



# AUCKLAND GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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*Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa Lava, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Ni Hao, Greetings*

### TEACHER ONLY DAY ON FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER

**There will be no school for our Year 9 and 10 students tomorrow, Friday 24 November.**

This will be a professional development and planning day for 2018 for teachers only.

### Year 9 and 10 End of Year Programmes Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 December

With assessments all completed and the holidays nearly here, the last week of term presents an opportunity for our girls to do something a little different. Between Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Year 9 will become a bit better equipped for the world when they embark on our Asia Aware programme which will help them to learn a little about the culture and heritage of some of our Asian neighbours. The countries that we will be focusing on this year are China, Korea, Turkey, Japan the Philippines and India. Girls will be assigned two of these countries to study and they will complete activities based on the cultures of the countries they have been assigned at school during the usual school hours. This is always a lot of fun and while having fun a lot of learning takes place too.

Over the same duration Year 10 will undertake an Active lifestyles programme which will see girls given the opportunity to try their hand at a new sport or activity such as archery and mountain biking and participate in a number of team building exercises and games both in and around school.

Thursday 7 December will see a return to normal classes and practices being held for the Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December Junior Prize Giving.

### JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Friday 8 December 2017  
11 a.m.

Our Junior Prizegiving when we celebrate the achievements of our Year 9 and 10 students will be held on Friday 8 December at 11 a.m.

*Parents and caregivers of our Year 9 and 10 students are warmly invited to attend this occasion which will be held in the DWC.* The ceremony will last for approximately one hour.

Students will be given their final report for the year to bring home in the morning before Prizegiving. Please make sure you remind your daughter to give it to you.

The school bus will run as usual in the morning and will leave school once loaded between 12.15 p.m. and 12.30 p.m.

### 2018 Back to School

- The first day of school for our 2018 Year 10 students will be **Wednesday 31 January. School will start at 9 a.m. and finish at 2 p.m.**
- Our 2018 Year 11 students will return to school on **Thursday 1 February**, which is the day that all students will be back at school. **School will start at 9 a.m. and finish at 2 p.m.**
- **School buses will start on Wednesday 31 January**—at the regular time in the mornings. On Wednesday and Thursday 31 January and 1 February the school bus will leave school after the bell rings at 2 p.m. once loaded.
- All students will be in regular timetabled classes from **Friday 2 February—regular school hours. In 2018 regular school hours will be 8.55 a.m to 3.10 p.m except for Wednesdays when school will start at 9.30 a.m.**

### AGGS FACEBOOK PAGE

We now have an official AGGS Facebook page where we will post items of news and other items that we think will be of interest to you. Here is the link

<https://www.facebook.com/AucklandGirlsGrammarSchool/>

Our website [www.aggs.school.nz](http://www.aggs.school.nz) is also kept up to date and is a useful source of information. Please check them regularly.

**Please note that our postal address has changed—it is P O Box 68-053, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1141.**

## SPORTS WRAP

WAKA AMA JUNIOR REGATTA -  
Saturday 20 November

This was a very successful and most enjoyable day out for our Junior Waka Ama teams. This year we entered our second biggest contingent in the Auckland Junior Regatta with:

Division One        2x 250m W6 Girls Teams  
                          2x 500m W6 Girls Teams  
                          2x 250m W12 Mixed Teams

(paddling with De La Salle College)

Division Two 6x 250m W6 Girls Teams  
12x 250m W6 Mixed Teams (paddling with De La Salle College)

Our teams all performed exceptionally well, especially our **AGGS Gold** team that won all three Division One Auckland Titles.

Special mention must go to other place-getters **AGGS Blue**—the girls bounced back from flipping their boat in the 500m heat to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 250m Division One Final behind AGGS Gold and to AGGS B partnering with De La Salle to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Division Two W12 mixed race.

Huge thank yous to coach and assistant coach Wayne and Junior, manager Lana and the many many parents who were there in force to support their daughters. It was also fantastic to see a number of senior students and old-girls helping on the day.



