

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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NZ DEFENCE FORCE VISIT



On Thursday 26th May, EGGs was privileged to have a NZ Defence Forces helicopter visit. The A109 LUH landed very gracefully onto the sports field at lunchtime, and drew a large number of students and staff. Excellent opportunities for 'selfies' and chats with the crew abounded.

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Last Monday retiring Board of Trustees members came to the staffroom for morning tea where the staff were able to show our appreciation of their commitment to EGGs. Retiring board members are:

Mr John Bridgman, Mr John Dolan, Ms Janet Johnson, Dr Ian Lambie, Ms Janneen Love, Mr Patrick Masani, and Chairperson Dr Gerald Young. Long service has been recognised by the New Zealand School Trustees Association for Ian Lambie (6 years); John Dolan (10 years) and Gerald Young (10 years). We have been very fortunate to have had such a skilled Board of Trustees. Complementary areas of expertise have meant that the School has had excellent governance over a long period. I would like to acknowledge, particularly, Gerald Young who many parents may have seen coaching on the netball courts over the years, or at performances in the Raye Freedman theatre or arriving for meetings – usually in distinctive bike gear, as Gerald is a keen cyclist. Gerald's advice, good sense and wisdom; his fairminded approach and sense of compassion as well as his clear analytical and strategic skills have been greatly appreciated. We wish all the retiring Board members well, and I am pleased to let you know that Gerald will return for a special ceremony as we will be planting a tree in the grounds in his honour.

Media matters

You may have noticed that EGGs was described as a private school in the Sunday Star Times coverage of the sports gear that has been donated to Papakura High School. The error was corrected online as soon as they were notified and a correction will appear next week. Additionally you may have seen Wednesday's story on ACCoS (Auckland Central Community of Schools) in the New Zealand Herald. To clarify, the number of teacher within school roles allocated is determined by the Ministry of Education at a rate of 'approximately one role for about every 10 FTTE (Full Time Teacher Equivalent) in each



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Centenary Celebrations

Save the date: EGGs Centenary
Celebrations 5 - 9 April 2017

Ticket sales will be going live on iTicket soon. We will be in touch!

Coming up in Week 7....

Tuesday 14-15 June Year 12 Drama
Production

Thursday 16 June Big Sing Music Comp
Friday 17 June Junior Reports on portal

Coming up in Week 8....

Monday 20 June Community Week
Tuesday 21 June Senior Reports on portal
Wednesday 22 June 2016 Scriptor Series
Friday 24 June Student Council Mufti Day

TO VIEW MORE EVENTS CLICK HERE >



Meet Art Green & Niva Retimanu



Join us to hear Art and Niva discuss their new books – *Eat Clean, Live Lean* & *Leading from Behind*, and share their inspirational health journeys.



Wednesday 22nd June
Epsom Scriptor Series

Time: 6:30pm
Venue: St Marks Church,
93 Remuera Road, Remuera

Books available for sale & signing

Proceeds to EGGs DGA for scholarships

Tickets Available from Remuera Paper Plus and www.eventfinda.co.nz



school within the particular community of learning'. It is outlined on Page 12 of the Guide:

► <http://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Ministry/Investing-in-Educational-Success/Communities-of-Schools/IESCommunitiesOfSchoolsGuideForSchoolsAndKura-web-enabledV2.pdf>

In this edition of EGGs NEWS we will bring you the first in a series of updates on our involvement in ACCoS now that we are underway with the other schools involved.

Lorraine Pound - Principal



This year we are excited to be part of the Auckland Central Community of Schools. This is a great chance to open communication lines between the 14 local schools in our community, and provides the opportunity to share and extend on what works well. There are 5 Achievement Challenges that have been identified as areas to focus on. These are Reading, Writing, NCEA level 2, NCEA level 3 & Tertiary, and Parent Engagement and Participation.

At Epsom we have 15 in-school leaders who are working towards the shared achievement challenges in a variety of ways. In the following newsletters, leaders will take turns to explain their aims and what they have achieved so far this year.

Auckland Central Community of Schools (ACCOS)

Waiho I te toipoto, kaua I te toiroa

Let us keep close together, not wide apart

From the Board of Trustees

I wish to take this opportunity to farewell the EGGs Community as I will be retiring as a trustee from the Board of the School.

I have enjoyed the ten years that I was on the Board and it was a privilege to be able to Chair the Board for eight of those years. I would like to acknowledge all my fellow trustees that I have worked with through those years and in particular; John Dolan, John Bridgman, Janet Johnson, Patrick Masani, Ian Lambie and Janneen Love who are also retiring from the Board.

