

EGGS NEWS



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EGGS Celebrates 99 Years!



Ms Nicola Rennie (Centenary staff liaison) with members of the Centenary and Head Prefect teams at the special assembly held on Tuesday 5 April to celebrate EGGS 99 years.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

This week a number of teams have been competing at Summer Tournament. For senior students the last two weeks of term often mean assessment deadlines and for everyone the end of daylight saving is an adjustment.

This week also marks Epsom Girls Grammar School being "99 and counting" – we are in countdown to our centennial celebrations to be held from 5-9 April 2017. You can see a short clip from the special assembly, held exactly one year out on Tuesday 5 April, that our centenary student leaders, Annabelle Rennie-Younger, Casey Rei and Natassia Pearce-Bernie organised with Ms Rennie - Centenary staff liaison. ► [Click here to watch a short video](#)

On Tuesday, as part of the beginning of the countdown we also launched a [School Facebook page](#). It is not too late for students to 'Like' the page and to wish the School a very happy 99th birthday to have two entries in the draw for a double movie pass.

The centenary promises to be a wonderful occasion to honour and celebrate the past, as well as to look forward to an exciting second century for the School. The Ministry of Education is promoting sustainable practice in new school buildings as part of creating innovative learning environments and we are looking forward to helping make this a reality in future projects. We are also working with NZQA on pilots and trials for digital assessment which is going to be a major development nationwide.

The Student Council Mufti Day this term in support of Star Jam, raised a record total of \$2,400.00. Thank you to the Student Council and to everyone who supported the work of Star Jam.

This is the last newsletter for Term 1 – school will finish at 3.15pm on Friday 15 April and Term 2 will start on Monday 2 May. Students may change to winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2. Full winter uniform is to be worn from Monday 16 May (Week 3).

Please check the Coming Up section – in Week 1 of the new term we have the annual NCEA Information Evening and in Week 2 the Netsafe Evening on Tuesday 10 May.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday.

Lorraine Pound - Principal



Our official Centenary logo - designed by Old Girl Jane Waterhouse (2010-2014). Jane's logo captures what it means to be an EGGS student and an Old Girl - strong, caring, compassionate, forward thinking, focused, visionary and proud of our strong Epsom roots.

Coming up in Week 11....

Mon 11-Fri 15 Apr **CAMPAIGN WEEK**
Tue 12 Apr **Open Morning**
Wed 13 Apr **Pavement Art**

TERM 2

Coming up in Week 1....

Thur 5 May **NCEA Information Evening**

Coming up in Week 2....

Tue 10 May **Netsafe Parents Evening**



► [Click here for more details](#)



EGGS Celebrates 99 Years!

On Tuesday 5 April EGGS celebrated its 99th Birthday. This was marked with a special assembly. The Head Prefect Team wore uniforms of past years and students heard about the development of the Centenary Logo, saw images of EGGS over the past 99 years, had a countdown, launched the school Facebook page and participated in chants and the singing of the school song. You can see clips/images about some of these activities below.



Past, Present and Future of the Centenary Logo

Past <https://vimeo.com/161549104>

Present <https://vimeo.com/161549102>

Future <https://vimeo.com/161549097>



[EGGS Facebook page](#)



Head Prefect Team - Cindy Burgess, Lily Trinh, Michelle Schneideman (Head Prefect) and Jade Beckmann at the special assembly held on Tuesday 5 April.

From the Board of Trustees

The Board have been appraised of the 2015 examination results. EGGS continues to achieve high levels of academic success with pass rates at all 3 levels of NCEA over 90%. The endorsements for passing with merit and excellence were also at a high level compared with other decile 9 girls' schools.

The 84 Scholarships awarded to EGGS Students in 2015 were the highest number attained for a number of years. These results demonstrate that the student centred teaching and learning strategies at Epsom Girls Grammar School continue to successfully deliver a high level of academic achievement. The Board thank the Principal Mrs Pound and her staff for their efforts in helping students achieve these results.

A high performing school has to be well resourced and to achieve this EGGS relies on parent donations. The donations enable the School to provide extra teachers as well as additional resources, which is what the parents and students want from the School, to continue to be a leading girls' school.

The funding formula for secondary schools is scaled so that low decile schools receive more government funding than high decile schools. Epsom Girls Grammar School is a decile 9 school so we receive significantly less funding, so to make up this difference a parent donation is required. Large schools also are further disadvantaged by the staffing formula which results in less funding per student for staffing than small schools.

