



## Stage Challenge 2017



*Congratulations to everyone involved - 3rd place overall, as well as 11 awards of excellence.*

Dear parents, caregivers and students

This week saw the gifting of a vertical garden to the School. You can see more detail about this beautiful centenary gift, spearheaded by the Student Council, on Page 3. It is a wonderful legacy, embracing a sustainable future, as EGGS heads into a second century.

Students take the lead in so much of what happens at Epsom. On the last day of Term 2 Stage Challenge was a real highlight and the students should feel very proud of their achievements (see Page 5 for the details of awards). Teacher in Charge, Nicola Rennie, has been the face of Stage Challenge for ten years and she has done a wonderful job. Each year the students have appreciated Nicola's commitment to them and I would like to publicly acknowledge this decade of involvement. Nicola has been an inspiration to what amounts to thousands of students involved in Stage Challenge.

Last week I really enjoyed the Chinese Extravaganza which also showcases student leadership as well as a wide range of performance talent. Congratulations to all involved. Looking ahead - we are all looking forward to the Father Daughter Breakfast next week - this sell-out event features broadcaster John Campbell as the guest speaker. I would like to acknowledge the organisers - the Head Prefect Team and Najira Khanam, our Development, Events and Comms Manager. Also next week the Year 12 Ball is coming up and the student organising committee have worked hard to produce what will be a great occasion.



Lorraine Pound - Principal

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are currently choosing options for next year - just a reminder that all online course selection needs to be completed by 8am Monday 14 August.



### Coming up in Week 3....

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| Mon 7-11 Aug | International Languages Week  |
| Mon 7 Aug    | Year 10 2018 Options Assembly |
| Tue 8-9 Aug  | Year 12 Drama Production      |
| Wed 9 Aug    | Father Daughter Breakfast     |
| Fri 11 Aug   | Year 12 Ball                  |

### Coming up in Week 4....

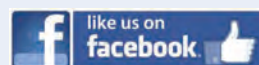
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| Mon 14-18 Aug | Maori Language Week              |
| Mon 14-19 Aug | KBB Music Festival               |
| Mon 14 Aug    | Yr 10-13 2018 Option choices due |
| Tue 15 Aug    | Pasifika Fono                    |

**Monday**

**14th  
August**

**Option choices  
due by 8am**

[TO VIEW MORE EVENTS CLICK HERE >](#)



# Board of Trustees



Welcome back to another very busy term and I trust the holidays re-charged the batteries. These holidays are typically the time of year when school overseas trips take place and by all accounts the students have had experiences and learning opportunities that are very hard to replicate in the classroom. The board would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication in making these possible and providing an experience the girls will long remember.

The term started for the senior students with a sombre message from our principal regarding the recent media reports on New Zealand's alarming rate of youth suicide. I commend Mrs Lorraine Pound for tackling this issue head on and am very confident the school's systems and processes are robust to help students in need. We cannot pretend that our school or community is immune from this plight and I encourage all parents to be open in communicating with your children to help build resiliency to cope with modern social pressures.

The media has recently reignited the 'donation' debate and I'm sure we will hear more of this as we approach the general election. Call it what you like; fake news, alternate facts, but I think it is

important that the EGGS community has a clear understanding of our donations and what the board uses these much needed funds for. Recent articles referenced that EGGS received \$2m in 2014 and \$1.3m in 2015. The perception from the article was that these were 'parent' donations and this is simply not the case. Current levels of parent donations are approximately \$900k per annum. The school does receive other forms of donations and in recent years the board is thankful to the EGGS Foundation for the significant contributions towards the sports centre and courts. There is truth that modern schools require the parent donations more than ever before. At EGGS these funds are allocated directly to student learning and wellbeing and the board is thankful to all parents that support this focus. Also a reminder that the parent donation can be claimed as a rebate for tax purposes.

The board's priorities this term include progressing and revamping the master plan, driving the development of L Block and the new accommodation pod at Epsom House. We are also acutely aware of the issue surrounding Silver Rd and whilst new bollards are proving effective we are determined to find a long term solution to this traffic/parking/access problem. I would encourage any parent or member of the community to share any ideas you have that may address this issue, by emailing [office@eggs.school.nz](mailto:office@eggs.school.nz).

