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From the Headmaster

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Centennial House – Boarding for Girls at MAGS



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Outside the property proposed for the Girls' Hostel at the time it was bought are, from left, Board of Trustees Chair Greg Moyle, Headmaster Patrick Drumm, and Associate Principal Jo Williams.

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

Ninety-five years ago, with MAGS still in its infancy, the then Headmaster Fred Gamble convinced the School Board at the time to purchase a large house in New North Road for the purposes of creating a boarding house for boys.

Over the years, *School House* has unquestionably been a driver of culture in the school – a centre of excellence from which countless outstanding Albertians have emerged.

Fast forward to today and history is about to be repeated with the soon-to-be-opened *Centennial House* – a boarding facility for girls located in a neighbourly street six minutes' walk from the school gates.



Monday, November 22

Juniors return to school
NCEA Exams start

Tuesday, December 14

NCEA Exams end

MAGS girls have been an intrinsic part of our school journey for the past 22 years, and the decision to provide them with boarding opportunities from next year is significant.

This inaugural group of girls will be charged with laying the foundation for girls boarding at MAGS into the future – in a similar way to the legacy created by that first group of House Boys in 1927.

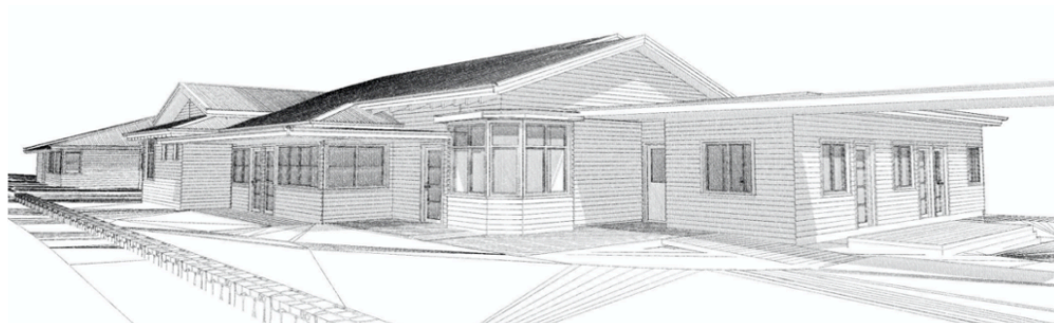
Our Centennial celebrations promise to be a combination of gratitude for the past coupled with hope for our future.

Centennial House will stand as a symbol of that promise as we call on our first girl boarders to help lead us into the second 100 years of the MAGS story.

Have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster

Girls' Hostel opening next year



We are excited to announce that from Term 2, 2022 we will be able to offer our girls the opportunity to board at Mount Albert Grammar School in Centennial House. 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

Arts Lions announced

The recipients of the Arts Lions have been announced for 2021. These students are the highest achievers in Music, Performing and Visual Arts and Culture

across Arts Performance, Creative Leadership and Arts Academia.

YEAR 13

RE-AWARD: Ullrich Von Reiche, Lucy Woodall, Samara Brain, Laura Muir, Tali Afele, Marcus Savelio, Willa Mickle, Maitreyi Jaywant, Fairuz Khairunnisa.

NEW AWARD: Gilla Nguyen, Mekal Covic, Henri Blakeley, Holly Appleby, Charlotte Mann, Justin Hemara, Nofolisi Halo, Oliver Bulman, Matthew Denby, Reet Kamra, Grace Duan, Ella Vuetilovoni, Kavita Sayers, Quinn Pham, Daniel Zhan, Elka Aitchison, Xavier Milbank, William Bell-Purchas, Dasha Leonhartsberger, Chloe Innes, Wilhelmina Heeringa, Jasper Cameron, Ruby Wilson, Rahul Hendriksen, Breanna Waka, Rosa Jack, Jessica Gurnsey.

