

EGGSNEWS



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Grammar School

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EGGS is officially 100 years old!



Dear parents, caregivers and students

A large number of students have participated in the Swimming and the Athletic Sports. The Athletics Parade this morning had a centennial theme with popular culture from each decade of the School's existence and the inventiveness of tutor groups at all year levels was wonderful. This week also saw the New Family Barbeque run by the PTA. Tutors, peer supporters and students in Year 9 created a great atmosphere with the table displays, and the co-curricular areas' student leaders were on hand to answer questions and sign people up for the various activities.

A further opportunity for parents new to EGGS is the PTA meeting on the 8th of March to be held in the staffroom. This evening is a good opportunity to feel more acquainted with life at EGGS and to ask any questions you may have.

Polyfest practices are well underway – it is lovely to hear singing around the school and to see how quickly students new to the various groups learn the complex dance choreography.

Safety is a high priority and we have recently installed bollards on Silver Road just before the first pedestrian crossing for student and staff safety during the school day. In this edition of EGGSNEWS there are detailed instructions about the operation of the bollards. Please read these carefully.

If you have an appointment at the School during the school day, please use the Visitor parks outside Reception. If you drop off and/or collect your daughter, arrange a meeting place other than Silver Road. As you can appreciate, with more than 2000 students it is simply not practicable for traffic to enter any part of Silver Road where there is no spare parking at these peak times of the day.

Looking ahead - Good luck to Waka Ama for their event this weekend and Year 10 will be on Camp during the week of 6-10 March (either Monday to Wednesday or Wednesday to Friday). It is a unique opportunity and I know that the students will really enjoy it.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Important notice: No entry to any part of Silver Road when dropping off or collecting students 7.35am - 8.35am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm.

Please make dropping and collecting your daughter from a nearby street a permanent habit.



Coming up in Week 5...

Tue 28 Feb

Year 9 Netball Trial 1

Fri 3 Mar

Year 9 Netball Trial 2

Coming up in Week 6...

Mon 6 - Wed 8 Mar Year 10 Camp (1st group)

Wed 8 - Fri 10 Mar Year 10 Camp (2nd group)

Wed 8 Mar

PTA meeting - Top tips for parents & AGM

Sat 11 Mar

Fia Fia Night

TO VIEW MORE EVENTS CLICK HERE >



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Barfoot & Thompson

Happy birthday Epsom Girls!



On Monday 13th February 2017, we celebrated our 100th birthday. 100 years ago, in February 1917, EGGS opened its doors to 170 Form 3 and 4 (Year 9 and 10) students and 10 teachers. In 1921, we celebrated our first set of students to complete the full five year programme – an impressive achievement for the times. A few years later, the first Epsom girls graduated from University.

The school roll has steadily increased over the years – reaching 500 in 1925, 1000 in 1953 and 2000 in the 2000s. 100 years since our first day, EGGS now has a roll of over 2200 and a staff of over 200.

Our birthday celebrations kicked off with an assembly on Monday morning celebrating all that has come before us and all that our school is today. We were thrilled to welcome some special guests to this assembly – former Principal Madeline Gunn, Centenary Committee Chair Julie Goodyer and many members of the Centenary Committee.



Centenary Prefects Evelyn Charlesworth and Connolly Wilkins, alongside the Head Prefect team led by Stella Inkpen, introduced the school to Augie, our lioness soft toy that will be available to purchase as part of the Centenary memorabilia. These toys, along with our Centenary tee shirts, will be on sale at school from Week 5 onwards.

Celebrations continued with birthday cake, singing, selfies and lollies. Throughout Term One, the school will be taking part in many exciting celebratory activities and we can't wait to share these with you all.

To register for our official Centenary events in April, head to www.iticket.co.nz and search for "EGGS".

Happy birthday Epsom Girls!



EGGS - 1921

Join the EGGSFEST & Sports Extravaganza

The main centennial celebrations will be taking place from 5-9 April 2017. Head to iTicket to buy your piece of Centenary history www.iticket.co.nz/go-to/eggs-centenary-events-2017.

There is something for everyone! We especially encourage families, students, and friends to come along to the Sports Extravaganza and our very own community Festival EGGSFEST.

Sports Extravaganza

Come and watch the current sports teams at EGGS compete against Old Girls. Superstar Football, Netball and Lacrosse players past and present will be showcasing their talents, you also get the chance to have a go yourself! The Sports Extravaganza promises a day of family fun and much more and to top it off there'll be sausage sizzles and drinks to enjoy on the day. This event is free.

