

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Year 10 Market Day

Dear parents, caregivers and students

2016 marks the beginning of digital examinations at Epsom Girls Grammar School. In our 99th year we have been one of the early adopters of digital trials and pilots for NZQA. This has included 121 students sitting a Year 11 English exam, 124 students sitting a Year 11 Geography exam, 182 students sitting a Year 11 Biology exam and 41 students sitting a Year 11 Spanish exam. Our scale here at EGGS makes us a valuable example of infrastructure coping with large numbers. As you can imagine ICT infrastructure is a significant investment for the School and we aim to continue on building capacity in this area as digital assessment is set to expand in the next few years. I would like to thank the staff involved, led by Deputy Principal Karyn Dempsey and Qualifications Manager Steve Nowell; Deputy Principal Sarah Dwan and Manager of ICT Brian Foster and his team, as well as the double supervision staff during the sessions. I would also like to thank the students for dipping their toes in these new waters – going bravely and calmly where we have not been before!

Term 3 finishes at the end of next week. For seniors it has been a term of, in many cases, finishing internal assessments and then preparing for the School Examinations which finish today. Next week senior students will get valuable feedback from these exams to help them plan ahead for where they need to put their energies in the coming weeks. All senior students should make sure that they have a total break for part of the two week holiday and then also decide how much time they need to put into effective work towards meeting their goals in the external examinations. For some students it is getting close to portfolio submission time and this means careful planning so that the last few days are not unduly anxious ones. Please remember that all year level programmes are manageable. Getting on with a task at a time from a list is a really simple idea that students tell me can really make a difference – especially when you begin to tick those tasks off.

You will see a lot of wonderful results from various activities and competitions in this edition of EGGSNEWS, including:

the double accolades for Year 13 student Fia Roache. Fia is a gifted photographer and the two awards are testament to this – see Page 5 for details.

1st place in the New Zealand Secondary School Table Tennis Championships, with Ruofei Rao and Christina Zhou 1st and 2nd respectively in the Individual Competition. This is an outstanding result.

1st places for Jess Gracie and Sarah Gatland in individual fencing categories.

The next EGGSNEWS will come out at the end of Week 2 of Term 4. I would like to wish all students and staff a well-earned holiday break and best wishes to the Language Literature Team who will compete at the National Tournament of the Minds Competition in Wellington in the first weekend of the holidays.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 9...

Wed 21 Sept	Gateway Prizegiving
Thur 22 Sept	Arts & Cultural Awards
Fri 23 Sept	End of Term 3

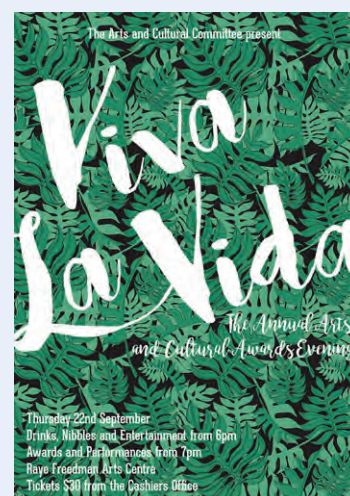
Coming up in Week 1, Term 4...

Mon 10 Oct	Term 4 begins
Thur 13 Oct	Year 9 & 10 Drinks & Nibbles

Coming up in Week 4

Wed 2 Nov	Senior Prizegiving
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Curriculum News

ACCOS - Restorative Practice

As part of the 2016 ACCOS funded project a professional learning group has been established to make restorative practice relevant and meaningful in learning for both students/staff and the school community. EGGs is adopting a restorative practice approach that encourages our students to think more broadly about the impact of their decisions and behaviour on others. This approach moves away from traditional thinking around punitive sanctions that actually do very little to develop thoughtfulness. The restorative practice model focuses on building and maintaining positive, respectful relationships across the school community and offers staff and students tools and techniques to restore relationships when things go wrong. By building and maintaining these positive and respectful relationships



within a school, staff to staff, staff to student and student to student, issues are more easily managed. As a group we have used and shared tools to develop these changes in professional student/teacher relationships. Through our discussions, meetings and reflections we have looked at restorative practice as a proactive strategy to create a culture of connectivity and care where students and staff members can thrive. A survey conducted by a number of teachers with their classes prompted an understanding of our students' voice and perspectives around what a safe learning environment is and what inspires them. As a group we look forward to furthering our knowledge when we go to Wellington in November to attend the National Restorative Conference.

