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A Tradition of Excellence
9th-14th May 2022



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From the Headmaster

Starting Again



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

Congratulations to our MAGS students for the way they have quickly settled back into school after the Covid-19 disruptions of this week.

Despite the somewhat surprising announcement of the reduction of Alert Level, the school was able to quickly get up to full speed yesterday morning. The very high attendance yesterday sent a positive message about the eagerness of our community to get back into the classroom and into the co-curricular activities on offer.

The stop-start nature to schooling over the past 12 months will be unsettling to many students. One of the best support mechanisms for our young people is the security and routine the school day can offer.

We are strongly encouraging students to throw themselves fully into their academic work as well as getting involved in the huge number of sporting, arts and service opportunities outside of the classroom and so unique to a MAGS education.

The desire to connect in person with friends, classmates, team mates and teachers is strong. On a world scale we remain lucky to be able to do this in an environment with minimal restrictions.

Let's be grateful and make the most of what lies ahead. It's great to be back!

Have a great weekend.

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Thursday, February 25

Form Class and Individual Photos, FW Gamble Hall

Thursday, March 4

Form Class and Individual Photos, FW Gamble Hall



Sport



Sports registrations for 2021

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Fixtures and results

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More amazing Scholarship success

Following on from the announcement of a record 121 Scholarships gained in the 2020 exams, there have been three MAGS students named Outstanding Scholars and one named a Top Subject Scholar.

Bethany Fletcher, pictured right, was the top Dance student in the country, while Alex Pullen, Eric Shen and Matthew Somerville were named Outstanding Scholars.

Top Subject Scholars receive \$2000 a year for three years towards tertiary studies.

To qualify for consideration as an Outstanding Scholar, students must achieve three Scholarships including at least two at Outstanding (O) level, or more than three Scholarships including at least one at Outstanding level in the same year. These students gain \$5000 per year for three years towards tertiary studies.

Bethany's success was part of all five students who submitted for Dance gaining Scholarship. She and Faolan Okan, who was second nationwide in Dance, received two of the only three Outstanding Scholarships awarded in Dance in NZ.

Our students' success was to be celebrated on Wednesday at the Scholars Assembly but that was cancelled due to the Level 3 Lockdown. But that does not change the outstanding results, with 121 Scholarships (104 in 2019).

- 396 (349 in 2019) Excellence Level Scholar Lions awarded or re-awarded [169 L1 (139 in 2019); 136 L2 (130 in 2019); 91 L3 (80 in 2019)]
- 15 Outstanding Scholarships (9 in 2019)
- 62 students gained one or two Scholarships (54 in 2019)
- 1 Outstanding Scholarship gained by a Year 11 pupil in Calculus
- 8 students gained 3 or more Scholarships and will have their names inscribed on the Honours Board



You can read more about MAGS' Scholarship success [here](#) and see a full list of Scholar Lions and Scholarship winners [here](#)



Bethany Fletcher



Alex Pullen



Eric Shen



Matthew Somerville

Stunning mural unveiled



Last Friday, saw the unveiling of a mural that was the product of a collaboration between students from MAGS and Wesley Primary School.

The mural was unveiled at Wesley Primary School as part of the Welcome to Wesley Whanau Day. The mural was made to celebrate creativity across the Kahui Ako, our school community of learning group.

Visual Art teacher Ms Leonard, who did a tremendous job coordinating the project, said, "The mural was designed to represent the Wesley Primary School Values of being respectful, responsible, empowered and supportive. We wanted to show the growth of the students into confident life-long learners.

"For our design, we incorporated the takahe, hoiho and kea. The takahe represents our early learners; it does not fly as it is just starting out. The hoiho represents our middle learners. The design shows a kea soaring protectively above, representing the mature students at Wesley Primary School.

"The three birds were painted by MAGS students and the border was designed and painted by Wesley students. It was great for the students to meet and learn from each other.

"Thank you to our sponsors the Kahui Ako and Bunnings Mount Roskill, who generously donated materials and money. Thank you to all the students who contributed to this

project. We hope the Wesley Community will enjoy this taonga for a long time and we look forward to welcoming them to Mount Albert Grammar School in the years to come."

Arts Update

Backstage Crew

If you are interested in participating in a range of backstage activities, come to a meeting at E9 Tuesday lunchtime.

We will be looking for people to do Lighting, Sound, Stage Management, Wardrobe, Makeup, Set and Props for our productions as well as for various other competitions and activities. No prior experience is needed, just a willingness to learn. Come to the meeting to find out more.

Theatresports

If you are interested in joining the MAGS Theatresports group, come to our practice after school on Monday in E9. The session runs until 5pm. We will be playing a range of improvisational games. All experience levels are welcomed.

Athletics Day postponements

Due to the uncertainty around Alert Levels this week, the MAGS Athletics Day at Mt Smart Stadium had to be postponed and events rescheduled to take place at either MAGS or Lovelock Track in Sandringham.

