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## From the Headmaster

Weekly Notices

## An Epidemic Within a Pandemic!



Key Dates



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

The way in which our students have weathered the disruptive start to the 2022 academic year is a credit to their resilience and character.

While we have successfully adapted to schooling within a pandemic, it is a growing epidemic of another kind that is proving a worrying health threat to our young people.

A national survey of vaping among Year 10 students has shown a threefold increase in *daily* vaping over the past two years. Furthermore, almost 43% of Year 10 students have reported trying vaping as per the story at this [link](#)

Here at MAGS, we have installed vape detectors in locations around the school. This was an expensive and significant decision for the school. These devices are allowing us to identify individual students who are vaping. We are collecting valuable information, which confirms that our national crisis with youth vaping is mirrored within our MAGS community.

As parents we need to face the disturbing reality that there is every probability that our secondary age sons and daughters are regular or part-time vapers! Connected to vaping are issues around addiction, deception and lying, cost, physical health and disciplinary consequences.

There is no doubt young people are being targeted (illegally) by retailers and promoters of vape products. Furthermore, our

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### Thursday, March 24

Summer Sport Photos and ID Photo catch-up

### Monday, March 28

Summer Tournament Week begins

### Monday, April 4 to Thursday, April 7

Level 1 Drama Production

### Thursday, April 14

Anzac Service/Albertians Luncheon



Sport

Photo Essays

politicians and police appear to have abdicated when it comes to enforcing age restrictions regarding the selling of these products.

The scale of this problem goes beyond the school gates and is certainly unable to be addressed by MAGS staff alone.

We need parents supporting the school and tackling this issue head on at home with frank and honest discussion – something that can be difficult for young vapors due to the secretive and deceptive nature of the activity.

A difficult discussion – but a critical one to begin!

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster



Softball Boys One Day  
Tournament  
Click [here](#)



Cricket Girls 1st XI v Baradene  
Click [here](#)

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**Trials and Registrations**  
Click [here](#)

**Fixtures and Results**  
Click [here](#)

## Junior Leadership roles announced



*Year 9 Level Representatives Sofaia Fualalo, Yash Patel, Tehya McDade and Johnny Gilmore.*

At assemblies over the past week or so, Juniors have been introduced to their leaders across various areas of MAGS life for the upcoming year.

Year 9 and Year 10 Level Representatives, Class Representatives, Environment Leaders, Kaea (guardians of the school haka, Takatū) and Captains for the Interform Competition for 2022 were announced.

You can read a list of the rest of our Year 9 leaders [here](#) and our Year 10 leaders [here](#)



*Year 10 Level Representatives Brendan Akeli, Shannon Hughes, Nina Chalmers and Harshavardhan Tammina.*

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## **Scholars Assemblies recognise excellence**



At assemblies on two consecutive Wednesdays, we have acknowledged our 2021 Year 11 and Year 12 students, who achieved Excellence last year in their NCEA exams and also those who gained Scholarships.

At the assemblies, Certificates and Scholar Lions were presented to students, who gathered outdoors and then had their names read out before being acknowledged by their peers as they stood in front of the grandstand. Here are some stats:

- 433 Excellence Level Scholar Lions awarded or re-awarded
- 166 Level 1 Excellence
- 192 Level 2 Excellence
- 131 Level 3 Excellence

You can see the list of scholars and awards [here](#) and a video presentation of the various awards [here](#)

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## MAGS wins Centenary Cricket Match



As MAGS most recent provincial cricket player, Albertian Adi Ashok (above centre) conducted formalities including receiving the caps from the respective captains Dhruv Patel and William Jones.

Last Saturday's celebration of 100 years of cricket between the MAGS and Auckland Grammar School Boys 1st XIs saw MAGS take the win by 53 runs. Before the Centenary Cricket Match, Grammar presented MAGS with one of their cricket caps and this, along with the MAGS cap, will be preserved in a perspex case with the team cards for the match.



The umpires were also presented with commemorative medals to mark the day.

