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**A Tradition of Excellence**  
9th-14th May 2022



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## From the Headmaster

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## The Real Winner On The Day



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

During the first part of the school year, much time is invested in inducting our Year 9 students into the MAGS environment and culture.

On a daily basis, our newest Albertians are exposed to positive messaging around our

MAGS Way values – **Respect, Honesty, Excellence** – and also the way these values are woven into our Four Pillars – **Academic, Sport, The Arts** and **Service**.

These cornerstones of the MAGS culture are reinforced at every opportunity, and much credit must go to our Senior Students, who provide leadership and guardianship of these values across the school.

But there comes a time when values get tested – when the rhetoric must become reality.

One such occasion was last week at the interschool cross-country championships held in East Auckland.

Ben (pictured left), a Year 9 MAGS student, was well into his junior boys' race when he came across a competitor from another school who was obviously struggling and unwell.

Without worrying about the effect on his own placing, Ben stopped and checked on the other competitor, staying with him until adult help arrived before continuing the race.

What a brilliant example of the MAGS Way in action – and from one of our youngest Albertians!

Thank you Ben – you were certainly the champion on the day!

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

**Monday, June 7**

Queen's Birthday Holiday



**Thursday, June 17**

Board Show and Market  
Evening, 4.30pm, E Block

**Friday, June 25**

MAGS Quiz Night



**Sport**

**Photo Essays**



Football Girls 1st XI

v St Kentigern

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Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm  
Headmaster

**Fixtures and results**  
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## Two paid sailing trips available for Year 12s



A special opportunity for two Year 12 students is available: a sponsored trip with the Spirit of Adventure Trust, a unique New Zealand outdoor adventure and leadership opportunity, supported by our Headmaster, Mr Drumm.

The Spirit of Adventure Trust offers a 10-day voyage on their 33m tall ship, the Spirit of New Zealand, with forty 16-18 year olds sailing around the Hauraki Gulf.

This year, the student-led MAGS Spirit Programme has been established, funding trips for two Year 12 students. This removes all financial barriers from an otherwise \$2500 trip. It is being funded by the Black and White Golfers Trust, with the help of Year 13-led fundraising. Deputy Head Boy William Bell-Purchas, who is helping to lead the initiative, was on a trip with the Spirit of Adventure Trust earlier this year.

He said "Sailing on the Spirit was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that helped me gain so many valuable skills and connected me with people from all walks of life in New Zealand."

This opportunity is especially recommended for those with limited past experience of the outdoors or who are keen to expand their horizons. Applications are open until Friday, June 4, and two students will be selected. You are encouraged to apply through this [form](#), which has further information.



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## Old and new 1st XV captains



One Albertian who is very keen to be at next year's Centennial Celebrations is former 1st XV captain Colin Trotter, pictured with current Rugby Boys 1st XV captain Tama Anderson (left) and vice captain Riki Ruben (right).

Colin caught up with the boys last Saturday when MAGS hosted and defeated Sacred Heart College.

Colin was Head Prefect and captain of the 1st XV in 1952 as well as being Victor Ludorum. He was a student for MAGS' 25th anniversary and has attended the 50th, 60th, 75th and 90th celebrations. We look forward to hosting Colin at the Centennial Celebrations next year.

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## Landed launches new careers



Over the past several months, a new food and fibre careers initiative – Landed – has been developed by the ASB MAGS Farm.

This has been overseen by Farm Project Manager Peter Brice and run by Programme Manager Joan Barendsen. Together they have created a pilot programme with a two-day immersion into the food and fibre sectors. The objective of this is to attract professionals who may have recently been made redundant or are looking at changing careers into the sectors.

The Landed pilot programme has been fully funded by MPI, with the intention to expand on these if successful.

The pilot programme is now over with three workshops held at Alberton House and Wynyard Quarter, and a busy reporting period underway. More than 120 registrations for the workshops came in, with attendees coming from all walks of life and as far away as Waihi to attend.

Businesses presenting ranged from our neighbours at Plant and Food Research, Gallagher – creators of the electric fence, Zespri, Fonterra, Sanford, T & G Global, Ngai Tahu, KPMG and Pukekohe Vege Growers Association. We also had employment-specific workshops, and financial and real estate advice from experienced professionals.

Mr Brice said, "Candidates left exhausted but with eyes wide open to what a career in the food and fibre sectors may look like.

"Overall, a great experience pulling this off and now the data collection for reporting begins. This will help decide the future of the programme and give confidence in the farm being able to host more events."

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## Great opportunities in Music

## URBAN MUSIC GROUP

Calling all rappers, singers, songwriters and music producers.

