



Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association (Inc)



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Students at Highwic House

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS OF THE OGA



Another year has zoomed to a close and we've waved goodbye to 2019. It was a busy year behind the scenes – so much so that we were unable to send out this newsletter as a December 2019 edition. Instead, it comes to you in January 2020, along with Happy New Year wishes! A major focus during 2019 was streamlining systems and processes, especially with regard to the Archives. We're happy to report that the digitisation process will begin this year for the many precious photos. Thank you to Virginia Bishop, School staff and Xerox for getting this set up and under way using the Futurepic platform. There

is still a lot of work to be done but, once complete, Old Girls will be able to access class photos, sports team photos etc. We'll keep you posted when this goes live.

The 2019 Graduation Dinner was a highlight, and we were delighted to have 2016 EGG Founder Dr Michele Cox as our guest speaker. You can read more about the evening and Michele below. We also look back to the Graduation Dinner held 20 years ago in 1999 – we found photos in the Archives to share with you.

As reported in an earlier newsletter, the School website was revamped earlier last year. Do check the OGA section of the site for news and information. You will find copies of our newsletters there. <https://www.eggs.school.nz/our-family/old-girls-association/>

Remember to keep Friday 26th March 2021 (i.e. next year) free to come and enjoy the OGA's 100-year Anniversary. We'll keep you updated as plans come together.

Meanwhile, we hope you enjoyed the summer break with friends and family and find time to settle in and read the latest OGA news in this January 2020 edition.

Per Angusta Ad Augusta

Sally Blyth (Editor) and Lynley Sheweiry (Design), Co-Presidents 2016–2020

GRADUATION DINNER 2019

The OGA organises the annual Graduation Dinner for Year 13 leavers and their families and the 2019 event, held at Ellerslie Function Centre on Tuesday 3rd December, was the biggest ever. We were at capacity, with over 800 attendees and it was another excellent evening, with a sense of delight and the EGG spirit shining through. Our guest speaker was 2016 EGG Founders Award recipient, Dr Michele Cox, CEO of NZ Football Foundation and former international football representative. Michele attended EGG 1982-1986 and since then has been active in many realms in the sporting world. She delivered an inspiring and thoroughly enjoyable speech, highlighting perseverance, resilience, balance and passion as important attributes to take forward in life. Head Prefect Amelia Burton also gave a wonderful speech and was presented with her special ring, a gift from the OGA for all she has contributed to the School during the year. DP Karyn Dempsey was MC and the Deans, Kalvir Martin and Logan Townsend, gave an entertaining double-act farewell speech.



Kalvir Martin



Rachael Banbury & Annise Raea ready for Grad Dinner

Three OGA Scholarships were awarded on the night. Congratulations to Mikayla Peak, Sophie Chisholm and Taffia Panjalu-Martin. Each of these girls was selected as exemplifying the true all-round EGGS student and receives \$600 towards study resources. As always, we concluded with the School Song, a rousing rendition led by some of the girls.

Thanks to the two Year 12 students who did a fabulous job capturing the event on camera – Anjali (Ajay) Mistry and Tayla Sutton.

Special thanks to OGA Committee member Annise Raea for overseeing the organisation of this wonderful event, and everyone who helped on the night. The Memorabilia table was a hive of activity.

We wished all the Year 13 leavers the very best as they head off to future study and new careers and encouraged them to stay in touch – with us, and each other.

We hope they return to future Old Girls Association reunions and events!

Graduation Dinner Speech

Michele competently merges her skills and passions and we thoroughly enjoyed hearing her inspiring speech at Graduation Dinner. Here it is ...

Good evening everyone. When I was thinking about what I was going to say to you, it took me much longer than my normal forays into public speaking. And the conclusion I came to about that is, that I actually care more deeply about the message I impart to you tonight because I am you a whole 33 years ago, ready to embark on the next exciting phase of life as an inspirational young woman.

And it is quite clear that you are definitely my peeps ... so that is why I hope that at least one of the examples I give in the next five minutes or so, connects and sparks something within you.

So, what I want to talk about is something that I broached in my Founders Award Acceptance Speech, which unfortunately I had to do by video because I was still living in Switzerland at the time. I would like to reinforce the importance of taking opportunities when they come your way and about going around the people who say 'no, you can't do that' or 'that is not possible for you' or 'no, you are not good enough'.

I am therefore going to give you a few quick examples from experiences in my life that will hopefully illustrate what is possible with a bit of perseverance and resilience.

These are two of the most important traits you need to succeed in any area of your life, not just your career.

I was told, "You can't play football. You are a girl."

What was my answer? I played anyway, even though it was totally not cool at all at that time. This photo is of me as the only girl playing in the Eden Midgets in 1973 amongst 500 boys. And yes, you heard right, they did call juniors midgets in those days. Glad things have moved on a bit from then...

But just to show those people how wrong they were, that football was just a boys' game, I made it into the Midget representative team. I was eventually kicked out of the boys' leagues for being a girl but at least I had made my point that girls could make a valuable contribution to football.

Now, one-third of the player base in NZ is made up of women and girls. In the United States alone there are nine-million women playing.



