

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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EGGS 2016 Father & Daughter Breakfast held on 10th August

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Congratulations to the Head Prefect team and Najira Khanam, Communications and Events, on a very successful Father Daughter Breakfast. It was a good opportunity for 'men of Epsom' – fathers, father figures and even some grandfathers - to get to know each other and network. Thanks to guest speaker Mike King who provided us all with a lot to think about, and to Lucy and Shanaia for their duet performance.

The Year 12 Ball was a really enjoyable occasion and thanks go to Sarah Stenson, Deputy Principal, the Deans - Wendy Bunting and Claire McConachie, and the student Ball Committee who did a wonderful job of organising the event.

Curriculum Drama is a real strength in this school – going back over a long period. This year has been no exception with a combined Year 12 and 13 performance of Caryl Churchill's "Love and Information" last week. Next week sees the completion of the season with a Year 13 production of Arthur Meek's "On The Upside Down of the World".

Traffic and road safety are topics that come to me reasonably often. Please remember, whether we are driving or walking, we need to keep in mind the safety of ourselves and others. We have no entry into Silver Road when dropping students to school in the mornings because of major congestion. I have seen some drivers very frustrated with each other - when they are perhaps running a bit late also, drivers do not always show their best driving skills and safety is a real concern. Please do not come into Silver Road at all in the mornings, but rather, make sure that students are dropped off in a nearby street, safely.

Tournament Week is fast approaching – starting on Monday 29 August. Following the official week there are also, of course, a number of sports who have national competitions well into September. I know preparations are underway and the School will be wishing all teams well for their competitions.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 5....

Mon 22-23 Aug Year 13 Drama Production
Thu 25-27 Aug Big Sing Finale
Fri 26 Aug Student Council Mufti Day

Coming up in Week 6....

Mon 29 Aug Winter Tournament Week

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There has been a changing of the guard in terms of the Board of Trustees. In June the election process had a record number of nominations to fill the gaps left by the out-going trustees. I would like to thank those trustees for their commitment to the Board over many years and a special thanks to Dr Gerald Young for his massive contribution as Board Chair over many years. Thank you to those who put themselves forward as nominees and congratulations to those elected.

The newly elected Board comprises a range of skills well suited to delivering sound governance of a high achieving school while providing a professional and collaborative relationship with the Principal and Senior Leadership Team. Board members are:

Chris Iles (Chair)

Lynley Sheweiry (Deputy Chair)

Lorraine Pound (Principal)

Philip Bradley

Paul Gestro

Julie Goodyer

Rachel Heeney (Staff Rep)

Kate Smith

Andrew Stevens

Imogen Wallace (Student Rep)

I would also like to reach out to the Whanau Awhina and the Komiti Pasifika communities who are currently recommending representatives to join the Board. These groups have been well represented in the past and make a valued contribution.

2016 has been a year of change, with a new Principal and Board, however the achievements of the students remains paramount. This is not possible without an engaged teaching team and a critical component of this is a continued learning pathway for the teachers. The Board fully supports management's professional development programme and will always look to enrich this element of education.

Key areas of focus for the new Board include navigating through the new health and safety legislation, revisiting the school's master plan to address capital building initiatives, what will be the impact of the Unitary Plan on the school roll, managing a tight funding model and supporting the organising committee for the Centenary next year.



The achievements of the students this year has been impressive. From the cultural performances and the sports fields, to the academic successes, everyone can be proud of their contributions. As we approach the midway point of Term 3 the senior students are preparing for school exams. I wish all these students all the very best in these upcoming exams and the externals later in the year.

Chris Iles - Board Chair



Jacinda Ardern, List MP, Labour with Head Prefect Michelle Schneideman following Michelle's second senior assembly with parliamentary speakers on Women in Politics. The first was the Hon Nikki Kaye, Associate Minister of Education.

2016 Father & Daughter Breakfast



CURRICULUM NEWS



World Challenge Peru trip

Hola!

On July 9th, nine enthusiastic senior students, two excited teachers and one awesome World Challenge leader headed off on the trip of a lifetime to beautiful Southern Peru. We spent a jam-packed 21 days exploring this amazing country and we saw some breathtakingly stunning sights along the way.

Our journey took us to Lima, Paracas, Arequipa, Yanque, Puno, Cusco, Ollantaytambo and Aguas Calientes. We experienced the driest desert in the world (the Atacama Desert); an outrageous number of birds (over one million on Islas Ballestas); majestic and huge mountains in the Andes while trekking up to 5200m above sea level; three days with adorable and enthusiastic Peruvian primary school children; and the absolute pinnacle of beauty and history – Machu Picchu.

