



AUCKLAND GIRLS'  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
PER ANGSTA AD AUGUSTA

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*Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa Lava, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Ni Hao, As-salāmu 'alaykum, Greetings*

## AGGS OPEN DAY 2019

Thursday 30 May 9.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m

If you have any friends or family who are interested in their daughter/s attending AGGS in 2020 please will you tell them about our **Open Day**.

**Our senior students will lead school tours throughout the morning and our Principal will give short talks at 10 a.m, 11 a.m and 12 noon.**

For those parents and girls who are unable to attend during the day we will also be holding an

### Information Evening on Thursday 30th May from 6.30 to 8 p.m.

All prospective students and their parents are very welcome to attend this evening.

The evening will be useful for students who are interested in enrolling into Nga Tuamako o Kahurangi, our Maori Whanau Unit.

Auckland Girls' welcomes enrolments from throughout the Auckland region.

More information about enrolments for 2020 will be on our website [www.aggs.school.nz](http://www.aggs.school.nz) shortly

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2019

*Step forward for our school*

**By 10 May** You should receive in your letter box a nomination form along with a cover letter explaining what you need to do if you are interested in standing as a candidate for the Board election. If you have not received a nomination form by Monday 13 May please call the school on (09) 307 4184

**12 Noon 24 May** Nominations close.

We have **7 vacancies** up for election for the Board. If more than 7 nominations are received an election will be held.

If an election is to be held voting papers, candidate profiles and instructions **will be posted** to all eligible voters a couple of days after nominations close and voting will close on **Friday 7 June**.

**We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and exercise your democratic right by voting for the new Board that will govern our school for the next 3 years.**

Results of the election will be announced to parents on Monday 17 June.

## CONGRATULATIONS KAHURANGI KI MAUNGAWHAU

Our Kapa Haka group, Kahurangi ki Maungawhau competed against 12 other first division Secondary School Groups at the Vodafone Events Centre on 6 April, to decide which four groups would qualify for the 2020 National Secondary School Kapa Haka Competition—and we are delighted and excited to report that Kahurangi ki Maungawhau, the only all girls group in the competition was chosen as one of the four groups and will be going to Nationals 2020.



## MENTORING PROGRAMMES

### Nurture, Information, University - NIU Programme

This is an initiative by the University of Auckland. The purpose of the NIU programme is to provide mentoring and support to Year 13 Pacific Island students. Twenty one Year 13 students who achieved a merit or excellence endorsement have been selected for this programme.

The programme is made up of eight sessions and will run over terms two and three. Four sessions will take place at school and four will take place on campus at the University.

The sessions will help develop students personally and mentally, strengthening awareness of their own abilities and giving them more confidence to navigate their unique tertiary pathway.

### MATES

MATES is a mentoring and tutoring education scheme that provides selected students who have the potential to achieve with a university mentor/tutor. For the past decade MATES has been an effective programme at AGGS. This programme is possible due to a generous contribution from the Great Potentials Foundation and there is no charge to parents.

This year we have 14 students on the programme. The girls meet after school every Wednesday with their mentors until 6 November.

Students on the programme aspire to be engineers, vets, doctors, physiotherapists etc and their mentors have expertise in the pre-requisite subjects they need for entry into university in 2020.

We are very pleased with the results of our students who were on the programme in 2018—with 10 of the 12 students gaining UE and several gaining their NCEA Level 3 endorsed with merit or excellence.

## USA TRIP 2019



During the April school holidays 38 students and four teachers travelled to America on a history trip, visiting monuments, museums and places that we'd only ever read about in books or seen in movies.

Our first stop was Washington where we visited the Smithsonian Institute, the largest research museum in the world, the White House and Washington Mall where we had the opportunity to stand in the place that Martin Luther King Jr delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech.

Highlights of New York included MoMA, the Metropolitan Museum, Little Italy, Times Square and the Yankees vs Red Sox baseball game! In Boston we went to Harvard University, walked along the Freedom trail and visited the JFK museum.

Our last days in the States found us in LA where we went to Disneyland, Universal Studios Hollywood and shopping to round off what was an incredible trip!

Thank you to Ms Stone, Ms Thom, Ms Hughes, Mr Morgan and Lucy for their hard work in organising this trip and for looking after all of us. It was an unforgettable and life changing experience.

**Isabella Van Stipriaan, Head Girl**



L to r Jenna-Lee’s Mum; Julie Spedding, Senior Advisor MOE; Brianna Asiata; Jenna-Lee Tokumua and Vaialupe Talakai , MOE

Congratulations to our Niuean Speech Competition winners, two of whom are pictured here . Three of our students were placed 1st, second equal and third in the Niuean Speech Competition at the ASB Polyfest.