This photo is of the giant screen in the Berlin Olympic Stadium after the match in which TSV Siegen, the team that I played professionally for in Germany, won the German Cup Final in 1988 5-2 against Bayern Munich.

You can't see very well but I am on the giant screen hugging my teammate Silvia Neid who went on to become not only a World Cup and Olympic Gold Medal winning captain for Germany, but also the German coach.

There were 70,000+ people there and we did it again the following year in 1989. It was a pretty cool experience and it all came through talking to people, and also being brave enough to go Germany alone at the tender age of 18.



"You won't make it to the top in sports, especially football, administration, because you are not from a country with football pedigree and/or you are a woman."

I will just give you a quick summary of some of the things I have done or am doing that have hopefully made the people who said that choke a weeny bit on their tea and biscuits.

This photo is from the FIFA Women's World Cup 2011, also in Germany where I was the FIFA Head of Delegation for the Wolfsburg venue as a member of their Women's Football Committee. One of my jobs was to look after VVIPs visiting the venue and here you see me doing just that after German Chancellor Angela Merkel decided to visit one of the matches. For FIFA, I was also a lead consultant for their Performance Programme which helped upskill and train the 200+ National Football Associations around the world in leadership and managerial functions. In this role I travelled to over 70 countries ranging from Kyrgyzstan and Syria to England and Norway – an experience that gave me an amazing insight into so many different cultures.



Through FIFA, and similar work I did with UEFA, I was asked by Prince Ali Bin Al Hussein, brother of the King of Jordan, to help set up a Football Foundation encouraging social development through football. Through this work we set up 40 projects in 25 countries, including programmes in some of the Syrian refugee camps.

Here, I also helped Prince Ali on very successful international campaign to enable women to wear head coverings on the field of play. This is the achievement I am most proud of because it has enabled access to the game for potentially millions of head scarf wearers all around the world.

This is how I came into the work I do today as the Chief Executive of the NZ Football Foundation, where we will launch some very cool initiatives around female and youth football as well as innovation in and social development through football, in addition to our grants process.

There are many other examples I could use from football, but I also want to get across the message of the importance of having balance in life in case things go wrong in one area.

And that has happened to me, as it does to everyone, many times.



And again, these opportunities only come about if you talk to people and ask them how you can do what you want to do. My last example is the one, I think many of you young women and maybe some of the teachers – and definitely some of the Old Girls – have been waiting for.



I was told I would never get a hot boyfriend when I was over 50! And look at us here all happy and lovey. This is Nige, my partner looking all fab in his Movember moustache.

Spending time with him is the best way for me to have fun and achieve balance away from my career. Surrounding yourself with good people is the essence to doing anything well.



Some said, "You can't write a book – your worst subject at school was English, it's too hard to find a publisher, it's too much work."

The answer? I have five published books – two about the tall poppy syndrome and how top New Zealanders have achieved success. The other three are children's books which have also been published in Japan and Australia about a little girl called Sammy who plays football in a mixed team.

Yes, all of these projects, like doing my PhD, did take time and effort but things like this don't just happen even when you are super smart – which believe me I am not. I am a hard worker.

My advice is to choose areas you are passionate about, and want to learn about, so it then won't seem like work.

This is the point that brings me back to EGGS – and this is me back in very first year. The friends I made during this time are still amongst my best friends today.

For that reason, I would suggest joining the Old Girls Association – it not only helps you keep in touch with your friends and the School, but they provide you with a great network to leverage off.

If you don't believe me, have a look at the alumni and you will soon work that out that is no bunch of old fuddy duddy nanas!

Have a good think about that, but in the meantime, my warmest congratulations to you all and you parents for graduating and doing it with style.

Enjoy your break if you are having one and good luck with your next steps. I am looking forward to seeing where you all end up. Thank you. MICHELE COX.

X-Grade!?

Michele shared a funny story that happened after the dinner. She was buying lunch at a deli in Mt Eden Village and one of the girls behind the counter asked her (she thought) "Were you the speaker at the X-Grade function the other night?" Michele replied "Um ... no." The girl apologised and said how much Michele looked like the speaker. As she walked away, it suddenly dawned on Michele that the girl had said EGGS Grad function – not X-Grade! She promptly returned, apologised, and they had a good laugh about it!

Michele's Mum - into football too!

Here's a link to a short doco about Michele's mum and family which came out recently. It's related to football and shows how much times have changed in women's sport and is well worth a look!

<https://thespinoff.co.nz/sports/10-12-2019/scratched-barbara-cox-the-matriarch-of-new-zealand-football-watch/>

GRADUATION DINNER 1999 & 2019

On the right is a glimpse into the Grad Dinner from 20 years ago – held at the Downtown Convention Centre on 7th December 1999.

Below is the room all set for the 2019 Grad Dinner at Ellerslie Function Centre.



Although the Downtown Convention Centre is long gone, some of the ladies (pictured on Page 6) remain active in the OGA – Christine Black recently retired as Archivist, Mary Dunkley still assists the committee in many ways, Gay Roberts is still involved in many aspects of EGGS, and Mary Hall remains on the committee.

