



# Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association (Inc)

Lifelong School Connections



## Newsletter

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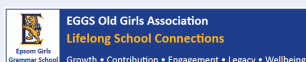
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Welcome to 2021



### FROM THE CO PRESIDENTS OF THE OGA

This Newsletter comes to you as the summer holiday season ends and with the new 2021 school year under way. We're pleased to share an update with you, especially around OGA Centenary plans.

As you're no doubt aware, 2021 is the OGA's Centenary year. Celebrations were planned for late March but, given the recent Level 3 alert in Auckland and all the uncertainty around COVID, the OGA Committee has decided, after much thought and discussion, to defer official celebrations until later in the year – on 30th and 31st October. We'll share more details nearer the time. Meanwhile we are considering running a social event via Zoom on Saturday 27th March and we'll advise more info in due course.



Disappointingly, we had to cancel or postpone almost every OGA event and fundraiser last year due to COVID-19 – except for the Year 13 Graduation Dinner which went ahead and was a wonderful evening. Those students are now "new" EGGs Old Girls, starting their next phase of life. Read about the event on pages 4-5.

There is an amazing network of Old Girls out there, far and wide – and one thing in common is our School and all the shared memories from our days at EGGs. Over 30,000 former students have passed through Epsom Girls Grammar School and the camaraderie and bonds formed during school days are remarkably strong and enduring.

Although last year 2020 was disrupted in so many ways, we undertook other Co-Presidential duties such as attending the Senior and Junior Prizegiving events. We presented the Special Prizes and you'll see some thank you letters sent in by girls who received OGA-sponsored prizes on page 15. We also attended interviews and presentations for various scholarships and tended to general matters.

A major project currently under way at the School is the upgrade of the Science Quad – find out more on pages 13 & 14. We're holding another Women in Law event on Friday 16th April - see page 20 for details. Plus we are keen to improve the digital preservation of our archives - see page 21.

In Committee news, we are pleased to share that our Secretary Katharine Collins has just been acknowledged with an inaugural Human Resources industry award, winning New Zealand Human Resources Manager of the year for 2021 - fantastic news that we're excited about! Read more here:

<https://www.hcamag.com/nz/news/general/hrd-awards-new-zealand-final-winners-announced/246173>

With a mind on succession planning, we'd encourage anyone who is keen to get involved in the OGA or join us on the Committee to get in touch. It's a great way to stay connected or reconnect with the School and a variety of Old Girls, while giving back to your community. Having guided the OGA together as Co-Presidents since 2016, it will be time to pass on the reins next year at the 2022 AGM. It's a busy role but a rewarding one in so many ways; sharing it has many benefits and we enjoy being involved in the many aspects of life at EGGs and all the interaction with staff, students and Old Girls.

Meanwhile, enjoy this issue and we hope it whets your whistle to register for the Centenary celebrations later in the year!

*Per Angusta Ad Augusta*

*Sally Blyth (Editor) and Lynley Sheweiry (Design), Co-Presidents 2016–2021*

## OGA CENTENARY UPDATE

### PLEASE NOTE: OFFICIAL CELEBRATIONS DEFERRED UNTIL 30th & 31st OCTOBER 2021

As mentioned in the Co-President's Message, the new Centenary dates are set; the format stays the same.

**Saturday 30th October (all events at EGGS):** School Tours, Sherry Hour, Cocktail Function – including Uniform Fashion Show

**Sunday 31st October (venue tbc, local):** Thanksgiving Service

*We also hope to run a Zoom Event:*

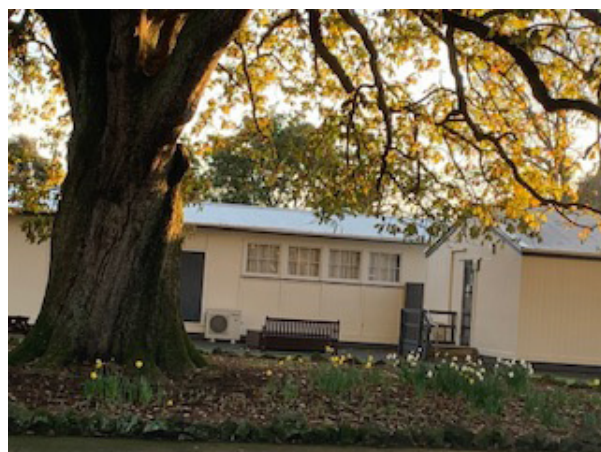
**Saturday 27th March:** Social Event via Zoom (tbc)

#### SCHOOL TOURS:

We know you'll enjoy the School Tours – a behind-the-scenes tour around the School of your teenage years. Oh, how it's changed! Oh, how we've all changed!

Just to whet your whistle about what a School Tour entails ...

- The new gym! And the old one!
- The new indoor pool! And the (c)old outdoor one – with diving boards!
- The old Art Block – transformed into the stunning new Judith Potter Centre!
- The state-of-the-art Joyce Fisher Sports Centre – games, dancing and so much more happens here!
- The Admin Block – where the School wheels turn, and daffodils bloom (Ro Bellamy's legacy)!
- The Gae Griffiths Library – study and learning galore!
- The Marjorie Adams Hall – where we all came together so often for formal occasions!
- The Raye Freedman Arts Centre – where the performing arts reign supreme!
- The Hostel – transformed with new modern pods!
- The 3-Storey Block – ground-breaking in its time and intriguing to revisit!
- The Science Quad beautified!
- Paradise – as tranquil as ever!
- The Silver Road field – where competitive sports still take place!
- Honours Boards – pride and memories!
- The Staffroom – take a peek!
- Artwork throughout to be enjoyed.
- Prefabs – is yours still there!?



EGGS has evolved immeasurably through the years, thanks to the hard work of many Headmistresses, Principals, Staff, Old Girls, Board Members, students, parents ... and more.

It still occupies the same space on Silver Road as when we were all there – and it is now a wonderful melding of educational history and present-day learning, with EGGS having risen to the recent challenges as well as it did to the various trials that it faced throughout the 20th Century, especially during its establishment and early development.

Now, in the 21st Century, EGGS offers so much to current students as well as the community – and a bright future lies ahead!

EGGS – it's our old School and it's a part of us all. Come along and see how it looks in October 2021.

**SHERRY HOUR:**

You may smile, or even laugh – but Sherry was a thing! Youngies may not understand – but we more mature OGs most certainly do! If we haven't enjoyed a tippie or two over the years ourselves, our mothers and grandmothers most likely did.

- Cream Sherry, Old Pale Gold ... Fino, Manzanilla ...
- Ladylike measures sipped from cut crystals glasses ...
- Tipples poured from flagons ...
- A tempting nightcap flowing decadently from a decanter ...

Go on ... Sherry is still a thing!

But if Sherry is not your thing – we'll have other options available!

And we think an hour won't be enough – so we'll probably plan for two hours!

*(Ed's note: I have to admit to enjoying a sherry or two here and there – it's nostalgic, as well as very palatable. And I use it quite often in cooking. Suffice to say I always have a bottle of sherry in my house! The best nightcap has to be Pedro Ximénez, a delicious Spanish dessert sherry. Best enjoyed in Spain – anywhere will do! - Sally)*

**COCKTAIL FUNCTION:**

A fun evening for one and all, following on from the Sherry Hour. The emphasis is on connection, chat and camaraderie. Formalities will be minimal; amusement will be maximised. This is going to be an all-inclusive night of fun and nostalgia – think 1920s!

We plan to stage a Uniform Fashion Parade – although whether this constitutes “fashion” is, of course, very dubious!

And afterwards – get together with your friends and former classmates and head out for dinner – or carry on the connection in some form or fashion – forever!

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE:**

This will be held either at a local Church or in the School Hall (tbc). The focus will be an innovative look at the School Song. We won't say any more at this point – you'll just have to come along and find out what we mean!

**ZOOM ZOOM**

Do prepare to tune in on Zoom on 27th March for a special Social Event (tbc). With all the uncertainty, we've postponed in-person celebrations from March to October – but that doesn't preclude us having some fun in March! We're sorting tech-specs, timing and whatnot ... more info to come on this if we go ahead. Positive vibes are happening.

