get better as a school.

Mr Drumm thanked her family for allowing MAGS to honour Mary with a plaque.

Aorere College Deputy Principal Steve Boyd also spoke about Mary's high standards and positive influence on staff and students in her time at Aorere. He said she gave of herself, and invested her time (and money) to help students be the best they could be.

Her husband Paul told guests that the family, while finding it difficult to deal with Mary's loss, were thankful that MAGS wanted to honour her memory.

The event closed with moving waiata from three members of MAGS' Centennial Choir: Isaiah Nin, Nathan Setefano and Jackson Absolum-Leuluso'o.



Mary's husband Paul and daughters Holly and Nicole attended the plaque dedication in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

hall, Mr Drumm told the invited guests that Mary will be remembered as an outstanding educator. He said she possessed the highest expectations of students and fellow staff members – and was very comfortable giving constructive



## Staff APPOINTMENTS

MAGS is pleased to announce that, next year, Acting Deputy Principals Christine Cato and Toby Powell will assume those roles permanently and be joined as a Deputy Principal by our current Director of Sport Allie Wright.



**Mrs Cato** will be overseeing Te Puna, Commerce and Social Science Faculties as well as the school-wide staff professional learning and the Arts co-curricular programmes. Previously the HOD

Geography and a Dean at Rangitoto College, Mrs Cato joined MAGS as a part-timer in 2007 and was appointed HOF Social Science in 2010. She continues to teach junior Social Studies or Geography. Mrs Cato's three sons have all attended MAGS, which provided coaching and managing opportunities for her in basketball and football. She is looking forward to continuing to support all of the four pillars of MAGS (Academic, Sport, Arts and Service) in her role as a permanent Deputy Principal.

**Mr Powell** oversees Junior Boys, School Assemblies, and Health, Outdoor Ed and PE.

Previously a Dean at MAGS, Mr Powell was a Progress Leader at Massey High School and taught in Massachusetts for two years before coming to MAGS in 2018.

Mr Powell teaches History and Social Studies and since 2020 has also been the Assistant Director of the School House boarding hostel at MAGS.



Mr Powell has a son and daughter and lives on site with his family. He has coached and played basketball for many years and coaches junior boys at MAGS. Mr Powell is looking forward to continuing to support students to achieve their very best at MAGS.

**Ms Wright** first started at MAGS in 2005, and in that time has held multiple roles including Director of Sport, HoD of Senior Science and Dean.

Originally from Canterbury, she

commenced her teaching career at Aranui High School in Christchurch, where she was HoD of Physics and Asst HoF. At both schools



she enjoyed being closely involved in the many co-curricular activities for students. Ms Wright lives locally with her husband and two children (one currently attending MAGS), and took a

short break from teaching to care for her children during their time at Playcentre.

With a particular interest in sports management, Ms Wright has managed many sporting teams to success including the MAGS Girls and Boys 1st XV's and has been involved with club, provincial and national teams.

She is looking forward to being able to help more students achieve personal excellence in all areas at MAGS.



# Chess



Back row, left to right: Darshil Jangra, Chrish Patel, Ryan Antia, Mr Frank (TIC Chess). Front row, left to right: Alan Li, Jacob Miller, Devendra Johnston with their regional awards.



Left to right: Jacob Miller, Sam Taylor-Sinclair, Victor Coen, Alan Li, Devendra Johnston at the Nationals.

The MAGS chess team placed second at the Chesspower Interschool Regional tournament in August and, as a result, qualified for the national tournament in Rotorua.

This is the second year in a row that MAGS has qualified for the national tournament, and last year MAGS came second in New Zealand.

In the regional tournament, the points for the team score were taken from the top four players. Jacob Miller, Alan Li, Devendra Johnston and Sam Taylor-Sinclair each received a silver medal for this, as well as a

certificate of excellence.

Jacob Miller was placed second overall and received another silver medal for his individual score. The other players, Darshil Jangra, Chrish Patel, Ryan Antia and Dhruv Patel each received a certificate of excellence.

The team then came second at the Chesspower National tournament held in Rotorua in late October.

This tournament was for the top school teams in New Zealand where each player played nine games. The total from the top four players contributed to the team score.

For second place, Victor Coen, Jacob

Miller, Alan Li, Devendra Johnston and Sam Taylor-Sinclair each received a silver medal and Certificate of Distinction.

The following day, these students played as individuals in the Championship Trophy event. This was an invitation-only tournament for the top players.

Victor Coen was second overall for this tournament and received a certificate of distinction. Victor also received a gold medal for coming first in the U-14 Division.

Jacob Miller received a gold medal for coming first in the U-16 Division.

# DEBATING

It has been a great year for the Senior Debating team, which reached the semifinals.

In their debate to get into the Octofinals, Year 11 Student Ryan Antia was named best speaker.

Coach Ms Walker said “The Mount Albert Senior Debating Team has made a valiant effort in the ruthless debating world this term. They have embraced the challenges that online debating has brought this year to make it through to the Octofinals.”

Last year, the team won seven out of their 10 debates through the Junior Open and Junior Championships, proving themselves as one of the top debating teams in Auckland. Now the team has progressed into Senior Open, which has an increased challenge in their topics of debate.

Ryan said, “I am very proud of the way the team has performed this season. We have had the added challenge of debating



Senior Debating Team members Avril Foulstone, Arshiya Arora, Ryan Antia, Ella Nguyen and Nishka Arora with TICs Mr Ploeg and Miss Walker.

online due to Covid and yet the team has adapted to this new format and is determined to progress further.”

In September, our senior debating team added another accolade to their many achievements this year.

Ryan Antia and Arshiya Arora were named in the top 10 speakers in Senior Open Debating out of more than 600 hundred teams.

Ryan was named seventh-best speaker

while Arshiya was awarded ninth at the debating prize-giving at Westlake Boys High School.

The team was also the first to reach the debating semifinals for MAGS in the past four years.

Ryan said, “I am very proud of our debating team which had to face very stiff competition, in each and every one of our debates throughout the year, to reach the semifinals.”



# ESPORTS

## *champions*



MAGS' Rocket League team has dominated the New Zealand Esports Hyperfibre League (NZEHL) this year, going undefeated over 12 weeks to be crowned champions in the finals held at SkyCity Theatre.

Playing every Thursday, the team (Luka Jeremic – Captain, James Hunt and Caspar van Wetering) did not lose a best-of-three or best-of five series, and only lost 2 out of 31 individual games.

It was a performance that top schools from across the country – including their additional coaches and support – were simply unable to compete against.

MAGS participated in the final at SkyCity with supporters cheering them on.

On Friday, October 7, the team played Macleans College in the Upper Final match, with MAGS winning 3-1, and progressing to the final. Macleans would then go on to beat Rutherford College 3-0 in the lower bracket, to also progress to the final.

The National Final was played on Sunday the 9th, when MAGS once again defeated Macleans 3-1, earning winners' medals and a team trophy.



# ROBOTICS

On August 27, 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 its 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."



# WORLD VISION *Advocacy Ambassadors*

Year 13s Rishita Bharani and Sonia Airehrour have been appointed Advocacy Ambassadors at World Vision in 2023.

The World Vision Advocacy Ambassador team works on a volunteer basis to advocate for legislative and cultural change in Aotearoa with a particular focus on campaigning for a Modern Slavery Act to be passed in New Zealand.

TIC Interact Miss Barlow said, “Both students went through a rigorous selection process so it is an honour they were chosen, and I am sure they will do a wonderful job in their new roles.”



## *Duke of Ed* BRONZE CAMP



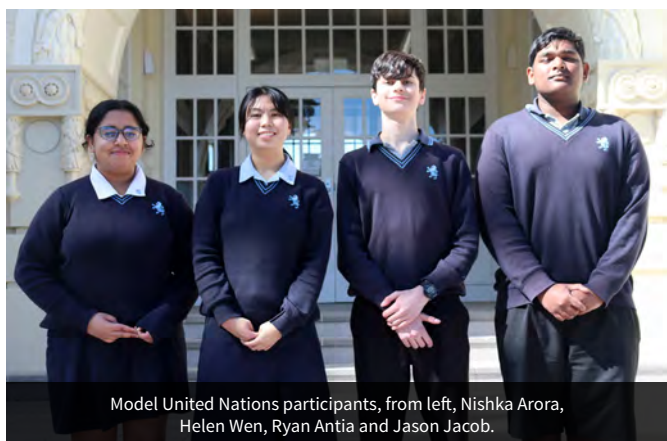
From November 12-14, 25 students tramped the Karangahake Gorge to complete their Bronze journey with Mr Belson, Miss Murray and Mr Ploeg.

The weather was changeable, ranging from extreme heat to wet and foggy, as they tramped around, up and through the gorge and the Karangahake Mountain. The campsite at Dickey Flat is the perfect place to learn about camping, tramping and cooking, with limited facilities.

Mr Belson said, “The students learned how to navigate, manage their group and themselves, and generally be prepared and safe in the outdoors. All the students were enthusiastic, committed and energetic and tackled their respective journeys in a positive manner. It was a great first introduction to basic bushcraft and tramping skills in preparation for the next level.

“They now need to ensure they complete the remaining three sections of the award before continuing onto Silver. They were all a credit to the school and the camp made for a great few days”.

## *Model UN*



Model United Nations participants, from left, Nishka Arora, Helen Wen, Ryan Antia and Jason Jacob.

In early September, the MAGS Model United Nations club was lucky enough to have four individuals attend the New Zealand and Auckland Model United Nations events in Wellington and at the University of Auckland respectively.

The event spanned three days in which the students engaged with topics such as climate change and poverty. While in Wellington, the students each represented a country and tried to cooperate to amend resolutions.

High School Ambassador (HSA) Ryan said, “While at Wellington and the University, the students learned about the affairs and the problems faced by the other students who were allocated countries with a view to seeking solutions.

“We learnt a great deal from the event and hope to apply the same here at MAGS.”

Ryan and Helen, two of the HSAs who run the MAGS Model United Nations club, hope to run a similar event at MAGS in Term 1 next year.





# Real World ECONOMICS

On October 26, Albertian Daryl Collins (Dux in 1993 and Woolf Fisher Scholarship winner) spoke about the world of Business and Finance to a number of senior Economics students.

Daryl spoke about his time at MAGS, the challenges of representing the Bank of England as a regulator on the world stage during the global financial crisis of the mid-2000s, and the difficulties of his current job at the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ). He said post-Covid issues included trying to

offset the negative impacts of record levels of inflation facing New Zealand and the world.