(Also, I see Janeen at Ellerslie races regularly! – Sally, Ed.)



Members of the 1999 OGA Committee

L to R: Christine Black, Janeen Corner, Mary Dunkley (Treasurer), Rosemary Bellamy (Staff Rep), Gay Roberts (Staff Rep), Anne Shanks (Secretary), Susan Rope (President), Leigh Jayne (Vice President), Mary Hall



Members of the 2019 OGA Committee

L to R: Julie Goodyer (Treasurer), Tric Milner (DP & Staff Rep), Mary Hall, Sally Blyth (Co-President), Lynley Sheweiry (Co-President), Alice Raea (Student Rep), Annise Raea, Kathryn Collins, Virginia Bishop (Secretary), Rachael Banbury.

EPSOM HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Lynley, Makayla & Sally

Every year the OGA awards a special Scholarship to an Epsom House student starting at EGGS in Year 9. The 2020 recipient is Makayla Randall from Te Kopuru in Northland, whose aunts attended EGGS. Makayla shows a sense of independence and confidence and is active in various areas including drama, dance and sport. Co-Presidents Sally and Lynley presented Makayla with her Scholarship at the Pre-Enrolment day in November. We wish her all the best for her new life at EGSS and Epsom House!

A little background about this Scholarship. It was started by Sally Dalziel, past principal of Epsom House, 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 the historical connection with the School. Three are a number of criteria, family connection being a strong one. The Scholarship is valued at \$2,500 and this is applied to the Development Levy. It has been sponsored by Compass Group, the caterers at Epsom House, since 2016 and we really appreciate our relationship.

CONGRATULATIONS Makayla!

CALLING EPSOM HOUSE OLD GIRLS FROM 1960 to 1999



Sue Bull (nee R S Marsh), who was Epsom House Head Girl in 1960, has offered to donate \$2,000 along with a piece of kauri board towards the cost of installing a new Honours Board in Epsom House. This would go along the wall where the white doors enter Kauri block (also known as Block 1) to record the names of the Hostel's Head Girls and Deputy Head Girls from 1960 to 1999.

In 2000, an Honours Board was installed in the Epsom House Dining Room recording the names of the Head Prefects and Deputy Head Prefects from the year 2000 to the present. There is room on this Honours Board for names to continue to be recorded through to at least 2045.

However, the Old Girls Association considers that it is important to have an Honours Board in the hostel recording the names of past prefects back to 1960 when the new hostel opened on its current site in Owens Road.

Sue's generous donation will meet about one third of the likely cost, so we need to fundraise for another \$4,000. If you can help, please donate to the **Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association** Bank account number at the BNZ Newmarket shown below:

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Please put "EH Hon Bd" and your "Surname and Initial" in the reference and particulars and email us at oga@eggs.school.nz to say you have made your donation so we can send you a donation receipt.

We are currently checking back through old School magazines to find the names of all past Epsom House Head Girls and Deputy Head Girls. If you were in the hostel from 1960 to 1999 and can remember the names and years of the Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl in any of your years at the Hostel, please email us these names and years at oga@eggs.school.nz.

We are hoping to complete this project in time for the Honours Board to be in place for the OGA Centenary in 2021.

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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.

KATHLEEN MANDENO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT 2019

This Scholarship was first awarded in 1994 and is funded by Miss Jill Mandeno, in memory of her mother, an Old Girl. The Scholarship is intended to encourage students to enter the science community and contribute to innovation and research. It is awarded to an EGGS Student who wishes to study for a degree in mathematics or any of the sciences, or degrees in related fields such as computer science, bio-engineering or technology. It is not available for students enrolling for degrees in medicine, veterinary science, dentistry or architecture.

We are pleased to announce that the 2019 Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship has been awarded to Cindy Chang who will undertake a Bachelor of Engineering degree at The University of Auckland. She intends to specialise in Chemical and Material Engineering, or Mechanics and hopes to develop new materials for mitigating the negative effects of modern life and resources, with a focus on sustainable and environmentally-friendly living in the future.

Cindy has a sense of genuine wonder at the natural world around her and an innate curiosity, a love of learning and determination to succeed. She is the youngest of three children, works hard and has an excellent academic record. She has participated in a range of co-curricular activities during her time at EGGS, including orienteering, badminton, netball, chess, Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards to Silver level, and Korean Group. She is a long-time member of the Concert Band (clarinet), the Chamber Orchestra and the Symphonia (double bass for the latter two) and was one of two orchestra leaders this year. Cindy has been a member of the Maths Club, and a peer tutor. She has participated in CREST and the Next Top Engineering Student Competition over two years. She attended the Chemistry Olympiad Camp in July this year; gained a Special Prize for the NZ Statistics Association in the Science Fair (2016); took first place in Calc Ex (2018); Outstanding Performance in the 2016 National Latin Examination; and went through to Round 2 of the 2017 Brain Bee Challenge.

A diligent and highly able student, Cindy is always keen to collaborate, eager to learn and has a strong desire to serve through the sciences. She is a hugely worthy recipient of this year's Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship and we wish Cindy all the very best with her studies and exciting future.