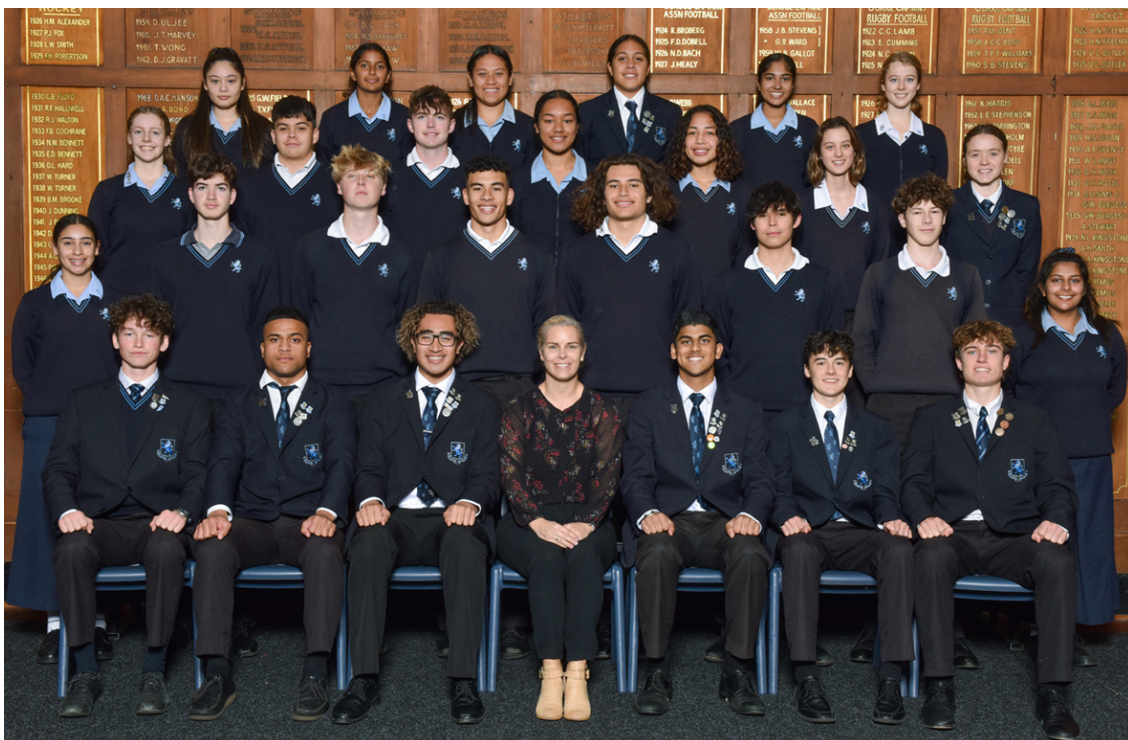


YEAR 12

RE-AWARD: Sonia Airehrour.

NEW AWARD: Josh Li, Max Cumberpatch, Daisy Purdon, Isaac Chisholm, Isaiah Ninn, Manas Chigurukota, Sam Mandeno Clay.

Sports Awards nominations



Pictured above are our 2021 Sports Captains:

Back Row: Shantelle Lee, Anjali Panchia, Serenity Smith-Nansen, Sylvia Brunt, Shivani Unka, Sofia Skinner

3rd Row: Isla Marsh, Tama Anderson, Ryan Earley, Dellwyn Fiso, Tiger-Lily Cocker-Lemalie, Maya Azam, Hannah Adye

2nd Row: Samara Dullabh, Jacob Wolf, Max Hancock, Phoenix Sorensen, Morgan Aiono, Tarin Love, Paul Beyer, Saira Khan

Front Row: Vadim Kok, Stanley Longi, Justin Hemara, Ms A Wright (Director of Sport), Keertivaasan Prakash, Angus Edwards, Luke Clements

Absent: Amelia Alizadeh, Hamesh Govind, Hanna Porter, Trinity Timaloa, Daniel Finch, Aquila Pullen

The nominees for the top prizes in the 2021 Sports Awards have been announced. Natalie Brook (1st XI Football, Senior A Squash, 1st XI Cricket), Sylvia Brunt (1st XV Rugby, Rugby 7s, Waka Ama, Athletics, TAG Football, Premier Mixed Touch) and Gabby Murare (Premier Softball, 1st XV Rugby, TAG Football) are in the running for Victrix Ludorum, while Tama Anderson (1st XV Rugby, Rugby 7s, Premier Mixed Touch), Luke Clements (Athletics, Aquathon, Road Race and Cross Country, 1st XI Hockey) and Ben Skelton (Athletics, Premier Boys Basketball, 1st XV Rugby) are nominees for Victor Ludorum.

The 'Achievement in Sport' nominees (Girls) are pole vaulter Hannah Adye, rugby player Sylvia Brunt and netballer Delwyn Fiso. Athlete Luke Clements, squash player Tarin Love and softball player Brendan Kopu-Lowerson are the Boys nominees.

There are 10 nominees for team of the year: Cricket Boys 1st XI, Football Girls 1st XI, U17 Rowing Pair, Rugby Boys 1st XV, Rugby Girls 1st XV, Orienteering Boys, Squash Boys Premiers, Softball Boys Premiers, NZSS Swim Team and Mixed Premier Touch.



Juniors return to school

We are excited about our Year 9 and 10 students returning to school on Monday, November 22.

Year 9 and 10 students will continue with online learning next week, from Monday, 15 November to Thursday, 18 November, and will have Friday, 19 November as a final work completion and catch-up day at home.

They will then be in a great position to return to onsite learning for Week 6 – Monday, 22 November.

We appreciate that the return to school will take some re-adjusting, and we will continue to operate our current reduced timetable structure with the day starting at 9.00am, having shorter lesson and break times through the day, and finishing at 2.30pm.



