



# 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***

## **AGGS FOUNDING DAY 2017**

On Friday 8 September we were delighted to welcome back to school for our Annual Founding Day Assembly, old girls: Poto Williams, MP for Christchurch East and the first female Cook Islander in the NZ Parliament.

Isobel Gillon, her daughter Rachel and her grand daughters, Emily and Hailey—three generations of AGGS students. Isobel was also a teacher at AGGS for 25 years and is currently our school's archivist. She shared with our students some of her vast historical knowledge about our school.

We were also delighted to have with us three high achieving sisters, Aroha, Hana and Talei Si'ilata, who are achieving in three very different fields.

Aroha is a Doctor who is training as a specialist Radiologist. Hana a lawyer and commerce graduate currently working for Accounting firm KPMG and Talei is currently completing her MA in Museums and Cultural Heritage at Auckland University.

In addition, on Founding Day, three current students, from Years 11, 12 and 13 received scholarships from the Old Girls' Association.

**Picture on right—I to r Georgia Boland, Yr 13, Mya Fraser Yr 12 and Sarah Tatafu, Yr 11.**



**Hana, Talei and Aroha Si'ilata (picture above)**



## **DEPUTY HEAD GIRL SCARLETT PARKES GIVES KEY NOTE SPEECH AT EDUCATION CONFERENCE**



In a very well received address to the 700 delegates at the recent NZ Education Conference, Scarlett spoke about Global Citizenship and why it is so important for our world. Here are some excerpts from Scarlett's address. You can read her full address on our website [www.aggs.school.nz](http://www.aggs.school.nz)

*I think global citizenship is the only way we are ever going to learn to live with our world, and be able to change the things that need changing...  
Teach us to think critically, not in the check-the-box-on-the-curriculum way but in the deepest possible sense where we understand that all knowledge is incomplete, that no one is the expert in other people's situations ...  
Teach us that learning lasts forever, that no one is 'uneducated' because there are many different types of knowledges and skills that are important in different situations ...  
Not only do you need to actively engage young people from a variety of backgrounds, including international as well as domestic students, and empower and upskill us so that we are prepared for the complexity and diversity of the world, but you also need to hold yourself accountable and take action on global citizenship now, because you are shaping all of our futures.*

## NCEA FEES (last call)

***This week is the last opportunity to pay your daughters' NCEA fees to the school.***

### Late fee payments

After **29 September** students must pay their fees directly to NZQA. Payment details are on the NZQA website [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz). As in previous years, NZQA will write to students advising them of unpaid fees in **November 2017**.

*Only when payment is received will NCEA and other results be officially released to the student's Record of Achievement and used for qualifications.*

*New Zealand Scholarship candidates who have not paid their fees **in full** will be ineligible for a New Zealand Scholarship Award.*

A late fee of \$50 will be applied to **all fees** not paid by **1 December 2017**.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

An email will be sent at the beginning of Week 1, Term 4 to parents showing your daughters' results in her practice examinations and internal assessments so far. If you don't receive your daughters' practice examination summary in the first week of Term 4, please contact the office and a copy of her results will be sent to you.

The Practice Exams were held in formal exam conditions and we are very grateful to the Downtown Rotary Club, whose members assisted us with exam supervision throughout the Practice Examination period.

Parents are encouraged to attend the **Senior Parent Teacher interviews on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm to 6pm** to talk to your daughters' teachers and receive feedback about her practice examination results. Bookings for the Senior Parent interviews can be made through the Parent portal or by phoning the school office on 307 4180.

For the very best results your daughter should be preparing for examinations during the October break. Some of the ways you can support her exam preparations include:

- Ensuring that she has a quiet working space where she can study.
- Encouraging her to make a study plan in her diary.
- Discussing areas of improvement with her teachers at the upcoming Parent-teacher interviews.
- Helping her manage her time and commitments, to ensure she has time for regular study.
- Encouraging her to attend tutorials offered at school

and to ask her teachers for help. A list of some of the tutorials that will be offered in the school holidays is below.

- Reminding her of revision resources that are available to her—on the school's intranet and the internet and at regional libraries.

**It is important that your daughter attends all her classes in Term 4 to benefit from the revision programmes that are running in the faculties.** *We wish your daughter all the best for her external examinations. Please contact us if we can help in any way.*

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY TUTORIALS

- ◆ **NCEA Level 1, 2, 3 Music** workshop on Monday 2 October, first day of the holidays from 11am until 3pm.
- ◆ **Geography 2 - 6 October 10 am - 3 pm**  
In C 47 & C 48 Our Level 2 topic : **Crime in Chicago**: We will be studying patterns of crime for AS 91241  
Fancy Diamonds and need extra credits? Our **Level 3 topic : Blood Diamonds - AS 91432** will help you get 3 credits. All materials will be provided, but students will need to bring basic stationery and a brunch pack .
- ◆ **Chemistry - 13 Chemistry** tutorial only for Aqueous external will be on Monday and Tuesday 9 & 10 October from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ◆ **13 GSS and 12 Classical Studies—catch up opportunity** on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 October.
- ◆ **ART—Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, and if necessary, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of October. All senior Art students are welcome.** If your daughter is taking **Level 1 Visual Art** it is **very important** that she attends to finish her Art Portfolio, which **must be** submitted on the first day of Term 4. You can contact our Art teachers on [kdugdale@aggs.school.nz](mailto:kdugdale@aggs.school.nz) or [dheiford@aggs.school.nz](mailto:dheiford@aggs.school.nz)
- ◆ **Drama—Tuesday 3 October 12-3pm** in the Drama Room for all senior Drama students.
- ◆ **Pathways** will be running a one day assessment session with "Great Hospitality" on Monday 2 October 9am until 3.20.
- ◆ **Learner Driver Licence Study Tutorial** for a maximum of 20 students aged 16 years or older in the i-Centre on Thursday, 4th and Friday, 5th October from 11am to about 3pm. Parents consent letters can be picked up in the library or in C41 during recess or lunchtime. First in - first served.

## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018

A number of internal school scholarships for senior students are currently being advertised in the Student Notices.

Application forms can be picked up from the School office or from Mrs MacMenigall in Room A203, next to the Principal's office.

Mrs Hames is supporting our Year 13 students with applications for tertiary and other external scholarships.

## BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH HILLARY AWARD

On Tuesday 12th September, a group of Bronze Award candidates for the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award embarked on their first practice trip up Maungawhau (Mt Eden). We left from school on a cold and blustery afternoon, with our sights set on the summit. Students were in fine spirits and morale was high as the singing troupe navigated their way through Newton into the suburb of Mt Eden. The urban dangers of crossing the road while in the midst of a highly engaging story were navigated with little stress to students, while Ms Hale cried out 'Look *left AND right!*' and longed for the relative safety of the wilderness. Mr Isaacs managed his role as 'tail-end-Charlie' very nicely and the views from the summit were documented on all social media channels. The students made the 7.2km round trip in a fine 2.0 hours and are believed to be in form for the trip to tramp the Te Ara Roa stretch at Whananaki later this month.



### AGGS SPORT

#### AUCKLAND BASKETBALL FINALS – AGGS DOES IT AGAIN

For the first time in many years both our Premier and U17 Basketball Teams qualified for the regional play-offs. While our Premier team entered the play-offs as defending champions, it was **our U17 team** that really surprised us. During the season the team finished second in the central west zone and after a somewhat controversial semi-final met Massey High School, its nemesis in the final of the competition.

In the final the **Under 17 team** had a slow start and Massey led until the final five minutes. With the match tied 41-41 Massey made a foul on Imogene Noble. With the foul awarded and time up on the clock Imogene went to the free throw line to try and win the game for AGGS. Both teams stood on the side line and watched as her first shot was more than a metre off target. The second shot was closer and bounced off the hoop before going in and sending the girls and their management jumping with joy. A massive thank you to coaches **Elianna Tuaiti and Mele Latu (Year 12 students) and manager Ms Dugdale.**

Our **Premier Basketball Team** played against Massey High School's Premier team in the semi-finals, Massey was the only team to have beaten us this season. A solid performance put

the game beyond doubt and we were all set up for a repeat of the **2016 Premier Final – AGGS v. MAGS.**

With loads of supporters, the Premier Final could not have got off to a worse start with us trailing by up to 18 points in the first quarter. After half time the comeback started and the gap closed to a point. The last quarter proved intense as both teams exchanged the lead before AGGS gained a turnover and then a foul with seconds on the clock. Having got the ball in play we were able to retain possession for the final two seconds and in doing so retained our Auckland Title by a single point. Whew!

#### SPORTS TOURNAMENT WEEK

Congratulations to our two teams who represented the school during Nationals Winter Tournament Week, 4 to 8 September.

The **Basketball Tournament** was held on the North Shore where our Premier Basketball Team competed in the NZSS Zone 1 AA Premierships – aka Regionals/National Qualifiers. The final game of the tournament was against Westlake Girls, a team which showed dramatic improvement throughout the tournament week and AGGS was lucky to come away with the win by only 4 points.

During Tournament week our **Premier Netball** team competed in the **Upper North Island Secondary School (UNISS) Tournament**. Unfortunately some regular members of the team were unable to play leading to the call up of three members from the Year 9A and 10A teams.

Despite not qualifying for the Nationals and after a slow start the girl put up a spirited performance finishing 22<sup>nd</sup> out of the 32 competing upper North Island teams and most importantly keeping their place in the A Grade for 2018.

Once again huge thanks must go to coaches **Finau Pulu and Pili Apulu, Manager Moka Aue and AGGS staff member Ms Wheneuroa** for the many many hours of time put into netball this year

**Rugby League** - Despite relatively short notice, AGGS replied to a request from New Zealand Rugby League to play the curtain raiser to the Boys National Final. With the game being live streamed and AGGS facing James Cook, the team we had beaten in the Auckland Final. our team was eager to retain our unbeaten record this season. Thankfully this happened, the final score was 20-12 with AGGS leading from start to finish.

#### Term 4 Sport

With winter sports largely finished, we are turning our attention to junior summer sports. We encourage all junior students to keep an eye on the Student Notices for the many sporting opportunities on offer during Term 4. These will include: Athletics, Cricket, Kilikiti, Lawn Bowls, Rugby 7s (Senior and Junior) Softball, Tag, Touch, Volleyball and Waka Ama.

#### Sports Awards

**Our annual Sports Awards will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October between 1:20pm and 3:20pm.** All students who have represented our school in sport this year are expected to attend. The event will be held in the DWC. Please note that students with outstanding fees or uniform will not be eligible to receive awards.

#### DANCE SHOWCASE 2017 Wednesday 6 September

This year's show featured a range of spectacular items from our Senior Dance students. From Contemporary to Hip Hop, to musical theatre; the event showcased the diverse talents of our students.

A big thank you to all of the friends and whanau who came and supported the students.



AGGS BASKETBALL—Shooting the Final Goal



AGGS PREMIER NETBALL COMPETING IN THE UNISS TOURNAMENT

The AGGS Mascot Leading the AGGS supporters at the Basketball. GO AGGS!