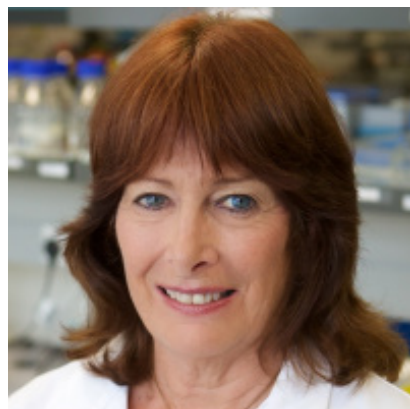
FOCUS ON OLD GIRLS

PROFESSOR JILLIAN (JILL) CORNISH: A new Fellow of the Royal Society (EGGS 1963-1967)

Nineteen new Ngā Ahurei a Te Apārangi Fellows and Ngā Ahurei Honore a Te Apārangi Honorary Fellows have been elected to the Academy of the Royal Society Te Apārangi for their distinction in research and advancement of science, technology or the humanities.

We are very pleased to announce that one of them is EGGS Old Girl and 2011 EGGS Founder, Professor Jill Cornish, the University of Auckland.

Fellows are world leaders in the following topics: improving human-machine interactions, moral philosophy, autobiographical memory, Pasifika poetry, cross-cultural psychology, Indigenous studies and the politics of polar regions. Also, paleobiology, seabed geology, tectonic and seismic hazards, pollen records, reintroduction biology, mathematical functional analysis, optical physics, stroke, maternal health, bone biology, end of life care and gout.



Being made a Fellow is an honour that recognises distinction in research, scholarship or the advancement of knowledge at the highest international standards. Fellows can use the post-nominal 'FRSNZ' after their name to indicate this honour.

Chair of the Academy Executive Committee Professor Richard Blaikie FRSNZ says it was pleasing to see new Fellows from a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds.

"The newly-elected Fellows have made amazing contributions to knowledge in their fields and across disciplinary boundaries. Their election adds significantly to the breadth and diversity of knowledge held within the Academy; they will help support the purpose of Te Apārangi to engage with and inform New Zealanders on matters of public importance."

"On behalf of the Academy and Society, I heartily congratulate all the new Fellows. The election process is rigorous and new Fellows can be rightfully proud that their outstanding achievements have been recognised by their peers in this way."

Since 1919, more than 400 Fellows (FRSNZ) have been elected to the Academy for distinction in research or for advancing science, technology and the humanities.

ABOUT JILL

Jill Cornish is an international leader and educator in bone biology and its application to orthopaedic research. She has identified a series of key bone regulatory molecules, thus elucidating important pathways in normal bone biology such as the close relationship between fat cells and bone cells as well as providing bone growth factors for potential use in orthopaedics.

This work has been recognised by research awards from the International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies, the Faculty of Science of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia, the New Zealand Society of Endocrinology, the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research, and the Australia and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society. Her current orthopaedic collaborations have the potential to alter clinical outcomes for patients with severe skeletal injuries and bone cancers.

CONGRATULATIONS JILL, this is a truly spectacular achievement!

TARA TAUTARI: General Secretary Designate (EGGS 1986)

Tara has recently been appointed the General Secretary Designate for the Methodist Church of New Zealand. She attended EGGS, along with her sister Rowan; they were in 3TR 1986 and 3JS 1984 respectively, being Hostel girls. Tara holds a Bachelor of Arts from Victoria University, a Diploma in Teaching from Northtec and a Certificate of Advanced Studies Modern Management from the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

An inspirational and prophetic leader with an impressive skill set of organisational administration and management as well as governance, Tara has a comprehensive knowledge of the bicultural journey and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. She has worked as a teacher and policy analyst and spent many years serving the World Council of Churches in Geneva, returning home to Northland in 2015.

For many years (2001-2014) Tara was a Special Adviser for the World Council of Churches and has also provided support for MPs Rt Hon Winston Peters and Hon Shane Jones, managing the electorate office.

Tara's family are Methodist and she grew up with a strong Methodist influence, embracing her faith very strongly during her university years.

Tara's mother, Marie Jean Tautari (nee Peters), is Winston Peters' sister and attended EGGS in 1953 (3CG). Tara's children are also EGGS Hostel girls, one is 16yo and currently at the School, the other is 12 and will begin life in the Hostel in 2020. Her son is a boarder at Auckland Grammar School.

We congratulate Tara on her appointment and wish her all the very best for her new career. We are sure she will make a valuable difference as she continues to initiate and encourage conversations around bicultural partnership and unity while promoting an ecumenical faith.

NB: This information was sent by Valerie Payne (nee Strong), ONZM (EGGS 1953-55), who is the daughter of Jean Strong (nee West), 1929. Val has done research for the Methodist Church re graves that have now been moved at the airport.



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT

Fifty of the current 121 MPs are female – that's roughly 40 per cent. However, out of the roughly 1,405 Members of Parliament there have been since the New Zealand Government was created in 1853, only 150 have been women, with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern the 99th to be elected. Did you know that five of these women attended Epsom Girls Grammar School? We list them here and salute them for the they have done and continue to do.