*Chris Iles, Board Chair*

## OGA NEWS

The OGA is organising a special Preview screening of the Gaylene Preston Documentary *"My Year with Helen"* on **Monday 28th August 2017, 6-30 pm** at the Rialto Cinema, Newmarket. The film, which focuses on EGGS Old Girl Helen Clark, was screened recently at the New Zealand International Film Festival to sell-out audiences.

*"The film conveys how tough it is to break the remaining glass ceilings. May it motivate future generations of women to keep at it!" — Helen Clark, 2017*

Tickets are \$20 at our special early-bird rate until midnight on 16th August. Enjoy a complimentary drink and nibbles on arrival. We are raising funds for our OGA 2017 Centennial Scholarships and encourage you to come and join us. All families within the School and Old Girl communities are welcome to attend and bring family and friends. This is a film to inspire women of all ages.

To register use the **link to the google form below** and make your payment by **direct credit** to our EGGSOGA BNZ Newmarket **02 0192 0137887 000** (Put your Name and Helen in the reference).

► [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1M8\\_gn6Ok9bixmhnM-mN7jCqayUAdhAZdijK8AhylmOU/edit?ts=59785c26](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1M8_gn6Ok9bixmhnM-mN7jCqayUAdhAZdijK8AhylmOU/edit?ts=59785c26)

If you have any queries please email [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz)





*Duke of Edinburgh awards ceremony*



*Peer Support Multisport finalists*

## GENERAL NEWS

### Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Ceremony

Three former students received their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards at a ceremony on July 9th at King's College. The Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy presented the awards to Ashley Ng, Mariam Rasheed and Tina Wu. In her speech, Dame Patsy Reddy acknowledged "The award ceremony is well deserved recognition for a challenge completed." Achieving the Gold Award takes a minimum of 12 months to complete as the participants must undertake service in their community, learn a new skill, participate in a physical activity and undertake an adventurous journey. Many girls also attend the Year 10 camp for their week long Residential Project.

### Vertical Garden

Thank you to all who made it to our official opening of the EGGS Vertical Garden, we are so excited to finally see it installed and on the wall in real life!!

Thank you to everyone involved in this project - the Student Council, Sustainability Committee, EGGS Heritage Committee, PTA and a number of staff members and students. Also, a huge thank you to Josh Braker and his team from The English Garden LTD who supplied and installed the garden for us.

The vertical garden embraces and visually represents one of our values, community. The collaboration between staff, students and various committees within the school to fund this project brings us closer together as a community and it is exciting that this is a display that we can all watch grow, develop and flourish over the coming years.

The vertical garden also represents EGGS' continual commitment to improving its environmental awareness, and as the plants grow and the garden gets better with age it will remind us of the importance to take pride in our surroundings and to nurture our environment.

### Peer Support Multisport Finalists of 2017

9ONG has been titled champions of this year's Year 9 Multisport tournament organised by the Peer Support Committee of 2017. It was a very close game and both 9ONG and 9GRT played exceptionally well. The winning Year 9 tutor class received a trophy cup, a pizza lunch and also competed against the 2017 prefects, where they took the win once again.





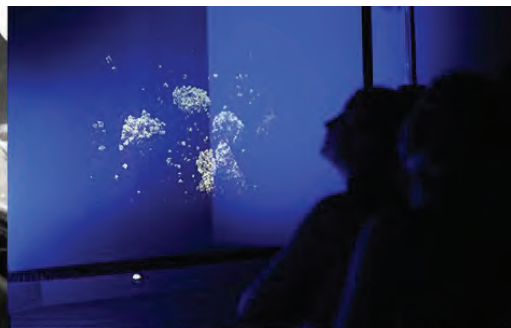
# CURRICULUM NEWS

## EGGS Contemporary Art Trip to Europe

On Saturday July 8th, 35 Visual Art students and 6 teachers departed Auckland for the first-ever EGGs Contemporary Art Trip: destination Paris, Venice, Milan, Zurich, Frankfurt, Kassel and Munster!!