COME ONE, COME ALL!

We really encourage you to put the dates of 30/31 October in your diary and plan to come along to our Centenary celebrations in October 2021! We hope COVID is settled, life is normal and gatherings will not be thwarted. Positive vibes ...

**OGA History Book**

In tandem with the OGA planning gatherings and celebrations, Christine Black (Old Girl, past OGA President and retired EGGS Archivist) has been writing a History Book about the OGA's evolution – covering its establishment in 1921, the School's founding years, the war years, the decades of the late 20th Century, right up to this year. This will provide an insightful and fascinating record of the rich variety of activities and fun EGGS Old Girls have got up to through the years – with lots of nostalgic images and entertaining stories.

If you have some interesting old photos or nostalgic images from schooldays that we could include, please do let us know!

If you have any old uniform items, please contact us – we have many items from uniforms through the years, but you may have a missing piece that could really enhance our proposed Uniform Fashion Show at the Cocktail Function!

We hope many of you will come and join us to celebrate 100 years of the Old Girls Association!

More details to come ... meanwhile put the dates in your diary.

## GRAD DINNER

The 2020 Graduation Dinner was held at Ellerslie Function Centre on Wednesday 9th December. Grad Dinner is always a highlight on the events calendar – and in 2020 it was the only event on the OGA calendar!

This was our 25th Grad Dinner, with more than 400 girls graduating in 2020, and there were more than 700 people in attendance on the night.

Our guest speaker was Gemma Bell (EGGS 2011-2015) who is doing a conjoint BA at the University of Auckland (Sociology and Communications) and a Bachelor of Law. She will graduate in 2022. Gemma was the 2020 CEO of Velocity. This role enabled her to get highly involved with many facets of the University and its faculties and she got to network with innovators and entrepreneurs. She found it hugely rewarding and loved the exposure to whole new worlds of people, ideas, possibilities, and the entrepreneurial mindset.



Unfortunately, she couldn't be there with us in person as she was in Wellington on an internship with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) – but technology meant she could still be a part of the evening, as she linked in on Zoom. So it was pertinent that in 2020, the year of Zooming and online everything, that Gemma spoke to guests via technology.

Gemma's inspiring and enjoyable speech contained so many poignant points – including the phrase “being CEO of our own lives” and her invitation to “play with possibility”. Letting unknown and untapped potential shine through, taking risks, being courageous and committed – all great messages from Gemma for us all to take forward into the world. Read more about Gemma on page 7.

All the Year 13 girls were presented with a certificate and special EGGS keyring when they crossed the stage in their tutor groups, as their families watched on proudly. The Year 13 Deans, Andrea Stringer and Michelle Hesketh, gave their stirring and humorous Farewell speeches to the girls, along with DP Michele Heywood.

Head Girl, Promise Akindeju, gave her Farewell speech and was presented with her Graduation Ring. She and the three Deputy Head Prefects (Lucy Gestro, Tschan Hagai and Emma Larsen), along with all the other outstanding School Leaders, were thanked for their service to the School during the year. Read more about Promise on page 16.

## OGA Scholarships

Each year at the Graduation Dinner the OGA awards Scholarships to three Year 13 Girls who epitomise the all-round Epsom student. These are presented at the Grad Dinner and the funds go towards the cost of books and other expenses of tertiary study,

The qualities that we look for in awarding these Scholarships are not just academic. We look for:

- kindness and consideration for others.
- qualities such as being honest and reliable.
- recipients who are good at a range of activities, such as sports, or art and cultural activities, as well as academic work.

The recipients are girls who are hard workers and, through that hard work, achieve good results. They are chosen by the Year 13 Deans. The 2020 recipients and their citations are below.

### Aysun Kokcu

Aysun has been a model of participation, service, and gentle, unassuming leadership during her time at Epsom. She is inclusive, dedicated, and caring – showing that you don't need to be the loudest in the room to make effective decisions, get others on board, and make things happen.

In her Tutor group Aysun has taken on roles that don't always get praised or rewarded, but instead she is happy to support others and help them to feel like part of the team. In addition, she has played a valuable role in the Humanitarian Group, the UNICEF group, Model United Nations, as an Eat My Lunch volunteer, the Aotearoa Youth Declaration conference, Brain Bee, Languages Synhedrion, Stage Challenge Set Crew, Debating, CREST science group, and Tournament of the Minds. She is widely respected by staff as a determined and positive student, and by her fellow students as a genuine, thoughtful, and friendly class member. Aysun's fellow Heart of EGGS committee members overwhelmingly chose her as their co-leader in a clear vote of support for her qualities and attributes.



Aysun's willingness to support and serve was never more evident than when she enthusiastically asked to join the Year 12 Ball Committee, despite knowing that she wasn't going to be able to attend the event. She simply wanted to make it a brilliant night for all who were going, and she worked hard to do that.

For being a student who has exemplified courage, compassion, curiosity, and community throughout her Epsom journey, we are thrilled to honour Aysun Kokcu tonight.

#### **Eleonora (Ellie) Mazur**

Ellie came to high school managing health issues that have created so many extra challenges for her, and yet she has refused to let these limit her Epsom Girls experience.

She has truly made the most of every moment – embodying the four school values every step of the way. She is keen, enthusiastic, and always willing to get stuck in. In her time with us she has been involved with the Child Cancer committee, the EGGS/AGS production crew, Relay for Life (twice), Drama committee, and been a fully dedicated Year 9 Peer Supporter.

Ellie is a motivated student who never stops pushing herself to do her best, takes success and disappointment with equal good grace, and just keeps going. She embodies resilience. She doesn't want anything different, or anything special – the challenges of a flooded and collapsed tent at Year 10 camp revealed her strength of character to all who witnessed it – Ellie sets the very best of examples.

Her participation at Athletics Days is legendary, showing a determination to have a go that has cemented Ellie's role in the year level as a true inspiration of courage and commitment.

#### **Katya Alilueva**

Katya entered high school with very clear goals – to make new friends, to participate, and to achieve to the best of her ability.

Over the last five years it would be hard to find someone who has displayed more passion for being at school and everything that that entails. She knows her timetable ... inside out ... and she knows the Friday rotation days ahead of time. She knows this because she wants to make sure she doesn't miss a single class. Katya puts huge value on her learning, works hard and feels immense pride when she achieves or creates something. Being sick and having to take time away from school is a tragedy for her – there is really nowhere she would rather be than in the classroom. Katya has been a dedicated member of the Library committee, going above and beyond expectations – always looking for new ways to be helpful, and to be involved.

She knows the name of just about every single staff member, and every student in the year level, and never fails to call out Hi, stop for a chat, crack a joke, compliment someone, and sometimes even pull a sneaky prank.

People are so important to her, and Katya has been a model of community spirit in the way that she draws others together, into her world, and shares with them in the process what it's like to walk in her shoes. To her absolute credit, Katya finishes her time at high school with 420 new friends, whose journeys have all been enriched for knowing her.

**CONGRATULATIONS to all three 2020 OGA Scholarship recipients.**



*Aysun Kokcu, Eleonora (Ellie) Mazur, Lynley Sheweiry, Katya Alilueva (bowing) Michele Heywood, Jeannette Davidson, Marama O'Loughlin & Sally Blyth.*



## FOCUS ON OLD GIRLS

### FOUR GENERATIONS of EGGS Girls – Young and Old

2021 is a very special year for this School family, who have now had their 4th Generation start at EGGS. Great grandmother Ida Ferguson attended Epsom Girls from 1925-1929 (pictured below left, in 1927). An avid cricket and hockey player, as well as an accomplished pianist, Ida is also remembered for her involvement in fundraising for the first school swimming pool.

Ida's daughter Elaine Rutherford (nee Trigg) attended next in 1952-1955, followed by her two sisters, Catherine and Isabel. Ida, Elaine, Catherine and Isabel all went on to be Registered Nurses at Auckland and St Helen's Hospitals. Elaine was awarded Honours in the NZ state exams.