Dorothy Jelichich (nee MacDonald), QSO (19th January 1928 – 10th April 2015) attended EGGS 1941. She represented Hamilton West for the Labour Party, serving one term, and afterwards was a city councillor in Hamilton and then Manukau. A footbridge over the Motorway at Mangere Bridge is named after her.

The Rt Hon Helen Clark, ONZ SSI PC (EGGS 1963-1967) was the first elected woman Prime Minister of NZ. Helen is an EGGS Founder 1997 and her accomplishments are many.

Jeanette Fitzsimons (nee Gaston), CNZM, EGGS 190/61 and also a staff member 1966/67. She is an EGGS Founder 2012. She was the co-leader of the Green Party (1995-2009) and was also profiled on TV's Country Calendar at her farm in the Kauaeranga Valley near Thames.

Dame Margaret Ann Hercus (nee Sayer), DCMG, known as Ann, attended EGGS 1966/67. She is an EGGS Founder 2011. She successfully stood as Labour candidate for Lyttelton in the 1978 election and was re-elected in 1981 and 1984. She was appointed Minister of Social Welfare, Minister of Police and Minister for Women's Affairs. She was the first to hold this portfolio, and the first woman to hold the Police portfolio. Ann didn't stand for re-election in 1987.

Chloe Swarbrick (EGGS 2008-2011) is a current politician, a candidate for the Green Party. She was elected as an MP at the age of 23. She is the Green Party Spokesperson for Mental Health, Drug Law Reform, Education, Arts and Heritage, Tertiary Education, Small Business, Broadcasting, Youth and Local Government. Her phrase "OK Boomer", used in Parliament in November this year, has become a talking point!

BE A SILVER ROAD CLUB DONOR



Become a Silver Road Club Donor to show your support for the OGA! An automatic payment of just \$10 a month goes towards helping us. As a registered charity we will send a donation receipt at the end of the year. Please contact us for more information to become a member of the Silver Road Club and show your pride to be an Old Girl!

SCHOOL NEWS

The Judith Potter Centre

OGA Co-Presidents Sally Blyth and Lynley Sheweiry, Secretary Virginia Bishop, and Treasurer Julie Goodyer, along with senior staff, Board of Trustees representatives, and Dame Judith Potter, attended the Blessing of the new Judith Potter Centre (formerly L Block) on Wednesday 4th December.

It will be formally opened on 27th February 2020 - but meanwhile it was great to walk through this wonderful new space on a beautiful summer's morning. Retaining some of its history, this is going to be a fantastic new learning facility and the students are very fortunate indeed.

Thanks to all Old Girls who contributed to the fundraising efforts!



Lynley & Sally with Principal Lorraine Pound and Dame Judith Potter

SENIOR AND JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING



On behalf of the OGA, Julie Goodyer (OGA Treasurer) and Virginia Bishop (OGA Secretary) attended Senior and Junior Prizegiving, to present various special prizes.

We always love to present awards to worthy students and we also love to receive letters of thanks from those students who receive Prizes and Scholarships in the name of Old Girls.

On the following page is a selection – thanks girls, it's wonderful to know how much you appreciate the awards and we're sure the benefactors would be delighted to know their legacy lives on!

THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear Old Girls Association,

I want to sincerely thank you for the Florence Patterson memorial prize for mathematics that you have awarded me with. When I first arrived at EGGS as a year 9, I struggled with comprehending even the simplest fractions and percentages. But with an interest in the subject, and with the support of teachers and friends I managed to improve myself. Now, as a year 12 I can say that mathematics is one of my favourite classes in school!

In my final year at EGGS I plan on continuing exploring the depths of maths in the form of year 13 calculus. The award you have given me is very encouraging and I will use it to motivate myself to do better in the future.

I look forward to being a year 13 in 2020 at EGGS, and wish the old girls association another happy and healthy year.

Sincerely,
Els Jermyn

To the Old Girls Association

Thank you very much for giving me the honour of receiving the Florence Patterson memorial prize for mathematics at senior prize giving this year.

Maths is a subject that I have always (mostly) enjoyed and one that I hope to excel in the following year.

In the future I am planning on going to university, either in NZ or abroad if the opportunity comes up, and I am currently not 100% sure on what I am going to study but I've recently been thinking about the possibilities of studying architecture, engineering or accounting.

School-wise, I have been keeping my options open hoping the subjects I have chosen for next year (chemistry, physics, level 3 calculus, accounting, graphics and english) will

benefit my studies in the future.

Once again I am so grateful for the prize you all have given!

With gratitude
and appreciation.

many thanks!
Hannah Huddleston

Dear Old Girls Association,
Thank you for your generous contribution to this year's prizegiving.
I was lucky enough to receive the Year 12 Lillian Matches Prize for Oral French and I can't wait to extend on what I've learnt in class during a language course in France this summer.
Avec tous mes remerciements,
(With many thanks)
- Saylor Bostic

To the Old Girls Association,
Thank you for your generous donation to the Lillian Matches Prize for Oral French. I am extremely grateful to be the recipient of this award and my host family in France was overjoyed to hear that I received this prize. French has always been a subject of great interest to me and in the future, I intend to continue to pursue this subject and also hope to inspire others to study it.

