

2016 FOUNDERS AWARDS



2016 Founders Award recipients - Judge Heather Simpson, CNZM, Dr Michele Cox (represented by her mother Barbara and niece Trinity) and Anne Norman, CNZM with the Head Girls and OGA Co-Presidents Sally Blyth and Lynley Sheweiry at a special assembly held on 14 June.

Dear parents, caregivers and students

You may have seen the Board of Trustees election results on the website – congratulations

to:	Lynley Banbury-Sheweiry	Julie Goodyer	Kate Smith
	Philip Bradley	Chris Iles	Andrew Stevens
	Paul Gestro		

We look forward to working with the Board as we head into the centenary next year and then into the School's second century.

EGGS choirs performed at the Auckland Big Sing last week. Every student involved should feel proud of their performance, recognised in awards detailed later in this edition of EGGSNEWS.

Many sports teams are right in the midst of the competition round, looking forward to possible selection for Tournament Week starting 29 August. At the Big Sing, watching lacrosse recently and talking with some students from 3 soccer teams heading off for their afternoon games last week, I was particularly aware of the unfailing and positive effort by parents and staff who support student co-curricular activities in a number of ways. This is one important aspect of true community. Thank-you to everyone who is involved.

Term 2 Conferences for students and parents to meet with subject teachers are a useful opportunity to discuss progress and achievement at this half-year point and to look ahead. Just a reminder - bookings close on Monday 27 June at 12.00pm.

At this time of the year with two weeks of the term to go, it is really important for students to pace themselves; making deadlines manageable and seeking help when it is needed. A sense of urgency and determination and a healthy sense of purpose to get things done is usually a good thing – seeing tasks as a mountain overwhelming us isn't. Simple things such as getting enough sleep, eating well; getting on with tasks and ticking them off rather than worrying and talking ourselves into worry about them while we procrastinate, are things that we are repeatedly told through advice columns in the paper and magazines. For many of us these things are all good advice, but sometimes we may need some help to navigate our way through a patch we are finding difficult. Please remember that this is normal and a good thing to do.

Coming up in Week 9....

Mon 27 June	Pasifika Week
Tue 28 June	Junior Conferences - (School finishes at 3pm)
Wed 29 June	Pavement Art
Thu 30 June	Junior & Senior Conferences
Fri 1 July	Stage Challenge

Coming up in Week 10....

Mon 4 July	Maori Language Week
Tue 5 July	Senior Conferences - (School finishes at 3pm)
Fri 8 July	Last day of term

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2016 Father & Daughter Breakfast

10 August @ Eden Park

Guest speaker to be announced....

Tickets available soon



Paradise performing in the
Town Hall at the Big Sing

The Founders Awards ceremony last week was a wonderful occasion. It was inspiring to hear Judge Heather Simpson, Anne Norman and Dr Michele Cox talking about their areas of interest, and to appreciate their levels of excellence and achievement outlined in the citations. We hope that here at EGGS today we continue to encourage students to be confident, resilient, equipped with the skills, experiences and qualifications to take the next steps beyond school - ready to do some of the things that we heard about from the recipients – to try things – to take some risks; to work hard - to persevere when it can seem tough; to give of their best; to have a sense of purpose that goes beyond self; to seize opportunities; to be considered and also innovative; to enjoy and love what they do.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Old Girls Association News

It's been a busy time in the Old Girls' world with two significant events taking place last week.

Founders Assembly

On Tuesday 14th June, the OGA honoured three past students as Founders of the school at a special Founders Assembly.

Judge Heather Simpson, CNZM – Law (EGGS 1963-67)

Heather is a retired District Court Judge who had a special designation in the Youth Court, and has an acting warrant. She is also a member of the Baha'i faith. In accepting her award and addressing the girls, Heather recalled that in her day, the school hall had just been built and cited the huge range of career opportunities available for women now that were much harder to access in earlier years and encouraged the girls to find something they love and go for it.

Anne Norman, CNZM – Business (EGGS 1960-61)

Owner of one of the country's leading retail businesses, together with her husband, Anne took up the various opportunities that presented themselves to her upon leaving school, successfully combining her business prowess and family commitments. Speaking to the girls, Anne said she wasn't fond of her schooldays but it was a difficult time for her as she dealt with her mother's illness and early death. Anne shared with the girls her passion for retail as a career choice that combines so many skills that apply to business and life.

Dr Michele Cox – Sport (EGGS 1982-1986)

With a diverse skill set acquired through the years, Michele's career has had a focus on social development within the sports arena. She was New Zealand's first professional soccer player, playing in Germany at a young age and going on to work for FIFA and other football organisations in various capacities. Michele currently lives and works in Switzerland and was unable to attend the assembly, but sent a video address which focussed on how she had overcome criticisms and challenges and continued to follow her passion despite that, which has led to many exciting opportunities.