Elaine's daughter Katharine Collins (nee Rutherford) attended as the third generation (1986-1990); a prefect, with fond memories of her School days and now our Old Girls Association Secretary. Katharine's sister Jenny McAlpine (nee Rutherford) also followed the family tradition, attending two years later.

The family's School connections go even wider, with a great aunt, cousins, godmothers and goddaughters also - all EGGS girls across these generations!

Now 4th Generation Charlotte Collins has started Year 9 in February 2021. Elaine, Katharine and Charlotte are pictured below right, attending the 2021 Powhiri Welcome, enjoying the re-connection to the School.

***Are you a 4th Generation EGGS family? If so, we'd love to hear from you!***



*Ida Abel (nee Trigg, nee Ferguson) at EGGS in the 1920s  
(Katharine's nana, Elaine's mum).*



*Katharine Collins (nee Rutherford), Elaine Rutherford (nee Trigg),  
Charlotte Collins at the Powhiri Welcome at EGGS in February.*



## Dr Anne Moir Scott – Old Girl and Past Teacher

Old Girl and long-serving EGGS staff member Dr Anne Moir Scott has shared this photo and information about a get together of four Old Girls who started at EGGS in 1965 – they met up at Portofino Parnell on 16th November 2020.

Anne has now retired from EGGS. She was a student and prefect and after teaching in a number of schools in NZ and overseas, she returned to EGGS as Learning Area Director, Languages ten years ago in 2010. She was active in pedagogy and e-learning for languages through Ministry contracts and she established a strong French sister school relationship developed out of joint work on a WWI commemorative project.



*Catherine Linton, Jenni Jamieson nee Stanton, Anne Moir Scott, Sylvia Miller Hardie.*

## Gemma Bell – Velocity CEO 2020

Gemma (EGGS 2011-2015) was Guest Speaker at the 2020 Graduation Dinner. She was the 2020 CEO of Velocity – a prestigious University of Auckland student and staff entrepreneurship programme, that has been running for 17 years.

While at EGGS Gemma was a Prefect in Year 13, and a Writing Committee Leader. She was involved with United Nations Youth and represented EGGS in a competition. She was Class Captain for a number of years, and enjoys poetry, words and innovation.

In 2019, Gemma was handpicked by the Parliamentary Press Gallery to be a Youth Press Gallery Member for Youth Parliament – there were also some EGGS girls involved in this.

In 2018 Gemma was Auckland's Vice-President for High Schools of UN Youth New Zealand, the largest portfolio to hold. Gemma discovered UN Youth while at EGGS and even helped run some events at EGGS that year!

Through Velocity, Gemma had the opportunity to act as a Consultant on the Momentum Investment Committee where she made funding recommendations for start-ups and gave advice to help them.

In spite of all the challenges of Covid and lockdowns, Gemma successfully led a team of student volunteers – putting innovation to its greatest test!



## Monique and Toni Croon – Leaders in the Chatham Islands

Sisters Monique and Toni Croon were EGGS Hostel girls in the early 1980s (Monique 3CK 1980; Toni 3RY 1981).



Monique (left) is the Mayor of the Chatham Islands (and the first female one) and Toni runs Hotel Chatham. These sisters, whose family moved to the Chathams in the 1970s, are fully involved in the many aspects of remote island life. With loads of beauty and wilderness, it's a place they, and other Chatham Islanders, encourage you to visit!

You can read more about Monique here:

<https://gwn.govt.nz/news-resources/sgwn-stories-and-profiles/sgwn-profile-monique-croon/>

And more about Toni here: <https://www.hotelchatham.co.nz/our-team>

Monique and Toni featured in a clip about the Chatham Islands that aired on Seven Sharp on 5th October 2020. Here's the link:

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/seven-sharp/clips/chatham-islands-offering-closest-thing-to-overseas-tourism-without-leaving-nz>

For more info about the Chatham Islands (45 minutes ahead of NZ) click here: <https://www.newzealand.com/nz/chatham-islands/>

**If you're interested in visiting the remote and wild Chatham Islands but would like support, assistance and/or companionship, phone Sally on 021-480323 [www.beyondlimits.co.nz](http://www.beyondlimits.co.nz)**

## Old Girls excel in Ultimate Frisbee Champs

The 2020 New Zealand Mixed Ultimate Championships (Division 1) three-day national tournament was held in Hamilton from 27th to 29th November 2020 with the best mixed-gendered teams from around NZ. The tournament featured many Epsom Girls' Old Girls who competed in different teams across this championship.

Having already competed for 12 spots in this championship through regional tournaments, these teams earned their spot. Team members were both nervous and excited to try and put their best foot forward in the first national championship of the year – one long-awaited as COVID-19 had forced the cancellation of all national tournaments for Ultimate throughout 2020.

This tournament showcased the best mixed Ultimate moments to date and these were captured either through photography or live streams through SkySportNext.

The most intense and memorable moment in the competition was a quarter-final match between AUUC Flood and Huripari (a team from Wellington who were pre-seeded 2nd at nationals) where AUUC Flood captured a nail-biting win with a score of 15-14 after being down 10-13. The whole match was captured and broadcast on SkySportNext, a channel on YouTube. AUUC Flood featured three EGGS Old Girls: Ella Lamb, Sunny Zhou and Hazel Yu.



The final placings for the teams that featured EGGS Old Girls were:

1st Place: Marvellous DC – Zaria Ireland (2019), Anna Crosby (2016), Olivia Judd (2019), Riah Mildenhall (2011)

4th Place: AUUC Flood – Ella Lamb (2019), Sunny Zhou (2017), Hazel Yu (2017)

5th Place: Space Invaders – Coral Huang (2014), Bianca Mercer (2017)

9th Place: Old Boys Sports Club (OBSC) – Anna Dolan (2015 Head Girl), Lucy Parsons (2018), Alice Logan (2014)



*Marvellous DC - Winners of the NZ Mixed Ultimate Championships 2020.*

*The ladies' row: pictured 1st, 5th, 6th and 11th from the left - Zaria Ireland, Anna Crosby, Olivia Judd and Riah Mildenhall.*



*Auckland University Ultimate Club (AUUC) Premier Flood team photo.*

*The ladies' row: pictured 3rd, 4th and 9th from the left: Ella Lamb, Sunny Zhou and Hazel Yu.*





Anna Dolan (OBSC) throwing a forehand pass her defender.



Riah Mildenhall with the catch in the endzone to score for Marvellous DC.

Images are credited to the hard work of Michael Chen Photography and 39Photographs.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Having now received preliminary NCEA results and final NZ Scholarship result, we are very proud of student results in their qualifications in 2020, a year like no other.

Two students have gained NZ Scholarship Outstanding Scholar Awards – Megan Kuan and Chen Huan Liu (2020 joint dux recipients). A total of 58 outstanding Scholar Awards were awarded nationally in 2020. The minimum eligibility requirement to be considered for this award is achievement of three Scholarships including at least two at "Outstanding" level in the same year, or more than three Scholarships including at least one at "Outstanding" level in the same year. The number of recipients for this award is restricted and achieving the minimum requirement will not guarantee an award. The amount is \$5,000 each year for up to three years for as long as the recipient maintains at least a 'B' grade average each year of their tertiary study.



Megan Kuan was also Top Scholar in the country for NZ Scholarship Statistics.

Pass rates and Endorsement rates are high and well in excess of the decile band comparison group. Full NCEA results will be published in the School Newsletter, EGGSNEWS, next Friday – available on the School Website.

In early February we welcomed the new Year 9 cohort and new students at other year levels at a powhiri which involved approximately 1,200 manuhiri. On Thursday all other students returned and on Friday everyone was in their timetabled classes.

We are looking forward to the Old Girls' Association Centenary celebrations, now deferred from March until October. We encourage you to put the dates in your diary and come along in springtime to see what is familiar and what has changed at the School, and to enjoy the company of other alumnae.

