

EGGSNEWS



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Grammar School

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Welcome to all our new students - 2018 Powhiri

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Welcome to 2018!

The powhiri for all new students and staff was a wonderful beginning for the year and I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet new families. I hope to meet more of you at the New Family Barbecue on 21st February (see Page 3 for more details). Over these first two weeks of the term staff and returning students have been reconnecting and hopefully the new students are beginning to feel a little more at home.

We are very proud of the 2017 NCEA results – congratulations to last year's senior students! You can see more detail on Page 2. These results represent an enormous amount of commitment and effort – everyone should feel very proud.

Last year at the Prizegiving ceremonies I said that we need help to make the plans for L Block's re-development into a modern, flexible learning environment happen. Today I am pleased to officially launch the L Block Fundraising Campaign. You can read more about this on Page 6. This is an exciting project and we are on timetable to reach the \$150,000 target by the end of the year. Students will benefit directly from this project by the end of 2019 when the re-development should be complete. Please give generously and watch for further news.

You may have seen media coverage about teacher shortages across the country. We are fortunate to be fully staffed for the start of the year. Other schools are not so lucky and unless a sustainable plan is put in place for future recruitment and retention of a high quality teaching profession, all New Zealand schools will feel the effects of staffing shortages. Principals' and teachers' professional associations at primary and secondary level continue to be in close consultation with the Ministry of Education on this issue.



We have had two weeks of just 4 days at school – next week we have the first full week and we are looking forward to the Swimming Sports.

Hei kona mai.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 3....

Wed Feb 14th Swimming Sports Prelims
Fri Feb 16th Swimming Sports Finals

Coming up in Week 4....

Tue Feb 20th Athletics Day Prelims
Wed Feb 21st New Families BBQ
Fri Feb 23rd Athletics Parade & Finals

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

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I would like to welcome everyone back for what will be another very busy year at EGGs. A special welcome to all the new students beginning their journey at EGGs and also to the new staff who have joined the team this year. I wish everyone a very successful 2018.

The Board of Trustees are given the responsibility of governing their school. In a dynamic and ever changing education sector this self-governing model requires a commitment from trustees that is sometimes under appreciated. I look forward to another year working with a very talented group of trustees whereby our key focus includes completing the facility masterplan and setting the strategic direction for the next 3 years.

The 2017 NCEA results were again very pleasing with EGGs continuing to deliver academic success of a very high standard. It is a privilege to be part of a school that sets very high standards and continues to overachieve.

The new school year always draws media attention on the value of school donations. The reality is that without your support the wide curriculum offered at EGGs would not be feasible and would be constantly under review based on resources. This funding is greatly appreciated and goes directly to providing opportunities for the students that would otherwise not be available.



A reminder that the Board meets on a monthly basis and these meetings are open to the community. The engagement with the school community is important and this year there will be opportunities for your input on the facility masterplan and the strategic direction of the school. We certainly encourage and look forward to this interaction to continue to improve our school.

All the best for 2018.

Chris Iles, Board Chair

2017 NCEA RESULTS

EGGS students have again achieved some outstanding NCEA results in 2017.

92.3% of Level One students achieved this qualification, 96.3% at Level Two and 89.7% of students at Level Three. 81.1% of Year 13 achieved University Entrance.

When compared to national statistics EGGs results are well above the national average. These standards of high achievement are also consistent over time.

All students are to be congratulated on their results. It is really key that students keep informed as to what the requirements of each NCEA Level Certificate are. There are special NCEA assemblies for each level in the coming weeks. There is also an information evening for parents in Term 2 on 3rd May.



GENERAL NEWS

PTA New Family BBQ - Wednesday 21 February - 6.00pm

A reminder that the new family bbq will be held on Wednesday 21 February at 6pm. This is an opportunity to meet tutor teachers, see the opportunities from the Arts and Culture, Community, Learning and Sports EGGs and meet other new families.

More details via email and tutor groups soon.

Other PTA Events in Term 1:

New Parent Welcome Evening - Wednesday 14 March, 7pm

PTA AGM - Wednesday 21 March, 7.30pm

The PTA is a great opportunity to be involved in the school, new members are always welcome.



