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GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

## A Tradition of Excellence

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## From the Headmaster

Weekly Notices



### Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

**Monday, May 23**

Lumino Dental arrives at MAGS (see details below)

**Thursday, June 9**

Board Show and Business Market Evening, 4.30pm-6,30pm, Greg Taylor Building (formerly E Block)

## A Vaccine Against Bullying



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

Pink Shirt Day today marks the culmination of 'anti-bullying week'. Congratulations to students from the Health Committee for leading this initiative and their work ensuring MAGS is a place to which everyone can safely belong.

An obvious question might be why we need Pink Shirt Day at all. What is it about the human condition that we can feel a need to target others who may be different to ourselves...to harass or exclude them from our group?

Undoubtedly these behaviours have their origins deep in our evolutionary history. Suspicion of outsiders and their differences



### Sport

**Super Sport Saturday**  
**Photo Essays**



Football Boys 1st XI v Auckland Grammar  
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would potentially have provided an advantage to the survival of group members. It strengthened the group and kept *them* safe. Bullying behaviours have been (and continue to be) a 'normal' part of human behaviour.

But in the modern day, we must lean towards another part of the human story. As reflective individuals, we have the ability to *empathise* with others.

If we choose to, we all can stop and consider what it is like to walk in someone else's shoes – and to see things through their eyes.

Displaying empathy is a way of bringing our MAGS Way Value of Respect to life! If we choose empathy, then it is almost impossible to bully or harass anyone. Empathy is like a vaccine against bullying!

Thank you to those who are committed to growing this positive culture at MAGS. We all have a part to play here.

And let's look forward to a time where we won't need Pink Shirt Day anymore.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster



Netball Premiers v Epsom  
Girls Grammar

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Rugby Boys 1st XV v Auckland  
Grammar

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## Super Saturday lives up to its name



Super Sport Saturday saw a huge turnout of teams and supporters in a wonderful finale to our Centenary Sports Week celebrations.

There were home games across various codes and grades but the first of our three big Premier showdowns got underway with our Football Boys 1st XI up against Auckland



Grammar.

The visitors scored the only goal of the game and defended that lead with huge determination.

Our Netball Premiers were next up, playing EGGs in a packed-out gym, coming out on top 26-24 in a fast-paced game.

Finally, our Rugby Boys 1st XV successfully defended the Jubilee Cup against Auckland Grammar as part of Centenary Sports Week.

While MAGS scored an early try, the first half was a tight tussle with MAGS leading 12-10 going into the break.

The second half saw MAGS start to dominate, eventually running out comfortable winners, 37-10.

At the after-match, held in the W.O.H. Gibbs Room (aka the new staffroom), Albertian Paul Butler (a former Head Prefect and member of the 1972 1st XV) congratulated the 1st XV on their win and presented the Jubilee Cup to MAGS captain Riki Ruben (as pictured above).

Sir Bryan Williams had the responsibility of picking Player of the Day, and presented that award (the Eddie Wilson Cup) to lock Ben Skelton, who scored two tries in a great all-round performance.

You can see Photo Essays from all three games [here](#)



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**Audiences rapt with powerful performances**



This week, Level 2 Drama staged *Noughts and Crosses* to another sold-out season.

HOD Drama Carmela Hughes, who co-directed with Drama teacher Grace Augustine, said, "The students have been working toward this production for three months and absolutely rose to the occasion in presenting such an emotional story. Responses from the audiences were overwhelmingly positive, with special mention of how powerful the performances were.

"A special commendation must be made to two Level 3 Drama students who graciously filled in due to Covid-19-related absences.

"Lastly, it has to be noted that this was a bittersweet ending to an era in the old Dance and Drama rooms as we move into the new Performing Arts spaces."





*Photos / Carmela Hughes*

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**Board Show and Market Evening is back!**

# Centenary Board Show & Business Market Evening

Thursday 9th June, 2022 4:30-6:30pm GT Building

## PAINTING, DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAYS



Come see the latest work created by this year's Visual Art students

## BUSINESS STUDIES MARKET STALLS



Business Studies students will facilitate market stalls offering handmade gifts and tasty snacks

**BRING CASH!**

Enjoy **LIVE** performances from

### DRAMA



### DANCE



### MUSIC



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One of the highlights of the school calendar is coming up next month – our Board Show and Business Market Evening.

Come and see the latest work by our Visual Art students and buy handmade gifts and snacks from our Business Studies students. There will also be Dance, Drama and Music performances throughout. And bring cash!

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## Gloriana gains expert assistance





*Gloriana Choir Director Catherine Oxenham, Associate Choir Director Ruth Pearson and choral specialist Kate Bell.*

Gloriana continues to work hard in the build-up to the Big Sing competition on June 15. On Wednesday, they were delighted to rehearse with choral specialist Kate Bell, BA MMus. Kate is a professional choir director, arranger, composer and singing teacher. Gloriana's Choir Director Catherine Oxenham and Associate Choir Director Ruth Pearson initiated the masterclass, confident they were up to the challenge of working with an industry expert.

