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

## JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING Thursday 5 December at 11.00 a.m.

You are warmly invited to attend our Junior Prizegiving which will be held in the Dorothy Winstone Centre on Thursday 5 December.

The ceremony will last for approximately one hour and there will be limited parking available in Gate 2 and Gate 4.

School will start as usual for your daughter at 8.55 a.m. on 5 December and the school bus will run as normal in the morning. The school bus will leave school after Prizegiving at approximately 12.15 p.m.

Your daughter will be given her last report for the year to bring home that day. Please ensure that you ask her for it.

**Thursday 5 December will also be the last day of school of 2019.**

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2019 AND FIRST DAY FOR 2020

- ♦ **21 and 22 January**—Prefect Training at AUT and AGGS
- ♦ **Tuesday 28 January**—Powhiri for Year 9 and all new students  
All Year 13 to attend Powhiri  
Year 13 Leadership workshops  
Course confirmation for Year 12
- ♦ **Wednesday 29 January**—All Year 9 and 10 at school today  
Course confirmation for Year 13
- ♦ **Thursday 30 January**— Whole school back
- ♦ **Friday 31 January**— Timetabled classes start today

On Tuesday 28 January to Thursday 30 January classes will start at 9.00 a.m. and finish at 2 p.m. on Friday 31 January it will be business as usual—school will start at 8.50 a.m. and finish at 3.20 p.m.

## SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2019

At our Senior Prizegiving on 5 November our senior students received a record number of scholarships and awards totaling over \$350,000.

- \* The top academic award in any school, that of Dux went to **Hela Hartdegen** and the next highest award that of Proxime Accessit to **Maria Lavemai**



These are **just some** of the scholarships and awards that our students received at Prizegiving.

- \* University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarships worth \$20,000 each were awarded to Hela Hartdegen and Paterinya Diswat
- \* University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarships worth \$20,000 each were awarded to Maria Lavemai and Harleen Rangi Singh.
- \* AUT University Scholarships which will cover up to three years of tuition fees or an undergraduate degree, were awarded to: Isabella Van Stipriaan Huik, Lily Barraclough and Nellina Vaovasa.
- \* Nellina was also awarded the prestigious Sir George Elliot Trust Scholarship valued at \$25,000.
- \* University of Otago Scholarships of \$10,000 each were awarded to Raiha Hill-Tupou, Drusire Haurua and Henrietta Misiluti and a top academic excellence scholarship valued at \$35,000 was awarded to Simranjeet Kaur.
- \* Raiha was also awarded the Louise Gardner Scholarship of \$24,000
- \* A Waikato University Pacific Excellence Scholarship valued at \$10,000 was awarded to Sarojini Raju and
- \* Two First Foundation Scholarships valued at \$12,000 each were awarded to Maria Lavemai and Saiaisi Pita

## UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND YEAR 9 AND 10 END OF YEAR PROGRAMME

We have two very exciting days planned with the University of Auckland for our Year 9 and 10 students which will give them a taste of University life and some of the courses they offer.

**The programme for our Year 10 students on Monday 2 December** is an exciting one and all of the girls, working in different groups, will attend specially designed work shops on

- ◆ History
- ◆ Egyptology and Gaming
- ◆ Philosophy
- ◆ Poetry
- ◆ Binaries
- ◆ Criminology and
- ◆ Anthropology

The girls on both days will have lunch in the quad using lunch vouchers provided by the University of Auckland.

While our Year 10 girls are doing this exciting programme our Year 9 students will spend the day at Pt Erin Pools. On Tuesday 3 December our Year 9 students will spend the day at the University while our Year 10 students enjoy a day at the Pt Erin pools.

On **Tuesday 3 December** it will be the turn of our Year 9 students who will be exploring 'Why Languages Matter' at the University.

In groups of 20 the girls will be able to experience a taste of two different languages, which are:

- ◆ French
- ◆ Spanish
- ◆ Italian
- ◆ German
- ◆ Latin/Greek
- ◆ Cook Island Maori
- ◆ Samoan
- ◆ Japanese
- ◆ Chinese and
- ◆ Korean

The day for our Year 9s will wrap up with a student panel discussing 'My Experience with Language'.

**We are very excited about this amazing opportunity for our junior students .**

## AGGS JUNIOR SCIENCE CAREER EXPO 27 NOVEMBER 2019

This will be a wonderful opportunity for our Year 9 & 10 students to explore STEM related careers and tertiary study options. The Science and Careers Departments are busy preparing for the Junior Science Careers Expo on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Over 10 different tertiary providers and employers such as the University of Auckland, Unitec, Air New Zealand Aircraft, Auckland District Health Board, New Zealand

Engineering, Institute of Environmental Science and Research, the Defence Force and many more will be sharing their knowledge about study and work opportunities in the Health, Engineering, Science, Building and Construction industries.

This can be an eye opening event and an inspiration for students to find out about and consider highly sought after occupations in the continually changing world of work.