Facebook Page

EGGS has a Facebook page, have you liked it? <https://www.facebook.com/EpsomGirlsGrammarSchool/>

Find us on 

BYOD and Safer Internet Day

Tuesday was also Safer Internet Day. As part of their BYOD introduction, Year 9 students have done some thinking about what good digital citizenship might look like.

As part of the Digital Citizenship contract that was signed at enrolment a good digital citizen:

- is a confident and capable user of ICT
- will use ICT for learning as well as other activities
- will think carefully about whether the information they see online is true
- will be able to speak the language of digital technologies
- understands that they may experience problems when using technology but can deal with them
- will always use ICT to communicate with others in positive ways
- will be honest and fair in all of their actions using ICT
- will always respect people's privacy and freedom of speech online
- will help others to become a better digital citizen

Netsafe has lots of useful resources if you are looking for further information <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/>

"Relational Parenting" Workshop

Following from our successful workshop on 'Relational Parenting' last year, Margaret Thorsborne will be leading an important **full day workshop for parents on Saturday March 10** starting at **9.00am** in the Epsom Girls Staffroom.

Epsom Girls has adopted restorative practices that encourages students to think more broadly about the impact of their decisions and behaviours on others. There is much evidence to show that these same principles and practices are equally effective at home.

This parent workshop will provide practical tips on how to negotiate the challenges parents face when trying to maintain standards and expectations whilst preserving the relationships with their children.

Please note that numbers are limited so sign up on the emailed google form. Lunch will be provided.

CURRICULUM NEWS

From the Languages Department

Dear Parents of Language Learners,

You will find a charge on your school account for Language Perfect. This invaluable language learning app is used by all languages in the school but you pay only once for access to them all. About Week 3 of Term 1, we will be logging your daughter into the programme, so please ask her to show you. She will often choose to learn her homework vocabulary using it.

At this stage of the year, parents also often ask us how they can help their daughter with language learning when they don't speak the language themselves. As you will be aware, when not in a target language country, learning a language requires a considerable amount of memory work. If you can therefore help your daughter develop her memory skills, her language learning will be more successful. Here are some suggestions:

A little often

- ✓ Encourage your daughter to set aside a small amount of time every school night, not just the days she has language class, to learn 'a little often.' Frequent repetition is the key. In Year 9 and 10 she should be doing an hour's homework per week per subject, and in Year 11 to 13 two hours.

Test and Teach

- ✓ You could 'test' your daughter's knowledge or she could 'teach' you what she has learned.

The Meaning of Learn

- ✓ When your daughter is asked to 'learn this' for homework, it means she learns to say, write and translate the new language. Often students omit one or two of these three skills, which hinders progress.

Language in Context

- ✓ Learning new language in context helps your daughter grasp meaning and understand how words adapt and change. The School therefore provides several useful web resources free of charge. Please encourage your daughter to show you the sites that accompany her textbook and other resources that she has been directed to by her teacher.

Memory Strategies

- ✓ Encourage your daughter to discover the strategies that help her remember best. She will be given information regarding this in class.

We hope the above is useful to you. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to talk further. We look forward to teaching and learning with you and your daughter this year. These email addresses are for parent use. Your daughter should use the apps equivalent, for example, ascott@apps.eggs.school.nz.

The EGGS Languages Team

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Languages Village Phones: 09 630 5963 ext 726 (Languages Office) or ext 734 (Languages Workroom)

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

2018 AGS/EGGS Production *RAGTIME* - Crew call

Calling students interested in being a part of the crew for the 2018 EGGs/AGS production of *RAGTIME*. Applications are now open for all backstage positions, including stage management, lighting and sound, set, costume, props, makeup and front of house. Application forms are available on the [school website](#), the [AGS/EGGS production Facebook page](#), and can also be collected from the EGGs Arts and Cultural Office. Forms must be returned to the office by 3.15pm on Monday 12th February.

Collaboration is the Future - Art Exhibition

Tiffany Singh's new exhibition is a collaboration between artists and features the work of Ella Brewer, one of our visual art teachers. The collection speaks to the rising conversations about feminism and collaborative approaches to leadership and deep listening.

'Collaboration is the Future' is now open at the [Melanie Roger Gallery, 444 Karangahape Road until 24 February](#).



COMMUNITY

We are excited to have the Community EGG up and running for another busy year, 2018!

