

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Paradisum on stage at The Big Sing Regional in Auckland
→ [Click here to view Paradisum singing 'Gloria' at The Big Sing Finale in Dunedin](#)

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Last Thursday when Sarah Stenson and I wished the Sports Captains well for Tournament Week, and for the competitions that occur outside of the week, it was absolutely evident that these young sportswomen have the necessary level of commitment, skill and maturity for a national competition. We talked about the need at all levels for competitors to show grace in both defeat and victory – from the Olympians who have demonstrated that recently right through to young children learning from those first hard knocks and from first successes. From what I have seen from our sportswomen we can all be proud of EGGS students who represent the School in the wide range of sports offered.

Congratulations to Paradisum and their conductor Virginia Le Cren on their Silver Award at the Big Sing National Finale in Dunedin last weekend. Their performance at the Gala Concert was wonderful. Also present were Anna Dong and Anna Dolan (Year 13, 2015) as part of the NZ Secondary Schools Choir – students are able to remain in the choir in their first year beyond school. Anna Dong is now heading to Princeton on a Scholarship as an International student in America and we wish her well for this next part of her education.

A reminder – as per the email that came out earlier, a combined NZEI and PPTA paid union meeting is being held on **Monday (5 September)**. All students will be dismissed at the end of period 3, **12.25pm**. Supervision will be available for students in the library from 1.15 – 3.15pm if they are unable to be at home. Students will need to sign in at the library at 1.15pm so that we know who is on site. The focus for the meeting is the proposed global funding model. This is an important matter for discussion as early inspection of the detail that is currently available indicates that there do not seem to be obvious significant advantages for schools in the model proposed.



Senior students start their School examinations on Thursday 8 September and the exams run until the end of Friday 16 September. As we have limited study space available at school, students should study at home during the times when they do not have an exam. Full, correct uniform is worn during this period and please remember to allow plenty of time to get here to be in good time before an exam starts. The senior school will have an assembly on Monday morning to go through examination procedures.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

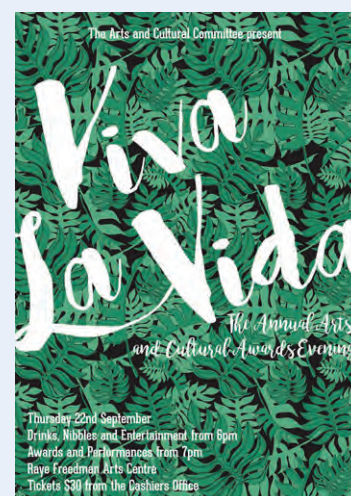
Coming up in Week 7....

Mon 5 Sept PPTA - PUM - Students dismissed at 12:25pm
Thu 8 - Fri 9 Sept Senior Exams

Coming up in Week 8....

Mon 12 - Fri 16 Sept Senior Exams

[TO VIEW MORE EVENTS CLICK HERE >](#)



Father & Daughter Breakfast

On the 10th August Epsom Girls Grammar School held their annual Father & Daughter Breakfast at Eden Park. This was a fun, entertaining morning where fathers and daughters could hear the insights of guest speaker comedian and mental health expert Mike King and have a fulfilling breakfast. This was a valuable opportunity to appreciate the role of father figures in our lives.

This year in particular was very successful with over 250 fathers and daughters attending. The head prefect team hope that everyone who came enjoyed their experience and that the final Father Daughter breakfast for Year 13's was the best one yet before you depart from your journey at EGGs.

Thank you to our sponsors:



Tuesday 20th September - Year 11 finish at 2.15pm

On Tuesday, 20th September, we will release all Year 11 students for the day at 2.15pm. This is to enable a three hour Year 11 External Marking Panel meeting for the External Examination MCAT. We hope that this does not cause any inconvenience.

Exam Preparation presentation by Patrick Sherratt - Tuesday 20th September

If your daughter is attending the Exam preparation presentation by **Patrick Sherratt 3.30-5.00pm** in the Marjory Adams Hall on 20th September she is welcome to remain at school and use the library until the presentation starts. Tickets for this event are still available and can be purchased for \$15 online.

Please note that there is also a presentation for parents that evening from 7.00-8.30pm about useful ways for parents and other family members to support students who are revising at home. Tickets are also available online.

Outreach Volunteers

Throughout August, 50 senior students volunteered for Eat My Lunch as part of the new volunteering group Outreach. Outreach aims to connect EGGs students with charities and organisations to volunteer for our local community. These students participated in packing thousands of lunches for kiwi kids in 33 decile 1 and 2 schools across Auckland and Hamilton. This was an extremely rewarding opportunity and all the girls loved being able to help children in need. Outreach will continue to partner with Eat My Lunch to volunteer for 5 more weeks next term. To find out how you can volunteer or buy lunches to gift lunches to kids in need check out Eatmylunch.nz.