*Per Angusta, Ad Augusta*

*Lorraine Pound, EGGS Principal*



## FAREWELL TO TWO LONG-SERVING STAFF MEMBERS

Mrs Wendy Bunting retired from EGGS after 18 years in the Commerce Department. Wendy was also a Dean for two 5-year cohorts of students. Wendy was TIC of Kilikiti for five years and TIC of Equestrian for three years. She spearheaded the inaugural Business Trip to China and organised each itinerary for the three China Business Trips. Wendy's fitness is the envy of many.

Ms Pauline Farra was Head of Department Social Studies for 17 years at EGGS and worked part-time in Social Sciences during 2020. A fierce advocate for Social Studies and a gifted teacher of History, Pauline has also been well-known within the School for the sport of Curling. She is a seasoned national representative for Curling and has coached many EGGS teams to victory in this very southern sport. Pauline has also been a much-valued kaikaranga for the manuhiri when new staff and students are welcomed to the School.

The OGA sends best wishes to Wendy and Pauline for the future.

## Senior Common Room

The Senior Common Room was opened in 1977 and 43 years later, it reached its "use by" date. The building was ground-breaking in its day – for both its design and its purpose – and no doubt something equally purposeful will take its place.



A number of OGA Committee members attended a Farewell function, (Fiona Cottam, Lorraine Pound & Julie Goodyer above), for the Senior Common Room on 26th November 2020. OGA Treasurer Julie Goodyer gave a speech on the evening, as follows.

*"In 2021 my third form intake of 1971 will organise a reunion to acknowledge 50 years since we started in the third form at EGGS.*

*When we started at EGGS, we were new students along with a new Headmistress, Miss Ailsa Blakely, who had taken over from Miss Adams late the previous year.*

*New Zealand in the 1970s was going through social and cultural change and Miss Blakey believed in discussion and social consensus. Miss Blakey implemented changes at the school from the start, doing away with prefects (except for the head girls and games captains) and replacing them with a School Council. We also had services groups to carry out duties and organise defined areas of activities. School Houses were abolished and replaced with form class competitions. A new optional subject, Liberal Studies, was introduced to enable students to try different activities.*

*So, it was not surprising that the need was also recognised for a Senior Common Room. EGGS was to celebrate her 60th Jubilee in 1977 and during the celebrations a new Senior Common Room, drama room and science wing were all opened. The Senior Common Room was funded by the School and we had many fundraising activities during my years at School from 1971 to 1975.*



A School Fair was held in April 1972 to provide 'a pupils' amenity room' (to become the Senior Common Room) and the OGA agreed to provide morning and afternoon teas at 10c for tea and 25c for tea and two pieces of food. They contributed \$380 and the princely sum of \$7000 was raised overall. According to the inflation calculator that would be \$45,000 in today's terms.

At the OGA's AGM 1973 Miss Blakey advised that the school was trying to raise a further \$5000 for the Senior Common Room and that a 'Buy a Brick' at 10 cents a brick appeal was to be tried. The OGA agreed to support this project and encourage the members to participate. Later they helped by addressing circulars promoting the campaign to the wider school community. We would bring 10 cents each week and fill up our cards with 25 bricks to raise \$2.50 per card. I still have my last card with 3 bricks stamped on it so I have proof that I donated at least 30 cents to the Senior Common Room project!

The OGA also gave a large outdoor barbecue for the new Senior Common Room. It needed to cater for 200 people. The area outside was to be paved and this was going to be done by the girls with supervision. The barbecue was completed early in 1981.

It seemed to be the story of my life to be fundraising for something and not getting to use it. I left school in 1975 and my sister who was two years behind me continued the fundraising, with the Senior Common Room opening in 1977, midway through her last year at school. Even then, it was so popular I don't think she went into it often.

By the time my own daughters came to EGGS in 2009 the Year 13 cohort was so large that the Common Room was overcrowded – so they didn't go there often either.

On returning to EGGS when my daughters were at the School, I joined the Old Girls Association Committee and was part of some lovely reunions and events held in the Senior Common Room. It was always a popular feature on tours of the school with fond memories from the younger Old Girls. I always thought the red shoe sculpture out the front was a lovely addition. The building was architecturally attractive and quite avant garde at the time it was built.

One of the most memorable functions that I took part in at the Senior Common Room was an Old Girls Association 'High Tea' that we organised for mothers and daughters of Year 9 and 10 students. We provided cupcakes and icing and lots of decorations for the students to decorate their cupcakes and then had a competition to judge the best decorated cupcakes. Everyone wore pink and we raised funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

So it is quite nostalgic for me to reflect that as I complete 50 years since first setting foot in EGGS as a new student, the building that I helped to fundraise for has since been constructed, opened, used and has now completed its useful and natural life – and we are gathered here to say goodbye to the Senior Common Room. It will have gone from being an exciting vision ... to vacant space ... and soon a memory ... in the space of 50 years."

**Julie Goodyer, OGA Treasurer**





## Science Quad upgrade

### Ro Bellamy's vision

Over the 2020/2021 holidays a substantial revitalisation and upgrade of the Science Quad at EGGS has been undertaken. This work was made possible by a significant donation from the family of the late Rosemary (Ro) Bellamy. Ro was an Old Girl, ex teacher and OGA President, among other roles at the School, and it was Ro's vision to upgrade the Science Quad for the School's Centenary in 2017. Unfortunately, this project didn't happen at that time, but we are very pleased to have been able to complete the Science Quad upgrade in conjunction with the School in time for the Old Girls Association's Centenary in 2021.

Our OGA Centenary celebrations will occur on the 27th and 28th of March 2021 and will include School Tours, taking in the Quad. With the Bellamy family's donation and other fundraising, we raised sufficient funds to complete the hard-landscaping component of the Science Quad upgrade. Further fundraising to complete the soft landscaping had been planned through a memorial event for Ro in September last year, but this was postponed due to COVID. We hope to reschedule this event for later this year. We will share more information and hope many Old Girls will attend

### Overview

The Science Quad (named due to its proximity to the cloisters and the first true Science classrooms) was designed in 1946 as a central traditional quadrangle. Initially the Quad was closed in on the eastern side by the first School Administration Building, an old villa occupied by the Headmistress's study, the School Office, sickbay and, behind that, a huge bay window that extended into the Quad and served as the staffroom.

The Quad was surrounded on the other three sides by the first permanent (brick) buildings of the School. These were:

- (a) To the south, a two-storied classroom block (with a tower to three stories at the eastern end and intended to be attached to a three-storied building to be built in the future). Double French doors opened from the two ground floor classrooms to the West.
- (b) The cloisters located beside a single-storey wing which contained the three Science labs and the Cooking room; and
- (c) To the north, two and a half classrooms.

Of these, only elements (b) and (c) remain today. Nevertheless, the area retains a sense of pleasant enclosure and is a valued area representative of the School's history and development over the past 75 years.

Specific notable features of the Quad and adjoining area include:

- A Magnolia campbelli planted in the NW corner of the Quad by Miss Johnston (the Headmistress at the time) commemorates the occupancy event and a sundial was donated and placed centrally to complement the overall style of the Quad.
- A formal rose garden, consisting of several rectangular gardens surrounded by concrete paths, was constructed at the south end of the Quad. However, by the 1970s, only the paths remained, the gardens having been turned over to grass.
- The fourth side of the Quad was linked back to the two-story brick building by the Old Kitchen. It is notable that apart from the 'Helmet' now located in 'Paradise', the Old Kitchen was the only remaining remnant of the rather gracious wooden buildings that were so typical of the School for its first 60 years. The Old Kitchen was demolished in 2017.
- Following the construction of a new three-storey building (opened in 1964), and a new Administration Building, the villa was demolished to allow the construction of the Adams Hall (opened in 1967). At the insistence of Miss Adams, the Old Kitchen was tilted on its side and moved through the gap between the 1945 building and the 1964 one to the site it later occupied at the back of the School until its demolition in 2017. It had been intended to become a recreation room for the boarders of Epsom House.
- In the 1980s the central grassed area of the Quad was landscaped in the style of the time and seating was provided. In poor repair, the seating was replaced leading up to the 2017 Centenary. (The upgraded seating has been reused in the current renovation). The fussy paving areas dominated the Quad and impacted adversely on the area.
- In 2016 the huge Ginkgo biloba, planted at the time the Quad was originally developed, was removed following the loss of several large branches which led to it being identified as a health and safety risk. This removal had left a huge empty space which also adversely affected the ambience of the Quad. Once a suitable tree can be sourced, it is proposed to use funds that were donated by the Tongan Old Girls at the time of the School's Centenary to go towards planting a Centenary tree in the Quad.