Girls overboard



A very successful day on the water

### Other Term 4 Sport

This term we have taken part in a number of other sports events – Tag, Touch and Volleyball— and with the term drawing to a close we still have a number of events to go including the Softball One Day Tournament, Lawn Bowls Year 9 & 10 Tournament and the Breakers Experience Day.

### Sports Uniforms and outstanding fees

There are still a large number of unreturned sports uniforms—**please**, if your daughter has an AGGS Sports uniform will you ensure that she returns it to the Sports Department. There are also still a number of unpaid fees and we would really appreciate it if you could ensure that these are paid. Your daughters sports fees help to cover costs and to allow us to offer so many sporting

You can view lots more sporting news on the AGGS Sport Facebook page. We are also advertising for a coach for our Premier Netball Team—you can view the ad on the Sports Facebook page.

Sporting congratulations to Darlene Meroiti, Year 10, who is currently in Melbourne representing NZ in the Under 16 Tag20 team.



## PRIZEGIVINGS AND AWARDS

### SPORTS AWARDS 2017

**Congratulations to our major award winners:**

**Teneva Ropati—Wahine Toa Senior Sportswoman of the Year** (highest sports award for a senior student)

Named in the Oceania U17 Basketball Tournament Team at the 2017 Oceania Championships

Member of the Samoan U17 Basketball Team

Member of the Waitakere West U19 Team -3<sup>rd</sup> in the NZ U19 Championships

Member of the AGGS Premier Basketball Team—which came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Auckland Premier Competition and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the NZ Secondary School Championships.

**Charlie-Kaige Kamuhemu—Wahine Toa Junior Sportswoman of the Year** (highest sports award for a junior student)

Charlie is an all round student who plays Rugby, Tag, Rugby League and Touch—she is also among other things a Member of the Auckland U15 Rugby Union Representative Team

**Charlize Tumu-Makara—Best All-Round Sportswoman**

This is the third time that Charlize has won this award—the first time in the history of AGGS that a student has done this. She plays Netball, Rugby, Rugby League, Tag and Touch and among other achievement is a member of the Cook Island Under 21 team which competed in the world championships in Guam earlier this year.



**Teneva Ropati— Senior Sportswoman**

### SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Our Senior Prizegiving on Friday 3 November was another joyful occasion and a wonderful celebration of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students' achievements this year.

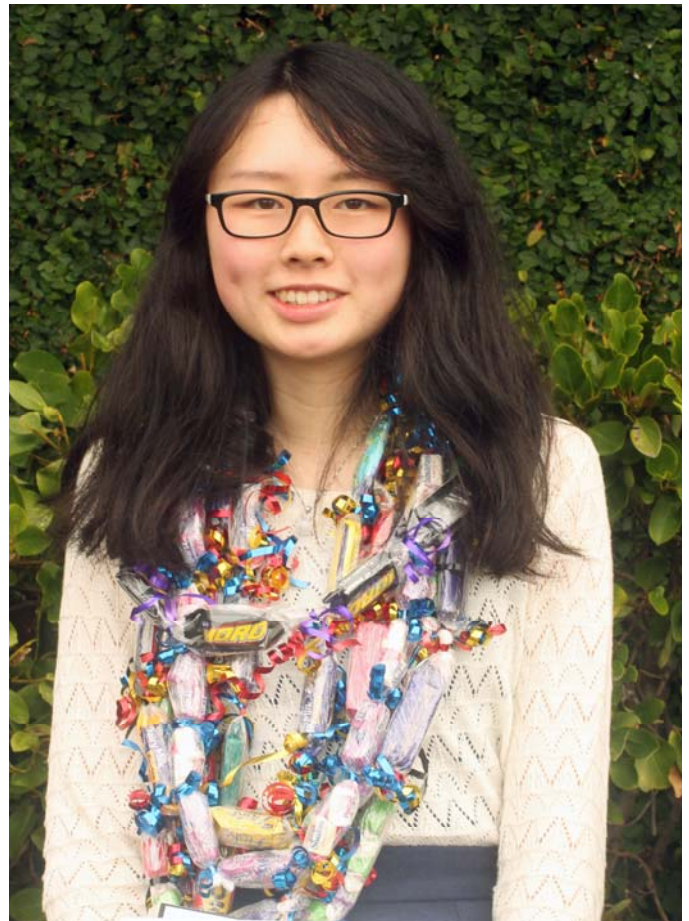
Prizes and awards totalling more than \$250,000 were made to our students from the Auckland Girls' Grammar School Old Girls' Trust and Old Girls' Association, the Cotter Trust, individual old girls and ex-staff members; most of the universities and poly-technics and a number of other organisations.