The Board of Trustees, through my time at EGGs, was well supported by the Principals - initially Mrs Madeline Gunn and now Mrs Lorraine Pound who will lead the School into its second hundred years. They in turn were very well supported by all the staff.



The School would not have been as successful without the strong support of the wider community and we acknowledge and thank you for this support.

On behalf of the outgoing Board I wish the new trustees all the very best for leading Epsom Girls Grammar School into the future as education not only makes a better person but it is the only thing that makes a better world.

Gerald Young - Chair, Board of Trustees



Career Education News

Many events, Open Days and information evenings are on offer at various tertiary providers for the rest of the year. Students need to check the Notices and our EGGGS Career Education Facebook page and come and see us when these are advertised.

Maori and Pasifika Career Evening – Tuesday 21 June, 5.30-7.30pm

Families of Maori and Pasifika students please diary this date for later in June. This will be a good opportunity to meet and talk with a variety of tertiary providers and Career Education staff. We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Tertiary Open Days

Attending an Open Day at a tertiary provider is a valuable career research activity. Year 13s need to arrange to attend these themselves and arrange permission from their Dean if during a school day. Students must have no assessments on that day. Most require you to register online; get in early to register and book travel.

Sat 11 June	SAE Creative Media Institute Open Day (film and audio courses)
Thurs 14 July	University of Canterbury (in school holidays)
1-4 August	Whitecliffe Open Days (Fine Arts, Photo Media, Fashion, Graphic Design)
Wed 3 August	Massey Open Day, Manawatu Campus
Sat 20 August	Massey Open Day, Albany Campus
Fri 26 August	Victoria University, Wellington
Fri 26 August	Massey University, Wellington Campus
Sat 27 August	AUT University
Sat 27 August	University of Auckland Courses and Careers Day



Experience and Taster Days

Experience a day with a specific faculty or department to find out more about their courses, meet staff and current students. Come into Career Education to find out more and to register.

Various dates from May onwards - Manukau Institute of Technology Experience Days.

30 June - 8 July AUT University Information Days for most degrees.

Fri 8 July Crown Institute of Studies, Travel/Tourism and Hospitality Taster Day.

Information Evenings outside of school hours that families and students can attend. Please register for these online.

Mon 20 June	Otago University Information Evening, Eden Park, 6.30pm
Tue 21 June	Otago University Law Career Evening in Auckland, Rydges Hotel, 7.00-9.00pm
Mon 4 July	University of Auckland Parent Seminar, East Auckland, 7.00pm > Register here
Tue 5 July	University of Auckland Parent Seminar, North Shore, 7.00pm > Register here
Wed 6 July	Victoria University Info Evening, South Auckland, Vodafone Events Centre, 6.30pm
Thurs 7 July	University of Auckland Parent Seminar in Central Auckland, 7.00pm > Register here
Thurs 4 August	Victoria University Info Evening, Central, Pullman Hotel, 6.30pm
Tue 23 August	UC Engineering Evening, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane Road, 6.30pm

Organisations offering private tuition / interview training services

The Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences does not endorse, in any way, courses offered by providers outside the University of Auckland that purport to prepare students for entry to the medical (MBChB) programme. Such external courses are not affiliated with the University. We do not recommend that applicants should pay to attend them, and advise our students to be wary of claims that these providers make.

If you are concerned about your academic progress, we do recommend that you talk to your course lecturers, tutors, or staff in the FMHS Student Centre. They are well-placed to advise you and can direct you to University learning support services such as Student Learning, ELSAC and the like.

Reasons why we do not recommend

- All enrolled students already have access to a wealth of resources; any past student will tell you about the sorts of study tips and resources that the courses provides (including past test questions and exam papers).
- You are much better off focussing on educationally designed activities provided in-class (shown to improve student learning outcomes), than some workshop run by people with questionable academic credentials and who ultimately have no responsibility for your academic performance.
- Some of these companies provide students with "Notes taken by A+ students", but such notes are of little value to students who have not invested time studying and revising the information and make sense of the knowledge for themselves.

