



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

## SENIOR PARENT TEACHER EVENING

Thursday 18 October 3.30 to 7 p.m.

Parents of senior students are encouraged to take advantage of our **Parent Teacher Evening on Thursday 18 October 3.30 to 7 p.m.** to meet with their daughters teachers. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss how your daughter did in the recent practice examinations and to find out how you can best support her as she prepares for the final NCEA examinations.

A letter with information about making appointments through our school portal has been sent to parents, or you can call the school office on 307 4180 and our office staff will be happy to help you to make your appointments.

## SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Friday 2 November at 11 a.m.

**Parents and caregivers of our Year 12 and 13 students and of our Prizewinning Year 11 students are invited to attend our Senior Prizegiving on Friday 2 November.** Prizegiving is always a very special occasion where we acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our senior students.

**All of our Year 12 and 13 students must attend Prizegiving and Year 11 Prizewinners must also attend.**

All other Year 11 students are welcome to attend but they must be in full school uniform, alternatively they may choose to spend the day studying at home. **There will be no school for our Year 9 and 10 students on Friday 2 November.**

School buses will run at the normal time in the morning on Friday 2 November, but there will be no school bus after Prizegiving and students will need to find their own way home. We expect that the ceremony will last approximately 2 hours.

Our Senior Prizegiving is always a very well attended event and parking is limited, so if you plan on attending it would be a good idea to get here as early as possible.

The event is not really suitable for young children.

## NCEA AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

**Wednesday 7 November to Friday 30 November.** You can access the examination timetable on the NZQA website [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

Important Examination Reminders

- **Check the timetable to be sure of the date and start time for each examination.** Morning exams start at 9.30 a.m. and afternoon exams start at 2 p.m.
- Students should **arrive at least 20 minutes before the start of each examination.** Students who arrive more than 30 minutes after the exam has started will not be allowed to enter the exam room. Missed examinations cannot be done at a later date
- **Allow plenty of time** to get to each examination – *being stuck in traffic is not an acceptable excuse for being late!*
- **Students must take their admission slips to every exam,** which must be face up on the desk during all exams.
- If lost, students can reprint the admission slip by logging onto their learner login on the NZQA website. This must be signed by Ms Lamberton **before** students will be allowed to sit the exam.
- **Students must also bring photo ID to each exam,** such as a school ID card, driver's licence etc.
- **Students must bring their own pens, pencils and calculator** (if approved). Students must not bring any blank or refill paper into the exam room.

The **i-Centre** will be open every school day during the examinations from 7.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is an ideal place if your daughter wants a quiet place to study with access to resources and technology. Students are also reminded that they need to return any library books to the i-Centre before the examinations start.

## END OF YEAR FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

Year 11 students will be given their final reports to bring home on Thursday 1 November and Year 12 and 13 girls will get their reports on Friday 2 November.

This will be our last Newsletter this year for our senior students.

The first day back to school next year for Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be Thursday 31 January when school will start at 9.00 a.m. and finish at 2 p.m.

Year 12 students will be able to come in to have their course for 2019 confirmed on Tuesday 29 January and Year 13 students on Wednesday 1 February.

Further details about the start of the year will be posted on our website [www.aggs.school.nz](http://www.aggs.school.nz) and Facebook page.

## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Congratulations to **Harleen Ranghi Singh** the newly elected Student Trustee on the Board. Harleen replaces outgoing Trustee, Head Girl, Lauryn Patea. The term of the Student Trustee on the Board is for one year and elections are held each year in September.

*The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday 30 October at 5.30 p.m the last meeting of the Board for this year will be on Tuesday 4 December. Both meetings will be in the Jubilee Library and you are warmly invited to attend.*

Dudley Adams, who was the Board Chair for several years, has resigned from the Board. Dudley's two daughters both attended AGGS in Kahurangi and we thank him for his many years of service to the school as a Board member.