Machu Picchu, one of the seven wonders of the world, is a place that should be on everyone's bucket list. The magical feeling you get standing amongst a city that is nearly 600 years old cannot be put into words. Seeing the mind-boggling amount of work that must have gone into building what was home to around 1000 people, high up in the mountains, surrounded by sheer cliffs, dense jungle and far from all other civilisations definitely gave us a huge amount of respect for the Incan people.



The students did a spectacular job of organising every aspect of our journey – from booking buses and accommodation to finding us great places to eat every day and ensuring we didn't run out of money – we are very proud of them and we are sure they have come away with valuable life lessons on how to successfully travel in the remote parts of the world.

This was the second World Challenge expedition EGGS has undertaken and we are really excited to start planning where our next adventure will take us! If you are currently in Years 9-11, watch this space for more information.

Centenary Celebrations - Buy your tickets today!

We're now 228 days away from our Centenary Celebrations and have an amazing line up of events ahead of us.

We're delighted that our school community past and present, has been heading over to iTicket to register for the events. You can check out the list of [attendees](#) here. Are you interested in getting your name on the list too? It's easy, just register with iTicket at www.iticket.co.nz/go-to/eggs-centenary-events-2017 to secure your tickets for this once in a lifetime event. Don't delay as spaces will be filling up fast.



Helmet located on the original school building - EGGS 1920

Our Centenary Celebrations are a fantastic opportunity to catch up with friends, reconnect with former classmates and to share memories of days gone by. We warmly invite you all to join us to celebrate our 100th birthday! If you're friends with any Old Girls we might have lost contact with, please ask them to get in touch with us - they can send an email to eggs100@eggs.school.nz

We look forward to celebrating 100 wonderful years with you all.

Centenary Sponsorships

If you have a business and would like to sponsor any aspect of the Centenary please contact us on eggs100@eggs.school.nz. Your generosity will be much appreciated.



WORLD CHALLENGE PERU TRIP

Professional Learning Group - Writing in the Junior School



As part of the Auckland Central Community of Schools initiative a Professional Learning Group has been established with a focus on writing in the Junior School. Our goal is to nurture more students to be aware of the need to create clear meaning for their audience and for students to actively make critical meaning from a variety of texts. A number of initiatives such as: interweaving writing mechanics into content exercises, philosophy circles, 'flipping' the learning activities, and student learning logs are being trialed to measure value added effects this year. It is exciting to work alongside our Intermediate Feeder Schools and fellow EGGs Faculty teachers to poach, adapt and experiment with learning strategies so that students create their own viewpoint from which to write clearly and engagingly.



Education Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Year 13 student Mariam Rasheed who has won a \$2,000 regional scholarship for an overseas high school exchange programme with Your Education. Mariam will travel to France in December this year to complete a two-month high school exchange programme.

The regional scholarship recognises a student who is passionate about their region of New Zealand, outgoing and creative as well as a strong academic student. They will be a great ambassador for both Your Education and New Zealand while on their overseas exchange.

Mariam's application was selected in the top three entries in the Northern Region from an overwhelming number of fantastic applications that were received.

Otago Junior Mathematics Competition

Epsom Girls Grammar students did well in the Otago Junior Mathematics Competition again this year. Chenhuan Liu and Victoria Sun were in the top 30 Year 9 students in New Zealand. In Year 10, Angel Ma was in the top 100 NZ students, and in Year 11, Aaina Chopra, Chloe Ji, Nina Peng and Weihong Yi were in the top 100 NZ students. In addition, there were 8 students in Years 9 to 11 in the top 200 students in NZ for their year, and 6 Merit Certificates (top 15% of entrants). We will soon be celebrating their success at an assembly.

CAREER NEWS

Open Days and external events in Term 3

The following are some of the Open Days and other tertiary events being held in Term 3. For some of these students need to register online.

Sat 20 August	Massey Albany Open Day
Tues 23 August	University of Canterbury Engineering Info Evening, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane, 6.30-8.00pm
Thurs 25 August	ITC (International Travel College) Open Day, City Rd and Botany Campuses, 9.00am-5.00pm.
Thurs 25 August	Unitec Open evening, 4.00-7.00pm
Fri 26 August	Study at Victoria Day, Wellington
Fri 26 August	Massey Wellington campus Open Day
Sat 27 August	University of Auckland Courses and Careers Day
Sat 27 August	AUT Live Open Day, City campus
Wed 21 Sept	Engineer Her Future Info Evening, University of Auckland Engineering School, 6.30-8.00pm. For Years 11 and 12 students primarily.

