



Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation

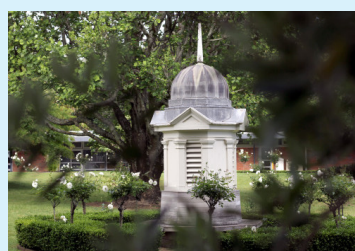


Newsletter

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From the Foundation Chair

Warmest greetings. Welcome to the first Foundation newsletter of 2021.

I trust you have had a safe, peaceful and festive holiday season, grabbing the opportunity to have the freedom to explore and relax in Aotearoa – how very fortunate we were able to freely join families, whānau and friends this summer. Let’s hope the ability to gather in numbers continues as the Foundation Trustees have a number of social events planned for 2021.

Unsure of who or what the Foundation is? Inside the newsletter you’ll find an overview of the

Foundation history. Generally speaking, the Foundation is a Charitable Trust operating as the fundraising arm of the school, with the overarching purpose to serve Epsom Girls Grammar School in the advancement of education. We have a fundraising strategy that is intended to grow and develop sound benefactor relationships and strategic partnerships, to facilitate the ongoing capital campaigns for school infrastructure and to facilitate all fundraising within the school. We ensure our governance and financial management practice gives confidence to donors, enabling successful grant applications with external funding bodies.

The Foundation actively supports Alumnae to be involved with the school and the current generation of students. Stewarding the delivery of the strategy is a committed team of 7 Trustees, supported by Principal Lorraine Pound and Deputy Principal Michele Heywood. This year we are delighted to welcome our new Trustees, Shane Devery and Kelly Lawson.

In this newsletter we also provide an outline of the prizes, awards, grants and scholarships that are proudly funded by the Foundation. This year we have a goal of raising the profile of the EGGGS Foundation Fund (formerly Heritage Fund), which disburses grants to a number of student and staff applicants throughout the school year across a variety of disciplines and activities.

Many thanks to Trustee Mark Jones who has capably held the mantle of Foundation Chair for the past 18+ months, guiding the significant fundraising effort that assisted the completion of the Judith Potter Centre of notable mention.

Finally, let’s celebrate the ability to connect, socialize and support our school and the wider community - I encourage you to participate wholeheartedly in the school events and social calendar in particular – I look forward to sharing these lively special occasions hosted by the Foundation.

All the very best Virginia Bishop.
Foundation Chair 2021.



Foundation History

The Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation was established in 1999 and helps foster and grow the EGGS community. We are an Incorporated Charitable Trust governed by independent Trustees and have a particular focus on helping our School and students continue to succeed.

The Foundation supports the fundraising projects of the School, as well as managing and administering the funds raised and endowments gifted to the School. We also help students, staff, sport and cultural groups using the EGGS Foundation Fund and our annual endowment awards.

The Foundation has contributed to funding and co-ordinating a wide variety of projects over the years including:

- The Judith Potter Centre (formerly L Block)
- The Joyce Fisher Sports Centre
- Raye Freedman Arts Centre
- Establishment of the EGGS Foundation Fund to help students and teachers
- Provision of scholarships and endowments
- Father and Daughter Breakfasts
- Gala auctions
- Purchase of grand pianos
- Purchase of wireless network and computer equipment
- Supporting sports teams with new uniforms and equipment
- Assisting students to attend competition and tournaments
- Funding contributions toward professional development
- Supporting art and cultural groups

If you are interested in supporting our fundraising activities and events through the EGGS Foundation, please contact the Foundation Office by [email: foundation@eggs.school.nz](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz) or by phone: 09 970 6753.

There are many ways to show your support for the School and we look forward to discussing them with you.



Dame Judith Potter

Foundation Trustees

The overall governance of the EGGS Foundation rests with seven Trustees. The seven appointed Trustees are Georgina Burt, Shane Devery, Mary Flaws, Mark Jones, Kelly Lawson, Lorraine Pound (Our Principal) and Lynley Sheweiry. Appointed from the School Board of Trustees is Virginia Bishop. and Deputy Principal Michele Heywood is ex-officio.

Virginia Bishop - Chairperson & BOT Representative

Originally a trained and registered secondary school teacher, my career journey to date has seen me gain significant experience in senior and executive operational and strategic leadership roles across private and public enterprises. I am an energetic individual who thrives in dynamic, complex environments where I have the opportunity to offer leadership to people and projects that impact the lives of others and strengthen communities. I have a commitment to excellence and a desire to work hard to achieve the best outcomes. I am passionate about learning and development, actively contributing in paid and voluntary positions within the education sector. This includes being a member of the Old Girls Association and a trustee on the EGGS Foundation - an incorporated charitable trust with the purpose of serving the school in the advancement of education.

