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



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## From the Headmaster

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## Celebrations and Credits



### Key Dates



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

Our senior students complete their academic year today and move into fulltime preparation for the upcoming NCEA examinations.

Recent weeks have seen groups gathering together for awards dinners and prizegivings to celebrate the breadth of activities we offer at MAGS. Despite the disruption to the year, students can be proud of what has been achieved to date.

Getting to the end of the school year is an achievement in itself, and students must draw confidence from the way they have persevered throughout the year.

The academic pillar takes centre stage over the next few weeks. With up to 20% of additional credits that can be potentially gifted to students, there can be no excuse for not achieving the relevant NCEA Certificate qualification.

The quantity and quality of preparation in the days ahead will directly translate into the quantity and quality of NCEA credits achieved.

There is still so much to be gained from 2020 – and a great opportunity to reclaim the year as a success for every student.

'Per Angusta Ad Augusta'

Enjoy the weekend.

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

#### Tuesday, November 10

Senior Prizegiving, 10am, FW Gamble Hall

School Ball, 6pm, Ellerslie Event Centre

#### Thursday, November 12

Te Puna o Wairaka Prizegiving Dinner, Te Mahurehure Marae, 7pm

#### Thursday, November 19

Teacher Only Day



### Sport

#### Photo Essay



Junior Boys Softball

Click [here](#)

## Celebrating Pasifika achievement



Achievement across Academia, Arts, Service and Sport was celebrated at the Pasifika Prizegiving Dinner on Friday, 30 October at Sorrento in the Park.

Deputy Head Girl Ronette Va'ai and Tali Afele welcomed guests, and were also recipients of some of the top awards.

Ronette shared the Ulugia-Pua award for Outstanding service to Mount Albert Grammar School and the Ah Kuoi Family Cup for Service to MAGS Pasifika with Iosefa Ulugia-Pua, and shared the Tupuola Apisaloma Taulapiu Cup for Cultural Leadership with Ezra Munokoa. Tali shared the Peter Su'a Dux Artium award with Tuiaki 'Otulau.

Ruby Maoate (pictured right) and Iosefa Ulugia-Pua were named Best All Round Pasifika Students, and Ruby, who has won a Top Achiever Scholarship from the University of Auckland, was named Top Year 13 Pasifika Scholar.

Leilani Ginnen and Marcus Savelio were named Top Year 12 Pasifika Academic and Best All Round Year 12 Pasifika Students, while Lorielle Cowley and Kaemon Ah Kuoi-Simich were named Top Year 11 Pasifika Academic and Best All Round Year 11 Pasifika Students. Top All-Round Pasifika Students in Year 10 were Josie Gaoa and Isaiah Fale.

The Year 13 Pasifika Boys Siva Samoa featured students and staff showing off their dance moves, and preceded the special awards in Arts, Sports and Service.

The top sportspeople were Sataan Tawera and Latonya Lole.

The Village Community Trust Award for services to the Pasifika Council was won by Ezra

Munokoa and Halle Fatuleai.

The Pasifika Leavers' Video provided a humorous riff on school life, and that was followed by the Year 13 Tualuga, with staff, including Year 13 Dean Mr Coup (pictured below) and Deputy Principal Mr Stradwick showing off some outrageous moves as they danced with the students.

You can see more photos from the evening and a full list of winners [here](#)

*Photos by Talisa Gan-Setu and Pasilika  
Ulugia-Pua*



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## Service Lions recognised



The Service Lions of 2020 were awarded on Wednesday to 102 well-deserving students at a Special Assembly in the F.W. Gamble Hall.

MCs for the event were Deputy Head Girl Ronette Va'ai and Prefect Flynn Lakeman, who introduced guest speaker Ben Greenwood, an Albertian and Revo Tour director. Revo Tour, which focuses on teenagers' physical and mental wellbeing, has conducted activations at MAGS that have involved basketball and dancing competitions among other activities.

Mr Greenwood (pictured right) spoke about the small acts of kindness that could make someone's day or even change their lives. He said he was having a tough time at high school until someone extended the hand of friendship to him. The theme of his speech was 'You make a living by what you get but you make a life by what you give'. He said that giving and helping others would – above all other things – see students living a fulfilling and happy life.



A Service Lion is awarded to those students who have served the school and the wider community for a sustained period of time.

Students were awarded the Lions for services to the Performing Arts, Visual Arts, the

Library, Technology, Pasifika, School House, and the wider school community. They were read by Mr Cave and presented by Headmaster Patrick Drumm and Mr Greenwood. As a musical interlude, the Gloriana Girls Choir performed *Gloria Festiva*, conducted by Dr Atchison.

You can see more photos and the full list of recipients [here](#)

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## Sports Lions and special trophies



At a Sports Assembly on Wednesday, Sports Lions were presented to new recipients (pictured above) and special trophies were awarded to MAGS top sportspeople (pictured below).

Sports Lions are earned by accruing points for representing the school at Premier level or competing at tournaments. Those who have been re-awarded a Sports Lion will be presented with them at their Year Level Assembly.