Tournament of the Minds

Five EGGs teams took part in the Tournament of the Minds (TOM) competition for the first time this year. TOM is an inter-school problem-solving event for students in Year 9 and 10 where students work in a team of seven and are given six weeks to solve an open-ended Challenge in the area of Language Literature, Maths Engineering, Social Sciences or Science Technology. The solution must be a dramatised presentation to a panel of judges and an audience on Tournament Day. Students need to demonstrate excellent critical, creative and caring thinking to succeed in the competition. In preparation, all TOM team members took part in weekly workshops designed to develop their thinking skills and ability to work effectively in a team.

The Regional finals of the TOM Competition were held at Albany Junior High School on Saturday the 3rd of September. Thirty-five teams from across Auckland and Northland took part in the regional competition. Of the five EGGs teams that took part, three came second in their division and our team competing in the Language Literature division achieved first place. This was an especially impressive result given that this is the first year EGGs has taken part in TOM.

The winning team will now compete against the best TOM teams from around New Zealand at the National Finals in Wellington on September the 24th. Teams that win the National Finals will be invited to compete in the International Tournament which will be held in the Gold Coast, Australia on October 13.



PTA - Year 9 and 10 Parent Drinks and Nibbles evening



Save the date: **Year 9 and 10 Parent Drinks and Nibbles evening. Thursday 13 October, 6.30pm.** Come along to socialise with other parents of Year 9 and 10. There will be musical performances. Invites will be emailed to parents next week.

Centenary Celebrations 5 - 9 April 2017. Don't forget to Register.

As the Centenary Celebrations draw closer and we're now almost 6 months away from April 2017, registrations for the amazing line up of events have been rising. For a full list of attendees and more check out our [Centenary website](#). There's something for everyone including a fun packed family day of Sports Extravaganza and a show stopping community festival, EGGSFEST.

To secure your tickets for an unforgettable celebration of 100 years of excellence in girls' education head over to [iTicket](#) today. Come and join us!



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.

From the Business Department - Year 10 Market Days

Over Term Three Year 10 Business Studies students have been working hard in their business groups to organise and create innovative goods or services to sell. On September 6th and 7th the students had the opportunity to sell their products to the school. Over the two lunchtimes the hall was full of buyers (staff and students) eager to purchase from our enthusiastic sellers. There were some wonderful products for sale including linen bags, key rings, caps and many more. Many groups sold out of their stock early on while other groups decided to cut their prices in the last few moments of selling in order to reduce their surplus stock.

It was a wonderful learning experience for the students as they were able to experience the realities of creating a business plan, dealing with budgeting issues and co-ordinating the organisation and running of the business. They will now reflect on the success of their businesses.



International Languages Week

From the 22 - 26 August Epsom Girls Grammar School celebrated International Languages Week, with competitions and activities organised by the students who are part of the Languages Synhedrion Group.

The week started off with some arts and crafts, including a Latin and Classics cake decorating competition, Eiffel Tower building and origami. On Tuesday we had the opportunity to learn some basics of languages such as Russian, Swedish, Korean, Italian and German.

On Wednesday we celebrated an International Film Festival and we welcomed two visitors from the Linguistics Department of the University of Auckland who talked to us about study options and career paths where languages can be a very valuable asset.

The week finished with a piñata party and a barbecue and pain au chocolat sale. This was a great event where we could celebrate the rich cultural and linguistic diversity of our school. The Languages Department would like to thank everyone that became involved and contributed to its success.



From the Spanish Department



On Tuesday 30 August, the Spanish Department organised a Spanish Immersion Day and welcomed four lecturers from Massey University. Our visitors organised four workshops in which our students learnt about Spanish phonetics, general Hispanic culture, Pre-Columbian Civilizations and Salsa dancing. Around 260 students were involved in the Immersion Day. This was a fantastic day where our students could put into practice their Spanish language skills, be exposed to different aspects of Hispanic culture and experience first-hand how valuable their Spanish can be outside the classroom.



We would like to thank Dr Leonel Alvarado, Dr Celina Bortolotto, Dr Jose Diaz Rodriguez and Francisco Gonzalez Bonilla for coming to visit us and for running such interactive and engaging workshops.

From the Visual Art Department

Eden Arts Young Artist Awards

The Eden Art Awards were held on Saturday 3 September at the Mt Eden Village Centre. Congratulations to Falefia-o-Alii Roache who was the overall winner this year with her work *Plastic Samoan*.