Yours faithfully,

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3 December 2019

Dear Sally & Lydia (Co-Presidents)

I would like to thank the Old Girls Association for awarding me the year 9 scholarship. The money is a great help to pay for my education.

I am really excited to attend Epsom Grammar School. I am looking forward to seeing my new room at the hostel, trying new activities and new subjects.

I will try to come to most of the Old Girls Association meetings and I am also excited to meet Rachel.

Thank you again for awarding me the scholarship.

Kind Regards

Makayla Randall

REGIONAL BRANCHES



FRANKLIN BRANCH

The Franklin branch Annual Christmas Dinner was held in Pukekohe on Monday 2nd December.

Treasurer Julie Goodyer attended and said it was great to welcome some new faces as well as catch up with the regulars.

CALLING YOUNG OLD GIRLS IN FRANKLIN!

Katrina Whittle is keen to set up an evening or weekend event to make it easier for younger Franklin-based Old Girls to get to when they work during the day – perhaps a cocktail evening! If you would be keen to attend, or assist with organising something, please contact Katrina on: katrina.careathome@gmail.com

Katrina is a nurse and NLP Certified Practitioner and Coach. She provides a holistic healing experience through various therapies to help live a vibrant and pain free life. She also runs occasional workshops.

Find out more about Katrina and her offering here <https://www.livepainfree.nz/meetkatrina>

REFLECTING – PEOPLE AND EVENTS

REMEMBERING ROSEMARY (RO) BELLAMY – The School Gardens

Earlier this year we reported with sadness that Old Girl, long serving EGGS staff member, and past Old Girls Association President Rosemary Bellamy had passed away. Ro had a love of gardening and a strong interest in the gardens at the school. She strove to keep alive the vision of Marjory Adams and Joy Carter that the school grounds should mainly be grass and trees for ease of maintenance. In the lead up to the EGGS Centenary in 2017 and more recently in the time before she died, Ro had been working to complete a record of her vision for restoration of certain areas within the school grounds. The space now known as the Science Quad was one of these areas that were, to her, living symbols of the first days of Epsom Girls Grammar School.

Ro's vision included for work to be undertaken to restore the Science Quad in a manner and style that reflects the time and spirit of the early days of the school. She hoped that this could be completed as part of the Old Girls Association's centenary in 2021. To fulfil Ro's wish, the trustees of her family trust have agreed to donate approximately \$50,000 to the Old Girls Association towards meeting this goal. On the strength of this donation another donation of \$25,000 has already been pledged.

Initial quotes indicate that we will need to raise at least \$90,000 - \$100,000 to complete the upgrade of the Science Quad which has now been entered as a project in the 2020 school budget to be funded by the Old Girls Association.

Marg Thompson from "Beyond the Garden Wall" has produced a landscaping design for the project and it is hoped that the hard-landscaping component of the work can be commenced in December 2020 in order to be completed in time for the Old Girls Association's centenary in 2021.

Please contact Julie Goodyer on 027 2965294 if you would like to discuss supporting this project with a significant donation. Or if you can help in any way with this project, please donate to the **Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association** Bank account number at the BNZ Newmarket shown below:

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Please put "Sci Quad" and your "Surname and Initial" in the reference and particulars and email us at oga@eggs.school.nz to say you have made your donation so we can send you a donation receipt.

EREBUS – 40 YEARS ON

The year 2019 marked 40 years since the Erebus tragedy. We remember three people with connections to both Erebus and EGGS.

- Maria Collins (nee Trevett) – wife of pilot Jim Collins – attended EGGS 1948-1952. She was a Prefect and introduced Raye Freedman to the Foundation.
- Miss Harty, a staff member at EGGS from 1953 to 1960, was a passenger on the flight.
- Jocelyn Marshall (nee Crabtree), ONZM, attended EGGS 1945-1949. She was a prefect and had four relatives perish in the crash. She later wrote the Memorial Hymn *God in Everything* which was sung at Scott Base, Antarctica, at the memorial service on the 25th anniversary of the crash and the song was broadcast on TV1.

ANGELA D'AUDNEY & JENNIE GOODWIN: Girls In The News (EGGS 1958-1962)



On 3rd November 2019 it was 50 years since Dougal Stevenson first read the news for NZBC Network News. We'd like to acknowledge Jennie Goodwin and the late Angela D'Audney, two female broadcasting pioneers who were in our living rooms for many years – and before that, they both attended EGGS.

Angela (nee Cerdan, deceased Feb 2002) and Jennie were actually in the same third form class – 3CL in 1958. Both went on to become well respected television newsreaders and these ladies paved the way for future female broadcasters in New Zealand and abroad.

Angela was a news anchor and actress and worked in television for nearly 40 years. She played a significant role in New Zealand broadcasting and earned the title of NZ's "first lady of broadcasting". She was just 18 when she joined the NZ Broadcasting Corporation as an announcer in 1962 and she went on to become one of the country's first female TV newsreaders. She anchored nationwide news bulletins on NZ television and continued presenting news regularly until 1997 and occasionally until 2001 when failing health forced her to leave her role at Television New Zealand. She was just 57 when she died.