As well as viewing a wide range of contemporary gallery/museum spaces, the trip provided students the opportunity to view a number of highly regarded dealer galleries and three major contemporary art festivals (representing artists from all over the world): the Venice Biennale (Venice), Documenta 14 (Kassel) and The Skulptur Project (Munster).

The trip provided students with an endless array of artwork covering a multitude of disciplines, genres and themes. What we saw was often thought-provoking, challenging and engaging on both a physical and intellectual level. Students have returned bursting with new and innovative ideas to bring to their own Visual Art practice.



## Business Department - Young Enterprise

Congratulations to Year 13 Young Enterprise student, Rachel Ji, for her outstanding contribution at the "Global Enterprise in Action" held at Massey University recently. Rachel has been awarded a trip to San Francisco in the October school holidays to visit some of the USA's large businesses. Rachel will have an opportunity to gain a global perspective on business.

Rachel is one of six aspiring young entrepreneurs chosen to attend the Young Enterprise field trip to San Francisco. There are over 3,600 students competing in this Young Enterprise Scheme this year and Rachel's success is a tribute to her strength as a speaker, her ability to cope with high-pressure business challenges and her innovative style as an entrepreneur. Well done, Rachel!



Rachel Ji

## CAREER EDUCATION NEWS

### Applications for tertiary accommodation at NZ universities (except AUT\*), opened on 1 AUGUST.

Year 13 students should ensure they check the email sent to their school email last term telling them about the process for applying for this.

The first step is to complete a CCRF which is found here: <https://ccrf.dotnious.com/students/>

On the form, make sure you tick all the universities that you might be applying for accommodation at. Also make sure you select Epsom Girls Grammar from the drop down list of schools.

The second step is to go online to each university you are applying to and complete the application. Take your time, carefully preparing any statements they ask for.

Students can email Ms Leask or Ms Riley if they need any help or have questions.

\*AUT University accommodation applications open on 1 October.

### Major university first year/entrance scholarships - closing dates

Year 13's are reminded that closing dates are coming up soon for a number of major university entrance scholarships. Please refer to the email sent to you in Term 2 about this process and remember that we have asked you to apply three weeks ahead of the closing date in order to give your deans time to complete references. There will also be other university scholarships that are available after these dates but these are the main ones.

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| 15 August    | University of Otago, University of Canterbury |
| 20 August    | Massey University                             |
| 23 August    | University of Auckland                        |
| 31 August    | Lincoln University, University of Waikato     |
| 1 September  | AUT University                                |
| 15 September | Victoria University                           |

### Tertiary Open Days – these are mainly for Year 12 and 13 students

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| Sat 5 August    | Engineering Expo, 10.00am-4.00pm, University of Auckland <a href="http://www.weekofengineering.co.nz">www.weekofengineering.co.nz</a> (for all year levels and families) |
| Tues 8 August   | Faculty of Education and Social Work Experience Day, University of Auckland (register online and notify Career Education staff)  |
| Wed 9 August    | Engineering Futures Evening (Years 12 and 13), University of Auckland – register at <a href="http://www.auckland.ac.nz/efe">www.auckland.ac.nz/efe</a>                   |
| Thurs 10 August | ITC (International Travel College) Open Day  |
| Sat 12 August   | Massey University Albany Open Day  |
| 9-17 August     | Whitecliffe College of Art and Design Open Days (Photo Media, Fine Arts, Fashion Design, Graphic Design). Register in Career Centre.                                     |
| Sat 26 August   | Unitec Open Day, 10.00am-2.00pm  |
| Fri 1 September | Victoria University of Wellington Open Day   |
|                 | Massey University Wellington Campus Open Day   |
| Sat 2 September | AUT Live Open Day <a href="http://www.aut.ac.nz/live">www.aut.ac.nz/live</a>   |
|                 | Courses and Careers Open Day, University of Auckland <a href="http://www.openday.ac.nz/en.html">www.openday.ac.nz/en.html</a>  |