We are very grateful to all of the organisations, trusts and individuals who, year after year, continue to generously recognize and award our students for their achievements and hard work.

The highest academic award in any secondary school, that of Dux was made to: **Airu Teng**—Airu attained her NCEA Level 1 & 2 endorsed with Excellence and to date has attained all of her NCEA Level 3 Achievement standards with Excellence grades—at the time of Prizegiving and before sitting her exams she was only 3 credits away from achieving Level 3, with Excellence.

Head Girl, **Vienna Trainor** was named Proxime Accessit, the second highest academic award—she too has achieved at Excellence level throughout her time at Auckland Girls.

The prestigious Louise Gardner Scholarship of \$24,000 was awarded to Deputy Head Girl, **Scarlett Parkes**, who also received the University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship.



**Airu Teng, Dux 2017**

### Holiday Reading

Reading for pleasure is not only fun—it is also hugely beneficial to your daughters' learning and helps to increase her vocabulary and her understanding.

To help her keep up with her reading your daughter may borrow up to 5 books for the school holidays from the i-Centre.

If you would like her to do this, please ask her to get a permission slip from the i-Centre or from her English Teacher. Please ensure that she returns the books to the school at the beginning of the 2018 school year.

If your daughter still has not returned library books which she has borrowed this year please ensure that she returns them as soon as possible.

### HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED

AGGS is looking for warm, kind and caring host families for International Students, short and long term.

The students will need to have their own bedroom.

Comparative rates paid per week. This is an excellent opportunity to earn some extra money as well as getting to know someone from another culture.

If you are interested, please contact Jenny Goodwin on 021-0651942

[jgoodwin@aggs.school.nz](mailto:jgoodwin@aggs.school.nz)

### THE AGGS 2017 YEARBOOK

Our yearbook is both a celebration and a record of the life of the school. This year's Publication Committee, under the leadership of Publications Prefect, Yamin Cook, has worked hard to produce another memorable edition.

If you would like to purchase a copy, the yearbook will be available from the School Shop from 27<sup>th</sup> November at a cost of \$20.00.

*Please note: the yearbook is free for those students who have paid their school donation.*

### CUPCAKES ON SHOW

Our Year 10 Enterprise Studies class are working on an exercise where the girls in groups have to design and present a set of 6 cupcakes.

Their efforts will be on display on Monday 27th. The judges of the best, most original cupcakes etc will be, probably the harshest critics, the girls peers in other classes—but sadly for the judges, judging will be on appearance only! This is part of Enterprise Studies class marketing study.

### KEEPING OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE

This is just a reminder PLEASE if you move house, or if there is a change in your phone numbers or e-mail addresses please remember to let us know. An e-mail to [enrol@aggs.school.nz](mailto:enrol@aggs.school.nz) or a call to the school office 307 4180 will do it. We also need to know if the details we hold for your emergency contacts change as well. Thank you in advance.

### YEAR 10s BUG OUT

**Bug Out Day**, held earlier this month gave Year 10 students who are taking the 'Extreme Earth and Space' course a chance to put their Civil Defence skills into practice. The girls were given cardboard and plastic and had to build a shelter they could use overnight if needed. They also had to make and cook their lunch of bread like kebabs and baked beans over a hobo stove.

In between they had briefings on first aid, water purification, keeping people occupied and making an emergency toilet.

The day was very successful and while the girls learnt a lot they also had a great time.



*Last but certainly not least we wish all of our students a relaxing and most enjoyable summer break. We look forward to seeing you all back at school, refreshed, relaxed and ready for a great year in 2018.*