



Deputy Head Prefect Jade Beckmann, BoT Student Representative Imogene Wallace, Mrs Helen Young, former BoT Chairperson Dr Gerald Young and Deputy Head Prefect and former BoT Student Representative Lily Trinh at the tree planting.

Dear parents, caregivers and students

As you can see, above, we have planted a Rewarewa as a lasting legacy in honour of the enormous contribution made by former Board of Trustees Chairperson Dr Gerald Young during his ten years on the Board. Gerald is a wonderful example of someone who has given so much and the School is grateful to all who give of their time, expertise and energy to contribute to the quality educational experience that we aim for here at EGGS.

Term 4 is a time of goodbyes for the Year 13 students. They go on study leave after the Leavers' Assembly on Thursday 3 November. The Head Prefect Team; the wider prefect team and so many Year 13 students have shown excellent leadership this year. They have provided support and activities for other year levels, including the Peer Supporters who make the transition for new Year 9 students such a successful experience. It has been lovely to hear that students have taken the time over this first part of the term to seek out those in Year 13 that they know and to thank them; to tell them what they have appreciated about their leadership and friendship, and to wish them well for their next steps. I have thanked Year 13 at the Senior and Junior Assemblies but would like to take this opportunity to do so again. From the staff – we wish you the very best for the examinations and for the many interesting and exciting paths that you will take next year.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

MARJORY ADAMS HALL - 7.30PM

Coming up in Week 3...

Tue 25 Oct	Community Awards
Wed 26 Oct	Learning Awards
Fri 28 Oct	Year 13 reports on portal
	Level 3 Visual Art Exhibition

Coming up in Week 4

Wed 2 Nov	Senior Prizegiving
Fri 4 Nov	Year 11 & 12 reports on portal

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



Arts & Cultural Awards 2016



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Barfoot & Thompson

OGA NEWS

Many members of the OGA Committee are involved in planning for the Centenary next year and this has become the major focus of our efforts in the second part of this year, as the event looms ever closer. The OGA has responsibility for the Gala Dinner so there has been a lot of collaboration with a view to ensuring this is an event to remember.

Meanwhile, we are also planning this year's Graduation Dinner on 2nd December and Donna Corse-Scott is very competently leading this sub-committee, in collaboration with the Year 13 Deans. It is going to be a special night for the girls, with a few new touches, as well as a new grad ring design for purchase.



Old girls continue to organise various reunions and gatherings around the region, including an afternoon tea in Hamilton, a luncheon in Tauranga and a dinner organised by Franklin branch. Earlier in the year, a group of old girls from Tauranga enjoyed visiting the school.

Various other year group reunions (20, 30 and 40 years on) are being planned and these are always enjoyable occasions where excited reconnections happen. The OGA puts high attention on enabling old girls to get together whenever and wherever possible, no matter how recently or long ago they left the school, and we especially welcome graduates to become "new" old girls.

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry, OGA Co-Presidents

CURRICULUM NEWS

ACCOS - Mindfulness



At present the ACCOS professional learning group looking at Mindfulness at EGGs has reached a point where all of our 24 members have a good degree of competence in mindfulness practice. Some have focussed on learning the techniques for their own self-management and some have bravely started to integrate short 5 to 10 minutes sessions with their tutor group or subject class. The main focus has been upskilling the staff to provide for a strong foundation when teaching mindfulness.

"Starting the Year 9 core Art class with a very short mindfulness practice has helped them to reset and start the lesson with focus and good intentions" - Gala Collier.

Many staff have delved into further training with clinical psychologist Lila O'Farrell, courses offered by Monash University and so on. There is a great deal of interest in the scientific research, as well as poetry on the matter to digest and then test out in our unique environment here at EGGs.

Centenary Celebrations, We've reached a milestone

We reached a milestone earlier this month as we're now officially 6 months out from the Centenary Celebrations 5-9 April 2017. Registrations for the amazing line up events have been flooding in and we're delighted at the support we've been receiving from our school community. Many events are set to be sell outs!

There's something for everyone including fun packed family events, head over to iTicket and take a look at our [Sports Extravaganza](#) and show stopping community festival [EGGSFEST](#).

As we reflect on the past and focus on the future, we remember that the school first opened its doors in 1917 with only 174 students, today we have more than 2,200 Epsom Girls. We've plenty to celebrate next year – 100 years of empowering young women, 100 wonderful years! If you haven't registered for the Centenary events yet, come and join us:

Join us

We are so excited to share this occasion with you and look forward to seeing you in April 2017.