All three Founders were thrilled to receive their award, each one an inspiration of what can be achieved across a range of different career paths.

95th OGA AGM

The 95th AGM was held on Monday 13th June. Reports from the Principal, Archivist, Co-Presidents and Treasurer were presented and accepted. The OGA Constitution will be reviewed to ensure it complies with the new Incorporated Societies Act which is under review.

Sally Blyth and Lynley Sheweiry were elected as Co-Presidents. Julie Goodyer elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Committee members are: Virginia Bishop, Fiona Cottam, Donna Corse-Scott, Ro Bellamy, Katharine Collins, Bridgette Sullivan-Taylor, Margi Leech, Mary Hall, Tric Milner (staff rep), Rachel Banbury (student rep).

Scriptor Series

Unfortunately we had to cancel our Scriptor Series event scheduled for Wednesday 22nd June due to lack of ticket sales, which is really disappointing. We had a great evening planned and promoted it far and wide in anticipation of a fun and enlightening fundraiser event, but we can't go ahead with such events without the support of the school and community.

Farewell to Kathryn Seagrave

We are sad to farewell Kathryn Seagrave who is stepping down from the role of Co-President as she is relocating out of Auckland. She has contributed hugely to the OGA and school community and we will miss her elegance and insight. We wish her and her husband Jeremy (who has helped OGA in many ways too) all the very best for their big move to the countryside in the Wairarapa. Enjoy the new adventure Kathryn, and thank you for all you have done for OGA and the students through the years.

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry - OGA Co-Presidents

Centenary Celebrations 5 - 9 April 2017: 285 days to go!

We're delighted to announce that tickets for the Centenary celebrations are now available to buy on iTicket at

► www.iticket.co.nz/go-to/eggs-centenary-events-2017

Buy your tickets now! Take a look at our brand new Centenary tab on the school website too. Everything you need to know is on the website including links that'll take you straight to iTicket.

You can also stay in the loop about the Centenary Celebrations by liking and following our Facebook page,

► www.facebook.com/EGGSCentenary2017.

We're counting down to a celebration of 100 wonderful years and there's 285 days to go!

If you're friends with any Old Girls we might have lost contact with, please ask them to get in touch with us and we'll keep them posted on the Centenary too. They just need to drop an email to eggs100@eggs.school.nz

For updates between now and April 2017, don't forget to keep an eye on our school [website](#). There'll be lots of exciting news and pictures for you to have a browse through.

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.



Curriculum News

Assessments and Illnesses

We would like to ask for your support in striking the right balance between staying home when sick versus taking time off school to work on assessments.

The school nurses have noticed an increase in students coming into school for assessment when they are too sick to be at school. For the health and safety of other students we would like students who are too sick to be at school to stay at home. If there is an assessment on that day, there is a chance that the assessment can be completed at another time when the student is well (In this instance a medical certificate would be required). On the rare occasion that the assessment can't be re-scheduled please remind your daughter that it is usually possible to miss a Standard and still get a course/certificate endorsement. Under these circumstances the student would be withdrawn from the Standard and avoid having a 'not achieved' on their record of learning.

In the same vein, we consider that staying at home to complete assessments is unfairly advantaging themselves over other candidates. Students have been told that this will result in a 'not achieved' grade. Please support us by not condoning this practice.

Digital Assessment: 2016 Trials and Pilots

This year we are participating in NZQA's digital assessment trials and pilots program. Computer-based methods of assessment is a key area of development for NZQA as they have the goal of making all examinations (where appropriate) online by 2020. We feel that this is an opportunity for us to test our readiness as a school and to provide students with the opportunity to experience assessment in a digital format. By being involved both parties will be in a position to give feedback on that experience.

This year we will be trialing Level 1 examinations for Geography, Economics, Spanish and Biology. A 'trial' is a practice assessment that does not count towards a student's NCEA. A 'pilot' is considered to be an assessment where a student can gain actual credits towards their NCEA. This year we are participating in the pilot for English. Involvement in a pilot examination will be voluntary, and those students who opt-in will sit a digital examination rather than the paper examination (however the paper examination will be available as a back-up). The pilot examinations will be held on the same dates and times as the paper-based examinations.

Your daughter will be bringing home written notification shortly if she is involved in an NZQA digital trial or pilot. Students who require Special Assessment Conditions will be accommodated within these trials and pilots.

Tertiary Preparation for Year 13 students

As part of the Auckland Central Community of Schools initiative a team of seven teachers at Epsom Girls Grammar School have been working hard to develop a series of workshops for our Year 13 students that prepare them for a transition into tertiary education.