MAGS has an Urban Music Group starting up on Tuesday, Week 6, after school from 3.30-5.30pm in E8.

The aim of this group is to collaborate with other like-minded students in the school and work to create some original music that can eventually be released as singles onto Spotify, Apple Music or other streaming platforms.

The genres the group will focus on include R&B, Hip Hop, Soul, Pop or Dance music. If you are interested in this, then please contact Mr Grace via email or head to the Dance and Drama office.

Mr Grace has been in the music industry for eight years under the name JSH. If you have a Spotify account, click this [link](#) to see what his sound is like.



## SAMBA DRUMMING GROUP

Mr Naughton is starting a Samba Drumming Group – no experience necessary, just a love of drums and percussion.

Practices will be Wednesdays from 3.15-4.15pm. Come to E7 next Tuesday at lunchtime to learn more and register.

This [video](#) demonstrates a basic samba pattern.

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## Haka building momentum



Class Kaea (Leaders) were announced at assembly this week and yesterday took part in a Haka Master Class, conducted by Whaea Waimirangi Paul and Matua Peter Walters in the



hall.

The Year 9 and Year 10 Kaea (pictured above and below respectively) will help their mentor classes learn the new school haka, Takatū.

Whaea Miri and Matua Peter conducted practice sessions and talked the students through and demonstrated the finer points of creating a powerful haka so they could promote and model Takatū to their classmates, who will take part in an interform haka competition later in the year.

You can see the list of Kaea [here](#)



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## FEM Group hosts Green MP



MAGS' FEM Group hosted Green MP Chloe Swarbrick on Tuesday for a lively Q&A session at lunchtime in the hall.

Ms Swarbrick, who won the Auckland Central seat at the last election, was asked how she got into politics and recalled that it was in 2016 when she was interviewing politicians for a radio show. She became frustrated when she couldn't get satisfactory answers out of them or get them to address issues beyond the superficial. That saw her eventually contest the Auckland mayoralty and, although she lost to Phil Goff, the profile she gained helped her to become a list MP for the Greens in 2017.

During the session, she fielded a range of questions from students about issues such as housing, drug law reform, sexual identity, conformity and activism.



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## Super blood moon over MAGS



On Wednesday night, Mr Alarcon, the leader of MAGS' Astroclub, captured some spectacular images of the super blood moon from the MAGS Observatory.

The photo sequence above shows Mr Alarcon organising and focusing the telescope for the final shot, at right.

He said, "The combination of a full moon, the moon being at its closest point to Earth and a total lunar eclipse made the moon appear rusty red in colour and larger than usual."

You can join [@astroclubmags](https://www.instagram.com/astroclubmags) on Instagram, where Mr Alarcon post dates of observation nights at the MAGS Observatory for students and their families, who can take their own pictures using the telescope.

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## Rock bands strut their stuff

