



AUCKLAND GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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

Tena koutou Parents and Caregivers

This Newsletter has some of the details that you and your daughters will need for the start of Term 2:

- Contact details for key staff
- The delivery of online learning
- Pastoral support through your daughter's tutor teacher programme
- Guidance and Health Care Support and
- A suggested learning from home timetable for our senior students

We will continue to provide you with regular updates, so you can support your daughter with her online learning.

Our teachers have all been working very hard to ensure that our students continue to be able to learn and achieve during the lockdown.

I hope that you and your family are all well and staying safe during the lockdown. I know that for many of you this will be a difficult and very stressful time and I send my warmest greetings and aroha. Kia kaha.

Ngaire Ashmore, Principal

TERM 2 DATES 2020

Wednesday 15 April to Friday 3 July

CONTACT DETAILS OF KEY STAFF: SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Your daughter's tutor teachers will continue to oversee her academic progress and to support her with her learning. Subject teachers will be providing lessons in their subjects and our support staff will be working with our teachers to help with ensuring that she is able to access these lessons. *Parents or students may receive a call from the school as a follow up with learning. This may come through on a mobile phone as an unknown caller.*

DEVICES AND INTERNET ACCESS FOR LEARNING FROM HOME

If your daughter does not have access to a device and was not able to collect a loan chrome book from school prior to the lockdown and if your household does not have internet access please will you contact your daughter's tutor teacher or dean urgently to let them know and we will do everything we can to provide solutions and support, including delivering chrome books to students at home.

It is **really important** that your daughter is able to access the online learning that her teachers will be providing from next Wednesday

The Ministry of Education, is also working with telecommunication companies to provide internet access to students where necessary. Students who are studying for NCEA will have priority to this scheme.

The Ministry has also advised that where it is unable to connect a household with the Internet and/or get a device to a student, they will be working with us to provide hard-copy learning materials direct to homes.

In addition from the start of Term 2 the Government will be Funding two television channels to broadcast education-related content – one for English medium and one for Māori medium, including content that is targeted to Pacific and other communities.

NCEA UPDATE

NZQA is providing us with advice and regular updates on NCEA. We are currently investigating how we can effectively manage your daughters' assessment requirements, so students should not experience any disruption. For example, using a number of different strategies including tailoring programmes so that students can be assessed against fewer standards than planned for in a normal school year, while still meeting the requirements for NCEA. Please be assured that your daughter will have the opportunities she needs to achieve her qualification this year.

ONLINE LESSON DELIVERY

1. The learning platform teachers will be using is google classroom.

At the start of the week, subject teachers will share with students the work for the week.

As part of this, teachers will give students two times during the week that they can talk to their teacher face to face.

2. Tutor teachers are using a google form as the mechanism to check in with their tutor class and check on

1. How their students' learning is going.
2. Their access to the internet and device
3. Their overall well-being

Students are to complete the form once a week.

If parents have a concern or a question please e-mail your daughter's tutor teacher. If you do not have your daughter's tutor teacher's e-mail you can get this by e-mailing her Dean.

Attached to this e-mail and printed over leaf is a suggested schedule for what her day may look like.

PANDEMIC NO MATCH FOR PACIFIC PRIDE

In the latest edition of the NZ Education Gazette / Tukutuku Korero there is a great feature article about our students and their preparation for Polyfest, which of course, very sadly had to be cancelled. You may like to have a look at it – the article is titled *Pandemic No Match for Pacific Pride*

<https://gazette.education.govt.nz/articles/pandemic-no-match-for-pacific-pride/>

SUPPORT FROM OUR HEALTH AND GUIDANCE TEAM

The school's Health Clinic and Guidance staff will continue to be 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 and social work 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
 and our social worker - Nicola Ridley
nridley@aggs.school.nz

The Government has just launched a new wellbeing website which you may wish to have a look at
<https://www.allright.org.nz/campaigns/getting-through-together>

A POSSIBLE LEARNING-FROM-HOME TIMETABLE FOR YEARS 11, 12 AND 13 STUDENTS

This is an example of a daily learning routine. Students will be able to use a guide like this to plan their own days in ways that take into account their own circumstances.

9.00 a.m. Start the day	It can be good to maintain a routine beginning at the same time every day. Try to get a good breakfast first. Some students may wish to go for a walk before they start their school day to get outside and help get themselves prepared for learning.
9 – 11 am Structured learning time	Work through resources from school. Either online or on paper. Focus on building on learning that you already have.
11 – 11.30am Morning tea break	It's important to have breaks. Go outside, or do the dishes to clear your head.
11.30am – 1pm Assignment work time	Work on an assignment for one of your subjects. Send a short update to your teachers about what you have been working on.
1-1.30pm Lunch	Make sure you have a break and eat something. Keep drinking water.
1.30 – 3pm	If you have work you are keen to complete, use this time-slot for that. Otherwise, help with the housework, take younger family members for a walk or help with their learning, do some practical learning (like baking) or work on hobbies.

In general:

- If you need help with learning or your routine, contact your tutor teacher
- Try to keep a schedule including regular breaks.
- Keep realistic expectations of your learning.
- Try to cover all of your subjects every two or three days

You've got this!