



2016 Showdown Awards

EGGS/AGS production of West Side Story - iTicket Award for Best Production 2016

Dear parents, caregivers and students

On Wednesday evening we held the Senior Prizegiving. It was such a celebratory occasion to see the large number of senior students receiving awards. I would like to thank everyone involved in the organisation of this event and the musicians and the Music Department staff for their invaluable part in our formal occasions such as Prizegiving. For the Year 13 students the occasion meant, among other things that:

- 37 students have substantial scholarships awarded by NZ universities
- 4 students have substantial sports scholarships to the United States
- 7 other benefactor scholarships have provided significant financial support for tertiary study

A new Scholarship this year is The Auckland RSA Private Ona Vera Hore Memorial Scholarship. The Auckland RSA Private Ona Vera Hore Memorial Scholarship has been presented to Epsom Girls Grammar School in recognition of the support that our students have given to the Annual Poppy Day Appeal over the years. This Scholarship will be presented each year, for the next three years, in the memory of a former Epsom Girls Grammar School student who was a significant Service person or Nurse in the Military. This year the Scholarship is in the name of Private Ona Vera Hore who attended Epsom Girls Grammar School in the 1930s.

Also in news from Wednesday evening from the Showdown Awards, out of 32 productions across 28 Auckland High Schools, both musicals and plays, the EGGS/AGS production of West Side Story performed at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre this year was awarded the supreme award of the evening - the iTICKET Award for Best Production 2016. The production team were represented on the night by Miss Anna Richardson, Shanaia Buffet Boutsady, Sonia Li, Summer Boudier, Jacob Johnson, Keegan Elliot and Ben Kidd. Congratulations to all involved.

The aims of Showdown are:

- To encourage young performers and foster excellence in the performing arts.
- To promote the performing arts as an option for tertiary study and as a career path.
- To raise the profile of performing arts in school.
- To build links between school performing arts programmes and Auckland community theatres.

Coming up in Week 5...

Mon 7 Nov	Teacher Only day
Tue 8 Nov	Junior Exams
Wed 9 Nov	Junior Exams
Wed 9 Nov - Fri 2 Dec	NCEA Exams

Coming up in Week 6

Fri 18 Nov	Mufti Day
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Community EGG celebrations



Year 13 students have now gone on study leave and Years 11 and 12 do the same at the end of the day today, Friday 4 November. If you are coming into school for a tutorial session with a teacher, please wear full uniform as it is important that we know who is on site. Anyone in mufti would be required to register at Main Reception. As you can appreciate we are a large school and it is a matter of health and safety. There is limited space available in the library so students should study at home during the examination period. Something basic, but so important is that students check their examination timetables so that they arrive at the right exam session. We have sometimes had a student arrive in the afternoon and the examination has been in the morning, and of course there is nothing we can do to help this sort of situation.

The Leavers' Assembly yesterday was witty, clever and really enjoyed by the audience. The range of talent in this year group is a real credit to the students. It was eggsceptional!

I would like to wish the junior students well for their examinations next week. These are just one set of indicators from the year and students should not feel unduly anxious. It is important to put effort into preparing but not to get it out of proportion. Some subjects will also be doing year end assessments over single hours in normal class periods.

A last reminder – Monday is a Teacher Only Day, so junior students remain at home.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

GENERAL NEWS

Community EGG Celebration

On Tuesday 25th October the Community EGG celebrated achievements and highlights of the year. Videos were shown by different groups and committees to help us remember what had been achieved by this special group of students in 2016. Students and teachers were acknowledged for their valuable contributions to the spirit of community within the school and for their generosity in organising and supporting events in order to support others. Mehek Dutta and Courtney York were awarded the Albert/ Eden Cup for Leadership and Service to the community. Mehek and Courtney also received the inaugural Auckland RSA Private Ona Vera Hore Memorial Scholarship which was presented at Senior Prizegiving on the 2nd November by Auckland RSA President, Graham Gibson.



CURRICULUM NEWS

ACCOS – Critical Thinking and Self-Regulation at Level 2



As part of the ACCOS funded project, our group of teachers from diverse subject areas are focusing on ways to increase student agency within our classrooms. We have been successfully trialling and refining strategies, linked to critical thinking and students' self-regulation of their learning, for students to be more actively engaged and in control of their learning.

Some of these strategies include engaging students in philosophical discussion, creating greater transparency and clarity around how

assessments are graded, and teaching students to give constructive feedback on each other's work in the lead up to assessments.

The benefits are complex to measure, but so far we have seen evidence of more variation and depth in students' engagement with ideas, and their increased ability to make links between both their learning in different subject areas, and in the wider world. We have also seen students take more responsibility for their learning, through a clearer understanding of the steps they need to take in order to progress.