My husband, Brett, and I have 2 daughters at EGGS. I am delighted that both girls are keen to continue their education journeys through Epsom Girls Grammar. As a representative of the parents of the EGGS community and Foundation Chair, I bring broad general management skills in leadership, finance, strategy and property and an ability to problem solve while focusing on innovation with a strong sense for the future and big picture. Combined with being an active Old Girl immersed within the fabric of the school I have awareness and understanding to support EGGS to continue to respond to emerging shifts and trends in education.

Outside work you will find me enjoying the outdoors with our family or you will see me courtside or poolside supporting school sports or fundraising for events across our wider Epsom community of learning.



Georgina Burt - EGGS Parent

A long time Epsom local, I am married to Greg and have two daughters, Zara and Olivia, who are in Year 12 and 13 at EGGS. As a qualified lawyer, I am Senior Legal Counsel at Avanti Finance, bringing a broad range of skill and knowledge to the Foundation including an understanding of the importance of governance, legal compliance and risk management and am skilled at identifying and resolving issues that may arise. Outside of work, I enjoy supporting my daughters in their sporting endeavours (water polo and netball) and academic journey as they near the end of their time at EGGS. I also enjoy tramping, spending time out on the family boat, walking my dog and relaxing with a good book (a requirement for book club!).



Shane Devery - EGGS Parent

Currently I am Deputy Principal at Auckland Normal Intermediate and am very proud to be working with the talented and forward thinking personnel in the Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation. I have a fun and positive approach to life and this is further enhanced by being an active part of the local community. I enjoy being part of school events and organising and implementing fun activities that aim to enhance the teaching and learning opportunities for our students.

I have an active and energetic family consisting of two daughters, who are both at EGGS, and a lovely wife who provides a constant backbone for the whanau. My Whakapapa is from the West of Auckland, where my mother still resides, and I am proud to be an original Westie. Growing up out west was great for me as it provided a lot of old school values/morals and a whanau-like community feeling, which I still enjoy today. It also provided me with many life lessons and gave me a love for achieving what I set my mind to and enjoying anything to do with the outdoors. I grew up playing a variety of sports and activities that have kept me busy such as Rugby league (Roosters for life!), touch, skiing, surfing, swimming and many more. I love going to the beach and being in the water, which is my happy place. I am a member of the Piha Surf club and attend our patrol on a voluntary basis over the summer months.

I am looking forward to working with EGGS Foundation in the future and spending time creating purposeful events that aim to support the EGGS community but especially our tamariki.



Mary Flaws - Old Girls Alumna

I am a former student and teacher of Geography, Social Studies and English at Epsom Girls Grammar School and resident in Epsom, until recently. In the late 1980s and 1990s, I with the Social Studies team at Epsom Girls Grammar proudly taught about Polynesian voyagers, Maori culture adapting to a new environment and arrival of settler groups, the history and the stories and meanings behind the Treaty of Waitangi through the eyes of both Maori and pakeha. Local history was also an important focus. The Social Studies team had the expertise of History teachers who are specialists in New Zealand history. Then it was on to Massey University College of Education at Albany for Training pre-service Secondary school teachers. The highlight of that time was modeling cross-curricular inquiry based learning at Motutapu field trip. I am now a Trustee of the Motutapu Restoration Trust which was formed in 1994 to restore the island's ecology and historic heritage. I lead the repair for reuse of the Reid Homestead and Wharf at Home Bay. I am always proud to champion Epsom Girls Grammar School and wish to enable students and staff to take up the opportunities they work so hard for through my position on the Foundation.



Mark Jones - EGGS Parent

I have been an EGGS Foundation Trustee for over 4 years, having previously been an EGGS Board of Trustees member. During this time we have broadened the Foundation's remit to not only serve as custodians of existing funds under investment, but to instigate annual fundraising campaigns to support capital programmes such as the Dame Judith Potter Centre upgrade. We have also recently instigated a Leavers Legacy fund for departing senior students to give back to those that follow. Fundraising campaigns such as these have had the parallel benefit of deepening the social fabric of the School community with its parents, students and Old Girls. I am proud of the progress we have made and the strong position we hold in supporting the School and its staff and students into the future. The Foundation has provided an excellent way for me as father of Phoebe, a student for the past 5 years, to contribute in a small way to this fine school.