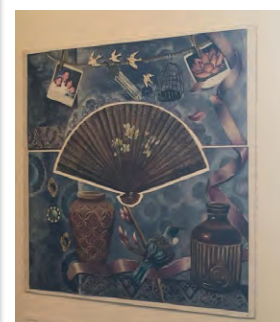
Congratulations also to Emily Brown, highly commended for her work *Quartz* and Isla Thomson, highly commended for her work *Lucille*.

→ [Click here to read the full press release from Eden Arts](#)



Wallace Art Awards

The EGGs Visual Art Department is very proud to announce that Falefia-o-Alii Roache has also won the Wallace Arts Secondary Schools Awards with her work "Ceremonial Koga'i". Falefia-o-Alii was awarded her prize on Monday evening at the opening of the exhibition by Sir James Wallace. This is a huge accomplishment for Falefia and our five other finalists; Stella Mackrell, Hayley Platt, Minsoh Choy, Rebecca Hazard and Stephanie Khoo, who were selected as finalists from more than five hundred entries from throughout New Zealand. Their work will be on display at the Pah Homestead until the 6 of November, alongside the winners of the National Wallace Awards and the Wallace Arts Trust Collection; an unparalleled anthology and resource of Contemporary New Zealand Art.



Falefia-o-Alii Roache with her winning work "Ceremonial Koga'i" in the Wallace Arts Secondary Schools Awards.

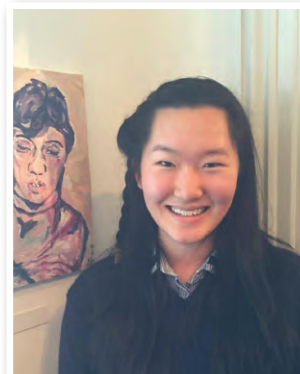
Finalists in the Wallace Arts Secondary Schools Awards



Stella Mackrell



Hayley Platt



Minsoh Choi



Rebecca Hazard

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Term Time Only

Monday	11.05 - 11.25am	12.00 - 1.30pm	3.15 - 4.00pm
Tuesday	11.05 - 11.25am	12.00 - 1.30pm	3.15 - 4.00pm
Wednesday	10.25 - 10.45am	12.00 - 1.30pm	
Thursday	11.05 - 11.25am	12.00 - 1.30pm	3.15 - 4.00pm
Friday (Term 1,2,4)	11.00 - 11.25am	12.00 - 1.40pm	(CLOSED Friday Term 3)

Additional Holiday Hours

Thursday October 6th	10.00am – 3.00pm
Saturday October 8th	10.00am – 3.00pm

Tournament Week Results

Epsom Sport had one of our most successful Winter Tournament weeks in recent years with great results across the week!

Football – 14th in the NZSS Premier Girls competition out of 32 teams.

Netball – 4th at UNISS in the A Grade competition out of 32 teams qualified for Nationals next holidays. Huge congratulations to Greer Sinclair and Bianca Nagaiya for being named in the tournament team.

Table Tennis – 1st in the NZSS Champs teams competition with Ruofei Rao 1st and Christina Zhou 2nd in the Individual competition.

Basketball Opens – 7th in the Zone Premierships qualifying for the NZSS Nationals in the school holidays.

Badminton – 3rd in the NZSS Girls Division 1 championships

Under Water Hockey – Seniors 8th and Juniors 5th in the NZSS Champs

Hockey – 2nd in the NZSS Audrey Timlin Memorial Cup

Curling – EGGS had two teams competing in the NISS Champs and they finished 2nd and 3rd in the girls' competition.

Lacrosse – 2nd place in the NZSS Championships

Cycling – NZSS Individual Champs

U16 Girls – Stella Nightingale 4th place

U15 Girls – Lucy Thomson 1st, Ella Wyllie 2nd

Duathlon – Junior team placed 2nd in the U14 grade

Fencing – Womens U18 NZSS Championships

Individual Epee – 1st Jess Gracie, 3rd Yerin An

Individual Foil – 2nd Jess Gracie

Individual Sabre – 1st Sarah Gatland, 2nd Jess Gracie, 3rd Isabelle Pawley, 3rd Olivia Ou

Team Epee – EGGS 3rd

Team Foil EGGS 3rd

[See our Facebook page for Tournament Week photos!](#)

UNISS - Premier 1 Netball Tournament Week

The Premier 1 Netball team spent winter tournament week at the UNISS tournament hosted by the Papakura Netball Centre, competing with over 100 other secondary schools to qualify for NZSS Netball Nationals.

Qualifying last year for the first time in six years, the pressure was on Epsom Girls to be one of the top 6 teams in the A-grade and go to Nationals again.