- Your time would be much better spent focussing on understanding what was taught, rather than attending additional tutorials. These additional tutorials create more 'busy work' (i.e. listening to someone else) – and detract from 'reflective work' (i.e. actual study, active learning and thinking and making sense).
- 'Testimonials' provided by such companies are typically from people whose applications to medicine were successful (and probably would have been anyway even if they did not support these extra tutorials). What about all the other students who paid to attend these sessions but never got anywhere? Do their testimonials ever make it to the websites?
- These companies have no liability if they teach you the wrong information / offer you poor advice.

POPLHLTH 111 Course Co-ordinator / Course Director

For official responses regarding all Medicine and Pharmacy enquiries, please contact:

FMHS Undergraduate Admissions Office

85 Park Road, Grafton, Auckland

Phone: +64 9 923 4888 | Fax: +64 9 308 2380

Email: fmhs@auckland.ac.nz

Open: Monday to Friday 8.30am-4.30pm (except public holidays)

Community Week 20-24 June

Community Egg is one of the four eggs of the school. Our role is to promote school spirit and a sense of belonging for all. This role is carried out by many committees such as Peer Support, International and Sisterhood of Spirit, which are predominantly led by senior students, supporting and guiding other students so that everyone feels supported within the school. In Week 8 of this term we have our upcoming Community Week, where we will be putting on many activities that everyone in our school community can get involved in. These activities have been planned to not only showcase what the Community Egg is about, but around our four school values; Courage, Compassion, Curiosity and Community.

On Monday we will be starting off the week with a surprise. Tuesday will be a day of celebrating school spirit with a photo booth stall as well as cookie decorating. On Wednesday we will be having a lunchtime picnic, where we will be aiming to get as many students as we can sitting to eat their lunch in Paradise, we will also be selling international food to celebrate the different cultures that make up our community as we all unite at the picnic. On Thursday we will be offering a free yoga class where everyone can come together in the stadium, de-stress, and have fun with their friends. To celebrate the end of the week, on Friday lunchtime we will be having a mufti day organised by the Student Council as well as a bake sale. Most importantly we will have a disco event in the hall where everyone can come along, dance, and celebrate our Epsom pride.

Everyone in the Community Egg is very excited for all of the activities and events happening in Community Week and we hope that this week will be a success where everyone in our school community will get involved, and have a lot of fun.

Courtney York - Co-Leader, Community Egg

Curriculum News

From the Business Department

Year 12 Business Studies classes visited Sanford Fisheries in order to gain an insight into the operation of a significant New Zealand company. Students were shown around the premises and they were able to observe the production process. Included in the tour was an informative talk about the operations of the company and this included the issues of sustainability and environmental awareness. It was a very enjoyable and informative tour and the students now have a New Zealand case study which they can connect to when studying the internal and external factors of a New Zealand business.



eLearning in Mathematics and Statistics

In the Mathematics Department we take advantage of the opportunities that BYOD offers for improved student learning in many ways.

In Statistics, the focus of learning has changed from calculations of formulas to interpretation, telling the story of what data means in the real world. Using statistical software such as iNZight, students learn to interpret real data, often with large data sets. Students research the context of an investigation using the internet, linking their interpretation of the data to other information about the same context. Statistical reports are typed into google docs, and work is both set and submitted on Google Classroom.

In Level 2 Statistics the learning and assessment paradigm has been shifting to a more student-centric environment because of ICT. Using their devices, students can complete statistical tasks in a fraction of the time it would take to do by hand. Because less time is required to do routine tasks, students are able to explore concepts with greater depth of thinking than ever before. Students explore big data sets and can instantly research real-world contexts involving social, environmental, ethical and other issues.

The New Zealand Curriculum's goal for students to become lifelong learners requires a certain level of independently driven study and the use of student devices in Level 2 Statistics is a critical first step towards innovation in this area. Resources can be accessed anywhere and anytime so by making video resources available to

students through the Google environment there is increased potential for learning opportunities outside of the classroom. If a student is unsure of a concept they can efficiently get the information to close those learning gaps. We have also shifted from in-class assessments to take-home assignments due to the flexibility that student devices offer. Students this year are submitting their assignments online through Google classroom which syncs well with the learner's google environment (documents, sheets and drive) and provides students a one-stop shop for assessment details and submission. Finally, students learn how to use their devices for the purpose of learning which will be an important skill required for future work and study.

In senior Mathematics students use graphing software such as Desmos and Geogebra which aid visualisation of functions and graphs and enable students to carry out investigations.