Kelly Lawson - EGGS Parent

I, along with my husband Andrew, daughter Stella (Y13 at EGGS) and Max (Y11 at AGS) moved back to New Zealand at the end of 2010 after 12 years in the UK and USA. I'm a graphic designer, based in Newmarket, and create art in my spare time when I can! I have always been keen to help and contribute as much as I can with fundraising for our children's schools, organising the Annual Art Show at Kohia Terrace School, along with being on the committee for 'Meet the Maker 1 & 2' for EGGS, and the 2020 Grammar Art House Tour. I feel fortunate to have met and worked with many dedicated volunteers along the way and enjoy helping to create successful fundraising events that connect with parents, friends and the local community. I look forward to being a Foundation Trustee and hope to add value to the team in helping bring this year's fundraising projects to life.



Lorraine Pound - Principal

My background is in teaching English and History. During my teaching career I have been a Head of Department and a Dean, as well as a Deputy Principal. As a Foundation trustee I am committed to a culture of philanthropy. Monetary Prizes, Awards and Scholarships already bequeathed to the School are part of this, as are regular and one-off donations and bequests, now and into the future. In the past six years a number of new bequests have been made, which is very encouraging for continuing this proud tradition of students from the past helping those of the present and future.



Lynley Sheweiry - Old Girl Alumna, EGGS OGA Co-President

A former Biochemist with sales, customer service and marketing experience, I currently work at Auckland Normal Intermediate as International Student Administrator. Mum of Rachael Banbury (EGGS OGA Committee member) & two boys that attended AGS, I have always been passionate about education, fundraising and supporting the learning environment from kindergarten through to high school. I was Chairperson Lady Cobham Kindergarten; 1999-2003, Chairperson of Epsom Normal Primary School PTA; 2000-2010, Elected member of ENPS BOT; 2006-2010, Chairperson of Auckland Normal Intermediate PTA; 2007-2011, Elected member of ANI BOT & Deputy Chairperson; 2009-2011, AGS Gala Dinner Committee; 2009-2016, EGGS PTA; 2012-2016 and President from 2014-2016, Co-opted member of the EGGS BOT; 2012, Elected member of the EGGS BOT & Deputy Chairperson; 2013-2019, BOT representative for EGGS Foundation Trust; 2012-2019, Capital Campaign Committee; 2012-2015, Centenary Committee; 2012-2017, Awarded Honorary Old Girl status 2015 by the EGGS OGA for service to school, BOT representative for the interview process for Auckland Central Community of Schools; 2015-2020, OGA Committee member; 2014-current, Co-President EGGS OGA; 2016-current, EGGS Foundation Trustee; 2019 current, Treasurer and Secretary for the Foundation Trust at my old school, Aorere College, (decile 2); 2015-current. Music, movies, watching rugby and football and spending time with family are all things I enjoy in my free time.



Michele Heywood - Deputy Principal

Ko Michele Heywood tōku ingoa. I am the Deputy Principal who attends the Foundation meetings, and the bar manager for their fundraising events. This is my 6th year at EGGS as Deputy Principal and have previously worked in a range of leadership roles in other schools. This year I have just started another cohort rotation and will be looking after the Year 9 students through the next five years of their school journey. I have two teenage children and whenever I get spare time I enjoy being out on the water, enjoying the fresh air. I love the passion for learning that our students have and the enthusiasm for the history of the school that their families value.



Sue Morse - Foundation Office Coordinator

I have been working part time in the Foundation Office since February 2020. Having worked in the not-for-profit sector for over ten years, I am excited to be raising funds to help foster and grow the EGGS community. I would love to hear from anyone who is interested in supporting the Foundation by either getting involved with fundraising events, helping with the annual appeal or by donating. I am at the School on Wednesdays and Thursdays, so feel free to pop in or alternatively email me on: foundation@eggs.school.nz



Foundation Office

Located in the Administration building, Sue looks forward to meeting you, hearing your ideas and providing you with information about the Foundation and its activities.

The Foundation Office:

- Provides support for the Foundation trustees
- Administers and manages funds raised
- Manages Foundation funded awards, prizes and scholarships
- Promotes and co-ordinates fundraising, sponsorships, gifts and bequests
- Organises events
- Works with the Old Girls Association to build a strong alumnae network
- Stewards relationships and partnerships within the EGGS community and beyond
- Communicates information about the School
- Liaises with the media

EGGS Foundation Fund - previously the Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund was established in 2006 by Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation. It helps provide grants to the School, students or staff for activities and items that will benefit Epsom Girls Grammar School and its community. The purpose of the Funds will remain the same however, it now has a new name: **EGGS Foundation Fund**

The reason for this change is to reflect the variety and scope for which the funds are granted. For more information, please follow the link: <https://www.eggs.school.nz/our-family/the-eggs-foundation/>

The EGGS Foundation Fund supports items and activities not included in the school budget but are necessary to maintaining high standards and opportunities for which EGGS bases its reputation. Grants from this fund are usually between \$100 and \$400. Applications can be submitted to the Foundation four times per year.