I hope this explains the issues around the "School Donation". The Board thanks all those who have paid the school donation to date. Obviously the higher the percentage of families that pay the school donation, the more that can be achieved in the year. I encourage you to make the school donation if you have not already done so. Also a reminder that the School donation is tax deductible.

Gerald Young - Chair, Board of Trustees

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

We would like to remind you that the winter uniform and sports uniforms are now available in the shop. Students may change to winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2. Full winter uniform is to be worn from Monday 16th May (Week 3).

There is a new sports uniform this year. Year 9 students must wear the new style. Year 10-13 may continue to wear the old style.

▶ [Please click here to view the extra hours for the holidays and the latest Uniform prices.](#)

To avoid long queues during the first 2 weeks of the term please consider taking advantage of the extra opening hours.

If you have any queries please email shop@eggs.school.nz

NCEA

Notices

Our first file of entries and results has been sent to NZQA. This means that NCEA fees will now be charged to all students doing NCEA (mostly Year 11– Year 13).

The fee for domestic students is \$76.70 per candidate; \$383.30 for International fee paying students.

Fees need to be **paid** to the school **by the end of Term 2 – Friday 8 July**. If fees are not paid to the school they will need to be paid directly to NZQA.

Can I get help to pay?

Financial Assistance can be applied for if you are unable to afford the fees. To get this help parents or caregivers must meet one of the following conditions:

- be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- have a Community Services Card or have joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card
- have two or more children entered as candidates with fees more than \$200.

How do I get help to pay?

To get financial assistance please fill in a Financial Assistance Form and give it to Mr Nowell, the Qualifications Manager. You can get this form from Student Support here at school or from the NZQA website at: www.nzqa.govt.nz/financialassistance

International fee-paying students are not eligible to apply for financial assistance.

By the end of Term 1 each student will have received an information booklet designed for students and whanau entitled '[2016 NCEA Qualifications](#)' and a copy of the [2016 Examination Timetable](#).

If your daughter does not bring home a copy of these, please use the hyperlinks provided to access the information.

Looking Ahead

NCEA Information Evening – Thursday 5 May at 7.00pm in the School Hall. This evening is designed primarily for junior school families, but all are welcome.

“Relational Parenting”

As part of our school wide implementation of Restorative Approaches we will be holding an important workshop for parents on **Thursday 19 May at 7pm**.

This evening with Margaret Thorsborne will explore the challenges parents face when trying to maintain standards and expectations whilst preserving the relationships with their children. EGGS is adopting an approach (restorative practice) that encourages students to think more broadly about the impact of their decisions and behaviours on others. This approach moves away from traditional thinking around punitive sanctions that actually do very little to develop thoughtfulness. Approved by the MoE and with evidence to show that these approaches actually make a difference, the workshop will explore how the same principles and practices are equally effective at home.

Community EGG - Events

EGGS students will be involved in Anzac commemorations this month. **Poppy Day** is on the **last day of term** and 20 of our students will be involved in selling poppies in Newmarket. Senior students will also be assisting at the Dawn Parade at the Domain. If you are interested in helping with this event on ANZAC day, please contact Mehek Dutta, Co-leader of the Community EGG or Ms Hesketh, mhesketh@apps.eggs.school.nz

Students involved in the Community Egg will also be assisting in making potential new students and parents welcome at the Open Morning on April 12th.

Thank you to the Student Council who organised a successful Mufti Day last week which raised money for Star Jam.

PTA

Welcome to all parents and families of the EGGS community. It was wonderful to see so many people attending the presentation, “Survival Tips for Parents of EGGS Students” facilitated by Deputy Principal Sarah Dwan. The information shared by our speakers was very well received and plenty of questions were asked and answered.

We look forward to meeting new parents and welcome everyone to attend any of our meetings or join our email distribution list. The next PTA meeting is on **Wednesday 25 May at 7.30pm** where we will meet in the Boardroom located in the Admin block and then go for a tour of the Library, Arts Block and Epsom House. Please remember, if you are unable to attend, then join our list of helpers by email as we really appreciate it if parents can either give hands on help or make a salad or slice for upcoming events.