Arts and Cultural News

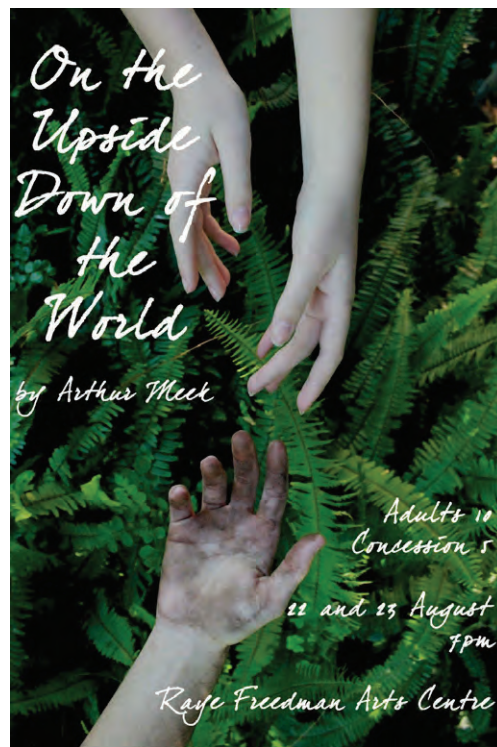


Drama Productions

Love and Information



"Love and Information" by acclaimed playwright Caryl Churchill, was performed by Year 12 and 13 Drama (combined) on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th August. The play was a series of very short scenes depicting contemporary life and explored how modern communication impacts on our relationships, feelings and thoughts. Well done to all students involved and congratulations to Ms Druitt for such a wonderful production!



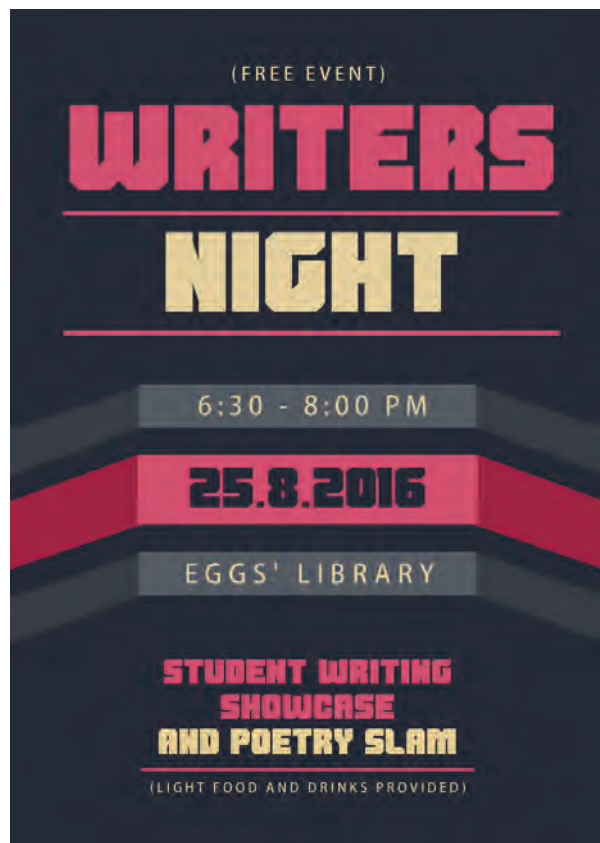
On the Upside Down of the World

"On the Upside Down of the World" is a play by Arthur Meek based on the diaries of Mary Ann Martin. Set during the colonisation of the last place on earth it is the story of an unlikely female pioneer who blazes a unique trail through the untamed social landscapes of New Zealand's early history when she's forced to foster a peculiar Māori boy. Directed by Miss Richardson and held at the RFAC on the 22nd and 23rd August, tickets can be purchased on the night for \$5 concession and \$10 adults.

Writers Night

The 2016 Writing Committee welcomes all to the EGGS' Annual Writers Night, an exclusive evening filled with food and friends that aims to celebrate the ever-growing presence of literature within our school. Held in the Gae Griffiths Library on Thursday 25th August (6.30-8pm), Writers Night will showcase our school's most creative and original pieces of poetry and prose, presented by a range of our own talented writers as well as guests from our wider community.

An interesting addition to this event has been made this year, with the introduction of our very first Spoken Word competition. Spoken word, or slam poetry, is the merge of dramatic performance and poetic literature, and has become an increasingly popular art form to express one's opinions, experiences, and emotions. Holding the strong belief that this approach to literature will encourage many students to recognize the beauty and power of their words, we have opened this competition to all of our students, and are extremely excited to see the outcome!