For a list of attendees visit: www.eggs.school.nz/about/whos-coming.aspx

Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/EGGSCentenary2017

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 Science Department



Awesome group work on Energy from 906 Science (PAK)! Open ended questions definitely led to students having more creative thinking!

A SENSE OF BELONGING

Invitation to participate in a study

You are invited to take part in a survey, we want to learn from parents' perspectives if you feel your cultural and ethnic identity are taken seriously by senior leadership as genuine values of Epsom Girls Grammar School.

[CLICK HERE](#) to take part in the survey. The survey is anonymous and participation is voluntary.

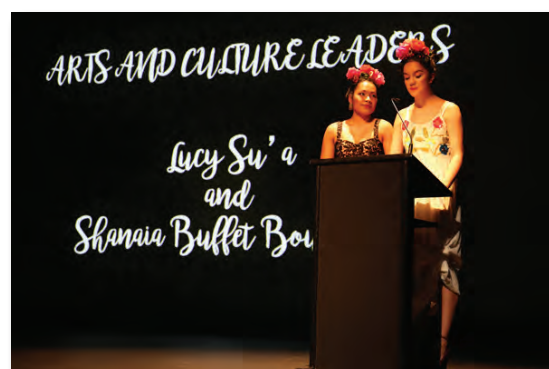
Michele Heywood is currently studying with the University of Auckland to complete her Masters of Professional Studies and is undertaking research to examine the sense of belonging that parents feel in a school community. As part of research requirements parents are invited to participate in a questionnaire. The school have approved the invitation to the survey being placed in this newsletter.

If you have any queries regarding this research please contact Michele Heywood by email mkin020@aucklanduni.ac.nz. Thank you for your cooperation.

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Arts and Cultural Awards

The final event on the Arts and Cultural calendar was a night of celebration and recognition of success. The Arts and Cultural Awards are always a highlight of the year and an important way for students and their parents to come together and celebrate their amazing achievements. The theme this year was Frida Kahlo inspired "Viva La Vida" and the decorations were amazing. A lot of hard work went into transforming the Raye Freedman Arts Centre into a tribute to this amazing artist's work – it was an explosion of flowers and colour! There was a huge paint-by-numbers piece of artwork which all the students and parents alike could help to paint, as well as students dressed as Frida Kahlo portraits wandering around the event. Little Wolf catered for the evening and provided an array of delicious Mexican-inspired food. After taking photos in front of the Frida Kahlo themed backdrop, everyone moved into the theatre for the awards ceremony. The ceremony was a wonderful display of all the talent here at EGGs. Several of the school's music groups performed, as well as some amazing performances from both Stage Challenge and the cultural groups, including the Chinese Traditional Dance Group and the Samoan Group. Many students were recognised for their service to Arts and Culture, as well as their immense talent in art, drama and music.



Arts and Cultural Committee for 2017

GROUP	LEADER	GROUP	LEADER
Kaiarahi	Kowhai Paewhenua & Sherkquoia Hauraki	Drama Leaders	Bella Rakete & Abby Lyons
Samoan Group Leader	Jayda Felix-Mounlath	Auckland Theatre Company Ambassador	Alessandra Tusa
Cook Island Leader	Kiana Sword-Tua	Silo Theatre Company Ambassador	Julia McDonald
Chinese Group Leaders	Angela Liu & Jacqueline Yu	Band Leaders	Zoe Callesen & Sarah Rathbun
Korean Group Leaders	Rebecca Cho & Soo-hee Kim	Chamber Music Leader	Susie Kim
Sri Lankan Group Leader	Rachel Ravi	Contemporary Leader	Jemima Clark
Indian Group Leader	Jayna Patel	Choral Leaders	Bethany Cook & Libby Montgomery
Thai Group Leader	Amykar Sirisao	Orchestra Leaders	Mabel Hung & Esther Wu
Japanese Group Leader	TBC	Stage Challenge Leaders	Hannah Watts & Paris Blakie
Malaysian Group Leader	Jill Liu	Hip Hop Leaders	Billie Harford & Louise Ortiz
Gaelic Group Leader	Maia Baillie	Debating Leaders	Eloise Mowbray & Sandy Guo
Visual Arts Leaders	Georgia Cantlon, Minsoh Choi, Maryana Kozakevych & Jenni Long	Writing Leaders	Caroline Shepherd & Tian Gibson
Photography Leaders	Isla Thomson & Karen Huang	Theatresports Leader	Matilda Excell

SPORT

During the end of Term 3 school holidays we had several groups head off to NZ Secondary School Nationals all around the country!