Some of the student volunteers at Eat My Lunch in August

You're all invited - Centenary Celebrations 5 - 9 April 2017

From a glamorous Gala Dinner at The Langham to a fun packed community festival (EGGSFEST), we have a marvellous line up of Centenary events! The school will come alive as events and performances take place throughout the grounds. Families, students past and present, and friends are warmly invited to join us to celebrate 100 wonderful years, 100 years of excellence in girls' education.

Don't delay head over to [iticket](#) today to view what's on offer and to buy your tickets for this once in a lifetime event.

We're very much looking forward to seeing you all in April 2017.

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.



The Transition Process



As part of the 2016 ACCOS funded project we have been examining how students feel about the transitioning process from Year 8 to Year 9. A successful transition process is important. The impact that the process has on students' success has led us to begin examining what is being done successfully and areas that need improvement. This year we have completed a survey of Year 9 to understand their view of the transition process. From this survey we have identified that students are generally very happy at Epsom and have transitioned easily from Year 8. We have noticed that there is an emotional barrier that has developed with students becoming very stressed about homework, grades and assessments. Going forward this is the area in which we are hoping to make changes, ensuring that our students are enjoying the junior curriculum. Through the ACCOS project we have begun to develop relationships with the different ACCOS schools. To date this has involved visiting Auckland Normal Intermediate School and observing their teachers and students in action. This has led to more open communication between the schools.

CURRICULUM NEWS

From the Digital Technologies Department

Young Scholars Programme

Three Year 13 students have completed the programming 101 paper from Auckland University. Two gained A passes (and an email of congratulations from the Head of Computer Science at UoA where they have outperformed almost all of the first year students taking this full time!), and one gained A- (still amazing). They were Jade Beckman (Deputy Head Girl), Dervla Braem (leader of the Coding Club) and Stephanie Chen.

Programming Challenge for Girls

On Wednesday 31 August two teams of Year 10 girls took part in the Programming Challenge for Girls competition at AUT. One of the teams gained a bronze medal. They won a \$25 JB HiFi voucher for their trouble. They were Navneet Dhaliwal (10SMT) and Sharon Susanto (10KHA).



Science Fair 1st place

Leading on from Navneet's bronze, she also gained first place in the Science Fair (Yr 9/10 Technology section) with her amazing recycling sorting robot, using a raspberry pi computer, setting up the pins and a robotic set to create this. A wonderful achievement from this extremely hard working and talented student.

United Nations Youth Group and Model United Nations in the Classroom

United Nations Youth is an organisation which fosters learning outside the classroom. It encourages students to think about world events and international happenings through workshops and discussions. It leads events such as Model United Nations, Youth Declaration and Diplomacy Competition, which all give students a chance to voice their opinions and develop their leadership skills. Students' thinking broadens as a result of UN Youth holding events to raise awareness about current world issues.

A United Nations Youth Group was formed at the beginning of this year at Epsom Girls with over 60 students showing interest. Debates were held during the year on topics such as Women's Rights and the Refugee Crisis. Through these debates, students got a chance to develop their public speaking skills and learnt to critically analyse situations.

On 31st July 2016, a United Nations Youth event was held in Epsom Girls Grammar School in collaboration with Auckland Girls Grammar School where students from all over Auckland came and participated in Model United Nations in the Classroom. This event entailed students representing different countries in the UN and debating for their countries' rights and views. Students debated on "Internet Governance" and "DAESH". There was active participation by the students and they spent the day as prospective delegates and understood the process of a UN Assembly meeting.

2017 Enrolment

Ballots for OUT OF ZONE PLACES

Deadline Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 4pm.

Please note:

- Students currently enrolled at EGGS **are not eligible** to participate in ballots for out-of-zone places.
- 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

Visit to Pascoes with Anne Norman - 2016 Founders Award recipient

On the 4th August the Head Prefect team were invited to the Pascoes headquarters by EGGS Founders Award recipient and owner of the James Pascoe Group, Anne Norman. This was an incredibly fascinating experience where they were able to explore the manufacturing process for making jewellery as well as talk to each of the staff about their roles within every department of the business. It was such a rewarding experience and one which we will treasure. Thank you to Anne Norman for providing us with this opportunity.



CAREER NEWS



The University of Otago will be here on Monday 5th September for course planning.

If you are intending to study Health Sciences First Year please come to DSO at the start of Period X (3), and for all other degrees please come at 12pm.

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.

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

Year 12 & 13 Production - "Love and Information"

The Year 12 & 13 production, "Love and Information" by Caryl Churchill explored the complexity of modern life and how our relationships are affected by the volume of communication we interact with each day.



Arts & Cultural 2016 Colours Recipients

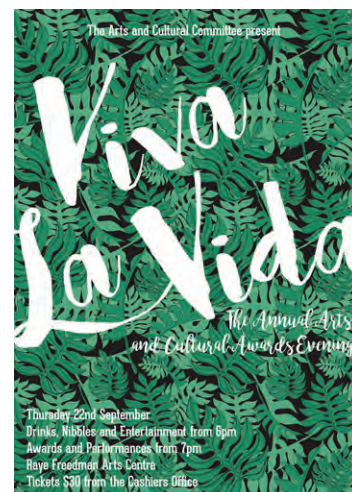
Congratulations to all 2016 Colours Recipients!