Korean Night



Epsom Music News

Epsom Chamber Music ensemble the 'Kokako' trio performed in the national finale of the Secondary Schools Chamber Music Competition on Saturday night in the Town Hall. May Gao, Esther Wu and Mabel Hung performed superbly and came away not only with the KBB Music award but also the People's Choice Award, an incredible achievement.

KBB Music Festival

The annual **KKB Festival**, held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Week 4 has had six Epsom Music groups practising hard in preparation.

Epsom Symphonia, Chamber Orchestra and String Ensemble performed on Monday August 15th and Stage Band, Concert Band and Intermediate Concert Band on Wednesday August 17th.

Congratulations for wonderful performances and all your hard work!

Big Sing National Finale

Our top choir Paradisum is also preparing for the Big Sing National Finale under the direction of Ms Le Cren. They will be travelling to Dunedin for five days at the end of August to perform two recitals and compete against other secondary school choirs from across New Zealand.



► [view the video here](#)

NZ U15 Girls Developing Softball Team



EGGS students Milla Glassie (Captain) and Brooke Glassie recently travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Waverley Softball Carnival. The NZ team U15 team competed in the U17/U19 Division and placed 2nd overall.

Brooke Glassie has also been named in the New Zealand Junior White Sox Squad who are traveling to Florida, USA next year to compete at the Junior Worlds Softball Championships.

Lacrosse Auckland Girls Season

The EGGs Lacrosse B team played a great game to take out the Division 2 Competition vs St Cuthberts College!

EGGS Lacrosse A played a great game vs MAGS in the Division 1 Final that went into double overtime where the teams still couldn't be separated then MAGS won by Golden Point.



Ultimate Frisbee

The NZ Under 20 Ultimate Frisbee team went to the World Junior Ultimate Champs in Poland seeded 16th in the world and finished an amazing 6th place!!! Well done to EGGs current and old girls Anna Crosby, Bianca Mercer, Elena Kroon, Anya Nantes, Carol Huang, Lucy Parsons and Raven Stevens for their amazing effort for the NZ team.



Squash Nationals

The Epsom Premier Squash team went to Palmerston North to compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Nationals. They had some very tough matches and came away as the Plate Winners! (photo page 8)



Clash of the Codes Quiz Night

Clash of the Codes was a huge success this year with students, friends, family and teachers all turning up for their codes to compete in the quiz night. Congratulations to the Netball girls for claiming the 2016 Clash of the Codes title after a three way tie for first place had to be broken with a bonus round.



2017 Enrolment

Ballots for OUT OF ZONE PLACES

Deadline Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 4pm.

Please note: If you live outside the school zone and wish to apply for the sister of a current student to enter the ballot, you **must** submit her application by this deadline. There is no discretion for the school to accept late applications.

Ballots for each year level will be held on **Wednesday 14 September 2016**.

Available places will be allocated in the following priority order: sisters of current students, sisters of past students, daughters of past students, daughters of Board of Trustee members and employees, all other applicants.

Year 9: The Board will decide on the number of available places just before the ballot. This will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

Years 10 & 11: We expect to be able to offer **5** places.

Year 12: Although we are not yet able to confirm availability we expect to be able to offer a small number of places.

Year 13: We will ballot for a waiting list and any places becoming available will be filled from that list.

HOME ZONE PLACES

Year 9 applicants who live in the home zone should submit their applications by **Wednesday 7 September 2016**.

Years 10-13 applicants who live in the home zone should contact the school.

Application forms can be requested online at www.eggs.school.nz.

Enquiries ph 630 5963, enrolments@eggs.school.nz

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National University of Singapore - Free Public Seminar

You are invited to attend this great information sharing session at the RFAC on August 26 at 6pm.

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For more information, and to register your attendance, please go to the [RFAC website](#).

HOMESTAY FAMILIES URGENTLY REQUIRED

Epsom Girls Grammar School has International students arriving from Asia, Europe and South America who require Homestay accommodation. \$265 per week is paid to cover full board.

If you would enjoy hosting an international student and are able to provide a caring and supportive environment to make her part of your family life, have a spare room, live within close distance to Epsom Girls Grammar School and speak English as your first language we would look forward to hearing from you.

Please call Jo Ivory on 970 6757 or email jivory@eggs.school.nz



NOTICE FROM AUCKLAND TRANSPORT

With the move to Simpler Fares, Auckland Transport is phasing out the last of the paper based train passes. The **child train monthly pass** will **no longer be available after 31 August 2016**. They are being replaced with a new fare system for all bus and train services on 14 August 2016.