MAGS batted first, making 226/8 then bowled AGS out for 173, with Wesley Donald bowling the last over and taking three wickets.



**Albertian Games coming up!**



# ALBERTIAN GAMES

CENTENARY  
**100**  
1922-2022

PAST PREMIER PLAYERS

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2022 PREMIER PLAYERS

**GIRLS & BOYS IN EVERY CODE**



**DRAW**

**1st April**

**CRICKET 10:30AM @MAGS**

**HOCKEY 4:30PM GIRLS 6PM BOYS @AGS**

1st April aftermatch 7pm The Goodhome

**8th April**

**BASKETBALL 2PM GIRLS 3PM BOYS**

**FOOTBALL 1.30PM GIRLS 2.30PM BOYS**

**NETBALL 1:30PM**

**2.30PM RUGBY UNION/RUGBY**

**LEAGUE TOUCH GAME**

8th April aftermatch 5pm The Kingslander

**1ST & 8TH OF APRIL @ MAGS**

Register at <https://forms.gle/f4voBFpL1pu2o8uf9>

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## Normal timetable resumes next week

As anticipated, the changes to the household contact isolation periods and conditions have seen our staffing levels across Week 7 slowly returning to absence levels comparable to the Term 1 levels of previous years.

This means we feel we are now in a position to return to our normal timetable and have all students attending all classes.

An email about this went out to parents yesterday. You can read the full email [here](#)

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## Niuean Group sign-up



If you are interested in being a part of the 2022 Centennial Niuean Group, please sign up via this google form [link](#)

An email will be sent out soon to confirm an official meet.

The 2022 leaders of the group are: Noah Samupo-Munokoa and Eden Makapatana-Pirini.

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## ID Photo catch-ups next Thursday

Those who missed having their ID Photo taken will have another chance next Thursday (March 24) during Summer Sports Photo Day.

Assessments take precedence and students can come at other times as a last resort. They will be given a time/date pass to say they have been at photos for returning to class.

Students should report to the Hall foyer from the Albertian Quad side, preferably at the following times;

**Period 1: Year 9**

**Period 2: Year 10**

**Period 3: Year 11**

**Period 4: Year 12**

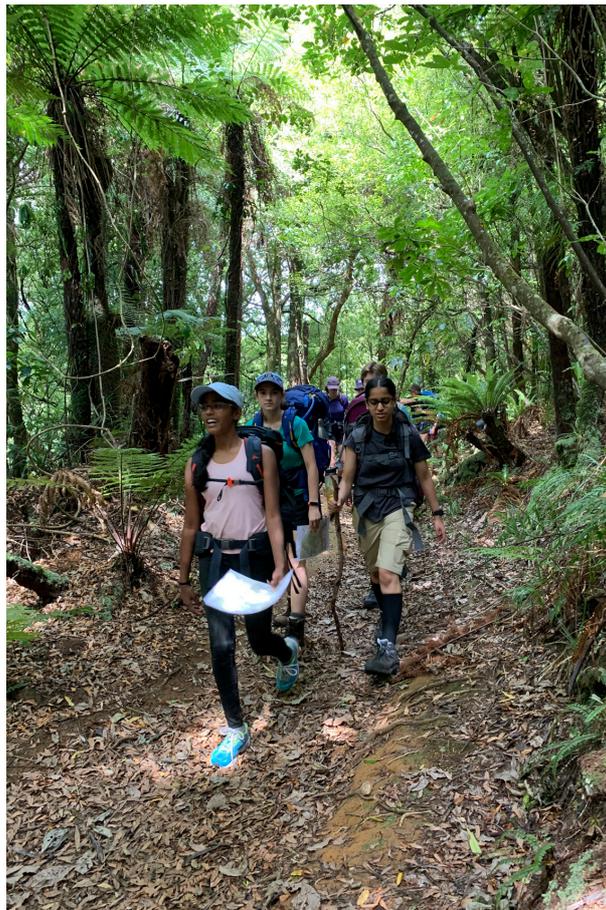
**Year 13: At any time during the day – preferably during their study period .**