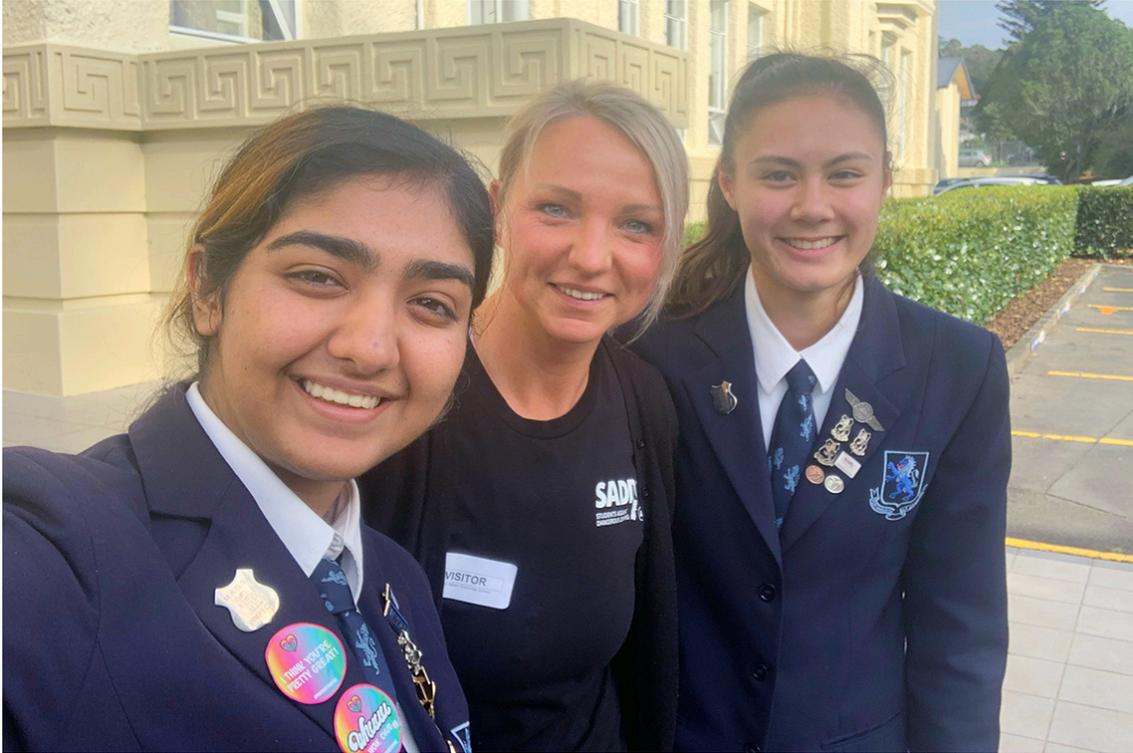


MAGS had three bands competing at the Auckland Central heats of Smokefreerockquest – Borderline, Hex Code and Overcast.

While they didn't make it through to the regional finals, two bands with MAGS drummers got through: The Dawns (with Jack Frear) and TV Racket (with Elliot Smart).

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## SADD members planning ahead



Last week, the Auckland Program Delivery Lead for Students Against Dangerous Driving (SADD) Mia Dins met with prefects and leaders of the MAGS SADD committee Nicole Muir and Reet Kamra (pictured above) to discuss future plans of the committee.

The committee has made 'Ball Packs' for Year 13s in the past and is looking to do more activities around school to promote road safety, including the 2021 Safer September Initiative at MAGS that will be held in Term 3. The ball packs have information cards around road safety and sober driving, and goodies from Auckland Transport.

Mia was intrigued to learn that the MAGS SADD committee has more than 60 members and says that it is the largest group that they have seen nationwide.

Reet and Nicole added, "We are very excited to work with Mia and the SADD organisation this year, and potentially collaborate with other schools affiliated to the organisation."

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## Art Show wants you!

# THE MAGS ART SHOW COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!



We're looking for new volunteers to help us bring the MAGS Art Show weekend to life 13-15 August 2021



We'd love your help across a range of activities;

- Gala Night
- Artwork Receiving
- Weekend Sales Desk
- Packdown... or even if you're handy with a hammer!

Please express your interest by contacting Wick Nixon, email [magsfom@gmail.com](mailto:magsfom@gmail.com)

## Sports Update

### Swimming Champions recognised



At assembly this week, we recognised our overall Swimming champions for 2021. Front row, from left: Edie Ancell (Senior Girls Champion), Khalen Quensell (Junior Girls Champion), Amber George (Intermediate Girls Champion).

Second Row: Hunter Dobson (Intermediate Boys Champion), TJ Murray (Senior Boys Champion), Palepua Afoa (Junior Boys Champion).

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## Riding high at NISS



Mia Cato (Year 12) and her horse Simulator represented MAGS as part of a composite team at the North Island Secondary Schools Horse Trials, held last weekend in Taupo. The two-day event involved Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country. Mia cleared the Show Jumping round and the Cross Country with no time faults. She placed 10th overall in her class, and the composite team came 3rd overall in their division.



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## Upcoming Premier Sport



Today at 5pm, the Badminton Premier team face ACG Parnell at Auckland Badminton. Our Premier Basketball teams are at home again tonight, with the Girls hosting Carmel at 6pm, and the Boys facing off against Rosmini at 7.30pm.



Our Netball Premiers are in action tomorrow at Auckland Netball Centre, facing St Cuthbert's at 11.30am. Tomorrow is a big day for sport at MAGS, with the Football Boys 1st XI kicking off at midday against Auckland Grammar, followed at 2.30pm by the Rugby Boys 1st XV, who have a second home game in a row, this one against Kelston Boys.

On Monday, the Rugby Girls 1st XV play Auckland Girls Grammar at 4pm on the Sir BG Williams Field. Later that evening, the Premier Basketball teams are back in action, playing at Westlake Boys High. The Girls tip off at 6pm against Westlake Girls, and the Boys against Westlake Boys at 7.30pm. On Wednesday, the Football Girls 1st XI are at home when they play Western Springs at 4pm. At the same time, the Rugby League 1st XIII are away to Southern Cross, and our Squash Premiers play Westlake Boys at MAGS at 4.15pm. At 5pm, the Hockey Boys 1st XI are away to Avondale College.

On Thursday, the Hockey Girls 1st XI play away to St Cuthbert's at 4pm.

The Lacrosse Girls Premiers are also scheduled to play on Thursday, with the draw yet to be released.

For updated fixtures and the latest results, click [here](#)

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