In Level 1 Mathematics, devices are used for access to the online programme Mangahigh. This is a games-based mathematics resource for use in schools. It delivers fun, competitive game-based lessons that drive greater engagement and understanding. Engagement is a powerful force in the mathematics classroom and Mangahigh is a comprehensive curriculum based online resource that helps boost it. It encourages healthy competition, badge acquisition and exploration. Studyladder, a free online curriculum-based maths education programme, also allows students to learn at their own pace. It promotes confidence building through practice.



For juniors, devices are used by students to manage their own learning. They can catch up on missed work by watching videos or examples of lessons through their devices and at their own pace and at their own time. We use many websites specialising in Maths learning and/or testing, for example Myimaths, Thatquiz, e-asTTle and Mangahigh and these all give the students instant feedback.

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

ISPORT Foundation Donation

Our Sports Captains Molly and Jess helped to organise a sports gear collection and with the help of the ISPORT Foundation the gear was donated to Papakura High School. The collection was a huge success so a big thank you to all those who helped out and made donations of their sports gear that was no longer being used.

See the links below for the article and video on stuff.co.nz and our Epsom Sport Facebook page.

> <https://www.facebook.com/Epsom-Girls-Grammar-Sport-1512302252430435/>

> <http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/80615275/high-decile-school-donates-sports-gear-to-help-out-kids-in-need>



Netball Representative Teams

Before Term 2 had commenced Epsom netballers were involved in the Representative trials at Auckland, Waitakere and Pukekohe. We had a record number of girls called back for final trials and have doubled the number of girls named in the top teams. Congratulations to the following Epsom students named in Representative teams:

Auckland Netball Reps

Year 9 1 Team: Terewai Majurey

Year 9 2 Team: Ana Millar

Regional Tournament: New Plymouth U15

U15/1 Team: Killarney Morey

U15/2 Team: Kristina McCourtie,

Jade Panoho

Regional Tournament: New Plymouth U15

U17/1 Team: Bianca Nagaiya, Greer Sinclair

U17/2 Team: Nina-Tai Roberts

National Tournament: NNZ U17s, Rangiora

Girls will play a number of regional tournaments before heading to Nationals in July. We wish them all the best for success in their rep season.

North Island Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Champs 2016

Held at Riverhead Forest on Saturday 5th March and 440 MTB park on Sunday 5th March. Including a cross country (XC) race, sprint and downhill. No one did the downhill so we didn't get overall school points for the weekend.

Dayna Haythorne U19 female:

3rd XC, 3rd Sprint, DNF for downhill

Poppy Buisisnk U16 female:


2nd XC, 3rd Sprint

Ella Wyllie U15 female:

3rd XC, 2nd Sprint

EPSOM GIRLS 1ST XI HOCKEY TEAM PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF IMPROV COMEDY



As seen in the 2016 NZ Comedy Festival

Enjoy unscripted improv comedy games

Featuring EGGS old girl: Georgia S

EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL HALL

18TH JUNE 2016 DOORS OPEN :7:30

ADMISSION PRICE: STUDENT \$15 ADULT \$20

Tickets from any 1st XI player or Yolanda 021 216 3691

All proceeds go to tournament week

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Silent auctions running on the night includes...

- Edge hockey stick signed by Kirsten Pearce
- Blues 2016 rugby shirt and signed rugby ball
- Holden WRC Winter Jacket
- Kookaburra Lithium Ultralight hockey stick
- Tous jewellery voucher
- Black Sticks training tee donated by Rose Keddel
- Fruit Guys gift box
- Midas 2015 Hockey gear bag
- City Cake company voucher
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Family portraits by top NZ photographer Michael Overend

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO THE SCHOOL!

Michael Overend, a leading professional photographer has generously offered to support EGGS by donating family portrait packages valued at \$785.00 per package, but costing you only \$100.00.

Michael will donate the portrait sessions to EGGS as a fundraiser. We are now offering parents the opportunity to take up this offer by paying \$100.00 to EGGS in return for the package (consultation, portrait session & photos) below. The **\$100.00** comes directly to the School!

The portrait package for \$100.00 entitles your family to:

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

This is a genuine offer. There are no extra costs and \$100.00 is the total you will be charged for this session!

TO MAKE A BOOKING CONTACT:

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PAYMENT: Please contact the Foundation Office on 970 6753



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EGGS RELIEF ADMIN STAFF NEEDED

We are looking for people to be trained to help us on a relief basis, when needed. Term time only and usually school hours.

People with the skills to do the following:

- attendance
- data entry
- reception
- staffroom duties.

If you are interested please email: office@eggs.school.nz with a one page CV.