At this stage, these will take place before, during and after school next week. Students entered in each event will be emailed separately on Monday to confirm their event times.

Students in all grades are to meet at the start time at the location below. Students entered in the Long Jump are to meet at Lovelock Track and will be driven by sports staff back to school in the House Van for the start of Period 2.



Confirmed Event times

Shot put: Tuesday, 23 February, 7.30am, MAGS bottom fields by the Courts

100m: Wednesday, 24 February, Period 3 and 4, MAGS top Field

200m: Wednesday, 24 February, 7.15am, Lovelock Track

Long Jump: Thursday, 25 February, 8am start through Period 1, Lovelock Track

High Jump, Discus and Javelin times are still to be confirmed and will be emailed to those individuals entered separately.

Students entered in the 1500m, 3000m and Hurdles should have received an email from Mr Crossan regarding their event information already.

We have managed to borrow equipment from local clubs so the \$15 entry fee that would have gone towards buses, stadium hire and equipment will be fully credited back to school accounts to use on other school costs.

If you have any further questions, please email sports@mags.school.nz

Art Show dates announced



The annual MAGS Art Show is a highlight on the school calendar, and is back this year from August 13-15.

As well as raising funds for the school, it brings our school and local community together to enjoy a show of talented New Zealand artists and our top MAGS student artists. There are also performances by MAGS' talented Performing Arts students throughout the show. We are looking for new volunteers to help organise this year's show, from the gala night to the weekend showings to the packdown afterward, we need all types of skills and abilities. Please express your interest by emailing the committee at magsfom@gmail.com

Let the Albertian Games begin!



ALBERTIAN GAMES



PAST PREMIER PLAYERS

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2021 PREMIER PLAYERS

GIRLS & BOYS IN EVERY CODE



DRAW

CRICKET 10.00AM-1.00PM

BASKETBALL 12.30PM GIRLS 1.10PM BOYS

FOOTBALL 1.30PM GIRLS 2.30PM BOYS

HOCKEY 12.30PM GIRLS 1.30PM BOYS

NETBALL 2.00PM

ROWING 2.00PM ERG RACE

RUGBY UNION/RUGBY LEAGUE - TOUCH GAME 2.30PM



5PM AFTERMATCH

31ST OF MARCH 2021 @ MAGS

Albertian Register @ <https://forms.gle/gRKBPnX3VxhkeqAT7>

Calling Albertians everywhere! Get behind the Pride and join the full school on Wednesday, March 31 in one of the many events leading up to our Centenary Celebrations (May 9-14, 2022).

Join us as we celebrate the Sports Lions of the past and present, with spectators welcome.

Past Premier players – intending to play or not – and spectators should register [here](#) for the event and the after-match at 5pm, which will feature a cash bar and savouries supplied by Westie Pies.

Sports fundraiser

MAGS SPORT FUNDRAISER 2021



**SUPPORT YOUR TEAM
&
SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL**

**\$60 WHOLE SNAP FROZEN EYE FILLET
(APPROX 1.4-1.8KG)**



ORDER BY 12/03

Link <https://forms.gle/VW56DWop1wG6TgoS9>

Thanks to Born & Bred we are able to bring you this Mount Albert Grammar School Sport fundraiser.

With \$20 of every fillet sold going towards the Sports program at MAGS, this is a great way to support our school.

Of the \$20, \$15 goes to your nominated team or sport and \$5 to sport equity to help MAGS families that struggle with the costs associated with sport.

To find out more and place your order, click [here](#)

Student travel concessions

Getting a secondary student discount for public transport has never been easier.

Secondary school students, aged 16 to 19, can go online and activate their student discount using their National Student Number (NSN). And with a student discount organised, they'll be able to travel and get 40% or more off full price bus, ferry and train fares.

Click [here](#) to find out more about this process, and to update your concession.

Face Coverings/Masks on Public Transport

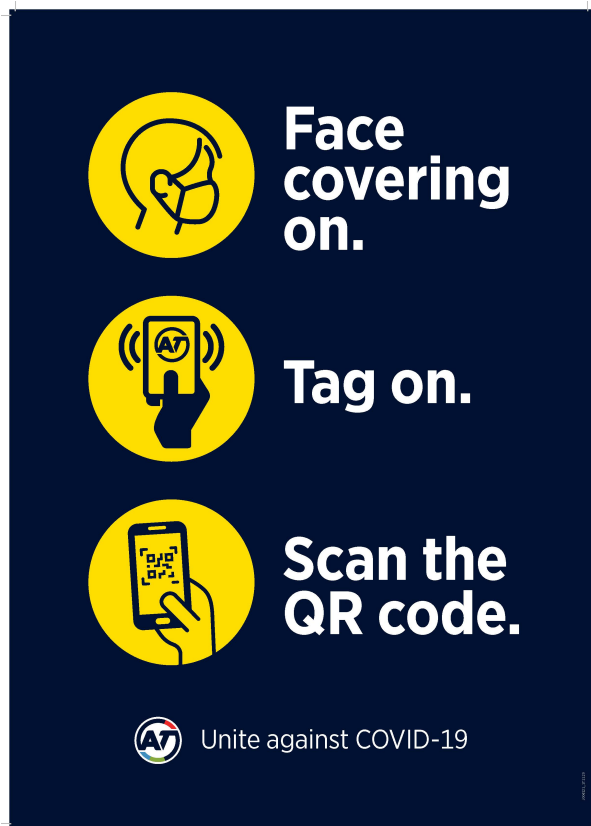
It is currently mandatory for everyone over 12 to wear a mask or face covering on public