We have received a number of expressions of interest from parents and members of the community who are interested in filling the vacancy which has been created by Dudley's resignation and the Board will be selecting a new member, based on areas of need it has identified, before the end of this year.

Elections for a new Board, which will govern our school for the next three years will take place around the middle of next year.

## UNIFORM SHOP AND AGGS SCHOOL UNIFORM

The uniform shop is getting a new fit out and will be divided into two sections, one will be run by Uniform Group and sell school uniforms and the other section will continue to sell stationery and receive school fees and fees for trips etc.

The shop will open as follows:

### Term 4 - 2018

Mondays 12.45 to 1.30pm

Tuesdays 12.45 to 1.30pm

Wednesdays 11.00 am to 1.30pm

Thursdays 12.45 to 1.30pm

closed Fridays and Saturdays

There will be a link from our school website to the Uniform Group website and you will also be able to order uniform items online. <https://www.uniformgroup.co.nz/>. The hours that the school uniform shop will open in 2019 will be available through this link as well.

The new school uniform items are priced very competitively. The new school uniform will be introduced gradually as follows:

### Year 9 2019

Compulsory New Uniform – all seasons

- Blazer, Blouse (short or long sleeve),
- Skirt (knee length)

### Year 10 2019

- 2018 Uniform can be worn **or**
- New Uniform (same as year 9)

### Year 11 2019

- 2018 Uniform can be worn **OR**
- New Uniform (same as year 9)

### Year 12 2019

Compulsory New Uniform – all seasons

- Blazer (old style can be worn)
- Senior Blouse (short or long sleeve)
- Skirt (short or long)
- Tie

### Year 13 2019

Compulsory New Uniform – all seasons

- Senior Blouse (short or long sleeve)
- Skirt (short or long)
- Tie
- Blazer (students do not have to purchase for their last year - 2019 only)

### Years 9-13

**Optional extras available are:**

- Jersey,
- Jacket (softshell),
- Scarf

## SPORTS AWARDS 2018

Our Annual Sports Awards will be held on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October between 1:20 and 3:20pm in the DWC.**

Our Sports Awards are an opportunity to recognise the fabulous achievements of our sporting students whilst also acknowledging the contribution of the many volunteers that give up their time to make sport possible at AGGS.

All students that have represented the school in sporting activities this year are expected to attend. ***Parents and whanau of award recipients are warmly invited to attend our Sports Awards.***

**All sports uniforms must be returned to the Sports Department and all sports fees paid before 25 October. More Sports News is posted on the AGGS Sport Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AggsSport/>**

## BP BUSINESS CHALLENGE

While seniors sat their practice exams, sixty four Year 10 girls were taking part in a 3 day programme called The BP Business Challenge. Working in teams of 8, the students had to imagine a new good or service, write a business plan to produce and sell their product and then launch the idea in a pitch on the final day. Five successful business men and women, including AGGS old-girls Kendal Collins and Marie Holo, came to judge the quality of each team's business strategy. The judges were impressed with the enthusiasm, knowledge and confidence of all of our girls. The winning company APEX Portable created a portable food heater.

A further highlight on the Friday was the announcement by BP that they are introducing new annual scholarships for students who have completed either the BP Challenge or Young Enterprise and who are going on to pursue tertiary study in the wider STEM areas. And the news got even better - BP will award a \$1000 scholarship to an AGGS enterprise student for 2019. Interested students can get further information on the BP website

[https://www.bp.com/en\\_nz/new-zealand/AboutBP/BPinthecommunity/YoungEnterpriseTrust/bp-innovation-scholarship-programme.html](https://www.bp.com/en_nz/new-zealand/AboutBP/BPinthecommunity/YoungEnterpriseTrust/bp-innovation-scholarship-programme.html)

Applications for this year's scholarship close on 16 November, 2018.