You can see more photos and the full list of Sports Lions and Trophy Winners [here](#)



## Fourth Calcex title proves elusive



Last Friday, MAGS senior mathematicians competed at Calcex, aiming to keep their unbeaten run going.

MAGS has won all three events since the competition started.

Due to COVID-19 and the timing of the event this year, there was only the one local competition held, with a select number of East Auckland schools taking part as well as MAGS.

Our Year 13 team made up of Caitlin Mitchell, Alex Pullen, Tri Tran and Junjian Zhang (pictured above) came 1st-equal with Macleans College on 70 points at the final buzzer. Unfortunately, MAGS went on to lose the title on the tiebreaker question.

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## Spoken Word team in final tomorrow

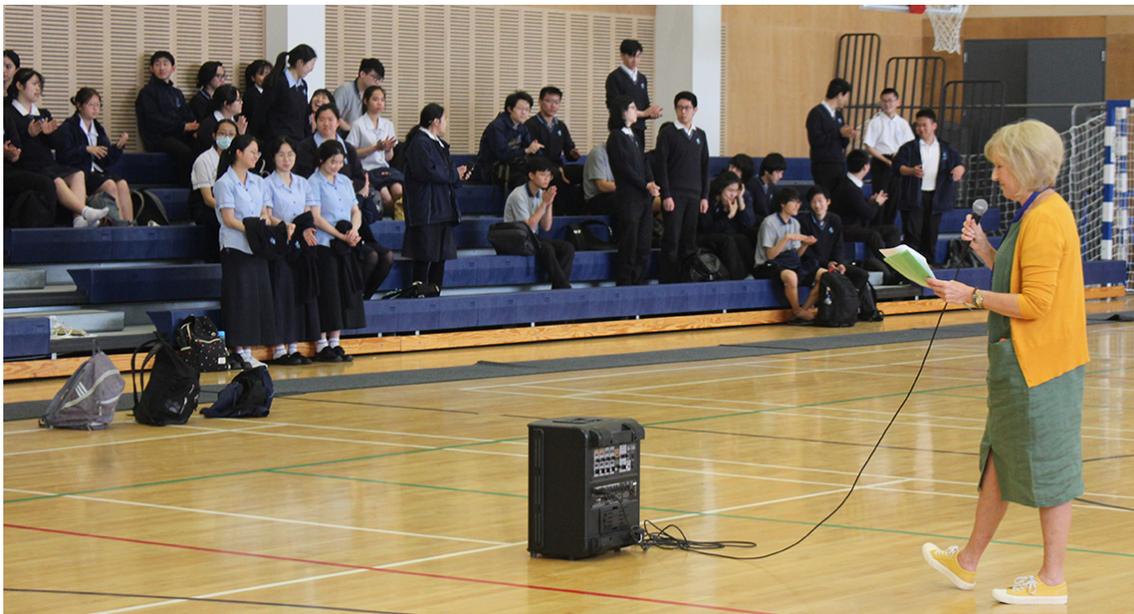
The MAGS Spoken Word team is appearing in the Word – The Frontline Grand Slam competition tomorrow night. MAGS also made the final last year in what is a fiercely contested event. Despite the disruptions caused by COVID-19, the team of Ryan Shen, David Laxon, Reet Kamra, Sonia Airehrour, Abby Irwin and Katherina Cooper-Light won through to the final, which is at the Aotea Centre's Herald Theatre at 7pm tomorrow.

You can buy tickets [here](#)



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## Final International Assembly



International Students had their final assembly for the year on Tuesday, with International Director Bronwyn Watts (pictured) thanking the International Council for their work in a disrupted year, and congratulating the Year 13s on completing high school. Students staying in New Zealand over the summer break were encouraged to take part in some of the activities organised for them by the International Department.

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## Living the high life



Our 11 Outdoor Education classes were truly able to develop their interpersonal skills, with emphasis on effective communication, problem-solving and cooperation, while taking part in a three-day tramp in the Kauaeranga Valley. This consisted of tramping up to the Pinnacles Hut, on-track and off-track navigation to the Billygoat Basin campsite, shelter building and group cooking.

TIC Ms Ripley said, "There was amazing weather, a few visitors at night (possums), and a cold dip in the Main Dam. Thank you to Mr J. Bougen and Miss Goff for their help on this trip."



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Until November 15, Noel Leeming Ltd is offering special pricing to the MAGS Community on a very large range of goods at the **St Lukes MEGA Centre Store in Wagener Place**, which is much larger than the store inside the mall. Please read this [flyer](#) carefully to see what is on offer.

Until November 17, Torpedo 7 is also offering special pricing. Please note from this [flyer](#) that this offer is for any store in the Auckland region and also for online purchases.

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## Albertians luncheon & AGM



Our end of year Albertians Luncheon – preceded by the Albertians Association AGM – will be held at School House on Tuesday, 24 November.