As you can see from the accompanying photos, the Quad now has a clean, rectangular-shaped hard landscaping structure and the seating has been re-installed. We hope to get onto finishing the soft landscaping during the year but are thrilled to have the hard-landscaping structure completed in memory of Ro in time for the OGA Centenary.

We hope you'll come and take a look during the Centenary celebrations.

**Words by Julie Goodyer**







## THANK YOU LETTERS



Thank you


FROM: ZAINAB BANDUKWALA

*The Old Girls Association*

I am honoured to have been awarded the Lillian Matches Prize for Oral French in 2020. Thank you for your generous donation in providing this prize for students at Epsom Girls Grammar School. This prize is a wonderful acknowledgement of not only the students, but also the staff and other wonderful resources at our school that motivate students like myself to discover the wonders of the French culture and language. In the future, I hope to revisit my host family in France and fall in love with the amazing French language all over again.

*Je vous remercie !*

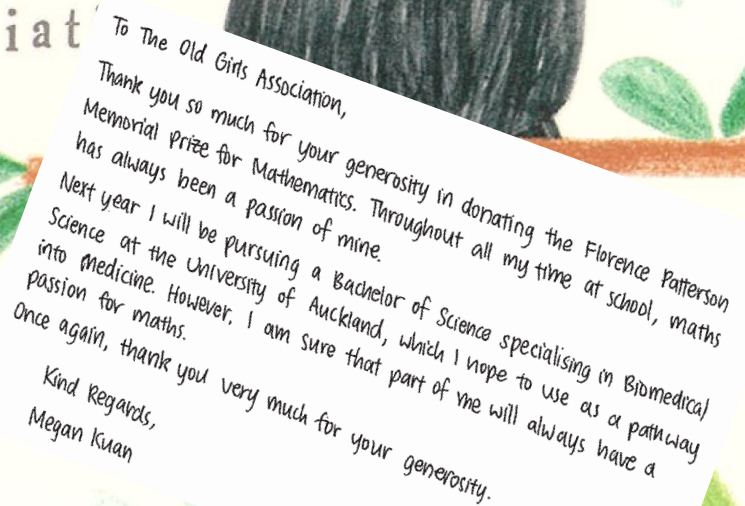
*Zainab Bandukwala*



To  
The Old Girls Association,  
Thank you for your generous donation of the Lillian Matches Prize for Oral French. It is great to have my passion for this subject acknowledged. I hope to one day move to France to build on my knowledge of its language and culture.  
Merci Beaucoup!

Avec mes salutations,  
Saylor Bostic

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To The Old Girls Association,  
Thank you so much for your generosity in donating the Florence Patterson Memorial Prize for Mathematics. Throughout all my time at school, maths has always been a passion of mine. Next year I will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science specialising in Biomedical Science at the University of Auckland, which I hope to use as a pathway into medicine. However, I am sure that part of me will always have a passion for maths. Once again, thank you very much for your generosity.  
Kind Regards,  
Megan Kuan

Dear the Old Girls Association,

Thank you very much for your continual effort to support and nurture the young women at Epsom Girls. It is absolutely amazing how EGGS has the tradition of supporting fellow students through the Old Girls Association.

The Florence Patterson Memorial Prize for Mathematics was something that served as a great impetus for me to work hard, especially so, in mathematics. I believe that this precious award would've served as great encouragement for many.

This year has been full of unexpected things - the lockdown period, thanks to COVID-19, was quite an interesting time for me. Spending time at home, it gave me the time to step away from assignments and tests. It made me recognise that I need to also be looking beyond and have a sense of what I'll do after high school.

Recognising this gave me a different purpose this year. The point was not simply getting good marks, but to get further in life. And this made me follow my passion for mathematics and science further.

Mathematics is a study that gives logical solutions, and stays consistent and true to its logic whichever branch you approach it from. For example, graphs and equations essentially are the same things, but presents it in two different ways. One helps describe another,

and I find these intertwined branches of mathematics incredibly fascinating. My learning of Mathematics, will never end. I believe, since there's so many maths concepts that continue to unfold that I'm yet to even begin to understand.

In the future, I hope to go into the science / mathematics field that also combines music and aims to solve social issues, which are my other interests. I am still a work in progress, and I am fully open to shifts in my future plan, acknowledging the opportunities that would enlighten me in the future that I am yet to know about.

Once again, thank you very much Old Girls Association for always supporting EGGS' young women's learning. I will nurture the privilege of receiving the Florence Patterson Memorial Prize for mathematics and let it fan my sails for many, many years to come.

Sincerely,  
Kyubeen Kim

15/Nov/2020

## EPSOM HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP

Every year we present a OGA Epsom House Scholarship to a girl starting at EGGS as an Epsom House (EH) student the following year. This Scholarship has been sponsored by Compass Group since 2016. Firstly, here's a little background about this Scholarship:

- Established by Sally Dalziel, principal of EH, on her retirement in 2006, and has been offered since 2007.
- Sally was instrumental in revitalising Epsom House after the threatened closure in 2000.
- The Scholarship was set up to encourage and facilitate families of EGGS Old Girls, from rural areas, to send their daughter to EGGS and thereby strengthen historical family connection with the School and to generate new ones.
- Its value is \$2,500 which is applied to the Development Levy.
- This Scholarship has been kindly sponsored by Compass since 2016. Compass provide the catering at EH.



*Madison Yearbury and her dad Shane with OGA Co-Presidents Lynley Sheweiry and Sally Blyth*

Interviews were during lockdown – the applicants and their families usually come to the School for these interviews but due to Covid, they were held via Zoom for the first time, so that was a different experience to usual. We had seven applicants, all very worthy, and it wasn't easy to make a selection. This year's successful recipient for the 2021 Scholarship is Madison Yearbury from Pukekohe.

CONGRATULATIONS Madison!

Maddi was selected for her sense of ambition, confidence, responsibility and enthusiasm as well as showing a positive attitude and impressive leadership qualities. She is also active in a variety of sports and outdoor activities. These are all attributes we are looking for from a young woman stepping into high school years.

Maddi's grandmother Norma Cauty (née Julian – dec. 1993) attended EGGS in the 1940s.

OGA Co-Presidents Sally and Lynley presented Maddi with her Scholarship at the School's Pre-Enrolment Day on 12th November 2020. We wish Maddi a happy time at Epsom House, continuing the family connection.

## KATHLEEN MANDENO SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship was awarded for the first time in 1994 and is funded by Miss Jill Mandeno, in memory of her mother Kathleen, an EGGS Old Girl.

The Scholarship is intended to encourage students to enter the science community and contribute to innovation and research. The Scholarship will be awarded to an EGGS student who meets the criteria and wishes to study for a degree in mathematics or any of the sciences, especially chemistry, physics, the biological sciences, or degrees in related fields such as computer science, bio-engineering or technology.

The four highly worthy and very impressive applicants were interviewed by a panel including EGGS Scholarship founder Jill Mandeno, Em. Prof. Dame Charmian O'Connor DNZM CBE JP (University of Auckland), OGA Co-President Sally Blyth, EGGS LAD Science Susan John and Principal Lorraine Pound.

We are pleased to advise that the successful recipient for 2020, to begin University study in 2021, is Promise Akindeju (EGGS Head Girl). Promise, we're sure you will continue to lead others in your chosen path and go on to achieve great things in your life. We wish you all the best.



### WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE WITH US?

If so, please contact us for further details. We produce three newsletters per year, all emailed and posted to our large and diverse database. A great opportunity to profile your business and brand to a group of wonderful women and their networks who may be looking for exactly what you are offering! We may be able to help to spread your good news along with our own. All content subject to Editor's approval.