**Brianna Asiata** was placed third in the competition - her speech was titled ‘*The future of NZ depends on me*’

**Voki Moala Fisimatagi Year 13** was placed 2nd equal in the Senior Category —her speech topic was ‘*What opportunities are there in school to support life-long learning?*’ and

**Jenna-Lee Tokimua** was the Overall Niue Speech Competition winner and Overall Niue Senior Winner—her speech was entitled ‘*The future is my inheritance*’. *Well done girls we are very proud of you.*

### MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY—MUNA 2019

**MUNA 2019 will be hosted by AGGS and the East Auckland Rotary Club in the DWC on 17th and 18th May this year.** Approximately 300 students and teachers from throughout the Upper North Island will be attending MUNA.

Students have been split into teams and will debate a number of remits based on current world issues from the perspective of the countries they are representing.

AGGS are entering 3 teams this year representing:

- ◆ United States of America
- ◆ Bahrain and
- ◆ Denmark

The remits that will be debated are as follows:

1. The UN to actively enforce the protection of children's rights in member nations.
2. The UN enforce regulations on global internet platforms to combat the spread of extremism and invasions of privacy
3. The UN member states to implement disarmament to avoid future conflict.
4. The UN to financially support countries who lead the way in fighting climate change.
5. That the UN establish parameters against racism and hate speech and implement guidelines for dealing with the issue.



### PINK SHIRT MUFTI DAY AT AGGS Friday 17 May—Gold coin donation

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tu, Mauri-Ora—Speak up, Stand together, Stop bullying.

In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

All proceeds from the day will go to I Am Hope - the youth and community focused support group run by The Key to Life Charitable Trust, started by Mike King.

## THE AGGS SCHOOL BALL

Friday 10 May 7.15 p.m to midnight

Ellerslie Events Centre

Our annual school ball is always a highlight on the AGGS school calendar and we are looking forward to another great evening on 10 May. Permission letters detailing our expectations for the evening and conditions of entry to the ball have been sent to all Year 12 and 13 parents.

Year 12 and 13 students who are attending the ball and who wish to do so have permission to leave school at 12.45 p.m. on Friday 10 May to prepare for the ball. For students who remain at school afternoon classes will run as normal.

## AGGS PACIFIC SCIENCE HEALTH ACADEMY

The Auckland Girls' Grammar Pacific Health Science Academy was officially launched with a fono in the Study Hall at the beginning of the year.

Parents and students heard inspiring talks from Ms Ashmore and Malcolm Andrews, the Pacific Health Science Academy Coordinator for the District Health Boards.

The students were presented with leis by Puluotu Bruce Levy (General Manager of Pacific Health for Counties Manukau DHB) and Dr David Schaaf (Regional Pacific Workforce Manager for Counties Manukau DHB). It was a vibrant evening and a motivating introduction to the Health Science Academy for our students.

Since then, the Pacific HSA students have been very busy. Our Year 11 students attended a two-day leadership conference in March, our Year 12 students attended their own two-day leadership conference in May and our Year 13 students attended a three-day leadership camp in Hamilton at the end of term. Each event was different but the aim of each was the same – to accelerate leadership potential in our girls.

At each event our girls represented their school with pride and strong AGGS spirit. Many new friendships were formed with the students from the other Academy schools – students that our girls may find soon themselves studying with in the tertiary sector.



The Auckland Girls' Grammar School Pacific Health Academy

You can keep up to date with school events on our school website <http://www.aggs.school.nz/> and in a more informal way on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AucklandGirlsGrammarSchool/>

## MEGASCHOOLS DANCE COMPETITION 2019

On Wednesday 17th April, a team of 30 Auckland Girls' Grammar students represented the school in the annual Megaschools Dance competition. There were 18 schools from across Auckland competing in the Hip Hop event held at Vodafone Events Centre.

The group had a month to choreograph, teach, rehearse and polish the four minute set. The leadership team consisting of Tyla-Maree Witika, Nele Morris-Meredith, Izabella Hawkins, Nooroa Tapaitau and Serena Vaega did an outstanding job in ensuring the team were well rehearsed and flawless on the day. Their dynamic and innovative choreography com-

bined with their emotive performance gained a massive reaction from the crowd. Once again, the overall standard of performance from all of the schools was exceptional

The students thoroughly enjoyed getting to know students from different year levels and the buzz of performing on stage in front of over a thousand people. *The school would like to say a massive thank you to parent Safron Witika who has helped the team for the past five years. With her constant support, the event has run smoothly each year.*



### ALL ABOARD THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

With over 50 strangers on board, 40 of them being students, the Spirit of Adventure taught me how to make a team within ten days.