In A grade pool play we met Kristin College (won 49-9) and then St Cuthberts (won 44-19). The Epsom Girls showed that they had matured into a skilful and composed team. Most pleasing was having all 12 of the girls playing during this stage. We then met Carmel College to contest top of the pool ranking, it was a good early challenge for the team but Epsom Girls strong finish saw them win the game 41-31.

Top 16 crossovers saw us meet the top two teams from other pools. Ranking from this stage onwards would be important – top of the pool was the goal. Trident High School were strong and we had to overcome their style of play (won 41-23) and then two mighty challenges – St Pauls College and Rotorua Girls High. St Pauls had only lost to St Kents by 1 goal in pool play and word was out that Rotorua was a very smart team. Rotorua Girls had won their match against St Pauls by one goal. A determined Epsom Girls put together a fantastic display against St Pauls of disciplined and smart netball to win by 10 goals (37-27). Against Rotorua Girls, Epsom Girls staged one of the best comebacks – down by 7 goals in the third quarter they showed great composure and heart to win the game by 1 goal in the last 20 seconds of the game – fantastic.



So top of the Pool and onto Top 8 crossovers. One step closer to qualifying. Wins against Hillcrest (39-20) and then Aorere (37-34) where we were able to play all 12 players again, saw us in the Top 4 and off to NZSS Nationals – FABULOUS!

On our last day and in atrocious weather we met St Kents to contest a place in the final. The court surface matched with this teams vast experience saw Epsom Girls well beaten, not a fair reflection at all on how far the girls had progressed this season. In our final game against Rotorua Girls again, we battled some on court elements and finished with a 3 goal loss.

Great results though for the week, lots of experience gained, qualified for the prestigious NZSS Nationals and our young captain Greer Sinclair and young shooter Bianca Nagaiya named in the tournament team.

Auckland Netball Competition 2016

Results and Auckland representative honors

The Auckland Netball Competition finished with Epsom Girls Grammar teams featuring strongly in the competition placings – across the board our teams did so well in fact that Epsom Girls won the coveted Craighead Champion of Champions trophy for the school with the best overall results.

A fantastic reflection of the students, the school and our community volunteers commitment to our sport – fantastic Epsom Girls.



EGGS Teams – Final placings:

Y9 Section H Winners.....	EGGS Y9 Opal
Y9 Section G Runners Up.....	EGGS Y9 Topaz
Y9 Section E/2 Winners.....	EGGS Y9 Sapphire
Y9 Section E/1 Winners.....	EGGS Y9 Turquoise
Y9 Section D Winners.....	EGGS Y9 Ruby
Y10 Section A/2 Winners	EGGS Y10 Gold
Snr Section H Winners	EGGS Senior Bracken
Snr Section F Winners	EGGS Snr Withiel
Snr Section E/2 Winners.....	EGGS Senior Clyde
Snr Section E/1	EGGS Senior Yellow
Snr Section D/2 Winners	EGGS Senior Epsom
Snr Section C Reserve Winners.....	EGGS Senior Kipling
Snr Section B/2 Runner Up	EGGS Senior Owens



Also recognised at the ANC Prizegiving were our Auckland Representative Players who were also selected with special awards:

U9/2 Auckland Rep	Anna Millar
U9/1 Auckland Rep	Terewai Majury
U15/2 Auckland Rep.....	Kristina McCourtie and Jade Panoho
U15/1 Auckland Rep.....	Kilarney Morey
Also named Most Valuable Player for 2016.	
U17/1 Auckland Rep.....	Bianca Nagaiya and Greer Sinclair
Greer was also named Most Promising Player for 2016.	



Epsom Girls Grammar School Whanau Awhina
would like to warmly invite you to attend the 2016

Poroporoaki

We look forward to acknowledging our
Year 13 Maori Student Leaders and introducing you to our
new Whanau Awhina representative on the Board of Trustees.

Venue: Epsom Girls Grammar School Staffroom

Date: 20th of October

Time: 5.00-6.00pm

**Kai will be provided - please bring a small plate of something sweet or fruit
RSVP by the 18th of October to kdempsey@eggs.school.nz**

Artwork by Sarah Davis 2015 Kotahitanga Co-Leader



PTA Donation

The PTA is a non-fundraising forum supporting a multitude of events and activities within the school community. As such we rely on donations to continue this support. An annual donation of \$30 is all we request, which is tax deductible and a receipt will be provided by the school.

Payment can be made via Internet Banking into this account:

02-0100-0380450-00. Use reference: PTA Donation – Students Name and ID.

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