transport services.

Students and families are reminded that this rule applies on the way to and from school also.

It is also recommended that students scan the QR code available on the bus, train or ferry, if they have access to a mobile phone.

On school bus services, where a bus only takes school students, it is not a requirement to wear a mask.



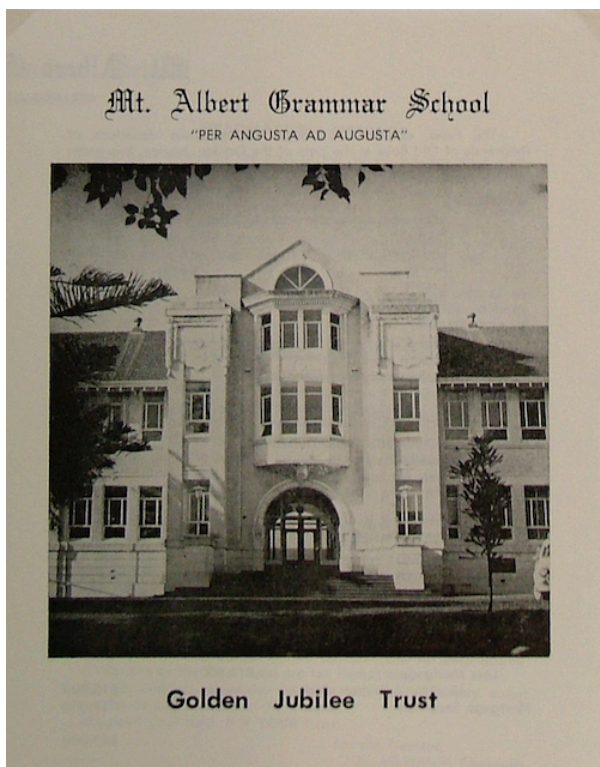
Face covering on.

Tag on.

Scan the QR code.

A7 Unite against COVID-19

Sign up to the Centenary database



As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, with events planned for May 9-14, we warmly invite all Albertians to sign up to the database [here](#) to keep up to date with information and events leading up to the Centenary celebration.

Please encourage your friends and peers who were with you at MAGS to attend with you, and to also register at the link.

Sports Update

Fourteen records broken at Swim Sports



There were some great performances at MAGS' Swimming Sports Championships, held last Thursday, with 14 school records being broken. You can see more photos from the event [here](#)

With so many outstanding performances, things are looking very positive for the MAGS Aquatic Team as it heads into an exciting and busy 2021 swimming calendar.

Our top swimmers are now aiming to continue their strong swimming at the Central Zone Champs next week.



MAGS' record-breakers:

Junior Boys

Palepua Afoa	26.34	50m Freestyle
Palepua Afoa	1:08.16	100m Medley
Palepua Afoa	28.82	50m Butterfly

Intermediate Boys

Tito Tipi	25.36	50m Freestyle
Hunter Dobson	1:03.80	100m Medley
Tito Tipi	13.15	25m Backstroke
Hunter Dobson	1:01.50	100m Backstroke

Senior Boys

Thomas Murray	1:59.03	200m Freestyle
Quin Walden	1:00.29	100m Butterfly
Thomas Murray	27.31	50m Backstroke
Bowen Crawford	1:07.03	100m Breaststroke
Quin Walden	1:01.60	100m Backstroke
Bowen Crawford	30.09	50m Breaststroke

Intermediate Girls

Amber George	1:07.34	100m Backstroke
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MAGS' Swimming Champions:

Junior Girls Champion: Khalen Quensell

Intermediate Girls Champion: Amber George

Senior Girls Champion: Edie Ancell

Junior Boys Champion: Palepua Afoa

Intermediate Boys Champion: Hunter Dobson

Senior Boys Champion: Thomas Murray

Sports registrations for 2021



MAGS' Sports Department has opened up online registrations for all sports for Terms 1 to 3.

The online form includes likely costs and dates where possible, although these could be subject to change.

Trial and training dates will be confirmed closer to the time.

Students can click [here](#) to register for their chosen sport.



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