# ARTS AND CULTURAL NEWS

## Stage Challenge 2017

*"A young girl seeks refuge from her abusive reality by escaping into her imaginary world where troubles disappear and everything is perfect. As the abuse subconsciously begins to seep back in, she realises she must speak up and seek help before her reality is fractured beyond repair. Domestic violence thrives in silence - we must break it."*

EGGS Stage Challenge this year tackled the hugely relevant, powerful and devastating issue of domestic violence in New Zealand. 100 students were highly motivated throughout Term 2 to put together a performance that strived to leave the Aotea Centre audience with the knowledge that this is an issue in our country and that it is vitally important to speak up about it.

Our performance was really successful and we came away with third place overall, as well as 11 of the possible 12 awards of excellence. Our student leaders, Gabby Pittar and Hannah Watts, did an exceptional job of guiding the dancers, set crew and costume team through the production process and I am incredibly proud of their achievements.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone involved – EGGS Stage Challenge would not be the amazing family it is without the positivity and motivation of every single person who played a role.

*Nicola Rennie, TIC Stage Challenge*



(Photos by Nicole Kearney 13COG)

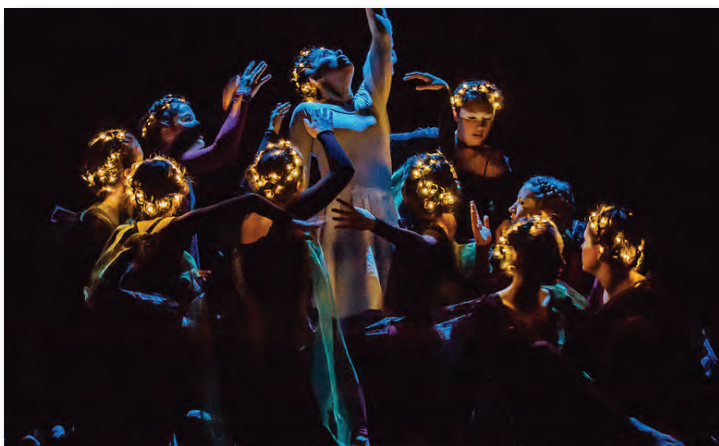
## Drama

### Year 12 Production – Niu Sila

The Year 12 Drama Production of Niu Sila was held on the 28th and 30th June. The play centred on a friendship that spans twenty years, two cultures and one neighbourhood. In 1970's Auckland, five-year-old Ioane Tafioka, just off the boat from the Pacific, moves in next door to five-year-old Peter Burton. It is a play that reminds us that humour is a powerful force in the face of racism and division. The play had a cast of 21 Drama students and 8 singers from the Samoan Group who joined the cast on stage. We had sell out shows both nights and a fantastic response from the Epsom community.



"Niu Sila" - Year 12 Drama Production held in Term 2



"Remain in Light" - Year 13 Drama production held in Term 2

*Year 12 Drama Presents:*



*Checkout Chicks*

7 PM TUES 8TH & WED 9TH AUGUST 2017  
F2 RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE

*\$5/\$10*

BOOK & LYRICS BY RACHEL CALLINAN  
MUSIC & LYRICS BY JULIA TRUCOTT  
*By arrangement with Playmarket*

### AGS/EGGS Chinese Extravaganza

The Chinese Cultural Group has enjoyed a successful year and on the 29th and 30th July we pulled off two brilliant performances of our show- the annual AGS/EGGS Chinese Extravaganza in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre- an event that brought together over 180 students from Auckland Grammar and Epsom Girls. Our two sold-out shows are a great indication of the sense of pride and interest in the Chinese Culture within both schools. All students have worked extremely hard for this from the beginning of this year and their efforts paid off. A range of performances showcased the many facets of Chinese Culture, including both modern and traditional dance, choir, band, diabolo, chamber, drama and lion and dragon dance. Not only did we receive rave reviews, all members of the Chinese Cultural Group 2017 were able to share a precious experience together.