Colours are awarded to students who have shown outstanding ability and a high standard of performance in their area/s of Arts and Culture.

Students will receive their Colours at the Arts and Cultural Awards on Thursday 22nd September, at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre and will need to ensure they have a ticket for the event (Tickets available from the cashier for \$30).

→ [Click here to see the full list of recipients](#)

Epsom Music News



Epsom Chamber Orchestra performing at the KBB Music Festival where they received a Gold Award and an invitation to play at the Gala Concert



Epsom Concert Band performing at the KBB Music Festival where they won a Gold Award



Epsom Intermediate Concert Band performing at the KBB Music Festival where they won a Bronze Award



Epsom Stage Band performing at the KBB Music Festival where they gained a Bronze Award



Epsom String Ensemble Band performing at the KBB Music Festival where they received a Certificate of Participation



Members of the Epsom Symphonia performing at the KBB Music Festival where they gained a Bronze Award

SPORT

Winter Tournament Week!

Winter Tournament Week has arrived! Epsom Girls has 10 teams competing all around the country this week for various North Island and National Secondary School titles!

Badminton – Hamilton

Basketball – Auckland

Curling – Auckland

Cycling – Auckland

Fencing – Auckland

Football – Nelson

Hockey – Ashburton

Underwater Hockey – Wellington

Table Tennis – Palmerston North

Netball – Auckland

Basketball

The EGGs Open Basketball team has had a great season so far! They took out the Auckland Central Zone competition with a win over Onehunga in the final. They then proceeded to the Greater Auckland Basketball Championship where they lost in a very tough semi-final to Birkenhead in overtime!

Football

Football has come to an end for the year with Epsom achieving some great results!

- 1st XI placed 2nd in the Auckland Provincial Cup Div 2 Competition
- 2nd XI won the Senior A2 Competition and were undefeated the entire season!
- 3rd XI placed 3rd in the Senior B Championship
- Junior A winners of the Auckland Provincial Cup Junior Competition 2016.
- Junior Gold placed 2nd in the Junior B Competition
- Junior Blue placed 3rd also in the Junior B Competition.

Badminton



Well done to the EGGs Badminton teams that competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Doubles Champs.

Results:

1st - Rebecca Fong / Jacqueline Yu

4th - Kate Hu / Shirley Lin.



Lacrosse

Last week brought the end to a very successful EGGs Lacrosse season. The Premier and B teams placed 1st at the Division 1 and 2 Champs with both teams playing MAGS in the finals.

Over the weekend the EGGs Premiers competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Nationals down in Cambridge. The team did really well, and fought through some really tough pool games. They found themselves up against MAGS again in the semi-final, and again, ended on the winning side by one goal! Facing Cambridge High school in the final EGGs went down 7-3. The girls performed really well, fought hard, and represented the school with a lot of pride.



Mountain Biking

Race 3 of the Auckland Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Champs were held on the 14th August at Hunua Regional MTB Park.

The 3 riders representing Epsom Girls Grammar were

2nd - Sarah Harvison in U16

1st - Poppy Buissink in U17

2nd - Dayna Haythorne in U19

Table Tennis

On Thursday 18 August, our top EGGs Table Tennis team competed at the Auckland Champions of Champions tournament. This is an invitational tournament based on performance in the regular competition and it was a great achievement that two of our teams qualified, although only one could attend. The EGGs 1 team of Ruofei Rao, Christina Zhou, Lucy Lin and Jocelyn Lam then won the girls grade, possibly for the first time, with a dominant final performance over Westlake Girls High.



EGGS 1 Table Tennis team

Weightlifting

Saturday August 27th saw Kohu Kawiti (13DAS), Manine Lynch (13CHD), and Makare Tavanavanua (11PAS) competing in the Auckland section of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Olympic Weightlifting competition. All the girls lifted well and posted strong totals for the day – which will be ranked nationally after the Dunedin and Wellington portions of the competition. The girls were fortunate enough that Richie Patterson (NZ Olympic representative at Rio 2016) was on hand for the event and got the opportunity to speak with him afterwards as can be seen in the picture below. We look forward to seeing all three of these girls represent New Zealand and Cook Islands in the near future!



From Left to Right: Richie Patterson (NZ Olympian), Kohu Kawiti, Manine Lynch, Makare Tavanavanua

EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Heritage Fund

EGGS Foundation Heritage Fund grants awarded - June 2016

- Contribution towards attending and competing in the Hillary Challenge
- Help with the team costs involved in attending hockey nationals
- Funding towards purchasing an electronic scoring machine for the fencing club
- Funding towards educational trips with the UN Youth Pacific Project
- Help with the costs of purchasing new rugby tackle for the EGGS rugby team
- Funding towards completing the Silver Duke of Edinburgh award.



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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