HOF Commerce Blair Gilbert said, “Daryl was particularly impressed with MAGS students’ probing questions about the economy and the RBNZ role in ensuring price stability and reducing unemployment.

“The Commerce students were equally appreciative of Daryl giving up his time to come in and speak to them and making the subject of Economics come alive.”



## TOP OF THE CLASS IN SCHOOL MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT

### Services we offer

#### Maintenance and Management

- Line-marking
- Goal post installation and removal
- Fertilisation and spraying
- Building and asset maintenance
- Cricket wicket maintenance and renovations
- Design and development
- Sports field construction and renovation
- Drainage and irrigation – installation and repairs
- Mowing of surrounds and school grounds
- After school hours maintenance
- Full time grounds people
- Gardening and landscape services
- Park furniture design and build
- Playground builds and maintenance





# Shave for a Cure

There was a huge turnout on October 27 in the Albertian Quad as some brave students and staff went under the clippers for Shave for a Cure, raising funds to support the cancer community.

The event, organised by Interact, raised about \$12,000 – far exceeding the \$7000 target.

One of the first in the chair was Year 10 student Myra Smith, who had her hair shaved by, and in support of, her mother Hayley, who is fighting her own battle with cancer.

Mrs Smith said, “I am so proud of her and all the students who were taking part. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm for such a great cause, and it’s all about raising awareness.

“The more that people know about and talk about cancer, the better. I just want all these teenagers to know what to look out for and how to look after themselves.”



Year 10 student Myra Smith with her mother Hayley at the Shave for a Cure event.



Mr Lynch reveals a fresh look for summer.







Mr Dibnah helps Miss Fraser with her new look.



# Peace WEEK

This year's Youth Peace Week in early August had the theme of 'The Power of Unity – Te Mana o te Kotahitanga', and again saw students making paper cranes and writing messages of appreciation on paper doves.

There were also several inspirational Spoken Word poetry performances in the Library, including one by Spoken Word Leader

Sonia Airehrou (pictured below left).

Secondary Schools Youth Peace Week is a nationwide school initiative by the Peace Foundation.

It falls during this week to commemorate the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and the devastating effects of that action.



Spurred on by the chance to amass Interform Competition points, students in 09DUN/CVT got busy producing paper cranes during Peace Week and had produced an impressive 1628 cranes.





# FUTURE PATHWAYS expo

The Future Pathways Expo held on August 3 was an exciting evening to explore future possibilities for our students.

Over 60 universities, industry training organisations and tertiary institutes visited our school to promote educational and vocational opportunities. Teachers from each department at MAGS were also available to discuss course options and the strengths of their subject area.

Alongside some fantastic conversations, there were a number of interactive activities. Students had the chance to try virtual reality headsets, meet Police Officers, hold film equipment, record music and see live animals.

There was a great turnout from the MAGS community with the MH Block buzzing and students feeling inspired and informed.

Mrs Caso, our Gateway Coordinator, said, "Opportunities to engage with careers information is a major part of finding success."





In early September, the Year 12 Health Science students hosted the MAGS Health Expo.

The Year 12s are working towards an achievement standard where the overall aim is for students to enhance an aspect of people's wellbeing within the school community.

Students had to identify a health issue in the MAGS community, research the topic, develop resources, present their expo and then evaluate the effectiveness of it.

This is giving the students first-hand experience of how health promotion works. Some of the topics students chose were Healthy Relationships, Mental Health, Social Media, Vaping, and Nutrition and Exercise.

The Expo was a success, with hundreds of students filling the hall, visiting students stalls, taking away information and giveaways to support their wellbeing.

# HEALTH expo



# Geography

For the first time, MAGS hosted the annual Maatangi Whenua Auckland Geography Quiz – on August 10 in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

Seventeen teams from different high schools within Auckland took part in a competition that tested students on their geographical skills and knowledge.

MAGS has been the undefeated champions of this quiz for the last seven years. Sadly, at the end of the night, this winning run came to an end, however MAGS still claimed second and third place.

Social Science teacher Miss Carrel said, "It was an extremely fun and nail-biting evening, and was great to see a large turnout of students and teachers from across the city.

"Congratulations to Avondale College for taking first place this year. We look forward to reclaiming our place at the top of the podium in 2023."





# Outdoor Ed

As part of an Outdoor Education unit on Bushcraft, students went on an outdoor overnight survival training course in August run by SOS Survival, who have a military background and work at a base near Muriwai.

The course focused on the essentials of survival: protection, location, water and food, and gave the students a practical insight into some basic survival skills.

During the course the students started by learning about the basic principles of survival, followed by some basic knots used for a variety of purposes. They then learned how to build a natural shelter to sleep in and developed fire lighting skills in the bush. They then had to cook on their fire and maintain it overnight for warmth as well as sleep in the shelter they had made.

Mr Belson said, "It was an awesome experience with lots of learning in a practical environment as well as ensuring that what you did, did not have poor outcomes."

Our 13 Outdoor Education class participated in a rogaine, a four-day class navigation exercise in August in the Kaimai-Mamaku Forest Park between Te Aroha and Katikati.

Each group had 37 hours to find as many checkpoints as possible before returning to the start/finish line in Te Aroha on time to avoid any time penalties.



Wherever they were at 5.30pm was where they had to sleep the night and they weren't allowed to move again until 7.00am the next day.

Head of Outdoor Education Mr Whitehead said, "It was a real test of their leadership, group work and adaptability to find as many marked features as possible.

"Congratulations to Lily Brislen, Cory Henderson, Charlie Morton, Daniel Neeley, Ava Paynter, Misha Simpson and Harrison Wills (all pictured above) who won the event. And thank you to Mr Ploeg for giving up his time and helping on this trip."



## Physics and Maths

Six of our students made it into the North Island Finals (the top 1 per cent) of the New Zealand Physics and Maths Competition (NZPMC).

The finalists were: Jacob Miller, Ryan Shen and Eric Hu in the Junior division, and Alan Li, Devendra Johnston and Deboprana Mallick in the Senior division.

The finals were held during the July school holidays at University of Auckland, with Alan and Deboprana (pictured right) our top performers, coming ninth and 10th respectively in the Senior division.

The NZPMC aims to help young scientists to extend their interest in Physics and Mathematics using a test format where they tackle a wide range of problems, rather than a competition that involves extensive research or a project.







# Pasifika

This year's theme for Uike Kātoanga 'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga (Tongan Language Week) was 'Ke Tu'ulua 'a e lea faka-Tonga 'i Aotearoa', which means 'Sustaining the Tongan Language in Aotearoa'.

Our Tongan students created and shared videos on the MAGS Pasifika Instagram page about Tongan values throughout the week in early September.

On September 8, there was a Staff v Pasifika Council basketball game, and on September 9 there was a boisterous Tongan cultural performance in the gym at lunchtime that got a rowdy reception.



# PHYS ED

On August 4, MAGS took 100 Year 12 PE students to the Tough Guy/Gal event at Kumeu Showgrounds.

PE Teacher Miss Inwood said, "Students had to run 6km through obstacles and mud for an assessment. They had the best time and all did so well."





# VISUAL ART



The MAGS Centenary Art Show featured a huge variety and high calibre of student work by our Visual Arts students.

In the Seniors, Misaki Nakamura was first in Painting and Digital Design, while Mia Cato was first in Photography

The Ōwairaka Awards (for years 9-13) were taken out by William Butterworth (Painting), Zoe Whaley (Photography) and Milo Henshaw (Digital Design).

Pip Hawksworth won the 2022 Centenary Award, and Delcie Pomfrett was the top Junior.

## SENIOR AWARDS

### Painting

1st: Misaki Nakamura 'Brown Noise' (pictured bottom left)

2nd: Matisse Vienna Laskey 'Family'

3rd: Sienna Laskey 'Connections Through Stitching'

### Photography

1st: Mia Cato 'Whakaata i te haerenga'

2nd: Lily Hardy 'Control'

3rd: Sanskriti Roy 'Gateway to Hell'

### Digital Design

1st: Misaki Nakamura '9 to 5'

2nd: Jorja Stevens 'Carpe Diem'

3rd: Chananthida Chaichana 'Cyrus'



## STUDENT ART AWARD WINNERS

### Ōwairaka Awards

Painting: William Butterworth 'Albert'

Photography: Zoe Whaley 'Underwater 3'

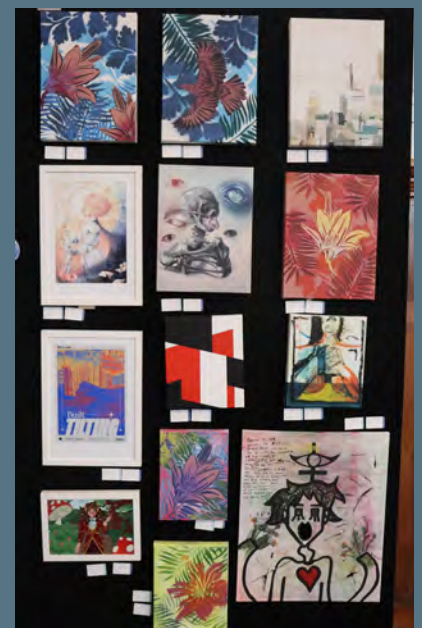
Digital Design: Milo Henshaw 'Max'

### 2022 Centenary Award

Pip Hawksworth

### Top Junior Award

1st: Delcie Pomfrett







Visitors to the MAGS Centenary Art Show had the chance to view (and buy) two artworks by award-winning Albertian artist Jessica Gurnsey.

In August, Jessica repeated her success of last year in the National Youth Art Competition, again winning first prize for her age group (15-19 Years) for her painting *Shady at Midnight*.

Last year she won in that same age group and won the overall award at the National Youth Art Competition. Following that, she became the youngest person (at 18) to win the prestigious \$20,000 Adam Portraiture Award.

She is pictured with her two acrylic on canvas works in the Art Show: *Circus* (at top) and *Lights! Camera...*

Jessica (a Year 13 at MAGS last year) was a Visual Art Leader for Ceramics and Painting. She won the People's Choice Award at the Art Show last year and the Trophy for Excellence in Painting when she was at MAGS.

Jessica is now studying Commerce at Victoria University.



Congratulations to Zoe Whaley and Nico Stroud, who took out first and second respectively in the Photography section at The Trusts 35th Art Exhibition.

Zoe won for her underwater photo '*Descent*' (pictured above) and Nico came a close second with his photo '*Chef*' (pictured below).

Zoe also won a 2022 Pat Hanly Creativity Award along with Jorja Stevens.

Ms Gauntlett says, "The Pat Hanly Creativity Awards are held annually at Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, in partnership with AUT.