The days were long and the memories will stay forever. The skills of becoming a leader, sailor, team member and overall friend to 40 people are just some of the many skills I have acquired within such a short period of time. My experience on the Spirit was better than I could have imagined! From glowing dolphins, to amazing views/sunsets and the adrenaline rush when you climb the Midsails!

Travelling along the coast and testing our limits became a lifestyle, just like the morning swims, pool parties, brief-

ings and Smoko (food)!

Spirit allowed me to be my authentic self and to know I will forever have a family amongst the ship which is going to pull me back for more adventures with them!

If ever you are given the opportunity to go aboard the ship, take it, take that chance! You just might be able to see the sign 'BOWLINE BISTRO' in the galley that I designed!

Thank you to the Spirit of Adventure Trust, the Downtown and Western Springs Rotary Clubs for giving me this amazing opportunity.

Lex Macgregor-Hay, Year 13

### YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS GALLERY DAY

At the end of last term Year 12 students visited Artspace, where they caught up with Geneva Alexander-Marsters, an old girl of AGGS. She is Marketing, Media and Communications director at Art Space now. They also visited the Gow Langsford Gallery and the last port of call was to Stark White gallery in K'Rd to see an exhibition of Ani O'Neals work—Ani is also an old girl of AGGS.

## TERM 2 SPORTS

Our students will be competing in 7 sporting codes this term:

- **Badminton** 5 teams competing on Mondays (1) and Wednesdays (4)
- **Basketball** 2 teams (Premier – Fridays , U17 - Thursdays)
- **Football** 2 teams (Senior B - Wednesdays, Senior C - Wednesdays)
- **Lacrosse** 1 team (Fridays)
- **Netball** 7 teams (Saturdays 1 x Premier and 6 x Junior teams)
- **Rugby** (10-a-side) 1 team (Mondays)
- **Rugby League** 1-2 teams

We had great success in our Summer sports and are looking forward to how our teams go in Winter.

Good luck to all our teams.

We are always interested to hear from any parent who may be interested in coaching or managing one of our teams.

Junior Manapori  
Sports Director



On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April our Senior Gold Tag team competed in the Auckland Secondary School Championships the girls did amazingly well to gain second place in an intensive but enjoyable competition final where they represented AGGS with extreme pride in a game that went into overtime.

As their proud coach Mr Richard Kamuhemu said “ We didn’t get the win, but we are growing and learning life lessons in tight situations. “

Congratulations to; Chloe Teariki Mana, Shyla Tkinui, Milania Cairns, Ronise Matini, Darlene Meroiti, Freesia Pokaia, Fatima Abd, Destiny Gagavalo Avealalo, Rosalina Kasipale Paketama, Lyssa-Paige Waipouri, Aлена Jefferson, Natasha Thompson AND Charlie Kaige Kamuhema.

## AN AMAZING WEEK IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

On Sunday the 24th of March, 33 13PED AGGS students left our busy city lives for an extraordinary experience in the outdoors. We travelled on a bus for 6 and a half hours down to the Hillary Outdoors Pursuit Centre in Tongariro. This bus ride was one filled with nervousness and excitement.

Our first proper day at camp was on the Monday, we met our instructors, Karl and Allan, and started off with the typical name games so that we could learn each other’s names. We then headed off to do a bush bash which involved abseiling down a hill that was too steep to just walk down. Then next up was the flying fox which was 80 meters long and went across the Mangatepopo stream. The view when you were hanging and waiting to be pulled back in by the rest of your team was stunning, you were able to see the stream flowing as well as the other scenery surrounding it.

Caving was another activity that we engaged in. We were underground for approximately 3 hours weaving our ways through tight spaces, getting our shoes wet in the freezing cold water which eventually turned into our whole lower body when we had to find a way out and had to squeeze between some rocks and seeing the glow worms light up when our torches were off.

Our overnight expedition was filled with laughter and getting lost a few times. We canoed on Lake Otamangakau and after getting a bit lost we reached where we were going to set up for camp that night. Setting up tents proved to be a bit difficult but we eventually did it. The next morning we left our camp at 9:45am and set off to do a 5km walk back to Hillary Outdoors base. The walk was hilly in parts and we got lost again, a few times; when we saw the road that lead to back to base, we couldn’t have been happier.