Mrs Oxenham said, "They did a beautiful job rising to the challenge. The choir also had the opportunity to work with professional accompanist and Big Sing regular Juan Kim during the school holidays. Juan will be accompanying them at the competition."

Gloriana will be having an open dress rehearsal on Monday, June 13 between 8.45am and 10.15am in the School Hall. Spectators welcome.

Mrs Oxenham said, "Many thanks to Ms Cesan for her support in the lead-up to this event."

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## **Geographers brave foul weather**



Just over 100 Year 13 Geography students braved the torrentially wet and windy conditions at Muriwai and Pt Chevalier beaches yesterday. They were conducting field research as part of their internal assessment requirements. Specifically, students investigated how interacting natural processes operate differently between the west and east coasts. Despite the very challenging work conditions and being drenched and windblown, it was a learning experience that was very productive and will not be forgotten.

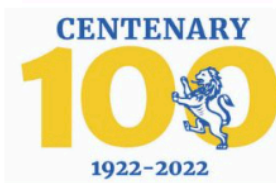




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## Centennial Events on sale now

Tickets are now on sale for two of our MAGS Centenary events – our Reunion Drinks (Friday, September 30) and the MAGS Centenary Dinner (Saturday, October 1). You can buy tickets for the Reunion Drinks [here](#) and for the Centenary Dinner [here](#)



# Ticketed Centenary Events

Mt Albert Grammar School Centenary 2022

 **Reunion Drinks Evening** - all decades  
Friday 30th September, 6pm (\$35 & Cashbar)  
F.W Gamble School Hall, MAGS.

 **MAGS Centenary Dinner**  
Sat. 1st October, 6pm (\$125 & Cashbar)  
Grand Millennium Hotel, Mayoral Drive, Auckland.

**Limited Tickets On Sale From 1st May**  
Join the Albertians and/or buy tickets at  
<https://mags100.ptly.com/nz/mags/#centenaryevents>



## Get your Centenary apparel now!



MAGS Official Centenary apparel is now available to order, with more Centenary merchandise to be added over the coming months.

Available now are stylish hoodies, rugby jerseys, basketball singlets, caps, beanies, ties, scarves and face masks – all in MAGS colours and most of them boasting the Centenary logo.

You can order MAGS Centenary apparel [here](#)





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## Albertian Artists in the Frame



5 - 7 August 2022

Centenary Art Show

Mount Albert Grammar School



### Hugo Harvey

MAGS alumnus Hugo Harvey is the artist behind the lead image which appeared on the MAGS Art Show billboard in 2021. He is returning to exhibit in the show this centenary year. New Zealand-born and Auckland-based, his talents encompass and blend painting, design, architecture and teaching.

After leaving MAGS in 2015, Hugo studied for a Bachelor of Architectural Studies at the University of Auckland. His thesis for his Master of Architecture brought his developing parallel interests and practices together, focusing on design methodologies for early childhood education centres in New Zealand.

For the last five years, Hugo has worked as a freelance artist and taught architectural media and design at Auckland University, as well as art in Auckland schools. He is fascinated by the intersection of art and architecture and the potential of these converging disciplines in the process of place making and identity. His paintings often explore the dynamic between figures and space, drawing inspiration from close friends and his time spent studying architecture while travelling abroad.

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## 96 Years Ago Today

A visit to the Tongariro National Park in 1926 was not for the faint-hearted.

Messrs Worley and Tait led a party of boys. They arrived at the Waimarino Station at 3.45am one Saturday morning and set off immediately for the Whakapapa huts.

“The night was pitch black, but nothing could be seen save the blurred mass of the mountain ... as we walked along in little groups, stumbling and splashing in the darkness over the rough road.”

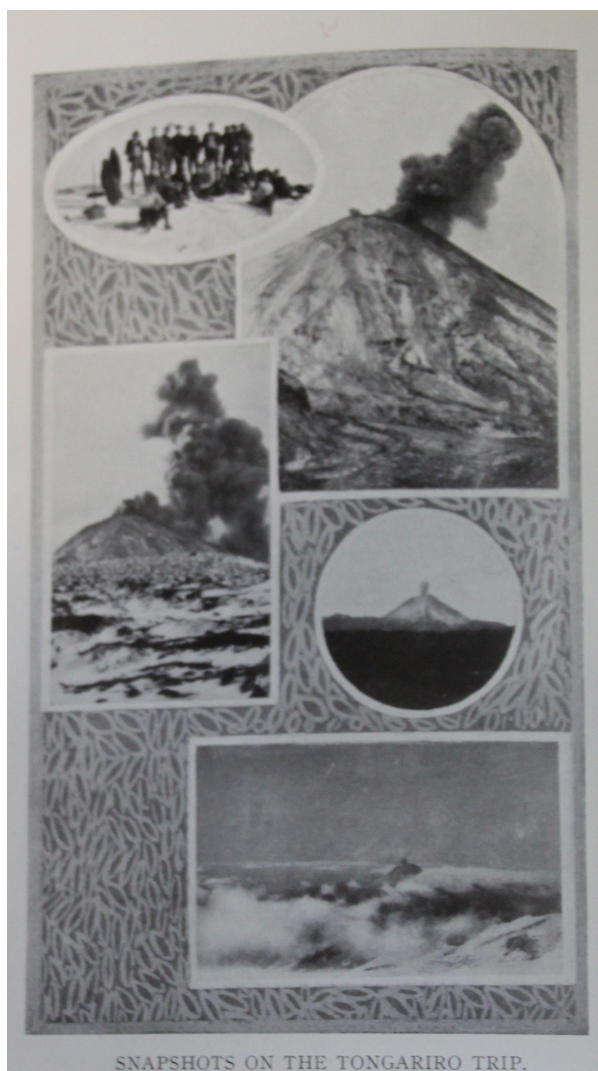
The next morning, after breakfast, they set off at 5am to climb Mt Ruapehu. They got to the rim of the crater with a stiff, cold win during the whole ascent.