In the words of Year 10 students

*"The challenge is all about gaining confidence, by pitching your ideas and presenting as a group. It helps students to learn how to work in a team, even if you are with complete strangers. It teaches students to think outside of the box and that its ok to make mistakes, while giving you insight on how business actually works in the real world. It was an amazing experience and we are all very glad we participated"* Khalat and Liwen,

*"On Friday I was sad as I didn't want this great experience to come to an end. I can also honestly say my brain was sore from absorbing so much knowledge".* Bella



Pictured above the winning group with the judges



## 'ARE WE THERE YET?'

Over two days in the last week of Term 3 all Year 10 Social Studies students went to the Auckland Museum to see the 'Are We There Yet?' Exhibition on gender equality. This trip was related to the *Historic Forces* unit Year 10 Social Studies classes worked on in Term 3. The English department are going to continue working on this theme in Term 4.

In Social Studies students have spent the last month of term studying gender equality and will be creating an AGGS 'Are We There Yet?' exhibition.

As is sometimes the way in September, the weather was unsettled and on the day the largest group of students and teachers walked to the Museum we had hail with patches of brilliant sunshine and blue sky. This

did not dampen their spirits and the girls threw themselves into completing their task sheet and taking numerous selfies in the exhibit. The students were fully absorbed in the exhibit and needed convincing to leave the Museum; one class told their teacher one hour at the exhibit was not enough time. The exhibit is well researched and features a diverse range of women and perspectives on gender equality. The 'Are We There Yet?' exhibit is suitable for both your sons and daughters I would recommend the entire family go to see it. **The AGGS exhibit will be in the study hall during the first week of term 4 in time for senior parent teacher evening.**

If you are in at AGGS during the first week of Term 4 come to the study hall to see the relevant and engaging curriculum Year 10 Social Studies students enjoy at AGGS.

Etomia Wilson Teacher In Charge of Social Studies



Enjoying the Comments board at the 'Are We There Yet' exhibit

*Well done to our* AGGS Premier Basketball Team which competed in the National Secondary School Basketball Tournament held in Palmertson North during the October school holidays. The girls were placed eighth in the competition out of 24 teams from throughout New Zealand. Just qualifying to get into the competition was a great achievement, so well done girls. Maybe next year a place in the top three!

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Gwyneth Parallegh who has as been accepted into the prestigious New York Academy of Sciences' Junior Academy. The New York Academy of Sciences is one of America's most widely respected scientific organisations.

This year 586 students from 57 countries were selected from more than 6,500 applicants for the program. As a member of the Junior Academy Gwyneth will have the opportunity to collaborate with 2000 students from 85 countries on virtual challenges sponsored by industry leading companies designed to help students develop 21st century skills.

Congratulations to Fencing Star Sining Ye, Year 12 who, in addition to winning the NZ Secondary Schools Women's Foil Championship has also won the National U20 Women's Foil title during the school holidays. Sining will be competing in the NZ Open Nationals during Labour Weekend—go Sining!

### AGGS Students' 2018 Art Folios Exhibition

Our students have been working hard all year and during the school holidays too on their Art folio boards.

The Boards will be on display after school on the dates below and we do hope you will come and see the results of their hard work:

- ◆ **Level One NCEA folio boards will be on display on Tuesday 23rd October from 3.20 – 5 pm in the Whitelaw Room** (underneath the Cafeteria) and
- ◆ **Level Two NCEA Design, Painting, and Photography folios will be on display on Monday 29th October from 3.20-5 pm. in the Whitelaw Room**

*We would love to see you there.*

THE AGGS WEBSITE  
<http://www.aggs.school.nz/> our

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

AGGS Sports Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/AggsSport/>

AND  
THE KAMAR PARENT PORTAL  
<https://kamarportal.aggs.school.nz/>

are all kept up to date and are useful for accessing a wealth of information - school news and events, your daughters' attendance, assessment results, the dates when her assessments are due, the school calendar and so much more. You can also update your contact details using the parent portal.