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## Karangahake Gorge adventures



Thirty nine students went to the Karangahake Gorge, camping down at Dickeys Flat for their Bronze journey. Outdoor Ed Teacher Mr Belson said, "There was beautiful weather for three days whilst walking in and around the Karangahake Mountain area. "Students were trying to be independent in terms of their camping, cooking, map reading and navigation. And at the end of the day they enjoyed a nice swim in the river. "Students all worked well together and got on with each other and showed good perseverance and determination throughout the trip. And thanks to Mr Ploeg, Mr Murray and Mr Naylor for helping to make this a successful trip."



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## Moth Plant Competition

# **SANDRINGHAM** Moth Plant Competition 2022

help us eradicate this invasive pest species!

Moth plant is a pest plant taking over the gardens and parks of Sandringham. This autumn we are encouraging the Sandringham community to help us tackle this problem by entering our Moth Plant competition. Grab some friends, get outside, find moth plants and take them down!



**1st PRIZE - \$500**

**FOR THE MOST PODS & SMALL VINES WITH ROOTS**



**2nd PRIZE - \$300**

**FOR THE MOST PODS & SMALL VINES WITH ROOTS**



**THICKEST VINE**

**PRIZE - \$100**



**PLUS SPOT PRIZES THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION!!!**

To enter go to  
[spice.org.nz/moth-plant-comp](https://spice.org.nz/moth-plant-comp)

Register your team by 31 March!



**TAG AND FOLLOW @MAGS.ENVIRONMENT  
TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH COMPETITION NEWS**

Help the Environment Club eradicate moth plants by getting involved in the Moth Plant Competition next month.

There are prize categories for primary schools, high schools and community groups.

**Pianist required for choirs**

## **PIANIST REQUIRED FOR BOYS AND GIRLS CHOIRS**

Gloriana and the Centennial Choir are seeking a pianist to accompany them for school-based rehearsals and performances.

Skill-wise, we need someone Grade 8 (ABRSM or Trinity) or higher, with an interest in learning this skill set.

All inquiries to Director of Arts Jacqui Cesan [jcesan@mags.school.nz](mailto:jcesan@mags.school.nz)

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## **Online enrolments for Girls Boarding**



You can now download enrolment forms for our new girls' hostel, Centennial House, which will be hosting boarders from Term 2 this year.

The newly refurbished property can accommodate up to 28 female students and is located in a safe and beautiful residential street – six minutes' walk from school.

If your daughter would like the opportunity to join the MAGS hostel experience, please contact Clare Leon-Brown [cleonbrown@mags.school.nz](mailto:cleonbrown@mags.school.nz)

You can download the application forms for Centennial House [here](#) and see the fee schedule [here](#)

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## **A former Director of Sport**



This image shows Albertian Brett Kingstone when he was Director of Sport in his office, which was in the original bookroom between what was A5 and A6 at the north end of the bottom corridor.

It has gone through a number of iterations over the years. Brett, who is still a familiar face around the school, was Head Prefect of both School and School House. He was also Captain of the First XV as was his father before him.

This image is part of Set 69, recently added to our website's [Historical Images](#), compiled and annotated by our Archivist Brian Murphy.

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## Sports Update

### Oli Sail called up for All Whites

Albertian Oli Sail has been named in the 30-strong squad for the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2022 Oceania Qualifiers, to be held in Qatar this month.

The All Whites kick off their campaign in Group B against Papua New Guinea (tomorrow at 3am NZT), then play Fiji (Tuesday, 22 March at 6am) and New Caledonia (Friday, 25 March at 6am), with the top two sides progressing to the semi-finals against the top two Group A teams.

The final will be held on Thursday, 31 March, with the winner progressing to the Intercontinental Play-Off against the fourth-placed Concacaf side for a place at the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.



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## Vaccination status update

With the legislation change on Friday, March 11, all students are now eligible to play all MAGS sport regardless of their vaccination status.

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