2017 Chinese Extravaganza

## FOUNDATION NEWS

### Communications Survey Prize Winner!

A huge thanks to parents and students for taking the time to participate in the EGGs Communications Survey.

To thank you for your time, we offered the chance to win a Centenary merchandise pack up to the value of \$50. We are delighted to announce that the winner is student **Niamh Kane, 13LOR**.

Watch this space...we'll be analysing the results of the survey shortly and a summary of the feedback will be published in EGGs News later this term.

### Heritage Fund Round Three

This fund was established in 2006 by Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation to provide grants to the school, students or staff for activities and items which will benefit Epsom Girls Grammar School and its school community. These are items and activities that are not funded within the school budget and therefore contribute to maintaining high standards and opportunities for which EGGs is known. Grants from this fund are usually between \$100 and \$400 each. Any current EGGs student, staff or EGGs student and staff groups can apply for the Heritage Fund.

Applications are submitted to the Foundation three times a year. The closing date for round three of the Heritage Fund is **Friday 8 September**.

For more information please visit [www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/heritage-fund-grants.aspx](http://www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/heritage-fund-grants.aspx)

### 2017/18 Entertainment Book, Support our Fundraising.

Epsom Girls Grammar School is pleased to offer our families the opportunity to support our fundraising by purchasing an Entertainment Book. You can buy the traditional Entertainment Book (available for collection from the Foundation Office) or if you prefer download a Digital Membership onto your smartphone which allows you to have access to all the great offers in the book at all times, so you won't be caught without your discount coupon or card.



## PURCHASE YOUR BOOK NOW

Each Membership costs just \$70 with \$14 of each sale going towards our fundraising for the benefit of EGGS and its community.

Your new 2017/18 Membership contains hundreds of 25-50% off or 2-for-1 offers from some of Auckland's best restaurants, cafes, attractions and events, including The Grove, Antoine's, Euro, Oyster & Chop, Boy & Bird, The Garden Shed, Bread & Butter Café, Best Ugly Bagels, Rainbow's End, The Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, Event Cinemas and many, many more.

Thanks for your support.





# SPORT

## Underwater Hockey

During the school holidays three of our Epsom Old Girls competed at the U19 and U23 CMAS Underwater Hockey World Championships in Hobart, Australia. Talia Vince was in the U19 category who won GOLD, Talia was an Epsom Old Girl last year and is co coach of our Junior A team. Rebecca Gatland and Zoe Jarvis were in the U23 category who also came away with GOLD! Congratulations to the girls and their respective teams.



## Golf

Well done to EGGS student Grace Jung who won the Waikato U16 age group golf championship in the school holidays.

## AFL

Thanks to Mick Coultard from [AFL New Zealand](#) for coming in and presenting Jasmine Paki and Killarney Morey their awards. Both students recently played AFL for the successful New Zealand Kahu Youth Girls with Killarney going on to be the only New Zealand Girl to play for Tasmania in the AFLW U18 National Championship.



Grace Jung



Jasmine Paki and Killarney Morey with Mick Coultard from AFL New Zealand



Sarah Scoular, Akita Papara-Welch, Aria Todd-Pemerika and Stella Lam - Auckland Counties U17 Basketball team

## Basketball

EGGS Basketballers Sarah Scoular, Akita Papara-Welch, Aria Todd-Pemerika and Stella Lam just competed in the Auckland-Counties U17 Basketball team which placed 2nd at the NZ U17 Nationals in Wellington!

In addition, congratulations to the following girls who competed in the NZ U15 Nationals in Dunedin - Stella Lawson competed for Auckland, Sarah-Joy Aruwa and Lauren Boxall-Hunt competed for Counties Manukau and Florence Dallow competed for North Harbour (3rd place)



## Rugby

Congratulations to EGGS students Mau Gautusa and Madisyn Ofa-Hindt on being selected in the Auckland Under 15 Girls Rugby team. The team competed in the holidays and won the Northern Region tournament for the second year in a row.