Seeing students take an increasingly active role in their learning is inspiring, and confirms our knowledge that all students are capable of becoming empowered and self-motivated learners at any point in their learning journey. Another positive outcome has been increased

Centenary Celebrations 5 - 9 April 2017, Join Us

This week we waved goodbye to our Year 13 students as they go on study leave, we wish them the best of luck with their examinations and for the future. The young women of EGGs will look back on their time at the school with fond memories. Goodbyes also call for reunions and the Centenary Celebrations will provide the perfect opportunity to reconnect with former classmates, friends and teachers. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces in April 2017.

You, the EGGs community, are an important part of the school's history so come and join us as we celebrate 100 years of timeless core values and a sense of community next year. If you haven't registered yet, please head over to [iTicket](#) to secure your tickets. There are wonderful family events including a [Sports Extravaganza](#) and very own festival [EGGSFEST](#), there's something for everyone.

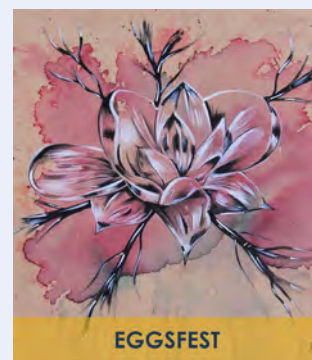
We can't wait to share this special occasion with you all.

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

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teacher agency, with our group sharing their new knowledge to implement improvements within their various departments and across the school.

We look forward to sharing more about this project with the whole school later this term, and to the growing use and improvement of these strategies next year.

Tournament of the Minds - National Competition Win

Over the term break our team that gained first place in the Regional Tournament of the Minds competition travelled to Wellington to compete in the National Finals. We are very proud to announce that this team won their division in the National Final and were awarded with the Tournament of the Minds first place trophy in Language and Literature.

The team consisted of Amelia Meade, Paris McNeillage, Chantelle Heywood, Bonnie Stainton and Danielle Sutton and they were accompanied to the National Tournament by teachers Amanda Lawrence and Cate Campbell.



Pictured – from left to right – Paris McNeillage, Chantelle Heywood, Amelia Meade, Bonnie Stainton and Danielle Sutton

The National Final involved using creative, critical and caring thinking to solve a challenge in a 3 hour 'lock-down' situation before performing the answer to a panel of judges and audience. Our team competed against the Regional-winning schools from Palmerston North, Wellington and Christchurch. We are very proud of their outstanding result.

CAREER NEWS

This term the Careers department is holding a special series of five Thursday lunchtime talks for our junior students. The talks are planned around the Vocational Pathways <http://youthguarantee.net.nz/vocational-pathways/the-six-vocational-pathways/> which are a useful tool for students and parents to consider when having 'that talk' about possible career pathways.

With only five spaces available, we have the following talks:

20.10 You've arrived! Travel and Tourism / Services Pathway

27.10 Want to be the next 'it' girl? Techorium / IT / Technology and Manufacturing Pathway

24.11 See, Make, Do... FutureinTech / Primary Industries Pathway

1.12 Do something creative everyday Dentsuaegis / Creative Pathway

8.12 Raise your hands up! Knox Rest Home / Social and Community Services Pathway

We know that these talks will be useful for your students as they explore all the possibilities that are open to them. There is the added incentive of a reward if students attend any 3 of the talks, and if they attend all 5, then they are entered into the main prize draw! Careers Club cards will help your student keep track of what talks they have been to.

For more information, contact Philippa Leask, HoD Career Education, @ pleask@apps.eggs.school.nz

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

AGS/EGGS 2017 Production - *Sugar*

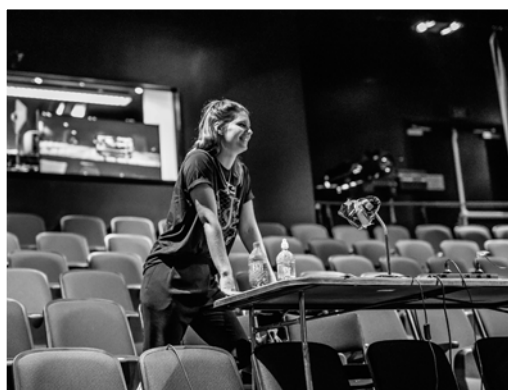
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◆ [Click here for the full cast list](#)

Congratulations to all students in the 2017 AGS/EGGS production.

2016 Showdown Awards - iTicket Award for Best Production

Congratulations to everyone involved in the 2016 EGGs/AGS Production -- West Side Story. The EGGs/AGS production won the iTICKET Award for Best Production for 2016.



Anna Richardson



Peter Thomas



2016 Production Cast

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

Music successes

Epsom Music has had a lot of success recently with our (not so) old girls.



Georgia Campbell, with Chris O'Connor on drums and The Jubilation Choir, performed her original song 'Don't Move' live at the 2016 APRA Silver Scroll Awards, celebrating New Zealand's Songwriters and Composers.