Recent research has shown that the transition from secondary school to a tertiary environment is challenging for many students; even students that experience high levels of success in their secondary education can find the tertiary environment tough.

The EGGS Tertiary Prep. workshops seek to help bridge this gap and prepare our girls for this next phase in their lives. In the workshops we will be looking closely at the differences between secondary school (EGGS life) and a tertiary environment. We will also be focusing on enabling students to become more independent in their ability to manage themselves (time, living situations, social-life, money, health, etc), information, resources, research and study. Year 13 is the perfect time for students to be thinking about preparing themselves for tertiary education, and what students learn in the workshops can and should be applied to their learning now.

Our first workshop begins in Week 9 on either Tuesday 28th June in the EGGS Staffroom (2:15-3:15pm), or Friday 1st July in the EGGS Hall (7:30-8:30am) - students can choose which workshop time best suits their schedule and we encourage all students in Year 13 to attend.

Chinese Speech Competition

Three Epsom Girls students participated in and performed remarkably at the 9th Annual Auckland Chinese Speech Contest held on May 14th at the Confucius Institute, Auckland University. It involved over 60 Chinese learners from over 15 Auckland schools. Jade Beckmann, Year 13, won the 3rd Prize, Elizabeth Gane, Year 11, the 3rd Prize, and Catrin Dawson, Year 11, the Merit Prize. Anastasia Varlamova, Year 13, was invited to perform a traditional Chinese dance at the prize-giving ceremony.



Catrin Dawson

Elizabeth Gane

Jade Beckham

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_FRI: 7:30-8:30am_HALL

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CAMPUSLINK

KTL Tuition (at 642 New North Road, Morningside) are facilitating three specific workshop courses in the seminar room at Kidz Therapy during the July holidays

The courses are:

1. Study skills for secondary school students who have learning differences, **Wednesday 20th July 10-3 p.m.**
2. Study skills and strategies for Years 9-10, **Thursday 21st July 10-3 p.m.**
3. Study skills and strategies for Years 11-13 **Friday 22nd July 10-3 p.m.**

Further information and registration forms are available at

www.ktltuition.co.nz

Or phone Shannon on 021 295 0089.



eLearning in the Library



You may not think about it – but technology plays a large role in modern libraries. Search engines and online catalogues have largely taken away the mystery of how to find library resources and made them accessible 24/7. No longer do you have to physically be at a library to access the items held there. Digital resources abound for the astute researcher.

Our library at EGGS has an ever-evolving collection of digital resources that enhance teaching and learning. Alongside our substantial print collections we have an eBook collection of over 800 eBooks. Issues for our eBooks have increased substantially this year, currently doubling what was borrowed at the same time last year. This is primarily due to the download app (ePlatform app) becoming available, making the procedure for downloading a book so much easier. Students can borrow an eBook at any time of day or night, from anywhere in the world and download to their devices. We are very excited about the uptake in eBook borrowing that has taken place this year.



Our second most used digital resource is the EPIC Research databases. EPIC is a library of searchable online reference material in a collection of over twenty subject-specific databases. All Year 10 classes are instructed in using the EPIC databases for research, led by the library staff. Once again, these resources are



accessible anywhere, anytime – great news for the learner who leaves everything to the last minute!

Another successful eLearning tool is our collection of curated resources for topic studies. In this type of curation, web tools such as 'Scoop.it' and 'Livebinders' are used to link together best websites and online sources. These curated links are provided alongside Desk Copy books, when classes are using the library for research. You can see an example of this [here](#).



Curating online resources has benefits for the student navigating the overwhelming amount of information online. Using these collections students learn to:

- recognise what constitutes a quality resource
- choose the best source of information for the job, be it print, digital or a person
- widen their personal learning networks through accessing resources they may otherwise not have been exposed to.

National Library of New Zealand

Promoting these non-visual items is the key, and reminding our students and teachers where and how they can be accessed. Our librarians do a great job as advocates of eResources, promoting them to as many classes and individuals as possible.

All of the library's eResources can be found on the eLearn Portal – under the Library tab. Please feel free to take look or Click on one of the icons: Password = eggs

Arts & Cultural News

Megaschools Competition

The Megaschools Hip Hop group competed at the Street Dance New Zealand Megaschools Competition in the second week of the first term holidays. They came away in 6th position and 1st single sex group performance over all. The leaders Tai Poppleton and Georgia May choreographed a slick and innovative routine and were positive, generous role models for younger students.

Many thanks to Amelia McKibben and Nicola Rennie for their ongoing support of this group.