In June 1975, Jennie (also known as Mrs Forder) made history by becoming the first woman in the Commonwealth to present the prime-time news bulletin. She left television in 1982 although has returned occasionally and has also worked in radio. She says that her most emotionally difficult story to read was the 1979 Mt Erebus crash. In both 1976 and 1980 the public voted her their favourite NZ Female Television Personality.

We remember Angela fondly, and always enjoy seeing and hearing Jennie when she occasionally graces the screen or airwaves over recent times.



SIR DOVE-MYER ROBINSON

Heather Levac (nee Robinson) and Ann Robinson are the daughters of Sir Dove-Myer Robinson.

Heather attended EGGS 1954-1958 and was a friend of the late Ro Bellamy. Ann attended EGGS 1958-1962 and is an EGGS Founder (2007) – she is a highly regarded as New Zealand's leading cast glass artist, with an international reputation.

Heather and Ann recently wrote an open letter on Erebus memorial plans which appeared in the NZ Herald on Saturday 7th December 2019. You can read the letter through either of these links.

<https://www.pressreader.com/new-zealand/weekend-herald/20191207/281646782012144>

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12291263

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 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 are provided with.

Passed Away November 2019

Molly Jean HARVEY (nee Stewart). Died 27th November 2019 at Evelyn Page Retirement Village, Orewa, aged 97. Molly was in 3D (1936) and 4B Modern (1937). She was the daughter of Founding Pupil Doris Imelda McKinley, 1917 (Mrs Stewart). On Molly's first day at EGGS she was called up on stage at Assembly and told by Miss Florence Patterson, acting Headmistress (Miss Loudon was on leave), that she was the first girl of a Founding Pupil to come to EGGS.

Passed Away September 2019

Diana Margaret GRANT-MACKIE (nee Ley). Died 10th September 2019. Born 30th September 1937. Diana was in 3C Latin (1951), 4A General (1952) and 5B General (1953).

Burnie (Estelle Mary) CAVE (nee Burnside). Died 19th September 2019 in Napier. Born 21st September 1931. Burnie was in 3C Modern (1945), 4C Modern (1946) and 5 Optional (1947). She was the sister of Moyna JONES (nee Burnside) who was in 3A, 1952; and sister-in-law of Margaret BURNSIDE (nee Anderson) who was in 3A Modern, 1940.

Lesley Kathleen DOAK (nee Harries). Died 25th September 2019. Aged 88 years. Lesley was in 3A (1946), 4A (1947), 5A (1948), 6B2 (1949) and 6A (1950). Lesley became a Doctor and practiced in St Heliers as Dr Lesley Harries. She also gave a 6th Form Prize for Physics. (See Obituary for Frances HINTZ nee Moore, 6A 1953, died 29th July 2019).

Claire (Marjorie Claire) ROBINSON (nee Frost). Died 29th September 2019 at CHT Waiuku. Aged 91. Claire was in 3A Modern (1942) and 4B Modern (1943).

Alison Rhona ROBERTSON-SCOTT (nee Battley). Died 26th September 2019, aged 77 years. Alison was in 3B Latin (1955), 4B Latin (1956) and 5 Maths Gen (1957). Her daughter is Nicole ROBERTSON who came to EGGS in 1985 and her cousins are Lois BATTEY who was in 3 Modern (1952) and Mary-Lou BATTLE (deceased) who was in 3 Music (1955).

Passed Away August 2019

Joan ZINZAN (nee Maxwell). Died 8th August 2019 in her 107th year. Joan was grandmother of All Black Zinzan Brook. She had 12 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

Lal (Jocelyn Stella) MARTIN (nee Furness). Died 15th August 2019. Born 15th October 1919. 1933 Home Science and Domestic Science Prizes. 1934 4B, Home Science Prize. Her sister is Hazel Amy PELL (nee Furness), 1930. Lal died two months short of her 100th Birthday.

Passed Away July 2019

Alma Grace HALL (nee Bray). Died 16th July 2019. Alma was in 3B (1935) and 4B (1936). Sister of Phyllis CHEYNE (nee Bray), 1925; Mary SHEARER (nee Bray), 1928; and Vera THURSTON (nee Bray), 1930. Her nieces are Pamela HIGHFIELD (nee Cheyne), 3D 1952 3D, and twin Annette MARSHALL-DAWSON (nee Cheyne), 3D 1952. Great nieces Lucinda HIGHFIELD, 3MX 1980 (deceased); and Camilla HIGHFIELD, 3RN 1977 – a Staff member in the Art Department and on the Board of Trustees. Great great nieces Arrabella and Liberty TOUSAINTS. Alma's daughter is Margaret TAYLOR (nee Hall), 3E Latin, 1968-71.

Helen Marion ST PAUL (nee Hungerford). Died 19th July 2019. Helen was in 3B Modern (1945), 4C Modern (1946), 5 Special (1947) and 4 Removed (1948). Her sister Elizabeth Jean HAMMOND (nee Hungerford) came to EGGS in 1944, 5A Modern. Both were Hostel Girls.