What sort of activities and items have been funded in the past?

Individual and group sport and cultural activities/items, staff professional development expenses and facility equipment.

THE FOUNDATION DONATION

The Foundation Donation is a new initiative that has been established to raise funds for the advancement and enrichment of the School in whatever way is needed.

When you access your daughter's financial account through the parent web portal, there will be a **\$75 Foundation Donation** listed as a Voluntary Payment.

All donations are tax deductible.

We are very grateful for your support.



Foundation Scholarships & Prizes

The EGGs Foundation prizes, awards, grants and scholarships have been established through generous endowments and donations, to support the ongoing development of the School and its students.

Below is a list of the prizes, grants and scholarships the Foundation administers. We are very grateful for the generosity of our donors and benefactors.

Arts and cultural awards

Arts Council Scholarships are awarded to Year 9-12 students to develop outstanding talent and emerging leadership in the Arts. We award up to four of these scholarships annually.

The Friends of Epsom Girls Grammar School Art Scholarship is awarded to an art student for tertiary study.

The Drama Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding young actor in Year 13 who has excelled in the drama programme.

The Raye Freedman Scholarship

The Raye Freedman Scholarship is awarded to students who show talent in the arts to support their future artistic pursuits. Applicants will have been recognised both within the School and at a regional or national level.

The Silver Road Literary Scholarship

The Silver Road Literary Scholarship is awarded to a Year 13 student actively involved in the writing curriculum. She will be recognised within the School or at regional/national level and will be planning to pursue a literary or creative writing course at tertiary level.

Senior prize giving

- **The Anne Morris Prize** is awarded to the Shakespeare Scholar of the year.
- **The Barbara Elizabeth Cowan Prize** is awarded to a senior student who has contributed significantly to helping other students who have reading difficulties.
- **The Coralie Blackwell Memorial Prize for English** is awarded to a senior student who has excelled in English.
- **The Emens-Spencer Physics Prize** is awarded to a student showing excellence in physics, and who intends to continue studying science, mathematics or engineering.
- **The Gay Roberts Prize for Science** is awarded to a top science student. Gay Roberts is a former Deputy Principal of Epsom Girls Grammar School.
- **The John George Memorial Prize** is awarded to a Year 12 student showing excellence in physics.
- **The John Williamson Scholarships** are awarded to Year 13 students who have established an excellent academic record in Year 12 and who are intending to continue with education at tertiary level.
- **The Lucy B Moore Prize** is awarded to a top Year 12 or Year 13 biology student who is studying and showing competence in at least one other science subject.
- **The Prefects Legacy Award** is awarded to a Year 13 student who has shown strong leadership skills.
- **The Mary Melrose Scholarship** for Excellence in Biology and Physics.
- **The Te Kaitaka Cup** is awarded to students who have shown their immense capacity for encouraging, supporting and working with others.



Making a donation

If you would like to discuss making a donation through the Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation specifically for prizes and scholarships, please contact the Foundation Office.

Phone 09 970 6715 or by Email: foundation@eggs.school.nz

Leavers Legacy

At the end of 2020 we launched the inaugural Leavers Legacy Fund. It was established as a number of families expressed a desire to mark their daughters' time at the School through a donation. The Leavers Legacy will fund the advancement and enrichment of the School. It has been designed as a new opportunity for the leavers of today to support the students of tomorrow.

We would like to thank those of you who donated to the 2020 Leavers Legacy. Your generous gift honours your daughter's time at EGGs, thank you:

- Madeleine Bonnar
- Grace Cassidy
- Amy Chen
- Cecillia Dai
- Lucy Gestro
- Jessica Gestro (2017 Leaver)
- Colette Hayter
- Phoebe Jones
- Megan Kuan
- Juliet MacDonald
- India Mullane
- Yebin Park
- Devanshi Ranjan
- Novy Salena
- Shruti Sharma
- Katrina Tsoi
- Natalie Tsoi (2019 Leaver)
- Francesca Wilson
- Lucy Woodhams



Lorraine Pound farewelling the Graduating Students of 2020



Sally Blyth, Co-President of the OGA addressing the Graduating Students of 2020