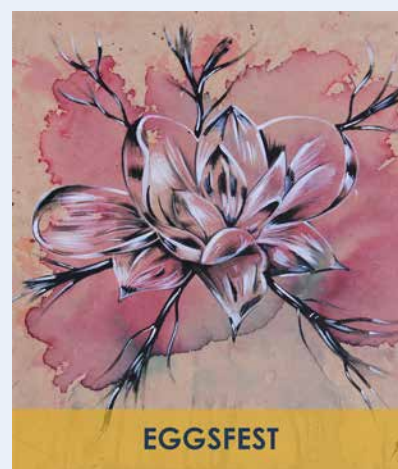
EGGSFEST

EGGS is delighted to present our fun-packed community festival EGGSFEST brought to you by Barfoot & Thompson. The EGGSFEST will be the finale of the Centenary weekend, a festival not to be missed so come and join the party. There'll be food trucks, cultural performances, music gigs, children's activities and much more – all topped off with a performance of a specially commissioned piece of centenary music, a highlight of the Centenary celebrations. The school will come alive as events and performances take place throughout the grounds. You are sure to be amazed at the breadth of talent on display. Get your group tickets today to receive great discounts.

Thanks for supporting the EGGS Centenary.

For the latest Centenary news visit www.eggs.school.nz/about/centenary.aspx

Like us on [Facebook](#).



New Family Barbeque



The PTA enjoyed seeing so many students and families at the new family barbeque on Wednesday evening. Thank you to the tutors, peer supporters, EGG co-ordinators and group leaders for their work with the tables and the displays of extra curricula activities.


Congratulations to 9WAD, 9WHE and 9JOS for their placings and 9HEE for their honourable mention.

The next PTA event is **Wednesday 8 March** at 7pm in the staffroom – Top Tips for Parents New to EGGS. This will be followed by the AGM.



New members are always welcome!





Health & Safety

Bollards

Bollards have been installed at Gate 1, which is the Gillies Avenue entrance.

They have been installed to ensure the health and safety of the students during the school day.

The bollards will be raised at **9am** and will be lowered at **3:30pm** on school days.

We advise parents/caregivers not to drive through the school gates to collect students as the parking is allocated for visitors, disabled vehicles and delivery vans **ONLY**.

The bollards will remain down from 3:30pm and will only be raised again at 9am the following day. This in effect means that the bollards will remain down for the evening and over the weekend.

School management retains the right to raise the bollards outside the scope of these hours

The basics at present are:

- **RED** or **flashing RED** – **STOP!!**
- **GREEN – GO**
- **DO NOT TAILGATE (One car at a time)**

The detailed instructions are as follows:

ENTRY

Bollards are down and lights are green (3:30pm – 9am)


- Approach the bollards
- Ensure that lights are not flashing red
- Move through the bollard line slowly

EXIT

Bollards are down and lights are green (From 3:30pm onwards)

- Approach the bollards
- Ensure that lights are not flashing red
- Move through the bollard line slowly
- If the bollards are flashing red – **do not** attempt to move through the bollards

Bollards are up and lights are solid red (This will be from 9am – 3:30pm) – on school days

- Approach the bollards by moving slowly towards the crossing area
 - The free exit will register your vehicle
 - The lights will flash red and the bollards will retract to the down position
 - ONLY move forward across the bollard line when the bollard lights have changed to green
 - **DO NOT TAILGATE (One car at a time)**
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CURRICULUM NEWS

From the Drama Department

In the third week of Term One, Year 10 Drama worked with director and artist, Kate Parker to create choral performances in class. Kate Parker has been the artist in residence at Epsom Girls Grammar School in the past and continues to be a guest performer / director at our school. The experienced director taught students to work in unison to create beauty and meaning through their movement and with their voices. They used bamboo sticks to create scenes and stories in choral compositions.



From the English Department

Upcoming trip to the Pop Up Globe Theatre

This year, all Year 10 English students have the good fortune to attend a matinée performance of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Pop Up Globe Theatre currently installed at the Ellerslie Racecourse. This will occur on Monday 20 March and is an excellent way to support the study of Shakespeare in our English programme. Students have received notices about the trip in class this week, and we encourage speedy payment and return of permission slips to allow us to iron out all logistics. We are greatly looking forward to this opportunity to see Shakespeare come to life.

Parents wanting to find out more about the theatre and production should visit: www.popupglobe.co.nz



Pop Up Globe Ellerslie



Leanne and Dominique, our Year 13 Library Committee leaders with their 'Blind date with a book' display in the library on Valentine's day.



Make sure you register for the Centenary - Sports Extravaganza 'FREE EVENT' with lots of great games being played.

Register on iTicket www.iticket.co.nz/events/2017/apr/sports-extravaganza

SWIMMING SPORTS



ATHLETICS PRELIMS



ATHLETICS PARADE



EPSOM HOUSE NIGHT SUPERVISOR

Epsom House is the Boarding House for Epsom Girls Grammar School.

We are looking to recruit a Night Supervisor whose responsibilities will be to stay awake on duty all night and to maintain a safe and supportive environment for students at Epsom House. Some administration and pastoral care of sick girls will form part of the role. This position is for three nights a week (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) and will be term time only.

For a detailed job description and support staff application form, please click on the link below.

<http://www.eggs.school.nz/about/employment-opportunities.aspx>

All applications **must** include the School application form.