## REGIONAL BRANCH NEWS

### TAURANGA BRANCH

The Tauranga branch of the OGA held its annual luncheon at Bayswater Village in Papamoa on 7th October 2020. EGGS Principal Lorraine Pound travelled from Auckland to attend the event, along with OGA Treasurer Julie Goodyer. We also had Old Girls travelling from Rotorua to attend. After lunch a musical performance was enjoyed. Many thanks again to Anne Mortensen for organising this event.

### FRANKLIN BRANCH

Franklin Branch Old Girls held their Annual Dinner at the Franklin Club on 12th November 2020.

As 2021 is the OGA's centenary, we are thinking of holding a dinner in Pukekohe to celebrate this.

If you are a Franklin-based Old Girl of EGGS then make sure we have your email address and/or Franklin postal address so that we can record you as a Franklin-based Old Girl and email you with news of our Franklin events. Send your updated details to [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz)



If you are interested in starting a Branch in your area – wherever in the country or world this may be! – do let us know.

## REFLECTING - PEOPLE AND EVENTS

### Doris Moor (nee Scott) – Founding Pupil of 1917

We received a class photo from Gavin Sinclair whose great-great aunt Doris Scott (later Doris Moor) attended EGGS in class 3B in 1917. Doris emigrated from Norwich, England in 1910 with her parents and siblings. Her father was a grocer in Onehunga. After leaving EGGS Doris became a teacher and librarian. Gavin thinks she may have been the first librarian in Kaikohe or the first female school librarian – perhaps both.

Gavin says Doris was never “off-duty” as a teacher – she was known for correcting the spelling and grammar in cards and letters she received and returning them to the sender!

Doris later returned to live in Epsom with her husband Will Moor. The couple married in 1927; they had no children. Doris lived until 1997 and passed away aged 98; her ashes are in Epsom Gardens.

Gavin's grandmother – and Doris's niece – Beverley Sinclair (nee Scott) is also an Old Girl (and, later, a teacher). Sadly, Beverley is now in care with dementia – but we understand this info and photo were passed on via Beverley with exacting detail.

School memories really do stay strong and vivid! Thank you, Gavin, for providing a little bit of insight and info about Doris and Beverley.



*Doris is second row from the back, second from the left – wearing the slightly different uniform.*

## Pamela Powers (nee Winthrop) – From NZ to the USA: A Mom who will be Missed

EGGS Old Girl Pamela Powers passed away on 7th November 2020 in Shelton, Connecticut, USA.

Pamela was born on 12th June 1926 in Auckland and graduated from EGGS in 1942. She went on to obtain a Secretarial qualification and travelled the world working as a Secretary for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. She worked in NZ, Australia, Singapore, Tahiti, Fiji, England and Canada.

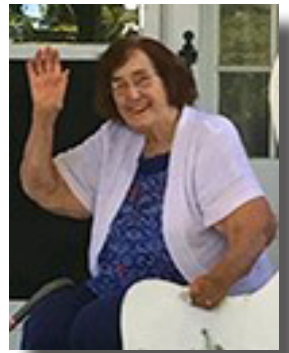
While in England she met American Kenneth Powers and moved to Canada where she went between Toronto and New York City. Pamela and Ken married on 29th December 1956 and honeymooned in Bermuda. They settled in Queens Village, NY, where two sons were born. Two daughters followed, after they moved to Huntington, Long Island. In 1975 the family moved to Westport, CT, where Pamela lived for 45 years before moving to Shelton, CT, with daughter Sheila and her family.

While in Westport, Pamela ran a home day-care programme for many years. She was an active and dedicated member of Assumption Church and often volunteered at school and church events. She participated in the Women's Guild of Assumption Church in Westport and made many long-lasting friendships. Pamela was involved in Boy Scout troops for her sons. When she was new to the United States and living in New York, Pamela became an avid New York Mets baseball fan and loved to watch or listen to their games. Knitting was a favourite pastime and Pamela made Christmas stockings for many, as well as baby sweaters, especially for her grandchildren.

Pamela loved to travel, knit, bake, entertain at home and spend time with family and friends. She was known for making delicious Irish soda breads and refreshing Irish coffees. Her hospitality was legendary and a word-search book, deck of cards or puzzle were never far from Pamela's hands. Sitting by a nice fire was her favourite seat in the house.

The staff at Bright View in Shelton took care of Pamela in her final years and her funeral mass in Westport was a private one, due to COVID restrictions.

Pamela is remembered as a patient and loving Mom and Nana who encouraged her four children and six grandchildren to pursue their goals and dreams. They all live in the USA. Pamela's had six sisters (Betty Weir, Joan Griffin, Patricia Stopford, Shirley Grant, Tui Batty and Gay Swindells) and a brother, John Winthrop, all deceased.



## Pamela Reed (nee Litherland) – From NZ to Ontario: Remembered by Friends, Family & Community

EGGS Old Girl Pam Reed passed away on 11th February 2021 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Pam lived her life with vitality and appreciated all that she earned and received. She was born in 1942 and grew up in Auckland, New Zealand. After graduating from Epsom Girls Grammar School, she travelled and worked in the UK and Europe. She then made her way to Canada, where she married and raised a family in Burlington, Ontario. She worked for several years as a real estate agent in Burlington, where she met lifetime friends and won numerous awards. Pam enjoyed travelling and always returned to NZ (taking a break from some of the harsh Canadian winters) to visit with friends and family.

In 1993 she remarried and settled in Huntsville, Ontario, with Don Reed.

Pam and Don took extended trips in their RV discovering North America and later travelled around the world. Pam enjoyed her life in Huntsville with her many friends and by volunteering at the Huntsville High School and as a member of the All Saints' Anglican Church. She also enjoyed gardening and earned many community gardening awards.

Shortly after Don's passing in 2017, Pam moved back to Burlington to be close to her son Craig and his family and was embraced by her friends and community. Pam was loving mother to Brad Wyndowe (Juliet Barnes) and Craig Wyndowe (Melanie), and dear Nana to Wyatt, Griffin, Eloise and Henry. Predeceased by her husband Don Reed. Beloved family member and Nana Pam to the Litherland, Reed and Smith families.



## REMEMBERING ALUMNAE

Sadly, we lose Old Girls every year and we aim to acknowledge those who pass away in our Newsletters, and on the website. We can only record Obituaries if we are notified of them by a relative or if we are able to verify information in a published death notice. We apologise in advance if we miss recording an Obituary and offer our sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones over the years.

To notify us of the passing of a former student or staff member please email us on [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz) or phone the Development Office on 09-970 6753. Obituaries will record the name; maiden name; date passed away; years at School; and any other relevant information we can research and/or are provided with.

You can find the full list of Obituaries (since June 2016) here. Note: some Obituaries are earlier, some with unknown date of death.

<https://www.eggs.school.nz/our-family/old-girls-association/newsletters-and-communications/>

### ***Passed Away February 2021***

**Pamela Reed (nee Litherland).** Died 11th February 2021, in her 79th year, at Hamilton General Hospital, Ontario, Canada. Born 1942.

### ***Passed Away November 2020***

**Robin GOESSI (nee Rule).** Died 6th November 2020 peacefully at her home in Epsom aged 89 years, after a short illness. Born 26th July 1931. Robin was in 3A 1945, 4A 1946, 5A 1947, 6B1 1948, 6A 1949. She was Deputy Head Girl in 1949. Robin was a gifted pianist and played the piano for assemblies. After leaving school Robin trained as a nurse and won a gold medal when she graduated, coming top in NZ in Obstetrics. She married Michael Goessi in 1955 and they had six daughters. When they moved to Auckland, three of her daughters attended EGGs: Margie 5SC General 1974; Sara 3AL 1974; and Emma 3LY 1977. Robin returned to EGGs as the School Nurse in 1980.