"As one of Tāmaki Makaurau's longest-standing creative youth art awards, this event celebrates our senior secondary school/kura artists in an evening event that also acknowledges one of New Zealand's most prolific artists: Pat Hanly.

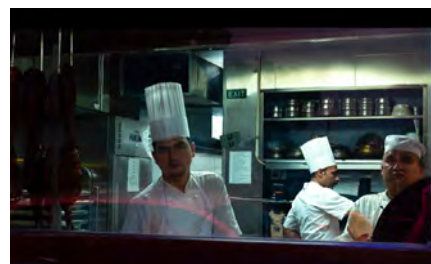
"All Tāmaki Makaurau secondary schools/kura are invited to nominate for this award one or two of their top art students/ākonga, who have demonstrated outstanding creativity, imagination and commitment to the visual arts."

Zoe, along with QiQi Deng, was also recognised for her outstanding work in the nationwide Stills Photography Competition.

Zoe was awarded 2nd prize in the "Life in Motion" category and 3rd in the "Altered" category, while QiQi claimed 3rd prize in the "Life in Motion" category.

Te Arini Roberts and Aleisha Roulston had the honour of exhibiting their work in the Ringa Toi student art exhibition at Te Papa Museum in Wellington in late September/early October.

Ringa Toi is an annual exhibition that showcases the artwork of secondary school students with a focus on Toi Māori, and, this year, featured more than 80 artworks from students around Aotearoa New Zealand.



In August, Photography Leaders Zoe Whaley, Sanskriti Roy and Nico Stroud alongside Ms Smith and Whaea Ainsley Leonard finished an exciting new Visual Art project on the Roy Clements Treeway.

This project was a collaboration with Watercare, which is doing work along the Treeway as part of the Central Interceptor scheme.

A range of work from the talented students at MAGS is proudly on display for our local community. Selected student work has been gathered from the Junior Photography Club, Senior Photography Club and the recent Flora and Fauna Competition to be incorporated in the final design. This exciting display is 18m long and will brighten up the walkway for the next two years.

Whaea Ainsley said, "What a testament to the talent and mahi of students at MAGS."





# School Ball



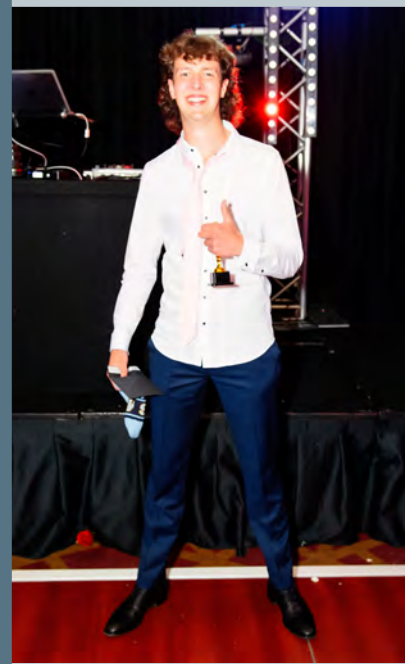
This year, our ball took place at the Pullman Hotel, Auckland City, on November 5, with the theme 'Movie Night'.

The Ball Committee along with Mrs Cato, Ms Smith and Ms Butler set the scene for the night. The ballroom entrance had movie posters, a roped-off celebrity walkway and the ballroom was decked out in black, silver and gold with tables decorated with film reels and clapperboards.

White Door Event Photography was organised to video and photograph the evening, and the students had the use of different themed photo booths to capture the glamour of the evening.

There were also awards given out on the night (some not so serious):

- Cutest Couple – Wesley Donald and Matisse Laskey
- Best Dressed – Blaise King
- Best Dressed to theme – Paris Campbell
- Best Dancer – Oliver Fox
- Life of the Party – Ben Hellriegel
- Best Dressed Teacher: Haana Bovaird
- Most likely to be asked for ID at 30: Calvin Pooley
- Worst Mullet: Connor Stulich







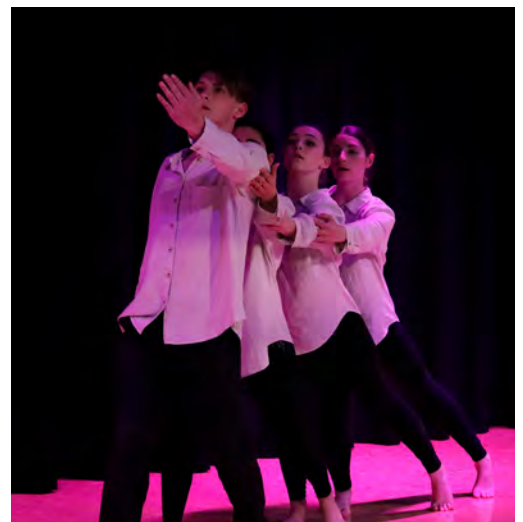


# SCHOLARSHIP *Dance Concert*



The 2022 Dance Scholarship Concert was held in the Dance Room, with two shows on September 26. Director Arts Co-curricular Ms Cesan said, "The standard of choreography and performance by Year 12 and 13 students was outstanding and bodes well for another year of outstanding scholarship results for MAGS.

"At the end of the evening the graduating Year 13s performed the Leavers Dance as is traditional – It was not only a fabulous dance but the performance was joyous and had the audience clapping to the music right from the outset. Congratulations to all involved."





# Hip Hop

On the first Saturday of the July school holidays the MAGS MEGACREW participated in the Blueprint schools dance competition, narrowly missing out on the first place trophy. But their stunning performance, which saw them come second to Avondale College, did see them receive a special award for Excellence in Skill and Execution.

Director of Arts Co-curricular Ms Cesan said, "It must also be acknowledged that some of our amazing Arts Leaders volunteered to help at this event, and were invaluable to the staff and production team."



Five MAGS students who went to the World Hip Hop Championships in Phoenix, USA in August as part of ID company came away with a silver medal in the JV MEGACREW division, with Jacob Cameron also part of the Swagganauts that won Silver in the Varsity section.

His fellow silver medallists were Ally Taylor, Hailey Martin, Alecia Campbell and Billie Twigden (pictured left).

It was a huge achievement for the students and ID company co-director and Albertian Josh Cesan (2006-10), who also had a team in the Adult Division that won Bronze.

Year 9 Brooklyn Smith-Boyd was competing in the adult division with MOZAIK, who made it to the semifinals.

# SPOKEN Word

Our Spoken Word Team competed with passion and pride at the Grand Finals Slam of WORD! The Frontline 2022 at the Auckland Town Hall on September 24.

They performed alongside Mt Roskill Grammar, Marcellin College, De La Salle, Papakura High School and Nga Puna O Waiorea (Western Springs College).

On August 27, the MAGS Spoken Word team made it into the final after performing 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."





# REVENGE <sup>OF THE</sup> Amazons

Over four nights from August 16-19, Level 3 Drama put on *Revenge of the Amazons*.

With over 260 invited attendees across the week, the audience was treated to the incredible work of 35 students who performed with grace, respect and comic timing.

HOD Drama Miss Hughes said, "We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the audience, who all picked up on different things from coming to see the show. It made us laugh, cry, and cry from laughing."

"Throughout the process of performance week, I made the decision to dedicate the show to a very special student, Miller Bell (pictured left).

"Alongside his work in the Learning Centre, Miller has taken Drama for the past four years for the same reason many students do – to grow their social skills, to gain confidence speaking, and to be creative.

"Throughout his time in the Drama Department he has consistently put effort into everything that he does, and has grown an incredible amount. It made sense that we needed him in the show, no less as the narrator.

"Ultimately, this was a very special experience for a very special group of students, for whom this is the last production they will do at MAGS."



# NIGHT OF CLASSICS

The Night of the Classics on July 8 presented a great opportunity for our musicians both to be assessed and to be prepared for the upcoming KBB Festival, Big Sing finals and Auckland Blues and Jazz Festival.

Our Concert Orchestra opened and closed the concert with medleys of popular Abba songs and Latin tunes. The Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Dr John Thomson, played the set of pieces that they performed at the KBB Festival in early August. Bella Houghton was the featured soloist on violin.

The Chamber/String Orchestra performed Vivaldi's Winter, as well as the Japanese Four Seasons. The featured soloist was Helen Wen on violin.

Our two chamber groups, Torschlusspanik and Moon Stars, also performed their NZCT competition pieces.

Both choirs – Gloriana and The Centennial Choir – performed two of their Big Sing pieces each, led by their choral directors, Mrs Oxenham and Mr Maskell respectively.

Our Jazz Band musicians played two pieces under the leadership of Mr Watson, with Kaloni Tovo and Manas Chigurukota the featured vocalists.

HOD Music Milica Moon said, "The audience enjoyed the lovely finish to the busy term, and all the performances were welcomed with huge applause."



## CENTENNIAL CHOIR WINS GOLD

The Centennial Choir travelled to Rotorua in August to compete in the 2022 Upper North Island Cadenza as part of The Big Sing competition.

The choir is directed by Terence Maskell and was accompanied at Cadenza by Juan Kim.

They presented three very diverse items, firstly Te Aroha, the waiata that they received the Te Tohu Waiata Award for at The Big Sing Auckland. Their second item was a very difficult French piece, O Mes Tres Chers Freres, featuring tenor Isaiah Nin, and they finished their set with the beautiful ballad The Wonder of You.

Director of Arts Co-curricular Ms Cesan said, "The boys were outstanding, receiving a standing ovation for their performance and, after a second stellar performance in the gala concert, were awarded with a 'Tui', which is the equivalent of a gold.

"We were extremely proud of not only the beautiful singing but of the way the choir conducted itself throughout the competition."



Head Choristers Isaiah Nin and Josh Li with the Centennial Choir's Tui award.





# KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL

At the KBB Music Festival in mid-August, MAGS' three entries came away with awards.

The Chamber Orchestra received a Bronze Award, with Helen Wen as soloist; the Symphony Orchestra was Highly Commended, with Bella Houghton as soloist; and the Jazz Band received a Bronze Award with some brilliant vocals and instrumental solos.

HOD Music Mrs Moon said, "Even though we were faced with massive logistical challenges brought in by Covid, we managed to prepare the groups for the 2022 KBB Festival."









# SENIOR Prizegiving

A highlight of our Senior Prizegiving on November 1 was the inaugural presentation of the Centennial Cups for Dux to Deboprana Mallick and Head Prefect Wesley Donald.

For 100 years MAGS has not had a cup to present to its Dux, something that Professor Peter Phillips has rectified by donating magnificent cups for the Boys and Girls Dux.

