



Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2 2020

Wednesday 15 April saw a very different start to the new term with lessons being delivered online. Our teachers have been working very hard to provide your daughters with interesting, meaningful lessons and we hope that they have been engaging with and enjoying this opportunity to learn from home. There will of course be lots of trial and error as we navigate our way around this new platform of teaching, for us, for our students and of course for you, our parents and whānau.

Week 2 Term 2 – 20 April

- At the beginning of the week all students will receive an overview of expected work and outcomes for the week.
- Tutor teachers will be following up with their tutor classes throughout the week providing support when and where needed. They will have reviewed and looked at the information students have submitted through their google form sent out in Week 1
- Heads of Faculty will be in regular contact with the teachers in their faculties and Deans will be in regular contact with their tutor teachers.
- The Senior Leadership team will be meeting with the Faculty Board and the Deans group to plan and problem solve any issues that may arise.

Forward planning

- The Prime Minister announced yesterday that **when the country does move to Level 3**, Year 9 and 10 students will be able to return to school. This will be on a voluntary basis. This move is aimed to support parents who have to return to work and who have no alternative care for their daughters who are under 14 years of age.
- **Under Covid Level 3**, Year 9 and 10 students who do return to school will work in small supervised groups doing the online learning programme.
- **Parents Survey**
To help us with our forward planning we will be asking our parents to fill out a survey online – your feedback will be valuable in assisting us with our planning for the weeks ahead. The survey will include a question on whether you will be sending your daughter to school under Level 3.

Free internet safety filter for parents

While students are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, the Ministry of Education has launched www.switchonsafety.co.nz - a free way to block the worst of the web for students and teachers.

Please follow the instructions on the website to ensure that your daughter's device is set up for safer connectivity while she is learning from home. Netsafe provides comprehensive support and information to support everyone to stay safe as they work, learn and play online. Netsafe has new and updated resources for parents, whānau and students at <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/staying-safe/>

DIGITAL DEVICES

We have given out 80 school devices since school shut down and we have an additional 127 devices that we are working with the Ministry of Education to deliver to our students over the next few days and into next week.

It will require a degree of patience for everyone as this process rolls out. There are limited stocks of devices both within our school and from the MOE so there may be some students who at this stage will not have access to a device. Students may still have mobile access through their phones.

Our Deans are working to get as much information as possible about what devices are still needed and what connectivity our students have to the internet. We are also investigating the possibility of providing hard copy learning materials where necessary.

MAURI REO MAURI ORA

Mauri Reo Mauri Ora is broadcasting via the Te Reo Channel on SkyTV and Vodafone TV Channel 52, Free view channel 15 and Māori TV website <https://www.teaomaori.news/its-kura-your-own-home-mauri-reo-mauri-ora> from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am-3pm for the next 10 weeks, this started on the 15th of April.

The programmes are aligned to the curriculum and contain age appropriate content that tamariki can do on their own, with their siblings or together as a whānau. The programmes on Māori television are for reo Māori learners of all ages, with a focus on those who are aged 0-18, covering ākongā in kōhungahunga (early learning), kura tuatahi (primary) and wharekura (secondary).

SUPPORT FROM OUR HEALTH AND GUIDANCE TEAM

This is just another reminder that the school's Health Clinic and Guidance staff are available remotely to support our students during the lockdown period.

Students can access nursing support by calling our clinic mobile on 021 882 647 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m and our GP, Dr Bethan Maegaard will also be available if required.

Counselling support is also available to all students and families during the lockdown. These are the contact details for our Counsellors and Social Worker: Counsellors - Jane Falkiner jfalkiner@aggs.school.nz or call her on 021 1675737

Leisa Munro lmunro@aggs.school.nz

Other Support available includes:

- Youthline-Chat or text for support youthline.co.nz, 0800376633, 234)
- 1737 Free call or text to a counsellor
- Lifeline -Chat or text for support (0800543354 or text 4357)
- The Low Down-Info on low mood and stress thelowdown.co.nz
- SPARX-Online game to build coping skills sparx.org.nz
- Family Services Helpline (0800-211211)

A good news story !

Five of our students are involved in a Technovation project. Santana in Year 10, Noreen and Anahi in Year 12 and Shanti and Alana in Year 13. They are supported by an IT mentor from Rush Digital.

The girls have decided to continue the project during lockdown. They are creating an app. to support AGGS students with their travel to and from school. The app will be entered into a global competition and their deadline for getting it finished is 4 May.

This shows outstanding innovation and determination to carry on (the original plan was to spend the 1st week of the holidays at school working on the project).

Noreen has shown great leadership skills by organising the tasks and timeline for all of the girls to work from home.

A great example of resilience during this difficult time.

ON LINE LEARNING HELP DESK SUPPORT AND WEBSITE

Help desk support is available for parents and whānau from early learning through to secondary in English medium and Māori medium settings.

You can phone the Learning from Home helpdesk on 0800 700 401 and Ki Te Ao Marama on 0508 294 462 between 8 am and 5 pm on business days.

The Ministry of Education's Learning from Home <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/> website also has useful information about learning from home and lots of activities for all age groups.