Cycling

NZ Secondary Championships were held in Palmerston North.
Overall Girls Top School Placed 2nd.

Junior A Team Time Trial placed 2nd (Stella Nightingale, Lucy Thompson, Ella Wyllie, Poppy Buissink)

Senior A Team Time Trial placed 4th (Grace Masterson, Hazel Clegg-Shaw, Ruby Sullivan, Amelia Maling, Mindy Ryan-Kidd)

Road Race

U15, 2nd, Lucy Thompson, 9th Ella Wyllie

U16, 3rd Stella Nightingale, 6th Poppy Buissink

U20, 8th Amelia Maling

Criterium

U15, 3rd Lucy Thompson, 7th Ella Wyllie

U20, 4th Grace Masterson, 8th Dayna Haythorne, 10th Amelia Maling



Basketball

The Open Basketball Team qualified for the NZ Basketball Nationals which were held in Palmerston North and placed 23rd.

Netball

Premier 1 Netball Team qualified to go to Nationals in Wellington where they placed 4th in New Zealand.

Greer Sinclair and Bianca Nagaiya were named in the National Tournament Team.

The following girls were selected for Auckland Representative Teams:

Anna Millar, Terewai Majury, Kristina McCourtie, Jade Panoho, Kilarney Morey, Bianca Nagaiya and Greer Sinclair. Kilarney was also named Most Valuable Player for 2016, and Greer was named Most Promising Player for 2016.

Greer Sinclair and Bianca Nagaiya have been selected for a NZSS trial and Bianca has been named as a reserve shooter for the team.





Netball Nationals 2016

Curling

NZSS Curling Champs were held in Naseby.

EGGS Brianna Team placed 4th, (Brianna Fuller, Katerina Sheppard, Shreya Nair & Jasmin Vir Kaur)

Mountain Biking

National Secondary Schools Champs were held in Dunedin.

U16 Poppy Buissink placed 2nd in Downhill, 1st in Sprint & 1st in Cross Country

U20 Dayna Haythorne placed 4th in Downhill, 4th in Sprint & 3rd in Cross Country.

Sports Dinner

This year Sports Dinner was on the 19th October at Alexandra Park. We were very lucky to have Sarah Walker 2012 BMX Olympic Silver Medallist as our Special Guest Speaker.

Very Special Award winners

Sports Council Senior Trophy for outstanding Team Spirit – Netball Premier 1

Sports Council Junior Trophy for Outstanding Team Spirit – Football Junior A

Victor Macky Cup for Service to School Sport – Jessica Philpot and Molly Sheffield

McCrystal Cup for Best International Performance – Ruofei Rao

Lois Dalley Memorial Cup for Coach of the Year – Waana Araroa

Old Girls Association Cup for Best All Round Sportswoman – Ruby Murray

Lols Dalley Memorial Cup for Sportswoman of the Year – Ruofei Rao

A HUGE congratulations to everyone who won Awards, Colours and Scholarships this year! See the next edition of the newsletter for photos from the night.



EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Family portraits by top NZ photographer Michael Overend

Support a great cause!

Michael Overend, one of New Zealand's most respected photographers has once again generously offered to support EGGS by donating family portrait sessions to EGGS as a fundraiser. This package is valued at \$785.00 but it will cost you only **\$100.00**. All proceeds will be donated to the school.

We are offering parents the opportunity to take up this offer by paying **\$100.00** directly to the school in return for the family portrait package below:

- **A consultation appointment with Michael Overend**
- **A professional portrait sitting**
- **Two 150 x 200mm (6" x 8") prints**



There are no extra costs and \$100.00 is the total you will be charged for this session. The fundraiser is a wonderful opportunity to support a great cause and receive a great deal in return. You can create a family portrait you will love for Christmas, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Mother's Day, Family Reunions and much more.

All you need to do is complete the booking form below, attach your payment and return it to the school. Michael Overend Photography will be in touch to arrange your consultation appointment.

CLICK HERE TO MAKE A BOOKING

Read the full brochure here

The offer is limited and only available until **Friday 18 November 2016** so don't delay book your consultation now.

Parent testimonial:

"The EGGS photo opportunity with Michael should not be missed. We loved the photos so much the first time that we went back 4 years later for more after our daughters had left. The sitting is fun and choosing your favourites takes time as there are lots to select from. I smile every time I look at ours." EGGS Parent, Tina Plank

If you have any questions please email the Foundation Office at foundation@eggs.school.nz



MICHAEL OVEREND
PHOTOGRAPHY

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.



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