A letter about Juniors returning to school was emailed to parents yesterday.

You can read the full letter [here](#)

Arrangements for Seniors

For Seniors, next week is designated as a week for independent study with NCEA exams commencing Week 6 – Monday, 22 November.

That said, while senior timetables will no longer operate, we know it is important to offer onsite tutorials, and/or assessment completion opportunities, previously unavailable. This may be for Scholarship students to attend subject-specific extended tutorials; this may be for students who are working with teachers to complete final internal assessments; this may be subject-specific tutorial blocks on offer via their teachers.

Please note that these tutorial days for Years 11-13 will run across Monday, 15 to Thursday, 18 November, excluding Friday because this is the last day for teachers to finalise and enter

Unexpected Event Grades for submission to NZQA.

We understand that some students may like to come in and study at school, and so our school hall will be set up for exam conditions and made available for senior students to use as a study space.

As a Health and Safety measure, any student coming on-site must be in correct school uniform and sign into either the Hall register or with the teachers they have arranged to meet.

A letter about these arrangements was sent out to Year 11-13 parents yesterday.

You can read the full letter [here](#)



Shearing time on the Farm



Unlike the rest of Auckland, our sheep and lambs got a much-needed 'haircut' on Monday when more than 40 went under the clippers on the ASB MAGS Farm.

Keanau Davis-Andrews, who works on the Gibbs Farm sculpture park on the Kaipara Harbour, did the honours with the help of Farm Manager Peter Brice.

Scholarship practice exams



Last Saturday, 40 students completed Scholarship practice examinations in the FW Gamble Hall.

About 100 practice exams have been sat by MAGS students so far.

These students have shown tenacity and resilience during turbulent times, a credit to themselves and their teachers, who set and marked the papers in short time.

Jobs and apprenticeships available

The following opportunities are available to apply for **NOW**. School leavers interested in any of the below please email Mrs Connor – jconnor@mags.school.nz.

Amenity Horticulture (Urban Gardening) – Apprenticeship

Business Apprenticeship program – Scholarship available

Electrical – Apprenticeship

Electrical – fabrication switch/control gear (keen to learn use of hand and power tools)

Outdoor Equipment – Junior Technician – servicing outdoor power

Equipment including mowers. Ultimately becoming an Apprentice and qualifying in “ Small Engines”.

Construction – concrete specialist – foundations, driveways, hard landscaping etc. Junior role, leading to qualification and supervisor role.

Mast – Marine & Specialised Tech – covering:

- Marine – boatbuilding, marine systems engineering, powerboat systems, sail-making, interior and exterior coatings, marine electrical, marine interiors, upholstery
- Composites – working with carbon fibre and fibreglass in composite production over a wide range of industries such as aeronautical, architecture, military, automotive and marine
- Marina – boatyard and marina operations

Tiling Company – learning the basics with scope for career development.

Arborist – well-paid apprenticeship opportunity available (tree cutting/pruning)

Engineering – Machine turning and sheet metal workers sought (two roles).

Apprenticeships available to those keen and motivated.

Furniture Making – Woodworker – learning to build custom furniture. Apprenticeship available to motivated student.

Upholsterer – learning the skill of cutting and covering new furniture. Apprenticeship available to keen student.

Civil Construction (Roading) – labouring job opportunities available.

Mentor class photos



Mentor teachers have finished distributing Years 11-13 class photos and individual portraits.

Any remaining Seniors photos can be collected from the Student Centre through to the end of the year, including over the exam period.

For Years 9-10, their photos will be distributed through their mentor classes in the days after students return on Monday, November 22.

Christmas ham fundraiser

Neat Meat is running a Christmas ham fundraiser with \$10 from each ham it sells to people using the 'MAGS' code donated to our school.

Half hams sell for \$85, and whole hams for \$145. They can be collected from our school hall on December 14.

For more information about how to order and collect, click [here](#)



Mount Albert Grammar School

CHRISTMAS HAM FUNDRAISER

\$10 donated to your school for every ham sold

Two Options:

New Zealand Free Farmed
HALF HAM On The Bone
4.2kgs - \$85 Each

OR

New Zealand Free Farmed
WHOLE HAM On The Bone
8kgs - \$145

To purchase, visit neatmeatstore.com
Type your school in the search bar: Mount Albert
Grammar
Select a ham and use the code 'MAGS'



Sports Update

Open water training



With the ocean warming up, our MAGS Swim Team has hit the water in preparation for the New Zealand Open Water Championships, held in Taupo in January. Director of Aquatics Mitch Nairn said, "Sadly, with indoor and outdoor pools still shut down

during this current alert level, this is the next best training tool for our team to be utilising as well as dry land sessions. The team is happy to finally be back together and are enjoying doing something they love so much!"

You can see a video of the team training [here](#)

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