A useful tool for connecting with our school community is the PTA Facebook page. Please search: [Epsom Girls Grammar PTA](#) and “Like” the page so you can easily access the latest news, photos, minutes and meeting times.

Lynley Sheweiry, PTA Chairperson pta@eggs.school.nz

Drama Department

The Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition is being held at Auckland Grammar School Centennial Theatre on Friday 8th April from 4.30 – 6pm. We have 4 student directed scenes being performed from "Romeo and Juliet", "Othello", "As You Like It" and "The Merry Wives of Windsor". All are welcome to attend this competition as an audience. There is a small entry fee. Thanks to the student directors for their hard work, Taylor Clark, Elizabeth Glading, Isabella Glen-Gaul, Gabrielle Wilson and especially Alexandra Millar, Drama Co-Leader, for overseeing the process.

Arts & Cultural News

More results from the ASB Polyfest

A huge congratulations to the Korean Group who gained Third Place on the Diversity Stage, as well as the following awards:

First in the Continent section for Asia
First place for Interpretation of Theme
Second equal in the Choreography section
Third place overall

This performance was precise, breath-taking and colourful, we are so proud of you girls.



Congratulations to the Sri Lankan Group who gained the following awards at ASB Polyfest on the Diversity Stage:

Second in the Continent section for Asia
Second equal in the Choreography section.

They were a display of beauty and grace on stage.

EGGS/AGS Production - West Side Story, 14-21 May



EGGS/AGS Combined Production - West Side Story "The Sharks"

Introducing "The Sharks" and the first of our three promotional posters. We are now less than six weeks away from opening night, watch this space for the ticket release dates!

Don't forget you can follow our journey on

Facebook ► <https://www.facebook.com/EGGSAGS2014/?fref=ts>

and Instagram ► <https://instagram.com/p/BDSaaWgPryx/>



SPORT

School Swimming Champions for 2016

Junior Champ: Phoebe Klink
Intermediate Champ: Erin Cory-Wright
Senior Champ: Stella Mackrell

School Athletics Champions for 2016

Junior Champ: Jorien Fourie
Intermediate Champ: Lara Jane Loto
Senior Champ: Jor-el Loto

AKSS Fleet Racing Regatta

This year we had three students head to the Wakatere Boating Club in Devonport on March 3rd and 4th -- Annabelle Rennie-Younger (Year 12), Rebecca Hume (Year 10) and Becky Morgan (Year 9). The girls all sailed strongly over the course of the two days with Annabelle placing 2nd in her otherwise entirely male Laser Radial class, Becky placing 8th in a strong Optimist field, and Rebecca taking 17th place in the Starling class. All three represented themselves and the school fabulously well and should be congratulated on their achievements. Hopefully in the future we can add a few more girls to the team in order to compete at some of the larger team regattas!



*Annabelle Rennie-Younger,
Rebecca Hume, Becky Morgan*

Mountain Biking

North Island Secondary Schools Results:

Dayna Haythorne placed 3rd in the U20 Cross country
Poppy Buissink placed 2nd in the U16 Cross country

Netball

Greer Sinclair and Bianca Nagaiya have both been selected to trial for the NZ Secondary School team in April. They are the first EGGs students to get a trial since 2009.

Table Tennis

EGGS student Ruofei Rao played in the second division at the world teams champs in KL. She didn't place but said she had a great experience. Her next tournament is in Australia for the Oceania Champs at the end of March.

Ultimate Frisbee

The EGGs Ultimate Frisbee team won the Inter Zones Final and have just won the Girls round at the NZ Secondary School Ultimate Championships held at Taupo for Summer Tournament Week. Congratulations girls!



Ultimate Frisbee team

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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



**RAYE FREEDMAN
ARTS CENTRE**

♦ Visit the RFAC website to see whats coming up in April.

Thank you

We are very grateful for the generosity of all the individuals, trusts, sponsors and businesses for their support throughout the year.

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The Foundation was established in 1999 to support the fundraising projects of the school and to manage and administer the funds raised and endowments gifted to the school. The Foundation is an Incorporated Charitable Trust and a registered charity, governed by independent trustees.

The Foundation assists students, staff, sports and cultural groups through the Heritage Fund and endowment awards.

Foundation projects include

- Joyce Fisher Sports Centre | Courts
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- Heritage Fund to assist students and staff
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- Wireless network and computer equipment
- Support for Arts, Cultural, Academic Groups and Sports teams

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