Professor Phillips, an Albertian, was well aware of this anomaly, having been named Dux in 1965 at Senior Prizegiving, where he received some books while others were photographed with cups.

He was a guest at the prizegiving in the F.W. Gamble Hall to present the cups to Deboprana and Wesley, one of our Head Prefects along with Lucy Taylor.

Wesley and Lucy were MCs for the event and also gave their farewell speeches, reflecting on their time at MAGS. There were also two musical items by our award-winning Centennial Choir.

In 2022, the prestigious Gold Lion was awarded to seven students: Molly Cavanagh, Nishera Gnanendra, Lara Grozev, Bella Houghton, Greeshma Kasuganti, Tabea Leonhardt and Christopher Sykes. The Gold Lion is awarded to students who have gained all four lions – in Academia, Arts, Service and Sport.

C.P. Liddell Scholarships, worth \$15,000 each, were presented by John Liddell to Max Davison, Wesley Donald, Deboprana Mallick and Eva Wadsworth.



Girls and Boys Dux Deboprana Mallick and Wesley Donald are pictured with Professor Peter Phillips, an Albertian and Dux in 1965, who donated and presented the Centennial Cups for Dux.

Our Boys and Girls Proxime Accessit for 2022 are Thomas Fairweather and Greeshma Kasuganti respectively. Greeshma was also the recipient of the Woolf Fisher Memorial Scholarship, worth \$3000 a year for three years, and The Prefects' Cup for the Best All-Round Girl in Year 13. Max Davison was awarded the F.W. Gamble Memorial Cup for the Best All-Round Boy in Year 13.

The Jim Greatbanks Mount Albert Grammar School Engineering Scholarship was awarded to Nishera Gnanendra and Jack Millar.

Isaiah Nin and Nishera Gnanendra were honoured for Service to the School with the Isaac Gray Cup and the Girls' Foundation Cup respectively.

Ben Hellriegel was the winner of the Neville Watson Memorial Prize for the Student who Best Typifies the Spirit of Mount Albert Grammar School, while Ella Sutton was awarded the Sylvia Lamb Benevolence Cup.

The Harry Wichman Cup for Best All-Round Year 12 Boy was awarded to Tairahia Moataane-Mika, while the The Linda Fraser Cup for Best All-Round Year 12 Girl was awarded to Bella Houghton.

The Warwick Gibbs Cup for the Best All-Round Boy in Year 11 was awarded to Ryan Shen, and the Brian Murphy Cup for the Best All-Round Girl in Year 11 was awarded to Nishka Arora.

The Best All-Round International Boy and Girl were Chengyi Bill Liu and Kiho Irie.



Gold Lion recipients for 2022 are,  
back row: Tabea Leonhardt, Lara Grozev, Molly Cavanagh.  
Middle row: Christopher Sykes, Bella Houghton.  
Front row: Nishera Gnanendra, Greeshma Kasuganti.



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Greeshma Kasuganti with The Prefects' Cup for the Best All-Round Girl in Year 13.





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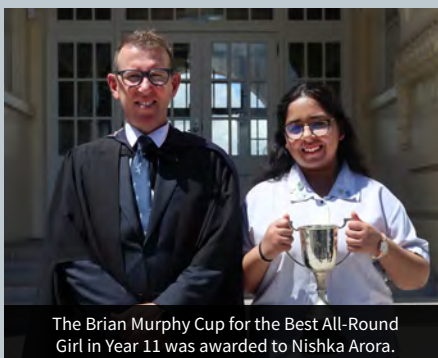
The Hanson Cup for Senior Progress and Endeavour for Year 12 Boys was presented to Jamie Eickhoff by Robert Hanson.



The Yvette Williams Cup for Diligence for Year 12 Girls went to Ella Edwards.



The Warwick Gibbs Cup for the Best All-Round Boy in Year 11 was awarded to Ryan Shen.



The Brian Murphy Cup for the Best All-Round Girl in Year 11 was awarded to Nishka Arora.



The Jo Williams Cup for Diligence for Year 11 Girls was awarded to Rose Leader.



The Robert Willmott Memorial Prize for Quality of Effort for Year 11 Boys went to Toby Forster.



# 2023 Prefects

MAGS is very excited to announce the leadership group who have been chosen from an exceptional field of students through a rigorous process.

The Prefect's role carries great responsibility around service leadership and guardianship of our school culture.

All 2023 Prefects must attend the compulsory Prefects Camp (December 4-7) held at MAGS' School House.

Congratulations to all our 2023 Prefects on their appointment. We trust that the 2023 Year 13 student body will support this group in their significant role.

## 2023 PREFECTS:

Violani Afoa, Kairo Ah Kuoi-Simich, Kalani Ah Sue, Shayyan Ali, Leila Belt, Olivia Bennett, Jacob Cameron, Kade Cartwright, Hokioramai Dunn, Luke Eagles-Smith, Ella Edwards, Jamie Eickhoff, Isaiah Fale, Josie Gaoa, Ikaika Hanks-Papali'i, Mihimere Hope, Nikau Hopwood, Bella Houghton, Celestine Howard, Keera Ieriko, Lucia Jack, Sahil Kirpalani, Angie Lolohea, Tairahia Moataane-Mika, Eva Moody, Hannah Moy, Ashleigh Muir, Tyler Ngawati, Bill Nguyen, India O'Neill, Jaiden Patel, Ohm Patel, Siena Pound, Emily Redhall, Stuart Renata, Benjamin Roache, Lizzy Robins, Phonephimonh Monh Sabanhdit, Andrew Samuels, Mehak Sehgal, Mridul Singh, Summer Temu, Tito Tipi, Kaloni Tovo, Maya Vince, Jude Wilson.



# SERVICE LIONS

Our Service Lions were recognised at a special assembly on October 21 for the selfless work they put into all areas of the school and the wider community.

At the assembly, Mr Drumm said, as one of our Four Pillars, Service was an area where all could participate and excel. He welcomed the opportunity to recognise those who had served their school or community, especially as whanau could once again be present to see students honoured.

Guest speaker was Albertian Wesley Faleolo (1982-86), the co-founder of Fight the Good Fight programme that helps people to build resilience and face mental challenges. He has partnered with MAGS to run his programmes here and now has other schools keen to take them on.

Mr Faleolo (pictured right) said he never thought he could be a leader until he was told that leadership came from service, and thought "I can do that; I like serving people."

He said serving others was the way towards leading the richest and most rewarding of lives, and he congratulated our Service Lions on their awards as well as the people who were keen to follow in their footsteps.

Our Gloriana choir also performed at the event before guests adjourned to the W.O.H. Gibbs Room for refreshments.





# Arts Lions and Arts ATTITUDE AWARDS



At a special assembly on October 27, Arts Lions and Arts Attitude Awards were presented to the top students across Cultural Activities, Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Art.

The assembly – MC'ed by Arts Prefects Nyra Kanwar & Isaac Chisholm – was also treated to a performance of Fly Me to the Moon, with Kairo Ah Kuoi-Simich on Vocals, Josh Li – Piano, Chengyi Bill Liu – Guitar, Mr Watson – Bass, and Jackson Boswell – Drums.



## THE 2022 ARTS LIONS ARE:

\*(R) IS AN ARTS LION RE-AWARD

Jackson Absolum-Leuluso'o

Tabea Leonhardt  
Violani Afoa

Josh Li (R)  
Sonia Airehrour (R)

Esta Lightbourn  
Ryan Antia

Chengyi Bill Liu  
Olivia Bennett

Esme Lloyd  
Rishita Bharani

Rosa Maanaima Matautia  
Jacob Cameron

Lucy Makinson  
Shirley Cao

Shona Matiu  
Molly Cavanagh

Coco-Sabine Meikle  
Elaine Chapple

Pele Meredith-Melhuish  
Manas Chigurukota (R)

Soana Musie  
Isaac Chisholm (R)

Isaiah Nin (R)  
Josh Chote

Viliani Ofamo'oni  
Pipiana Coventon

Aleisha Roulston  
Lorielle Cowley

Sanskriti Roy  
Taghi Derhamy

Nathan Setefano  
Hokioramai Dunn

Jacob Solomon  
Nishera Gnanendra

Jorja Stevens  
Lara Grozev

Ella Sutton  
Bella Houghton

Christopher Sykes  
Celestine Howard

Lucy Taylor  
Kiho Chloe Irie

Bree Tipene  
Nyra Kanwar

Komai Waqalevu  
Greeshma Kasuganti

Helen Wen  
Bella Krikorian

Zoe Whaley  
Jessica Lal

Karen Zheng



# Arts AWARDS DINNER



The wealth of talent in Performing Arts, Visual Art and Media Studies was recognised and celebrated at the Arts Awards Dinner held at Sorrento in the Park on November 4.

Jorja Stevens was named Girls Dux Artium, while Josh Li was awarded the Boys Dux Artium.

Jorja, an Arts Lion, was 2022 Arts Leader in Design, Media, and Theatresports and has 30 credits at excellence already in Arts subjects before externals this year. She has been Endorsed with Excellence in all NCEA Arts subjects at Level 1 and Level 2 and Drama Level 3 as a Year 12.

She has been a winner of awards at prizegiving in Arts each year since Year 9, and this year also won Best Sheilah Winn performer for Drama, Excellence in Design, and Excellence in Film-making.

Jorja has been an active participant in Theatresports, Sheilah Winn Shakespeare, the Musical Theatre group and many Visual Arts groups.

She has been involved in producing multiple design projects for extra-curricular groups and school performances, and was a co-winner of the Pat Hanley Arts design award.

Jos Li is a two-time Arts Lion recipient, Arts Prefect, Music Leader, and co-leader of the Centennial Choir, which he has been a member of since its inception.

He has already achieved NCEA Level 3 with 30 credits at Excellence in Arts subjects prior to externals.

He has won awards in Music each year he has been at MAGS, and this year won awards for Service to the Choral programme and Outstanding Arts Service.

Josh is a talented musician and composer alongside his vocal ability. He also takes responsibility to encourage and lead junior students in choral work.

He has assisted at all Arts events in 2022 as a photographer, videographer or designer.

The awards evening, which was MC'ed by Albertian Tali Meavale, also saw several performances: Jackson Absolum-Leuluso'o, Manas Chigurukota, Isaac Chisholm, Isaiah Nin, Viliami 'Ofamo'oni, and Nathan Setefano sang End of the Road (accompanied by Josh Li on keys), Eve Thompson performed a self-devised piece about Mary Queen of Scots, and Mr Watson and Chengyi Bill Liu played a guitar piece, Stella by Starlight.

There were also video presentations by the Dance Department and Media Studies.