## YEAR 13 APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCE SPEND A MORNING AT THE AUCKLAND ZOO

Our Year 13 Applied Health Science students recently visited Auckland Zoo for a human evolution education session. They listened to an expert speaker and participated in an interactive session using skeletons and skulls. After the education session, the students visited our close cousins the orangutans (with whom we share 97% of our DNA) along with the other primates.



## ONE WORLD ROBOTICS COMPETITION—Written by the Game of Codes Final

On Saturday and Sunday, the 16th and 17th of November, the **One World Robotics Competition** was held at the Diocesan School for Girls. It was held from 9am - 4pm. AGGS entered a team in this competition, including 3 Year 9s - Santana, Emma-Lee, Trish - and 3 Year 10s - Alexandra, Ashlyn, and Zainab.

The team trained for weeks leading up to the actual competition. There were three challenges that we had to present on in this competition. These were the future skills demonstration challenge, the technical challenge, and the solution presentation challenge.

Our team also had to demonstrate Tony Wagner's 7 survival skills. These skills are: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Collaboration Across Networks and Leading by Influence; Agility and Adaptability, Initiative and Entrepreneurial Skills, Effective Oral and Written Communication, Accessing and Analysing Information, Curiosity and Imagination.

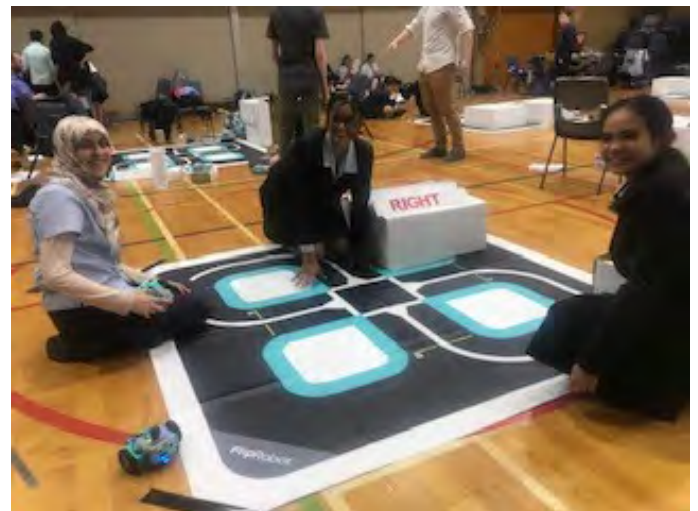
Before the competition we practiced coding our robots, brainstormed our solution for a problem, and developed 7 posters, which covered part of the competition. Acura NZ sponsored the competition and we had a NZ representative come in to help us with our preparation.

At the competition as well as programming we had to present a solution for the amount of traffic that there would be in the future. It took us awhile, but we decided to utilize the air – our solution was to create 'Pods' which would fly people through the air.

These pods would be stored away in satellite hubs something like a multilevel underground parking space for pods. We also had an idea about installing exercise equipment in order to help people keep active while travelling.

Before the competition we had to make 7 posters, each one representing one of Tony Wagner's Survival Skills for the future skills demonstration challenge. We decided to create all of them on Canva, where for 2 weeks we created and revised 7 posters, each one representing a skill. We used the school colours for our posters, navy blue as the background, yellow for main titles and white for other writing. At the top of the posters, we had our school name, logo, our group name and the 7 survival skills. The posters had our definition of what the skill is so that we could understand the skills better. It also included how we had represented that skill leading up to the competition. We then chose 2 symbols we thought represented the skill best along with a quote based on this skill that summed up the poster. As a final touch, we added the robot on the bottom right-hand corner.

There were multiple good things about the competition, and although there is lots of room for improvement, we got to learn a lot more about the robots and in the process about the future of our world. One of the benefits of the competition was we got a chance to actually talk to people from Actura, who were very experienced in programming and gave us a lot of help during the competition. This gave us a chance to come back to class and share our knowledge with the rest of the coding class and even teach Mrs Langlands.



A video of the girls' robot going through its paces is on the AGGS Facebook page—do have a look at it

<https://www.facebook.com/AucklandGirlsGrammarSchool/?ref=bookmarks>



## JUNIOR SPORTS - WHAT A SEASON - with the boot, sure hands and the paddle



**Junior Touch Team** winners of the Central Zone Competition against Mt Albert Grammar School—winning score **9 to 1!** The girls will be competing in the Auckland Championship on Tuesday 26 November. (above)



### TOUCH NATIONALS IN ROTORUA

Good luck to our Touch Team which will be travelling to Rotorua to compete in the National Secondary Schools Touch Tournament from 12 to 15 December.

### VOLLEYBALL

Our two Volleyball teams will be competing in the Auckland Championships at the Bruce Pulman Arena in Takanini. The tournament lasts for three days with the last day being Saturday 23 November. Good luck to the teams.

Our **Junior AFL Team**, pictured left, competed in the Junior AFL Cup at Albany on 13 November. AFL is a relatively new sport for our students who had a great day and placed second in the competition. Way to go girls.