From this camp, we were all able to step up to be leaders and gain the confidence we needed to do that. We became a close group that supported each other the whole way through and never let anyone give up. We pushed ourselves out of our comfort zones and it was an amazing feeling of achievement when we successfully completed the challenges set for us. Overall they were five awesome days that changed all of us in one way or another. We highly recommend everyone who has the chance to, to take part in the Hillary Outdoors camp, because it may uncover things you might have not known about yourself.

Thank you to the Hillary Outdoor Pursuit Centre, Foundation North, Pavlovich Coach lines and other organisations for their financial support to make this trip possible.

*Article abridged from two accounts by* Brianne Malone and Carlotta Cialone

## SCHOOL DONATION FOR 2019

**Our school donation is \$220 per student.** If you have more than one daughter at school the donation for your second daughter is \$160.

The donation may also be paid in instalments and is tax deductible. Payment can be made to the school shop or by post. EFTPOS is available.

If you would like to pay by instalments please contact Alison Porter on 307 4180 extension 805

If you would like to pay by direct bank transfer, our bank account: details are:

**Bank Account Name:** Auckland Girls' Grammar School, Board of Trustees

**Bank Account Number:** 12-3209-0059410-00

**Bank Details:** ASB Bank, Business Banking

**Please make sure the deposit details include:**

- your daughter's name
- tutor class
- a brief explanation re: payment (for example School Donation)

As space can be limited on the bank statement, it is advisable, where possible, that an email is also sent to [aporter@aggs.school.nz](mailto:aporter@aggs.school.nz) giving the details of the payment, so that the money is receipted correctly.

We also require students to pay a **Subject Fee** for subjects with a 'take home' component e.g. Art, Photography, Technology.

Subject fees should be paid ahead of activity fees such as sports and cultural fees.

All sports and cultural fees must be paid before your daughter takes part in the sport or cultural event.

## NEW CATERERS IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

From the beginning of this term our Cafeteria is being run and managed by Deejays Catering. Deejays have been operating secondary school canteens since 2009.

During Term 1 the team from Deejays worked with our staff and students to develop a more healthy, nutritious menu that students liked and one which they will be keen to eat. A student survey was held and there were a number of tastings of the products on the menu.

So far the new menu has been very well received by our girls and the cafeteria has been selling out of the most popular items on a regular basis.

## Scholarship 2019

Information will be given to students about the scholarship process in the next few weeks. Success in Scholarship provides recognition and monetary rewards to top students in their last year of schooling.

In the Scholarship process students are assessed against challenging standards, which are demanding even for the most able candidates in each subject. Assessment is by either a written/spoken examination or by the submission of a portfolio or report of work produced throughout the year.

Scholarship candidates are expected to demonstrate:

- high-level critical thinking,
- abstraction and generalisation, and
- to integrate, synthesise and apply knowledge, skills, understanding, and ideas to complex situations

Teachers will be selecting students based on the above criteria and how it applies to their own subject area. If you have any questions regarding this process. Interested students who have any questions about the process should contact the Year 13 Dean, Ms Harridge; or DP, Ms Lamberton.

Last year our students were awarded 6 scholarships:  
2 in English; 1 in Classical Studies; 1 in Media  
1 in Biology and 1 in Art History

## DRAMA PERFORMANCES TERM 2

- 29 May Year 11 'Blood Brothers'
- 5 June Year 11 'Scrambled Eggs'
- 12 June Year 12 'Pool No Water'
- 26 June Year 13 'Keep it Kiwi'

Our Drama students are busily rehearsing for their performances this term, all of which will be in the DWC at 5 p.m.

Parents and whanau are very welcome to come along and support our students. Entry is free.

## KAHURANGI WELCOMES 'MAIDEN' TO AUCKLAND

On Saturday 4 May students from Kahurangi were on board the yacht 'Lion NZ' to welcome into Auckland the yacht the Maiden with her all female crew aboard. The Maiden is on an around the world trip to raise awareness and funds for girls' education. You can watch the video of the yacht's arrival here and it's on our Facebook page as well.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2261550707440195> Photo with the Maiden Crew is overleaf.



Left sailing into the fog to welcome The Maiden and above back on dry land the welcoming party pose with the crew.

Bottom left on work experience at Countdown and

Bottom right ex AGGS student, Pheonix Karaka, Captain of the Mystics, AGGS student and keen fan Sera Taei, Gloria Palmer and captain of the Northern Stars, Leana De Bruin.