Boys Dux Artium Josh Li and Girls Dux Artium Jorja Stevens.





# PASIFIKA

## PRIZEGIVING DINNER

The 2022 Pasifika Prizegiving Dinner held on October 28 at Sorrento in the Park was a celebration of Pasifika achievement and ambition.

The theme of the night was that a collective effort by MAGS staff had raised Pasifika academic standards and fuelled students with greater ambition and the belief that they could achieve personal excellence.

This annual event, which acknowledges and celebrates the success of MAGS' Pasifika students, was MC'ed by Prefects Lorielle Cowley and Isaiah Nin, and saw awards across Academia, Sports, the Performing Arts and Service to Pasifika and the school. As well as the special awards, certificates were presented to Leavers, members of Pasifika groups and students who had achieved NCEA endorsed.

The Pasifika Leavers' Video provided a behind-the-scenes look at school life for the Leavers over their five years, and that was followed by the Year 13 Tauluga, with staff joining in and showing off their dance moves.

Alonso Fa'alogo Fitzpatrick was named Top Year 13 Pasifika Academic and Best All Round Pasifika Student. He was also awarded the Pasifika Health Science Trophy for the Top Year 13 Science Student and, along with Nicholas Levy, the Komiti Faufautua Pasifika Initiatives Cup.

Isaiah Nin, along with Jackson Absolum-Leuluso'o, won the Tagaloa Peter Su'a Award for Performing Arts, and Isaiah was also a joint winner with Lorielle Cowley of the Ulugia-Pua Award for Outstanding Services to Mount Albert Grammar School.

Viliani 'Ofamo'oni and Soana Musie were awarded the Ah Kuoi Family Cup for Services to MAGS Pasifika, while Rosa Maanaima Matautia and Nathan Setefano were presented with the Tupuola Apisaloma Taulapiu Cup for Cultural Leadership.

The Top Year 13 Pasifika Sportswoman was Tiger-Lily Cocker-Lemalie and the Top Year 13 Pasifika Sportsman was William Leger.



Alonso Fa'alogo Fitzpatrick was named Top Year 13 Pasifika Academic and Best All Round Pasifika Student.



Lorielle Cowley and Isaiah Nin were MCs on the night, and were also presented with the Ulugia-Pua Award for Outstanding Services to Mount Albert Grammar School.



Rosa Maanaima Matautia and Nathan Setefano were presented with the Tupuola Apisaloma Taulapiu Cup for Cultural Leadership.



Viliani 'Ofamo'oni and Soana Musie were awarded the Ah Kuoi Family Cup for Services to MAGS Pasifika.



Isaiah Nin and Jackson Absolum-Leuluso'o, won the The Tagaloa Peter Su'a Award for Performing Arts.



# Te Puna o Wairaka AWARDS DINNER

Te Puna o Wairaka was finally able to celebrate its top students and send its Year 13 Leavers off in style at its awards dinner on November 7 after last year's event was held online due to Covid.

The awards dinner at Te Mahurehure Marae was MC'ed by Puna students Waimarie Tawera and Stuart Renata, and featured Albertian Lincoln Savage as guest speaker.

Mr Savage, who worked as a high school teacher for many years, was introduced by HOF Te Puna o Wairaka Waimirangi Paul, who had been one of his students.

He spoke on the theme of the whakataukī 'He manako te koura i kore ai' ('A crayfish won't jump in your net, just because you wish it in there'). He said hard work, determination and dedication at MAGS had helped him to become a Deputy Head Prefect, an athletics champion, a swimming champion and captain of the 1st XV. He had also helped to set up kapa haka at MAGS by approaching the Headmaster at the time – Greg Taylor – about the need for such a group and then following through when he got permission.

He said that whakataukī had served him well throughout life, and it was one that Te Puna students could use as their mantra.

Deputy Head Boy Isaiah Nin and Michaela Minor spoke on behalf of the Year 13 Leavers and expressed their gratitude to the Puna whānau and to Whaea Miri and Matua Peter Walters for all their care and dedication.

A special moment on the night was the presentation of artworks to Whaea Miri and Matua Peter by the Year 13 Leavers. The prints were of works by Buck Loy Nin, the grandfather of Isaiah Nin. Matua Pete received 'The Māori Totem' and Whaea Miri received 'The First Arrivals'.



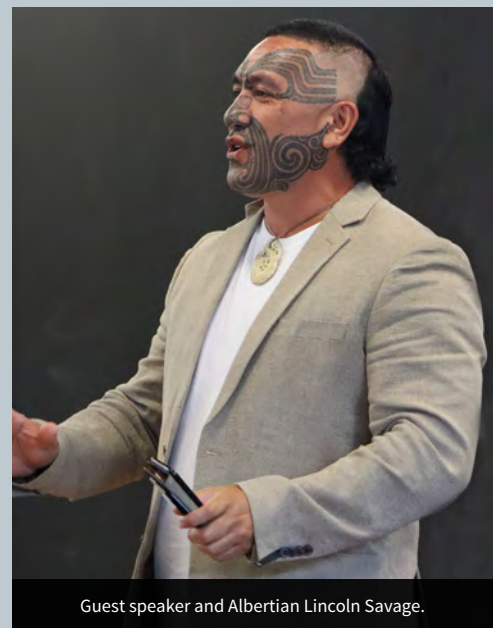
When it came to the awards, Aleisha Roulston won the Top Senior Academic Award, while Jackson Absolum-Leuluso'o was named All-Round Top Senior Student.

Isaiah Nin won the "Manu Tute" Award For Services to Puna and the wider community, while Bree Tipene received the "He toka tū" Award For Contribution to Kapa Haka.

Sasha Tobin was All-Round Top Junior Girl, and the All-Round Top Junior Boy was Jarom Rowell. The Top Junior Academic Award went to Kingston Ballantyne.

The award for Top Senior Māori Language Orator went to Hokioramai Dunn, and Awanui Hope was named Top Junior Māori Language Orator.

When it came to sports achievement, Gabreyll Tahitahi won the top junior award and Dani Ah Chee-Wilson the top senior award.



Guest speaker and Albertian Lincoln Savage.



Jackson Absolum-Leuluso'o, Hokioramai Dunn and Isaiah Nin perform a waiata.



Isaiah Nin, with fellow speaker Michaela Minor, presents artworks to Whaea Miri and Matua Peter.



# SPORTS AWARDS DINNER



The Sports Awards Dinner at Alexandra Park on October 27 was a great occasion for students and their whanau to celebrate sporting success.

Natalie Brook and Ben Skelton were named *Victrix Ludorum* and *Victor Ludorum* respectively, while rowing pair Nick Bryan and Cam MacGillivray were awarded the Headmaster's Cup for Team of the Year.

The Te Aroha Keenan Cup for Outstanding Individual Achievement for Girls was awarded to orienteer Molly McGowan while Nick Bryan also won the comparable boys' award – the Olympic Cup.

Natalie Brook has played 1st XI Cricket, Senior Squash and 1st XI Football this year. She captained the 1st XI Girls Cricket team and was named co-winner of the MAGS Most Valuable Cricketer of the Year award. Natalie has also received her Sports Lion in three codes and was part of the 1st XI Girls Football team who were runners-up at Nationals.

Ben Skelton is the MAGS Athletics Captain, Senior Athletics Champion, Throws Champion and placed third in the Auckland Championships in Discus. Ben has been a member of the Premier Basketball team since 2019 and earned his first Sports Lions as a Year 10 student for Premier Basketball and Athletics. Ben has been part of the 1st XV Rugby team for three years and has won the most consistent forward the past two years.

Molly McGowan has had an exceptional year in Orienteering and has led the Girls team to their best result ever. Her individual results

include: 1st NZSS Individual Sprint, 1st NZSS Individual Long, 1st NISS Individual Sprint, 1st NISS Individual Long, 1st AKSS Individual Long, 1st AKSS Individual Rogaine, 1st AKSS Team Relay, NZ Representative for Southern Cross Challenge, 1st Australian Schools – Southern Cross Team Relay, 2nd Australian Elite Womens U20 – Sprint, 3rd Australian Elite Womens U20 – Long, 1st U20 NZ Sprint.

Nick Bryan, who is the Boys Rowing captain, has won Gold at the Maadi Cup in the Pair and Four, NISS gold in U18 Pair, U17 Pair and U18 Four, Head of Harbour Gold in the Eight, Pair and Four, and at the New Zealand Senior National Championships he was fourth in the Coxless Four and sixth in the Pair. He was also selected in the Coxless Four representing New Zealand at the Junior World Championships.

He and Cam MacGillivray won the Team of the Year title for their gold medal at the Maadi Cup this year in the Coxless Pair, backing up their win in the event the year before. They added another Maadi Cup gold when they formed part of the Coxed Four this year.

Special guests on the night were Albertians Arun Panchia (NZ Hockey), Elle Temu (NZ Netball) and Adi Ashok (Auckland Cricket), who took part in a Q&A session about their time at MAGS and their sporting life with questions from student Ben Hellriegel.



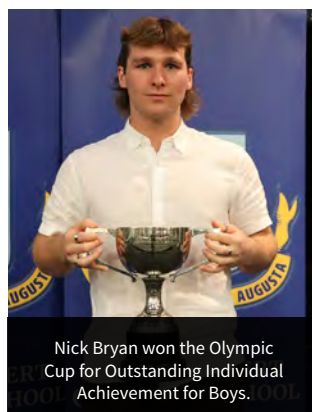
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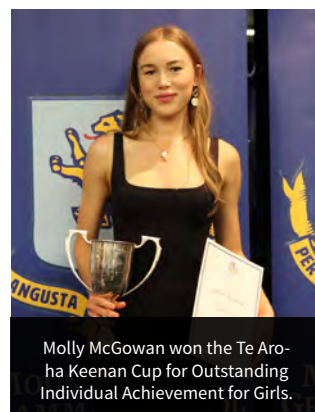
Victor Ludorum Ben Skelton.



Victrix Ludorum Natalie Brook.



Nick Bryan won the Olympic Cup for Outstanding Individual Achievement for Boys.



Molly McGowan won the Te Aroha Keenan Cup for Outstanding Individual Achievement for Girls.



# DISTANCE *Running*



Sixteen students competed at the Auckland Secondary Schools Road Race at Pulman Park in Papakura in August.

Ten of those were Year 9, which is promising for future distance running events.

Conditions were overcast and gusty, and the fields in some age categories consisted of more than 60 competitors, adding to the tough nature of the race.

Nina Chalmers (Year 10) continued her high standards in distance running competitions this year, finishing 7th in the Junior Girls category with a time of 10:39 over the 3km course. Maia Lythe (Year 11) narrowly missed out on the top 10 placings in the Intermediate Girls category, finishing 11th.