Upcoming Events

- Wearable Art Show – 7 July Marjory Adams Hall 5.30-7.30pm
- Short Film Evening – 26 July Raye Freedman Arts Centre 7pm, tickets \$15 Adults, \$10 Students
- Chinese Extravaganza - 30 and 31 July at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre

Stage Challenge

Epsom Stage Challenge is performing at the Aotea Centre in the annual Auckland Stage Challenge competition on the 1st July. This year they managed to sell a total of 429 tickets which is a new record.

This year's performance has been worked on by the Stage Challenge leadership team since last October. There are a total of 110 students and teachers involved in this year's performance including dancers, set girls, costume girls, lighting crew, photographers and teacher support.

The performance this year is based on Fortitude and the journey of a young girl overcoming physical, mental and emotional hardships to become a stronger individual. As the eight minute dance performance unfolds we see the young girl using her childhood imaginary friends to push through hard times and find inner strength in the face of adversity.

Music News

Exciting news about one of our former students

Tianyi Lu has been selected for the Dallas Opera Elite Conducting Course. This is a wonderful thing in the classical music world!

More info here: <http://slippedisc.com/2016/06/six-women-make-the-cut-for-elite-conducting-course/>

NZCT Chamber Music Competition Regional Final on Sunday June 26

Congratulations to the following groups for selection to play at the Regional Final of the Chamber Competition on Sunday June 26, 11.30am at the Auckland University School of Music.

Kokako Trio May Gao, Mabel Hung & Esther Wu

Trio de Jazz Kiara Kong, Anna (Kexin) Zhang & friend

Vistoso Trio Esther Lee & friends

Well done to these students.

The Big Sing

Congratulations to the Epsom Choirs on a huge day at the Big Sing last Thursday. We really enjoyed hearing you sing in the Town Hall and had lots of lovely comments about your performances.

Results

Canto Vivo - Runner Up Best Junior Choir

Epsom Singers - Commended & Runner Up Best Classical Performance

Paradisum - Highly Commended

Well done everyone!

Special thanks to Virginia Le Cren and Debbie Orr for their amazing work as your conductors.

Well done to Kiara, Esther and Yun Pai, your pianists. Nice work from Jemima Wu and May Gao on Violin too. Also, a big thank you to Laura Pendergrast for her wonderful admin work, and to Lauren Easteal and Enya Finlayson for their excellent leadership.



Kokako Trio May Gao, Mabel Hung & Esther Wu



Epsom Singers performing at the Big Sing in the Auckland Town Hall

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be closed in the school holidays and reopens on Monday 25 July 2016.

Uniform Shop hours for Term 3 are:

Monday to Thursday	11.05am - 11.25pm
	12.00pm - 1.30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm
Friday	CLOSED

NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country

Epsom had 7 students competing in the NZSS Cross Country on the 18th and 19th June in Rotorua. Jemma Cherguit placed 10th in the Year 9 Girls race and Catrin Dawson placed 6th in the Junior Girls race on the 18th with both then being invited to represent the Auckland region in the Relay Champs on the 19th.

NZ Lacrosse



Staff member Rosie Gunn along with students Harriette Overend, Nicki Fordyce and former students Nina Sutton (current EGGs Coach) and Nicole Goode travelled with the New Zealand Lacrosse Womens team to Melbourne to compete in the Australian Lacrosse Nationals.

ASS Mountain Biking Race 2



Race 2 of the Auckland Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Champs was held out at the beautiful Maraetai Forest on the 19th June, offering some of the most technical and challenging MTB tracks in the North Island. The course had sections of steep descents and short sharp climbs where the racers had to climb up off the downhill trails 'Tunnel Vision'. The organizers PCBC did a superb job of tidying up the tracks so they were safe and clearly marked out. We were lucky to have dry sunny weather so the tracks had a lot of grip as well.

The 3 riders representing Epsom Girls Grammar were Sarah Harvison, Poppy Buissink and Dayna Haythorne. All 3 in different age categories and all were on the podium.

- Sarah Harvison in Junior Girls U 15 placed 2nd, completing 2 laps.
- Poppy Buissink in Intermediate Girls U 17 placed 1st, completing 2 laps.
- Dayna Haythorne in Senior Girls U 19 placed 2nd, completing 3 laps.



Jemma and Catrin at the NZSS Cross Country

Under Water Hockey North Island Secondary Schools

EGGS Senior A finished 3rd beating Tauranga Girls.

EGGS Senior B finished 7th (they have to play in the A grade so did extremely well).

MVPs (most valuable player) for the teams were:

EGGS A = Rosa Watson

EGGS B = Caitlin Troy

Students selected for U18 Northern team later this year are:

Mackenzie Morgan, Stella Mackrell, Rosa and Sasha Watson, Talia Vince and Jade Beckmann

In the Junior competition the EGGs Junior A finished 3rd and EGGs Junior B finished 6th.

Through these competition the EGGs Senior A and EGGs Junior A have both qualified for nationals.



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