Iona BRADBURN (nee Moore). Died 27th July 2019, aged 90 years. Iona was in 3C (1944). Her daughter is Shelley MORRISON (nee Bradburn) who was in 3AL (1968), 4BL (1969), 4A Science (1970) and 6 Science/French (1971).

Ellen Mary ROWNTREE (nee Anstis, formerly Williams). Died 29th July 2019. Ellen was in 3A (1951), 4A (1952) and 5A (1953). Sister of Dorothy SALISBURY (nee Anstis) who was in 3A (1952), 4A (1953) and 5A (1954). Niece of Dorothy MULLHOLLAND (nee Phipps), 1927 (deceased).

Frances Blomfield HINTZ (nee Moore). Died 29th July 2019 in Hamilton. Frances was in 5A Latin (1951), 6B 1 (1952) and 6A (1953). She won the ME Freeman Memorial Prize for 6 Form Mathematics and the Lesley Harries Prize for Physics. Frances was a Prefect.

Passed Away June 2019

Pauline Mary BOYES. Died 2nd June 2019. 1951 6B, 1952 6A. Lived all her life in Howick and taught Bible Studies to many Children in the Howick District.

Anne O'BRIEN Nee ROBERTS. Died 7th June 2019. 1949 3A, Aged 84 years.

Merilyn Dawn WISEMAN (nee Fisher). Died 13th June 2019. Born 25th October 1941. Merilyn was in 3AL (1955), 4AL (1956), 5 Language (1957) and 6B Language (1958). Sister of Rosemary MENZIES (nee Fisher, deceased) who was in 3BL (1952) and 6B Languages (1955); Julie FISHER who was in 3AL (1955), 4BL (1956), 5 Languages (1957) and 6B Languages (1958); and Deryn HALL (nee Fisher) who was in 3AL (1956), 4AL (1957), 5 Languages (1958) and 6B Languages (1959).



Joan Zinzan



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UPCOMING TRIPS – Space is strictly limited

Norfolk Island – Relax and Discover, 3rd to 10th April 2020

Come and spend a week on this tiny but magnificent island in the Pacific with me in early April. This trip is for a small group, with seniors in mind. It's the perfect destination for anyone wanting a mellow yet stimulating trip not too far from NZ. If you haven't discovered the glories of Norfolk Island yet, I can assure you that you'll love it. Come discover it with me!

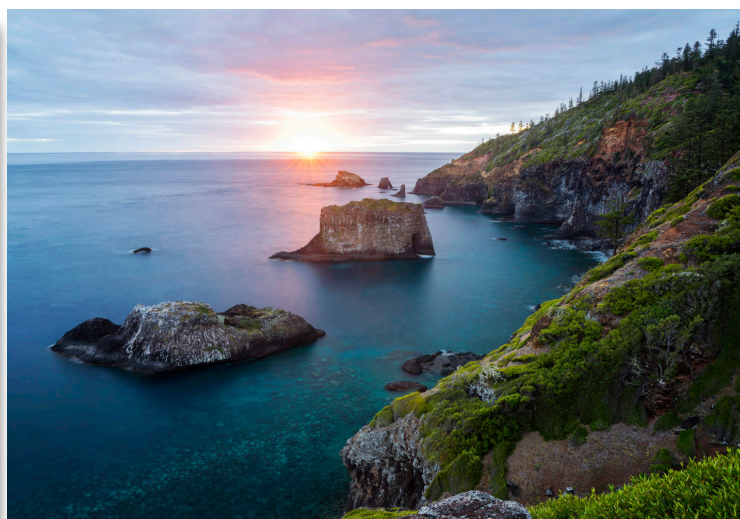
Bourail and Noumea, New Caledonia – War Memories tour, 21st to 27th April 2020

This is a tour with a special focus. Nearly 20,000 NZ soldiers were stationed in New Caledonia during WW2 and each year there are commemoration ceremonies that take place around ANZAC Day. We'll experience these ceremonies, visit cemeteries and also have plenty of time for reflecting, relaxing and sightseeing on this wonderful tropical island with a French flavour.

NB: These trips are for anyone, but particularly aimed at seniors who want to relax and take it slowly and have everything taken care of. Each trip is fully escorted throughout and offers a mix of scheduled activities and free time. Singles, couples, small groups of friends all welcome. You'll be in safe and capable hands – and fun is guaranteed!

For more details, please contact Sally on: sally@beyondlimits.co.nz or Phone 021 480323. Website: www.beyondlimits.co.nz

If you're interested in being accompanied on a personal trip you have in mind, do contact me!



LOST & FOUND

Seeking Natalie Allen who attended EGGS during the 1950s. Natalie attended EGGS with Pamela Priest and later trained as a nurse. If you know Natalie, please ask her to contact Michelle (Pamela's daughter) by email mhutson2468@gmail.com or phone 021 430 512. They'd love to track her down. If you can help, do contact Michelle!

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Morning Tea 2020	Wednesday 8th April 2020
Reunion Luncheon 60 & 70 years on (1950 & 1960 third formers)	Wednesday 8th April 2020
AGM 2020	Monday 8th June 2020
OGA Centenary Celebrations (2021)	Friday 26th March 2021

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