**Pamela Madeline POWERS (nee Winthrop).** Died 7th November 2020 in Shelton, CT, USA, with her family by her side, aged 94 years. Born 12th June 1926 in Auckland. Pamela graduated from EGGs in 1942. Working as a Secretary for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, she travelled the world and met her American husband Ken when working in England. She moved to Canada and then settled in the USA after marrying Ken in 1956. They initially lived in New York state, where their children were born, then Pamela later moved to Connecticut with her daughter and family – interesting that we get info about two OGs called Pam who lived in US/Canada!! (Read more about Pamela above).

**Marie Lenore KENT (nee Logan).** Died 21st November 2020. Lenore was in 3B Modern 1941. She was a long-serving OGA Committee member, active with the Franklin Branch. Her sisters are Nanette BARTZ (nee Logan) who was in 3C Modern 1944 (deceased); and Dianne RULSTON (nee Logan, formerly Hamilton) who was in 3D Modern 1946.

**Shirley Margaret JOHNSON.** Died 21st November 2020 aged 82 years. Born 26th June 1938. Shirley was in 3 Homecraft 1954.

**Jocelyn Pamela HICKS (nee Francis).** Died 23rd November 2020 in Tauranga. Jocelyn was in 4BL 1951, 6A 1954. She was a Prefect in 1954. She was a Hostel girl. Jocelyn taught at EGGs and also Diocesan. She was a House Mother at EGGs Hostel. She was a leader in the formation of the School Archives of New Zealand and on the OGA committees for Auckland and Tauranga. She did a lot for Hostel reunions at EGGs. Her daughters are Angela FOWLER (nee Hicks) who was in 3FI 1975 and Penelope (Penny) HICKS 3HD 1976. The family are cousins to Hinemaru CONSTANCE (nee Brown).

### ***Passed Away October 2020***

**Jocelyn Hendra MULHOLLAND (nee Lockstone).** Died 1st October 2020. Jocelyn was in 3D 1952. Her sisters are Beverley FORD (nee Lockstone) 3C 1942, Prefect 1945; Pauline MERRITT (nee Lockstone) 3BA 1947; Elaine DARK (nee Lockstone) 3C Modern 1947; and Valerie WALKER (nee Lockstone) 3BL 1950 (deceased).

**June Blake McCoubrie (nee Bruford).** Died 13th October 2020 at Tuakau. June was in 3C 1944.

**Nancy Jean MOORE (nee Eccles).** Died 14th October 2020. Nancy was in 3AL 1950, was second in class 1953, and in 6B1 received a prize in Physics. In 1954 she was in 6A and received the Lesley Harris prize for science. She was a Prefect in 1954. Her sisters are Mary ECCLES (EGGS 1947-1951, Prefect 1950, Head Girl 1951); and Barbara NETTON (nee Eccles) (EGGS 1947-1952, Prefect 1951, Senior Prefect 1952).

**Sheila Dorothea BARTON (nee Webster).** Died 20th October 2020 aged 95 years. Born 28th August 1925. Sheila was in 3D 1940. She was a longtime resident of Akoranga Drive Village, Northcote, Auckland.

**Jessie Isabella HAMILTON.** Died 25th October 2020, aged 88 years at St Andrews Village, Auckland. Jessie was in 3A Modern 1946. Her twin sister is Margaret HAMILTON who was in 3A Modern 1946. She is also sister of Marion Joyce McINNES (nee Hamilton) who was in 3A Latin 1953.



**Audrey Marguerite HAMMERTON (nee Holford).** Died 27th October 2020 at Mercy Parklands, aged 92 years. Audrey was in 3B 1942 and received a Prize for Geography.

### ***Passed Away September 2020***

**Margaret Dulcie NORRIS (nee Leadley).** Died 1st September 2020 in Tauranga. Margaret was in 3B Latin 1951. Her sister is Barbara Janice LEADLEY, who was in 3AG 1963.

**Alice Elaine HILL (nee Coulthard, formerly Gilbert).** Died 1st September 2020 in Murray's Bay. Elaine was in 3A 1936, 4A 1937, 5A 1938, 6B 1939.

**Martha Annie (Ann) MacDONALD (nee Bellhouse).** Died 5th September 2020. Ann was in 3A 1942.

**Patricia Mary Kathleen HARRIS (nee Burt).** Died 15th September 2020, aged 87 years. Born 25th February 1933. Patricia was in 3B 1946.

**Elsa Edna PASLEY (nee Hadwin).** Died 18th September 2020. Elsa was in 3A Modern 1944.

**Dorothy Mary BASSETT (nee Metge).** Died 21st September 2020. Dorothy was in 3A 1946 and was a Prefect in 1950. Her sister is Dame Joan Metge (EGGS 1943-1947, Dux 1947).

**Glenda Kathleen RESTON.** Died 29th September 2020, aged 82 years. Glenda was in 3BL 1951.

### ***Passed Away August 2020***

**Joan Lillas NORGROVE (nee Reading).** Died 17th August 2020. Joan was in 3A 1941. Her sister was Margaret Scott FROMEN (nee Reading) who was in 3B Modern 1945 (deceased).

**Dorothy Joan GRAHAM (nee Hughes).** Died 31st August 2020 in Hamilton. Dorothy was in 3A Modern, 1939.

### ***Passed Away April 2020***

**Erica HAILSTONE.** Died 19th April 2020. Erica attended EGGS 1944-1947 and attended the 2019 OGA AGM.

**Sylvia Mary LITTLE (nee Barton).** Died 21st April 2020, aged 77 years. Sylvia was in 3AL in 1956 and was a Hostel girl.

**Patricia Mavis TREACY (nee Rawle).** Died 25th April 2020 in Brisbane, aged 83 years. Patricia was in 3B 1949. She is the sister of Beverley PARMINTER (nee Rawle) who was in 3A 1952.

### ***Passed Away July 2017***

**Norma Catherine CAUTY (nee Julian).** Died peacefully on 20th July 2017 at Puriri Court Rest Home, Whangarei, aged 93 years. Service No: W4268 WAAF WWII

### ***Date of Death Unknown***

**Wendy Vivienne WEST (nee Uren).** Died in Pembroke Parish, Bermuda, date unknown. Wendy was in 3D Latin 1964, 4BG 1965, 5BG 1966, 5R 1967. Wendy was a nurse in the April 1968 intake at Greenlane Hospital.

## **An evening with HER HONOUR JUSTICE JAN-MARIE DOOGUE**

We are delighted that HER HONOUR JUSTICE JAN-MARIE DOOGUE, former Chief District Court Judge, EGGS alumna (1971-1975) and EGGS Founders Award recipient (2002) will be the guest speaker at our next

**EGGS Old Girls Association's Women in Law** networking function to be held on

Friday 16 April 2021 from 6 pm – 8 pm in the Administration building at the School.

**PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW.**

A formal invitation will be emailed in late March 2020.

**EGGS OGA Women in Law Committee:** (Dame Judith Potter; Heather Ash; Julie Goodyer; Fiona Ryan; Imogene Wallace)



## ARCHIVES – DIGITAL PRESERVATION PROJECT

### **The Old Girls Association needs your help to preserve our incredible history.**

We have such a rich history spanning over a century and yet currently have just over 100 scanned archival photos. There are thousands more in storage that are deteriorating day by day and, of course, at risk if there was a fire or catastrophe.