Music Leaders for 2017

Our music leaders for 2017 were announced this month as Zoe Callesen and Sarah Rathbun – Band leaders, Susie Kim – Chamber Music Leader, Bethany Cook and Libby Montgomery – Choral Leaders, Jemima Clark – Contemporary Music Leader and Mabel Hung and Esther Wu – Orchestra leaders. Congratulations to all the new leaders!



Flute player Eva Ding featured as a soloist with the Auckland Youth Orchestra performing the colourful "The Golden Flute" by Chen Yi. Eva was the winner of the 2015 AYO Soloist Competition and she was accompanied by members of the orchestra that were or are currently EGGs Music students.



Not quite old girl Abbey Busch, this year's Contemporary Music Leader, had the opportunity to record her original song 'Skin' with the Epsom Chamber Orchestra as part of her prize from the Playitstrange songwriting competition.

Check out these songs by Abbey Busch and Molly Ferguson in these stunning recordings. Abbey is supported by members of the Epsom Chamber Orchestra.

→ <https://playitstrange.bandcamp.com/track/skin-abbey-noelle>

→ <https://playitstrange.bandcamp.com/track/poor-girl-molly-ferguson>

Both girls were national finalists in the Play it Strange Songwriting Competition.

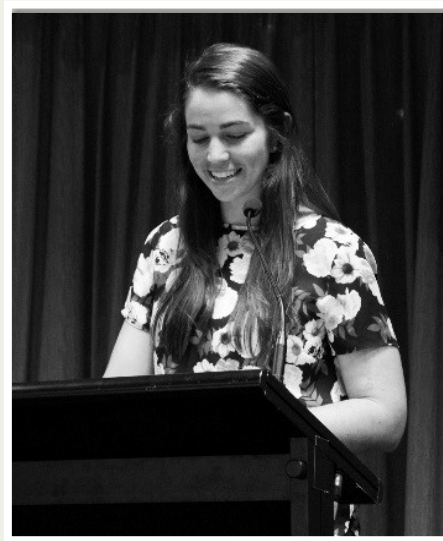


Possum (Dani) Plows performed with her band Openside as the opening act for Ellie Goulding at Vector Arena earlier in the month.

Sports Dinner 2016



2016 Colours recipients and Sarah Walker, Guest speaker



Sarah Walker



Dragon Boating



Savah Gautusa , Tiale Fa'avae & Rebekah Hukui

[For more photos from the night visit our facebook page](#)

Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards Finalists

Congratulations to the following EGGs students and staff who have been named as finalists for the College Sport Auckland 'Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards'.

Cricket - Bella Armstrong

Table Tennis - Christina Zhou

Mountain Biking - Dayna Haythorne

Cycling - Grace Masterson

International Achievement - Hannah Metzger

Lacrosse - Harriette Overend

Lacrosse - Nicole Fordyce

Service to Secondary School Sport - Pauline Farra

Table Tennis - Ruofei Rao

Gymsports - Tyla Bow

The awards take place on Saturday 26th November at Eden Park with guest speaker Olympic medallist Eliza McCartney and is to recognise outstanding achievement in sport during 2016. Congratulations on being finalists and good luck!

Junior Sport

Junior competitions are now underway with EGGs girls competing in Softball, Touch, Water Polo, Waka Ama, Cricket and Volleyball during this term.

Orienteering - Rogaine

The Auckland Secondary Schools Rogaine was held at Shakespear Regional Park once again this year. We had a record number of 37 entries this year. The event involves a run to collect as many control points as you can in 90min. There is 15 minutes before the start when you choose the controls you wish to run to in teams of two or individually. Everyone enjoyed the event and the weather held off, rain beginning just as everyone left the park. Thanks to all the parents who gave up their day to transport the girls there and back.



Synchronised Swimming

Katherine and Kylyn Wu had an extremely successful weekend at the North Island Synchro Champs which were held in Auckland. They also competed for Epsom Girls in the North Island Interschools Synchro Championships which were held concurrently.

Their results are as follows:

North Island Championships:

- Katherine Wu won Bronze in the 13/14/15 Figures Competition and Bronze in the 13/14/15 Solo event.
- Katherine and Kylyn's duet won Silver in the 13/14/15 event and their team event won Gold in the 13/14/15 Team event.

NZ Secondary School Sports Council: North Island Interschool Synchro Championships:

- Katherine placed 4th in the Inter-schools College Solo event for Epsom Girls, and Kylyn achieved 6th.

Katherine and Kylyn's duet won Silver in the Interschool College Duet for Epsom Girls.



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



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



SHOWCASE 2016: Thursday 17 - Sunday 20 November

Unitec Dance presents its annual dance showcase featuring new work by guest choreographers: Malia Johnston, Claire O'Neil, Nancy Wijohn, Tupua Tigafua, Katie Burton and Paul Young.

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