Myles Kelly (Year 9) finished a credible 18th in the Junior Boys category where there were 66 entrants. He spearheaded the Junior Boys team, which came third in the 6-person team section. The other Juniors in the team were Blake Climo, Ty Gonzales, Antony Wood, William Wood, and Duke Gilbert (all Year 9).

Sam Carryer (Year 11) and Henry Hills (Year 10) finished in the top half of a large Intermediate Boys field of 67 competitors, finishing 29th and 30th respectively.

In October, our Cross Country champions were recognised and presented with their trophies at assembly. They are, from left, Maia Lythe (Intermediate Girls Champion), Ben Mitchell (Senior Boys Champion), Myles Kelly (Junior Boys Champion). Absent: Senior Girls Champion Emily Rednall, Intermediate Boys Champion Jesse Burge, Junior Girls Champion Nina Chalmers.

# FENCING



Year 10 student Emi Mason (pictured below) won the Girls Epee at the AKSS Fencing Individual Championship Finals held at Te Pai Netball Centre in early August.

Shubhi Roy came third in the same event, while Oliver Tang was second in the Boys Epee.

In September, the MAGS Boys Epee A team (pictured left) of Sam Taylor Sinclair, QiQi Deng and Oliver Tang was third at NZSS.





# Lacrosse



Liam Baber (Year 13) travelled to Adelaide, South Australia in July to compete in the Under 18 Australian Lacrosse Championships as part of the New Zealand Boys team.

The Championship consists of the top male and female players representing the state teams from Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria.

Liam is an attacking midfielder player.

However, during the course

of the Championships he became a dedicated attack player.

The New Zealand Boys team was co-captained by former MAGS Premier Boys Lacrosse captain Sam Nash (pictured at left with Liam), whose father, Martyn Nash, was the team's manager. Benji Norris (Year 12) was also a member of the team as a non-travelling alternate player who trained alongside the traveling team leading up to the Championships.

The New Zealand Boys team opened their campaign

with a 6-4 win against Western Australia, the first ever win by a New Zealand Lacrosse team against an Australian state team in this competition format.

They then lost a golden goal decider against the eventual winners South Australia.

On the third day of competition, NZ lost 6-12 to Victoria and played them again on the last day in a third/fourth play-off.

NZ led for most of the game but eventually went down 6-8.

# ORIENTEERING



At the NISS and National Orienteering Champs over the July school holidays, Molly McGowan won all four Senior Girls titles across the two championships.

Molly won the Senior Girls Sprint and Long events at North Islands and at the National Schools Championships in Auckland.

Team Manager Neill McGowan said, "Winning all four titles is a fantastic achievement for Molly and rare in recent Orienteering history. In the NZSS races, she held off strong competition from Orienteers who were fresh from their return from Junior World Championships in Portugal".

"She won the Sprint by nearly three minutes and the Long by nine minutes at NISS, and then won the NZSS Sprint by a tight three seconds and then the Long by 22 seconds".

Molly's achievements were part of a team effort that saw MAGS Orienteering Boys take out the North Island's Top Secondary School for the sixth year in a row as well as winning the Premier School competition.

The Girls finished third for the third successive year with a huge gap to Diocesan in 4th place (197 points behind). The Boys took out an Auckland Grammar team by 66 points, with Pukekohe a distant third, to maintain their dominance over the last few years.

As well as Molly's victories, there were wins for Callum Wishart (Senior Boys - Long), Sam Carryer (Intermediate Boys - Sprint), the Senior Boys Relay and Intermediate Boys Relay.

In the second week of the July school holidays, the team then went on to the National Secondary Schools Championships.

Again they were supreme, winning the Top Secondary School for the fourth time in a row and the Premier School competition again. The Boys came out on top again, beating an Auckland Grammar team by 74 points, with Havelock North in 3rd. The Girls finished third for the second successive year with Diocesan 195 points behind. On top of Molly's wins, there was a victory for the Intermediate Boys Relay.

MAGS Orienteers won both Senior individual grades and all the Boys Team grades at the AKSS Rogaine in August at Riverhead Forest, with over 200 students in attendance.

There were individual wins for Luka Johnson (Senior Boys) and Molly McGowan (Senior Girls), and the team winners were Senior Boys (Tom Aish & Daniel Wood), Intermediate Boys (Matthew Greenwood & Sam Carryer), and Junior Boys (William Wood & Anthony Wood).

Just before the October school holidays, seven MAGS orienteers were selected to represent New Zealand at the Southern Cross Challenge in Victoria, Australia.

NZ selected two teams to compete against the seven Australian states and the teams finished 1st and 2nd.

In individual races there were a number of outstanding performances and podium finishes from Molly McGowan, Daniel Wood, Callum Wishart, Sam Carryer and Matthew Greenwood.

Standout performances came from Molly McGowan (2nd in 20 Elite in the Australian Sprint and 3rd in 20 Elite in the Australian Long), Daniel Wood (1st in M18A in Australian Sprint)

and Sam Carryer (1st in M16A in the Australian Middle).

Senior students Molly McGowan and Daniel Wood both won the Under 20 Elite Grades at the Northern Region Club Championships in Woodhill Forest in October.

Held over three days with a last day chasing start, both MAGS Orienteers headed out together ahead of the pack.

Molly took out a highly competitive national field by over 11 minutes, extending her lead on the final day, with Daniel holding on impressively to win by nearly 2 minutes. Callum Wishart had a strong run on Day 3 to finish in 3rd place.

There was a full MAGS podium in the Boys 16 grade with Sam Carryer winning by 9 minutes, beating Matthew Greenwood and Reuben Adye. In the Boys 14 Grade William Wood finished 1st, winning by 12 minutes.





# Football

Year 12 student Milly Clegg has had a stellar year, playing international football and being signed to the Wellington Phoenix, who play in the Women's A-League.

She showed why the Phoenix chose to sign her when, as a 16-year-old and the youngest player in the Under-20 New Zealand squad in Costa Rica, she started all three matches and scored a great goal in a 2-2 draw with Colombia in August at the U-20 Women's Football World Cup.

Following that tournament, she travelled to India for the U-17 Women's Football World Cup where she was the only Kiwi to score in losses to Germany and Chile.

Wellington Phoenix coach Natalie Lawrence said of Milly's signing: "Milly's someone we've been keeping a close eye on. She's somebody that has the attributes that we're missing. She's a proper goal scorer".

To cap off a great year, on November 24, Milly was named the Young Sportswoman of the Year at the College Sports awards.



## KĪ O RAHI

On October 19, the Senior Kī o Rahi team competed in the Auckland regional tournament.

They had a hard start to the day with the current champs in the same pool. They finished the morning with one win and two close losses.

Despite the results, this team was competitive and exciting to watch. They finished the day with a loss to Alfriston College and a convincing win against Pukekohe College.

TIC Mrs Absolum said, "This is only the second time MAGS has competed in this tournament and the skill level shown by this new team was impressive. We look forward to attending next year's tournament."

Results: MAGS 13 – Waiorea 16, MAGS 23 – Papakura 12, MAGS 9 – Nga Tapuwae 15, MAGS 18 – Alfriston 20, MAGS 21 – Pukekohe 12.





# ROWING

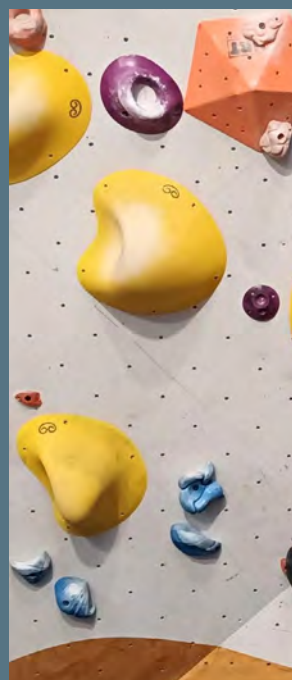
In August, Cam MacGillivray and Nick Bryan experienced the thrill of international competition when they rowed in the Coxless Four for New Zealand at the U19 Men's World Rowing Championships in Varese, Italy.

Along with Henry Kirk (Otago Boys) and Adam Wilson (Hamilton Boys), the MAGS duo gave it everything but unfortunately they couldn't match the speed of a lot of the European crews.

They finished fourth in the C Final, in a very tight race with less than 1.5 seconds between all crews.



# Rock CLIMBING



The last round of the Auckland College Climbing series was held on August 14 with another Bouldering challenge, this time at Boulder Co. out at Westgate.

The MAGS climbers put in another solid performance but were unable to make the final climb-offs.

The novice squad have really enjoyed improving their skills across the four rounds and, with the final points counted, four of our climbers have finished in their respective top 20s – Riley Hobbs, 20th Intermediate Boys; Aurora Liebman-McGrath, 18th Senior Girls; Humairah Ebrahim, 16th Intermediate Girls; and our top climber for this series Anna Swan, 9th (including a finals place in Round 3) in the Intermediate Girls.





# Netball

Our Year 9 Netball team took out their grade at the annual Auckland Combined Points Secondary School Tournament, which saw 96 secondary school teams competing on August 3.

Director of Netball Kathy Henry said, "The hard work the girls put in at Netball Academy, which has a strong emphasis on fitness, strength and skill work, paid off.

"The girls played four pool games, a semi-final against Rangitoto and a final against Westlake Girls, winning all games. Very pleasing was the girls support of each other, and their on-court and off-court behaviour."

Our Year 10 team narrowly missed out on finals, going down to Avondale by one goal in pool play. Our Premier 1 team also missed the finals, losing to EGGS by two in their pool games.



## NATIONAL SELECTIONS

Netballers Summer Temu, Le'Oxeayn Maiu'u and Catalina Young were named in the NZSS squad for a trial camp in October.

A 24-strong squad was named for the four-day camp, which would also act as a trial from which a NZSS team and a NZSS A Selection side would be named.





# RUGBY

The Rugby Girls 1st XV made the AKSS Final but couldn't overcome Auckland Girls Grammar at Colin Maiden Park on August 29.

It was only the second loss the Girls 1st XV suffered in the competition, having won five games including their semifinal against One Tree Hill College 45-12 the week before.



## REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Congratulations to the many Mount Albert Grammar School students who have been selected for various representative rugby teams based on their efforts throughout the season and attending development or trial days:

Auckland Central-West Under 18 Girls Team: Danii Mafoe, Eisha Chandra, Kaane Maiva, Mataele Vaea, Minako Taniyama, Wainouna Tohi-Kaleopa.