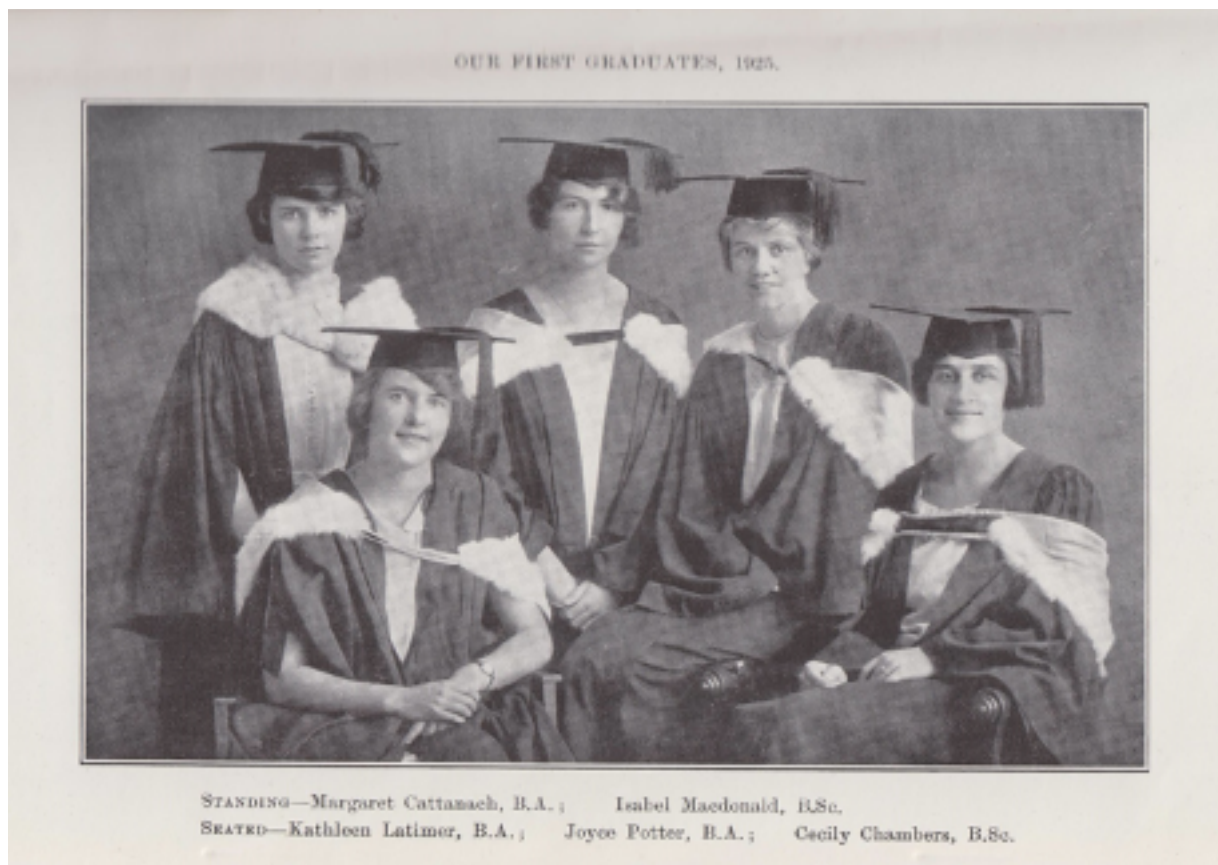
Our dearest wish is to have our past, present and future students engage with EGGS' extensive achievements for many years to come. We can do this using a simple, secure platform that can act as a centralised hub to manage, record and share all of our wonderful photos of class groups, sports teams, arts, staff members, class lists, school magazines and Te Korero.

### **But we can only do this with your help!**

The cost of proceeding with this Digital Preservation Project is prohibitive to our current meagre funds and we would like to ask our generous Alumnae for help.

For the original set up of the digitisation system, which includes scanning equipment, the cost is approximately \$10,000. The cost of maintaining the platform is \$4,000 annually. We have some funds set aside but not enough to turn this dream into a reality. If you can help in any way at all, please email: [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz)

Having this innovative digital platform in place will mean you can tap in online and find your classmates, photos, sports team info and so much more. School memories to treasure forever, at your fingertips!



## INSIGHT - Connecting students with working professionals

Our Student Rep on the OGA Committee, Alice Raea in year 13, is a Career's Ambassador for the School and is a driving force behind INSIGHT.

The purpose of INSIGHT is to connect students with working professionals in careers that students might wish to pursue. This will be done in three ways, primarily in Terms 2 and 3: talks held in DSO (lecture room); short interviews with people in various careers; and through giving Year 13s an experience in the workplace.

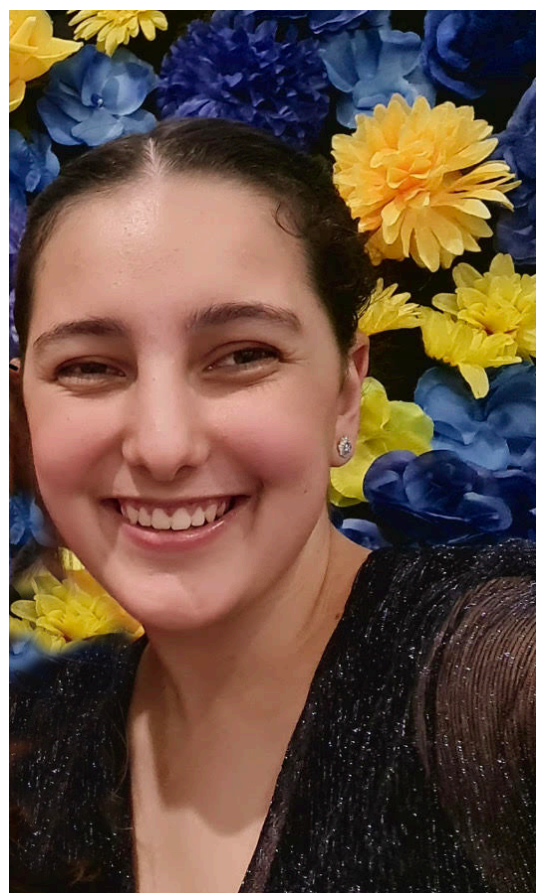
**Talks in DSO** – This is when different working professionals come into the School to talk to students about their job, career path, training experience, higher education towards this career etc.

**Career Nights** – This will be sit-down interviews, in small groups or individually, where students will get a chance to learn about different careers from people working in them, ask questions etc. Early Term 2.

**Workplace experience** – This opportunity will enable Y13 students to go into a workplace and experience what that job is really like. This will also be a good opportunity to network with people in a potential field.

If you work in the following professions (including but not limited to) and would like to be involved, we'd love to hear from you!

- Lawyer
- Finance
- Entrepreneur
- Engineer
- Interior design
- Architecture
- Graphic design
- Journalist
- Trades
- Medicine
- Teaching/ early childhood education
- Nutrition
- Human Resources
- Veterinarian
- Musician



### EPSOM HOUSE HEAD GIRLS HONOURS BOARD

This proposed Honours Board, which we aim to install for the OGA Centenary Year, is an initiative driven by Sue Bull who is passionate about showcasing past Head Girls from Epsom House. And we're right on board! However, we are still in need of the names of former Epsom House Head Girls from 1960 to 1999. If you can let us know any names of Hostel girls during this timeframe, that would be greatly appreciated, as would any financial donations towards this Board which will honour past EH Head Girls.

Sue Bull has generously donated some seed funding to install this new Honours Board, but we still need more funds. If you wish to donate, please see the OGA Bank account details below. Put your surname and initial and EH Board in the particulars and reference. Thank you so much!



### SILVER ROAD CLUB



The Silver Road Club is a way that you can support the OGA by donating the cost of a cup of coffee a week of \$10 to \$20 per month to the OGA by automatic payment to help us cover our regular costs. If you'd like to contribute by setting up a Silver Road Automatic Payment this would be greatly appreciated; it helps us with our running costs. See the OGA bank account details below. Please put your surname and initial(s); Silver Rd; and Donation in the particulars and reference. We will issue a donation receipt at the end of the year.

Thank you to all the Silver Road Club donors over recent years – your contributions really do make a difference. Please also email us [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz) to let us know you have set Up a Silver Road Club payment – it's a truly wonderful gesture that we really appreciate.

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### SAVE THE DATES

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| OGA Centenary Zoom Social Event (tbc) ..... | Saturday 27th March 2021   |
| Women in Law Function at EGGS .....         | Friday 16th April 2021     |
| OGA AGM .....                               | Monday 14th June 2021      |
| OGA Founders Awards Assembly .....          | Tuesday 22nd June 2021     |
| OGA Centenary Celebrations .....            | Saturday 30th October 2021 |
| OGA Thanksgiving Service .....              | Sunday 31st October 2021   |