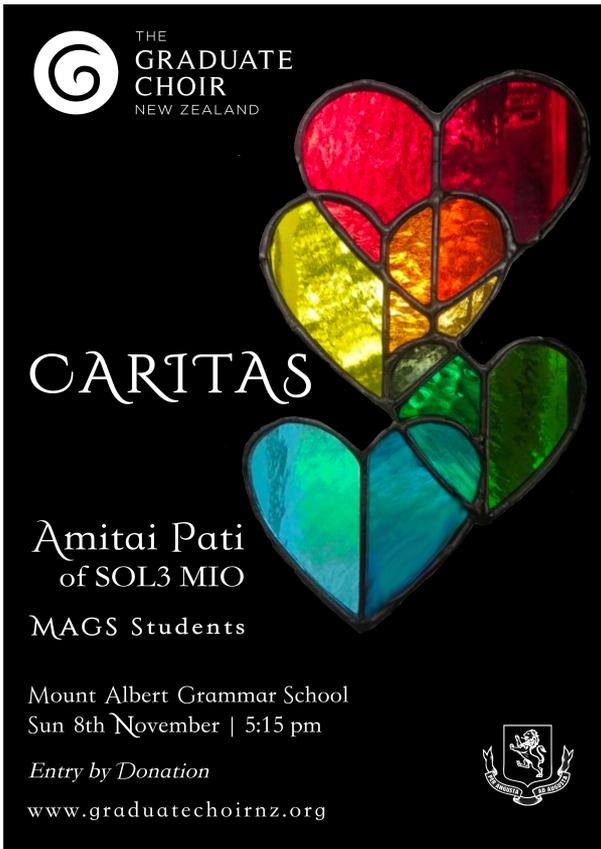
The AGM is at 12.15pm, and the luncheon at 12.30pm. At the luncheon, our Headmaster Patrick Drumm will welcome guests and speak about our Centenary plans for 2022.

The cost of the luncheon is \$35 per person. Payment can be prepaid online to the Albertians Association account (12 3029 0376398 00) using your first name and surname as a reference – or by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at School House on the day.

**Please RSVP by Friday, 13 November** to Emma John, Events Manager, either by email: [events@mags.school.nz](mailto:events@mags.school.nz) or by phone: (09) 846 2044 extn 8198 and leave a message.

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## Choir singing at MAGS



THE GRADUATE CHOIR NEW ZEALAND

CARITAS

Amitai Pati  
of SOL3 MIO

MAGS Students

Mount Albert Grammar School  
Sun 8th November | 5:15 pm

Entry by Donation

[www.graduatechoirnz.org](http://www.graduatechoirnz.org)

MAGS is proud to be hosting the Graduate Choir this Sunday, November 8 in a concert that will also feature our Boys Choir as well as tenor Amitai Pati, who is part of the top-selling and world-renowned SOL3 MIO group.

The Graduate Choir NZ is one of New Zealand's premier mixed voice choirs. It was established in 2001 for school-leavers in South Auckland who wanted to keep singing with their Music Director Terence Maskell, who also oversees our Boys Choir.

The concert starts at 5.15pm in the FW Gamble Hall and entry is by donation.

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## Mercy Hospice Shop seeking volunteers

Mercy Hospice is looking for reliable and mature student volunteers to work in its hospice shop in Stoddard Rd, Mt Roskill.

The organisation prefers Year 12 and Year 13 students, who can not only learn the value of volunteering but also get valuable retail experience. The hours worked can also be put towards the service component for those doing Duke of Ed.

Those interested should contact Volunteer Coordinator Sue Campin at [scampin@mh.org.nz](mailto:scampin@mh.org.nz)

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## Chiropractic online event



## Online Chiropractic Career Talk (Thursday 12 November)

12 November, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm NZDT

The NZ College of Chiropractic is holding an online event next Thursday for those interested in pursuing a career in chiropractic.

The Zoom event will allow participants to connect with current students and graduates, and there will be plenty of time to ask any questions you might have.

You can learn more and RSVP [here](#)

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## Big send-off back in 1935



Headmaster Gamble shakes the hand of David Solomon, who, with a leather suitcase, is about to depart to Great Britain as a member of the All Blacks in 1935.  
You can see more photos like this as part of Historical Images on the MAGS website [here](#)

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## 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, communications 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.

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## Sports update

### Staff v Students cricket match



After batting on Tuesday and setting a target of 85 off their allotted 10 overs, the Staff Cricket Team is confident of defending that total when the Students get their turn at bat.

That was supposed to be yesterday but bad weather has forced the postponement of the Students' reply until December 9.

Cricket Director Mr Sail saw his team provided with a solid foundation by Mr Drumm and Mr Walden, who retired undefeated, and helped by some, at times, wayward bowling and fielding, which Students Captain Adi Ashok would not be happy about.

Mr Bailey (pictured right) and Mr Knowles held up their ends, chiming in with some valuable runs while Mr Todd (pictured above) put on a display of power hitting to bump up the total.



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