Auckland West Under 16: Braiden Higgison, Edsun Craig, Ikaika Hanks-Papali'i, Jason Vincent, Kyle Cross, Lata Togja, Lisi Crichton, Maihi Wilcox, Nathan Mareva, Noah Gregory, Peniamina Tafua, Shiraz Ofamo'on, Terence Ieriko, Vaaimalae Toevai, Zach Taulapapa.

Auckland Under 18 1A Team: Ben Skelton, Riki Ruben.

Auckland Under 18 Gulls Team: Ben Hellriegel, Roy Tatupu, Rob Ah Chong Vakalahi.

Blues Under 18 Development Squad: Riki Ruben, Ben Skelton, Roy Tatupu.

NZSS Barbarians: Riki Ruben.





# Rugby Sevens



Our Rugby Girls 7s took out the AKSS title and will play in the Condor 7s.

Our Girls and Boys Premier 7s competed in the AKSS event held at Waitemata RFC on October 27, with the Girls coming away with the title.

The Boys had a tough pool, and a draw to St Paul's in pool play meant a hard-fought and close quarter-final against De La Salle College. The boys eventually finished 6th.

The Girls played well throughout the day, scoring a lot of tries in pool play and that set them up well for a semi-final win against One Tree Hill College. The final saw them meet Howick College again, always a strong team, but the MAGS girls worked together and came away with the win and the title.

They and the Premier Boys will head to the Condor 7s Premier tournament in early December.

In the U15s Rugby Sevens on November 4, also held at Waitemata Rugby Club, the Girls team was third overall while the Boys were second in their pool.







Our Junior Softball team that competed at the Auckland Junior One Day Tournament on November 7 at Prince Edward Park, Papakura consisted of eight boys and two girls. Games were only 40 minutes long, which meant that having a good start was imperative as it was a round robin format. The team won all their games apart from the first game, which, on count back, they drew. They had some tough games against Rosehill College and Howick College but managed to hold both teams to 1-0 wins. They were very happy to finish in first place.

# SOFTBALL



# Swimming

## **NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPS**

The MAGS swim team had a great weekend at the North Island Secondary Schools Champs on June 11 and 12.

The 19-strong team swam well through a mix of individual events and relays with all members contributing and swimming personal bests.

Olivia Wheeler was MAGS' top points scorer and medallist as well as taking out the 15 and Under Skins event.

Captain Amber George and Kate Wheeler also had strong meets, both contributing over 100 points towards the team total.

For the boys Carwin Li had a strong 2nd place finish in the skins and Tito Tipi led the team to victory in the prestigious mixed kick board relay.

The overall great team effort meant that MAGS took out the Top Co-Ed school title for the second year in a row.

## **COLLEGE SPORT AUCKLAND INDIVIDUAL SWIMMING CHAMPS**

Some of the swim team then competed at the College Sport Individual Champs the following fortnight.

There were some good personal bests swum as well as some swimmers taking the opportunity to qualify for more events.

Medallists: Noor Lovatt – 2 Silver; Fletcher Petrie – 1 Gold, 1 Silver; Anna McGowan – 1 Silver; Bella Houghton – 1 Bronze; Macy Hains – 1 Bronze; Hunter Dobson – 2 Gold.



# Tennis

MAGS' top tennis players were recognised and presented with their trophies at assembly in October.

Back row: Chelsea Wijntjes (Senior Girls, Open Mixed Doubles and Open Doubles Girls Champion), Amelie Kelly (Open Doubles Girls Champion). Front row: Amber Tokuda (Intermediate Girls Champion), Kamyra Joshi (Junior Girls Champion) and Myles Kelly (Junior Boys Champion). Absent: Senior Boys, Open Mixed Doubles and Open Boys Doubles Champion Luke Eagles-Smith, Intermediate Boys Champion Reuben Solomon, Open Doubles Boys Champion Yash Morriswala.



# WAKA AMA



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

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.



MAGS had a great Auckland Regional Regatta on November 5, making the podium on three occasions.

The Mixed J19s claimed the silver medal in the Championship Final, and the Boys J16 claimed silver in the 250m sprint Championship Final.

The Boys J19 took silver in the 250m Sprint Championship Final. They got the jump on Manurewa High at the start and pulled away but were just pipped at the finish line by a very powerful Manurewa team.





# Winter Tournament Week

After no Winter Tournament Week for three years, it was great to see so many MAGS teams across various codes playing around the country in September.

Our Football Girls 1st XI finished runners-up to EGGs in the NZSS Final, and MAGS' striker Emily Lyon won the Golden Boot award for scoring the most goals (12) during the tournament.

In a promising sign for Girls Football, our Junior A side cleaned up at the Kathy Seaward Tournament after replacing a team that withdrew due to COVID.

The Girls went the whole way in the tournament, winning the final against Lynfield College 1st XI by 3-0.

Curling Seniors Jack Millar, Liam Baber, Tahlia Petersen, Jude Sheehan and Sofia Skinner won the NISS Mixed grade, and the Junior Boys finished runners-up.

Max Shallard, Sean Harding and Tiger-Lily Cocker-Lemalie won NZSS Wrestling titles.

Our Basketball Boys Premiers and Juniors finished 6th and 7th respectively in regionals while the Girls finished sixth in the Premiers and third in the Juniors.

In Fencing, our MAGS Boys Epee A team of Sam Taylor Sinclair, QIQI Deng and Oliver Tang was third at NZSS.

Our Football Boys 1st XI was sixth at their NZSS tournament in Napier, while our Hockey Boys and Girls 1st XIs finished 7th and 4th respectively at their NZSS competitions in Hamilton and Palmerston North.

The Lacrosse Girls Premiers played NZSS at Cambridge, finishing 6th.

A strong start from our Netball Premiers saw them win five from five at UNISS but they couldn't maintain that form, eventually finishing seventh and just missing out on Nationals.

At NZSS in Rotorua, the Rugby League 1st XIII started out with a win but that momentum was stopped by some tough opposition to see them finish seventh.

Our Rugby Boys U15 travelled to Christchurch for their national tournament, coming up against some strong rugby schools and finishing 12th.

Our Senior Open Underwater Hockey team travelled to Wellington for NZSS, and finished 5th.



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Striker Emily Lyon won the Golden Boot award for scoring the most goals (12) during the NZSS tournament.





Mr Drumm with the NISS Curling Senior Mixed Grade champions.





# ALBERTIANS *in the News*



## PORTIA WOODMAN

Albertian rugby international Portia Woodman (2005-2009) was welcomed back to MAGS and presented with her Black Cap at a special assembly in August.

At the Year 10 assembly, Portia spoke about her time at MAGS and how she embraced opportunities that she was passionate about. She urged students to do the same and not give up because the road to success was never a straight or smooth one.

In her time at MAGS, Portia played Netball and Touch, and took part in Athletics. A couple of her Athletics records still stand.

Portia was accompanied by fellow rugby internationals Kelly Brazier and Tyla Nathan-Wong, and the trio filmed some promotional videos around MAGS for the Women's Rugby World Cup, which the Black Ferns won.



## Bala Murali Shingade

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 has been working in film and theatre as a writer, director, producer and actor.

In 2019, Bala 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.



## Siliga Sani Muliaumaseali'i

Albertian Siliga Sani Muliaumaseali'i (1980-85) is the new breakfast host for RNZ Concert for Mondays to Thursdays.

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*.



## OLI SAIL

Albertian Oli Sail (2012-13) attended assembly on September 27 to receive his Black Cap in recognition of becoming a NZ representative in Football.

Oli played for the All Whites as 'keeper in the World Cup play-off loss to Costa Rica.

As a national representative, Oli's name will also go up on the Honours Board in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

Oli plays for the Wellington Phoenix in the A League.



# ASB MAGS FARM

The ASB MAGS Farm now officially belongs to MAGS.

This amazing piece of generosity from ASB in handing over the land to the MAGS Foundation ensures that our MAGS students and many others will continue to get their hands (and uniforms) dirty learning basic agriculture and horticulture practices in the heart of New Zealand's biggest city.

It is great that ASB has supported the school in the centenary year and that the ASB MAGS Farm could become part of the celebrations. The farm is 90 this year so we will be looking forward to our own centenary celebrations in 10 years' time.

On the farm we have experienced our wettest July ever, with 285mm of rain, bookended by above average rainfall in June and August. This has created issues with wet paddocks and lanes, not being able to "pre-lamb shear" our sheep and, combined with greater warmth, has meant there were a few more pesky bugs and diseases around.

Hygiene has been emphasised to all visitors, from students to other groups, as quite often these bugs can be harmful to humans also. Students play a crucial role in monitoring the health of the livestock with the many eyes over the animals often picking out lame sheep or problems with our calves whilst they are feeding them.

Along with animal health monitoring, we have shorn our store lambs with help from Peter Letif at Auckland Council who manages the southern region farms.

He gave a demo to some Year 10 students, some of whom left realising how hard the job is, but also how well it can pay.

Farming has many opportunities to reward hard work, which is

a message we are keen to get across. Although we don't teach the students how to shear, Peter got some students involved in flipping the sheep over and supervised some shearing!

We are grateful to the Ghella Abergeldie JV (GAJV) construction company for helping our students 'Boots n' All'! GAJV is building a giant underground wastewater tunnel for Watercare running from Māngere Wastewater Treatment Plant to the central city and one of their construction sites is next to the Roy Clements Treeway.

They have donated many pairs of brand new gumboots, which no longer meet safety requirements, refreshing our gumboot locker and even allowing us to cater for the students with size 14 feet! These are the same people that, along with Watercare, supported our native tree planting initiatives on the farm that have grown so well over the last three years.

Of course we have lambed our ewes this spring, about to finish milking cows and feeding calves, and now have kiwifruit flowering so there is always something happening here on the farm.

Even the French Women's Rugby team heard about us and wanted to visit and get their head out of the game before their semifinal against the Black Ferns.

It has been a challenging year but again we have graduates heading off to Lincoln and Massey this year, which is always nice to see.

**Peter Brice**  
**Farm Manager**



Albertian Fatimah Imran (2014-18), who worked on the farm and had gone on to study an agribusiness degree, spoke at the official handover of the farm from ASB to MAGS.



Students got to help out with shearing.



Ghella Abergeldie JV generously donated gumboots to the farm.



Four members of the French Women's rugby team visited the farm and talked to our Rugby Girls before touring the farm.



# IN MEME

## 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, 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.



Distinguished academic and Albertian Sir Graeme Davies (1950-54) died at home on August 30 after a brief illness at the age of 85.

At MAGS, Sir Graeme was Dux in 1954 and focused his studies on Mathematics and Science.