**Drowning Prevention Auckland's FREE aquatic based holiday programme SPLASH Break-Away.** This programme will run for four-days during January 2020. It is funded by Oranga Tamariki and is designed for 11-17 year olds. The week includes a variety of activities including water safety, lifejacket safety, snorkelling, bystander rescues, swimming sessions, safe boating programme, aquatic games and land-based games.

### Programme Information

**Dates:** Week 1: 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan & 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan (SEVEN LOCATIONS) **Start:** 9am **Finish:** 2.30pm

Registration: <https://www.surveymoz.com/s3/5302402/2020-SPLASH-Break-Away-Jan-Registration>

Website: <https://www.watersafe.org.nz/community/holiday-programmes/>  
If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email: [Splash@dpanz.org.nz](mailto:Splash@dpanz.org.nz)





**The Junior Waka Ama team jumping for joy after a very successful day's paddling!**

Waka Ama results included:

Division 2 W6 girls 250m Plate Final AGGS Red—2nd; AGGS Aqua 3rd

Division 2 W6 girls 250 m Champ final AGGS Blue—1st; AGGS Green 3rd

Division 1 W6 girls 500 m Champ Final AGGS Gold—1st

Division 1 W6 girls 250m Champ final AGGS Gold 3rd

We are planning to take a Waka Ama team to the World Competitions in Hawaii next year.

**Congratulations to Jayde Parsons, Aaliyahna Marsters, Nu'u Muliaga and Venetia Joyce** who have been selected to represent the Tamaki Outrigger Canoe Club, which will compete at the 2019 Matson Vake Eiva Waka Ama Event in Rarotonga from 22 November to 2 December. Aaliyahna will then go to Aitutaki to compete in the Motu2Motu race.



## **Rugby League**

Pictured left is our Junior Rugby League team, winners of the Tikanga Toru Youth Commission Trust (TTYCT) Under 15s Rugby League Tournament held in Hamilton on 7 November.

## **FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Change of Meeting Date**

The Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday 26th November and been changed to Tuesday 3 December. Meetings are open to the public and will be held in the Jubilee Library starting at 5.30 p.m.



## OFF TO MEET THE DUCHESS

On Tuesday 19 November four Year 10 students, Husna Nazari, Zachii Holo, Irava Upu and Paula Wahanui accompanied by Maggie Hames, our Student Services Director went to high tea at Government House to celebrate the Women of the World Foundation. The tea was hosted by our Governor General, Dame Patsy Reddy in the presence of her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cornwall.

Forty invited guests representing a wide range of NZ organisations supporting women sat at five tables and were served a delicious high tea.

The Duchess of Cornwall spoke as President of the Women of the World Foundation explaining the purpose of the Foundation which is to celebrate and empower women and girls.

The foundation believes 'equality for women is progress for all'.

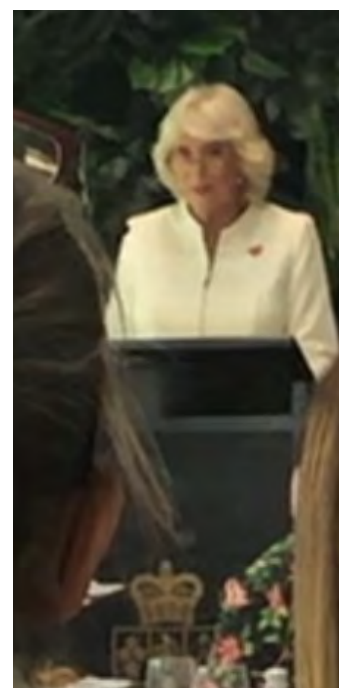
The Foundation provides a global platform to connect, engage and support women to succeed by sharing opportunities across nations and celebrating women heroes for their unique achievements.

The organization aims to facilitate mentoring programmes for one million women and girls by 2030. The Duchess is very keen that NZ becomes the 18<sup>th</sup> Country to join and our Governor General indicated during the afternoon that we will.

The organizer asked 2 students to speak to get a girls perspective and Husna and Paula both spoke about their experiences at our School and how they feel very supported. We were the only school represented and the two girls spoke with pride and enthusiasm about their experiences and how they feel empowered to succeed.



Invitations at the ready and off to Government House



The Duchess speaking about her Foundation.

## I-CENTRE HOLIDAY READING PROGRAMME

Please encourage your daughters to keep up their reading during the long summer holidays. Good reading skills are important in almost every subject area; books also provide a window on the world and developing a life long love of reading will stand your daughters in good stead; not to mention that reading is also a most enjoyable way to spend those long summer days.

Your daughter may borrow up to 5 books from the i-Centre for the the holidays as long as:

- She has no outstanding books.
- She is returning to AGGS next year (2020)

If your daughter still has books from the i-Centre please ask her to return them as soon as possible as we are doing a stocktake before issuing the summer loan books.



*From the Principal and Staff here at Auckland Girls' we wish you all a most enjoyable Christmas and summer holiday and we look forward to seeing all those students who will be returning next year back at school ready for a great year of learning and growing in 2020.*

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 main Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AucklandGirlsGrammarSchool/> and on our Sports Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AggsSport/>