The next day they set off to the Silica Springs. There was an eruption on Ngauruhoe. “We were over 10 miles distance from the mountain, yet great masses of lava being hurled thousands of feet into the air was plainly visible.”

The next day they tramped to the mountain and started climbing it. Health and safety did not exist. “We climbed a good deal up the side of the cone but ... a shower of rocks which

bounded down the side warned us that it was not safe to proceed farther."

You can see more images like this one (part of the recently added Set 75) on our website's [Historical Images](#) section, compiled and annotated by our Archivist Mr Murphy.



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## Masks still mandatory on public transport

A reminder that masks are still mandatory on public transport AND any school transport. Auckland Transport advises, "A face mask must be worn on-board and while you are waiting at stations if you are a Year 4 and above, as well as adults. This includes school buses, bus and train stations, bus stops and ferry terminals."

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## Lumino Dental at MAGS from Monday

The Lumino the Dentists Mobile Unit is scheduled to come to MAGS in weeks 4 to 9 (May 23 to June 29).

The Lumino the Dentists School Smiles Programme is fully funded by the Ministry of Health. It offers free dental examinations, oral health education, x-rays and a professional dental clean for students in Year 9 to Year 13 (up until their 18th birthday).

Treatment including white fillings, sealants and extractions of baby teeth are also provided on the school grounds as required. For other treatment not completed on board the unit,



you will be referred to your local practice or orthodontic specialist.  
Please click [here](#) for more information, contact details and for enrolment in the programme.

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## Sports Update

### Strong showing at Cross-Country



On Tuesday, 34 students competed at the North/West Cross-Country Zone. This included a large contingent of junior students, which is promising for future years. The conditions were overcast and made for comfortable running throughout the day. In the Junior Girls category, MAGS students put on a strong showing with Nina Chalmers (Year 10) finishing 2nd and Peggy Taylor (Year 9) coming 4th. In the Junior Girls Three-Person Category, Nina and Peggy combined with Macy Hains (Year 9, 13th overall) to win the category. In the Six-Person category, these three girls were joined by Anna Batcheler, Isabel Spreitzer and Maddie Earley to finish 2nd. Myles Kelly (Year 9) continued his strong showing from athletics and school cross-country to finish 6th in the Junior Boys section. His placing helped Mount Albert Grammar finish 3rd in the Junior Six-Person category, which included Ty Gonzales, Blake Climo, William Wood, Jamie White and Duke Gilbert (all Year 9). Bella Houghton (Year 12) finished a credible 6th in a small but strong Senior Girls section. This was her first distance run since the school cross-country late last term. Some of these students will now progress to the Auckland Secondary School Champs, which will be held on June 2. A big thanks goes to Jenny Spreitzer and Mr Dempster, who assisted with marshalling on the course throughout the day.





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**Upcoming Premier Sport**



Today, our Badminton Premier Open team plays Botany Downs at 5pm at Auckland Badminton.

Our Premier Girls Basketball team is at home tonight, playing Westlake Girls at 6pm, but the Boys game against Westlake Boys has been deferred to May 30 at 6pm at MAGS.

Also at 6pm today, our Football Boys 1st XI face Sacred Heart at Bill McKinlay Park.

Tomorrow, our Netball Premiers take on Diocesan at 9.30am, at Auckland Netball, and the Rugby Boys 1st XV host St Kentigern on the Sir BG Williams Field at 2.30pm.

On Wednesday at 4pm, there are three big games: the Football Girls 1st XI play Baradene at Michaels Ave, the Rugby League 1st XIII play Southern Cross on the Sir BG Williams Field, and the Hockey Boys 1st XI play Pukekohe High at Lloyd Elsmore Park.

Draws for the Thursday games for Lacrosse Premier Girls and Hockey Girls 1st XI had yet to be released.

For more fixtures and results, click [here](#)

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