Headmaster at the time Murray Nairn noted in his testimonial: "He has also taken a full part in outside activities. He has played Soccer for school teams each year and in his last two years has been in the 1st Association XI. After playing Cricket for two years he changed to Softball and has been in the 1st IX the last two years. Other activities include successes in Swimming events and Life Saving, Choir work, and progress in the Cadet Battalion to the position of Regimental Quarter Master Serjeant."

Sir Graeme graduated from the University of Auckland with a BE in Aeronautical Engineering and a PhD in Materials Science.

He then arrived as Fellow to St Catharine's College, Cambridge in 1962, subsequently becoming an internationally distinguished academic metallurgist.

During the following 30 years he led and transformed a series of institutions of higher education.

He was Professor of Metallurgy and Pro Vice-Chancellor at the University of Sheffield 1977-1986; Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool 1986-91; Chief Executive of the Higher Education Funding Council 1991-95; Principal of the University of Glasgow 1995-2003; Vice-Chancellor of the University of London 2003-11, and the only Emeritus VC the University has appointed.

He served many more public institutions and charities in the UK and overseas and received extensive honours for his contributions. Sir Graeme was knighted in 1996 for his services to higher education.

Sir Graeme was awarded 13 honorary degrees during his lifetime and published many books, mainly on metallurgy.

He is survived by his wife Svava, his son Michael, his daughter Helena and five grandchildren.

Sir Graeme was inducted into MAGS' Hall of Distinction in 2009 (as pictured).



Emeritus Professor Trevor Wilson AM FAHA passed away peacefully on 11 June at the age of 93.

Trevor, a renowned military historian of World War I was elected to the Australian Academy of the Humanities in 1973.

Born in Auckland, New Zealand, in 1928, he attended MAGS from 1942-45 and completed a Master of Arts at Auckland University in 1952 and a PhD at the University of Oxford in 1959, where his dissertation was the joint winner of the Gilbert Champion Award.

While completing his PhD at Oxford, Trevor worked as a research assistant in Government at the University of Manchester.

He took up the position of Lecturer in History at the University of Adelaide in 1960. It was here that he spent most of his professional career; he became Senior Lecturer in 1965 and Professor of History in 1968.

During his tenure at the University of Adelaide, he was a Commonwealth Fellow at St John's College, the University of Cambridge in 1972, a Visiting Fellow to the Australian National University in 1982 and a Visiting Fellow at Magdalen College, the University of Oxford, in 1987.

Trevor was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and, in 2007, appointed an Honorary Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia "for service to education in the area of World War I military history through teaching, writing and historical research". In 2009, he was made

Emeritus Professor in History at the University of Adelaide; a post he retained until his death.

He authored *The Downfall of the Liberal Party 1914-1935* (1966) and *The Political Diaries of C.P. Scott 1911-1928* (1970). His numerous books on World War I include *The Myriad Faces of War: Britain and the Great War 1914-1918* (1986), and, with Robin Prior, *Command on the Western Front: The Military Career of General Sir Henry Rawlinson 1914-1918* (1992), *Passchendaele: The Untold Story* (1996), *The First World War* (1999) and *The Somme* (2005).

He also appeared in *The Great War and the Shaping of the 20th Century* (1996), airing originally in the United States on PBS and later in Britain and Australia.

Trevor is survived by his wife Jane and his two children.



# MORIAM

## JOHN BLENNERHASSETT

Professor John Blennerhassett (MB ChB (NZ) FRCPCan FRCPAus Pathology, Emeritus Professor since 1997, died peacefully at home in Wānaka on June 29 at age 89.

John was born in Auckland in 1933 to Mary and Ray (Blen) Blennerhassett, both teachers, who instilled in him a love of learning, words, cryptic crosswords and reading.

He spent his early years around the North Island, particularly Northland. John's early schooling (years 1-5) was in Matauri Bay where his father was principal at the school.

When Blen enlisted in 1940, John's mother returned to teaching and he went to boarding school.

At the tender age of seven John realised his ambition was to be a doctor. He was encouraged by his teacher, Dulcie Vadanovich, to attend a bigger school that would provide the environment needed to reach his potential.

He came to MAGS in 1949 then went on to Otago University for his undergraduate studies, supported throughout by his parents.

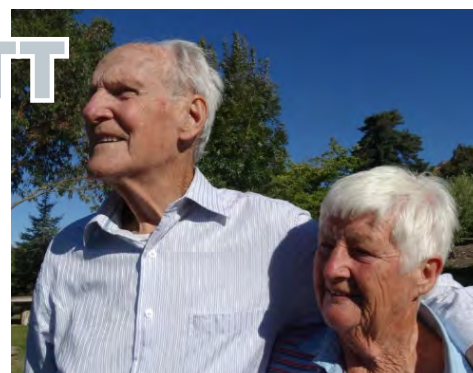
At Otago he met Jill, who was studying Phys Ed, and the two married two days after John's graduation.

Children soon followed: first twins, John and Jennie, then Nicola, and Stewart. After graduating, John and Jill moved to Wellington where John spent several years as a house surgeon at Wellington Hospital, where he realised pathology was his calling.

In order to chase his dreams and specialist studies the family embarked on a journey to North America, firstly Boston to a position at Mass General Hospital and as teaching fellow at Harvard University. There another two children were added to the family: Robyn and Hamish.

John then secured a position as associate pathologist at Royal Victoria Hospital with appointment as associate professor of pathology at Magill University in Montreal. Returning to Boston and Mass General as head of surgical pathology, John was appointed assistant professor at Harvard University.

The family spent eight years in North America.



In 1969, John was called by a couple of old classmates to let him know a position as professor of pathology was open at his alma mater, Otago Medical School. The family returned to Dunedin in 1970.

John continued in his positions until his official retirement from the chair of pathology in 1996, and finally his resignation from Dunedin Hospital in early 2000s. He continued teaching and examining both in NZ and Australia for some years after.

John was an active member of a number of organisations including the Cancer Society, Rotary, Probis and U3A. Community service and contribution were important to him. His social groups also held a great enjoyment for him; The Wānaka Experience, AOK biking group and the Knotty Points tennis group.

John and Jill built a holiday home in Wānaka in the early 1970s and retired there in 2002.

They enjoyed their retirement in Wānaka, which saw them set up wedding venue The Olive Grove.

- Obituary courtesy of the Wanaka App



Albertian Don Hammond (1949-1952), a NZ Rugby League representative and captain, passed away on July 30, aged 85.

Don originally played for the Mount Albert Lions in the Auckland Rugby League competition.

He represented and captained Auckland and first played for the New Zealand Kiwis team in 1961.

Whilst making his debut in 1961, Hammond developed a lethal combination alongside another MAGS old boy, Ron Ackland. Together they blended speed and ball-playing ability with strength, tackling tenacity and courage needed to prosper in the rugged forward battles.

From there forward, Don went on to play in 20 test matches, including six as captain (1961-65).

In 1964, Don won the Rothville Trophy as the Auckland Rugby League Player of the Year. That year he also won the New Zealand Rugby League's Player of the Year award as he was a stand-out performer when the Kiwis whitewashed France in a three-test home series.

A stalwart of the Kiwis Association, Don was prominent in establishing and becoming curator of the excellent NZRL museum.

Don was inducted as an NZRL life member in 2006 followed by an induction into the Legends of League in 2010. He went on to be elected President of the Kiwis Association.

- Obituary and photo courtesy of the NZRL



# FROM THE Archives

Mount Albert Grammar School has two archivists, Brian Murphy and Greg Cave.

While they are always collecting and sorting material that records the history of the school, for the past two or three years the focus for them has been the centennial.

The school now has a database of the names of students who entered the school as Year 9 students (or Form 3).

This database begins in 1945 but plans are afoot to extend this back to the opening of the school.

The recently published *Change and Tradition* includes lists of sports captains, prefects and top academic prizewinners beginning in 1997.



The Athletics team of 1957.

The earlier history, *Tradition and Change*, contains lists of senior sports teams going back to 1922. Complete lists of sports teams since 1997 have been digitised and will hopefully be available on the website in 2023.

Mr Cave has published on the school website “100 Years of Photos” – <https://www.mags.school.nz/the-school/centenary-photos-by-decade/> – which is a record of form classes and sports teams going back to 1922.

This is an ongoing project and photos of more recent years have yet to be added. For some years there are not many photos available and there is a permanent request for people to submit photos so that this collection can be made more complete. The oldest class photo is from 1923 and only recently came to light.

Deputy Principal John Stradwick has used some of the photos to create a powerpoint slideshow, which is displayed in the staffroom and was also used at centennial events.

With the help of some senior students John also created a display of memorabilia going back to the early days of the school outside A1.

The school archives continue to grow each year but MAGS welcomes donations of material of any sort that helps to fill in more of the details of the life of the school.



Class 5c of 1923 is the earliest class photo in The Archives.



Class 3A of 1927 features a dog that would regularly appear in class photos back then.



Class 7KY of 1993 with Mr Kelly.



Class 4B of 1973 features Mr Gibbs, who is still going strong 50 years later as our Academic Dean.



Class 3WLK, with Mr Walker, features some of our Foundation Girls in 2000.



# KEY DATES 2023

## TERM 1

**2 February**

*Thursday*

Year 9 students only  
start school

**3 February**

*Friday*

Full school in

**6 April**

*Thursday*

Last day of classes for Term 1

**7 April**

*Friday*

Good Friday

End of Term 1

## TERM 2

**24 April**

*Monday*

School Closed

**25 April**

*Tuesday*

Anzac Day

**26 April**

*Wednesday*

Start of Tem 2

**29 June**

*Thursday*

Last day of classes for Term 2

**30 June**

*Friday*

Staff Only Administration Day

End of Term 2

## TERM 3

**17 July**

*Monday*

Start of Term 3

**21 September**

*Thursday*

Last day of classes for Term 3

**22 September**

*Friday*

Staff Only Administration Day

End of Term 3

## TERM 4

**9 October**

*Monday*

Start of Term 4

**5 December**

*Tuesday*

Junior Prizegiving

Last day of classes for Term 4

## 2023 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**30 January**

*Monday*

Auckland Anniversary Day

**6 February**

*Monday*

Waitangi Day

**7 April**

*Friday*

Good Friday

**10 April**

*Monday*

Easter Monday

**25 April**

*Tuesday*

Anzac Day

**5 June**

*Monday*

King's Birthday

**14 July**

*Friday*

Matariki

**23 October**

*Monday*

Labour Day

# LIONS OF 2022



Farewell and good luck to our Year 13 students.



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