## Lacrosse

Congratulations to all the EGGS students and Miss Gunn who went away during the school holidays to represent NZ Lacrosse in England.

## Weightlifting

Congratulations to Makare Tavanavanua on her selection into the NZ Weightlifting team attending the 2017 Commonwealth and Oceania Championships.

## Cycling

The EGGS Cycling team had a very successful 3 days at the NISS Cycling Champs held in Cambridge, with a number of top 10 placings across the squad.

### Team Time Trial

Senior A - 1st

Junior A - 1st

### Road Race

U15 - Scarlett Buissink (7th), Lily Brinsdon (10th)

U16 - Lucy Thomson (2nd), Ella Wyllie (3rd)

U17 - Stella Nightingale (5th)

U20 - Dayna Haythorne (7th), Milly Maling (8th)

### Criterium

U15 - Lily Brinsdon (3rd)

U16 - Ella Wyllie (1st), Lucy Thomson (3rd)

U17 - Stella Nightingale (7th)

U20 - Dayna Haythorne (3rd), Milly Maling (10th)



*Lacrosse - represented NZ in England in the school holidays*

### Track

U15 Scratch - Lily Brinsdon (2nd)

U15 Points Race - Lily Brinsdon (3rd)

U16 Tempo Points - Ella Wyllie (5th)

U16 Points Race - Ella Wyllie (4th)

U16 Team Pursuit - 3rd (Ella Wyllie, Annabel Brown, Lily Brinsdon)

U20 Tempo Points - Dayna Haythorne (1st)

U20 Keirin - Dayna Haythorne (1st)

U20 Scratch - Dayna Haythorne (3rd)

U20 Points Race - Dayna Haythorne (2nd)

North Island Female Track Champion - Dayna Haythorne



## Netball

History has been made this week with 3 EGGS students named in the NZSS Netball Team. Greer Sinclair, Bianca Nagaiya and Tamara Leoni are the first EGGS students to make a NZSS Netball team. Congratulations girls.

## Orienteering

Year 9 student Ella Watson competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships over the school holidays in Masterton. Ella placed 2nd in the Junior Girls Sprint race, 24th in the Long race and 6th in a composite Relay team. Well done Ella!

## COMPUTER SUCCESS - Touch-typing course

In line with the 2017 IT programme at EGGS, we are again offering all students and their families the opportunity to learn to touch-type with Jan Morris of Computer Success. The school endorses the courses Jan offers through the year, as we believe touch-typing is a skill that students should develop if given the opportunity. With the move to BYOD and increased use of technology within the curriculum and assessments, being able to touch-type will put your daughter at an advantage.

Jan is an experienced practitioner and a qualified secondary school teacher who now has her own business. She runs similar courses at numerous schools in central Auckland.

The next typing course will run for six Monday afternoons in Term 3 starting on **Monday 7 August, 3.20pm-4.50pm**, in the computer room L1. The dates are **7, 14, 21, 28 August, 4, 11 September**.

The cost of the course is \$130 and enrolments are on a first-pay basis. To enrol and get payment details please email Jan Morris on [jan@computersuccess.co.nz](mailto:jan@computersuccess.co.nz)



### Year 10 to 13 Study skills and Strategies

#### August Workshop

An established and proven workshop

**Saturday August 12th, 1 - 5.30pm**

Workshops sessions held in Seminar Room 642, New North Rd, Morningside

To find out more go to: [ktltuition.co.nz](http://ktltuition.co.nz) or contact us: Ph - 021 295 0089 or  
Email: [ktl.tuition@kidztherapy.co.nz](mailto:ktl.tuition@kidztherapy.co.nz)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### EGGS Facilities Venue Attendant

Epsom Girls Grammar School is looking for reliable venue staff. The primary responsibility of the role is to provide services as required for external users and ensuring the security of our facilities. This is a fixed term position for one shift per weekend until the end of 2017.

For more information please contact Tim Williams, Facilities Manager [twilliams@eggs.school.nz](mailto:twilliams@eggs.school.nz) or go to <http://www.eggs.school.nz/about/employment-opportunities.aspx>