This year we aim to further foster and maintain the bonds between EGGs students, groups and committees. The Community EGG works with a large number of people, and we hope to build upon a strong sense of community within the EGG itself so we can have as much fun as possible! Whether it be welcoming our international students, providing peer support for incoming Year 9s, or holding fundraisers to support charities within the community, we acknowledge the countless people involved and trust our groups and committees to put their best foot forwards for yet another year.

Exciting upcoming events include the Year 9 BBQ and ANZAC day services.

We hope to promote school spirit, and provide opportunities for students to get involved within our community to make this one a year to remember.

Bring it on 2018!

Teacher in Charge: Tess Murphy

Prefects: Lily Tang, Dea Sikri, Ella Buchanan and Sethmi Ranasinghe



Celebrating Waitangi Day within the school with lunchtime flax weaving classes and a sausage sizzle.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Heritage Fund Round 1- Apply Now

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

Applications are submitted to the Foundation three times a year. The closing date for round one of the Heritage Fund is Friday 2 March.

For more information please visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/heritage-fund-grants.aspx

Create a legacy for learning



Making a gift in your will is a unique way of reflecting your own interests, passion and vision for the future success of Epsom Girls Grammar School in areas of education, sports facilities and resources, teaching or community benefit. Whether you wish your gift to be made in memory of someone close to you, to carry on your own name in perpetuity or to be given anonymously, it is a gift with value and that on-going will make a difference to thousands of young women every year.

If you're interested in creating a legacy for learning and leading young women, you can speak in confidence with the Foundation Office by phone 09 970 6753 or by email foundation@eggs.school.nz

Download our [My Legacy](#) booklet or visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/bequests.aspx for more information.

L Block Renovation, we're raising funds

We've already started to receive donations from the EGGs community for which we're very grateful.

This year we will be undertaking an exciting renovation project, the upgrading of our L Block into a flexible learning environment to keep pace with the demands and needs of our students, families and teachers. A model that creates positive outcomes for the students, families, teachers and the community. A modern learning environment to meet present and future needs.

The government only funds the redevelopment of classroom space. However, the school will need to raise **\$150,000** to extend the flexible learning environment to an outdoor space too, a multi-purpose decking area with shelter. With your generous support, we can provide our students with a breakout learning space, an area that gives much needed shade in the summer and shelter from the rain during lunch time and interval. We want to build a good quality outdoor space to better student achievement, for young women to gain a leading education. The outdoor breakout learning space will be the ideal place for creative and critical thinking.

Support new learning vital to a young woman's development and success for the benefit of education in New Zealand. Help us raise \$150,000.

- Help teachers equip our kids with the skills and knowledge they need.
- Evidence shows that the physical design of a space can support innovative learning.
- Breakout areas support independent and collaborative learning.

Donate today

To make a contribution for any amount you choose, small or large, please complete a [donation form](#).

Thank you for supporting EGGs.



The Epsom Sports Team would like to welcome back all new and current students! We have a variety of exciting events, sports and teams for 2018 and are looking forward to sharing all successes. A few events coming up to put in your diaries are...

Swimming Sports	Wednesday 14th Feb (Prelims) Friday 16th Feb (Finals)	Make sure you sign up for Swimming Sports and Athletics Day in your tutor classes.
Athletics Day	Tuesday 20th Feb (Heats) Friday 23rd Feb (Finals)	Check your school emails for a document which outlines ALL sports trials for this term.
Summer Tournament Week	Monday 19th - Friday 23rd March	Visit the Sports Office if you have any questions.

SUMMER HOLIDAY SPORTING SUCCESS

Netball

The following students have been selected into the NZSS Netball Squad for 2018, Bianca Nagaiya, Greer Sinclair and Killarney Morey. Tamara Leoni (Epsom Old Girl 2017) had an outstanding season for the Premier Netball team last year and has been selected into the Skycity Mystics as a training partner, best of luck for the season Tamara!



Tamara Leoni - Netball

Cricket

Breearne Illing was selected to represent the Auckland U15 Hearts in the National Tournament, the team beat Canterbury in the final to win the National title. Gemma Adams, Annie Ewart, Bella Armstrong (top fielder) and Amie Hucker (top wicket taker and tournament team) competed for the Auckland U18s' Girls Cricket team at the National U18 Tournament and were also crowned National Champions.



Water Polo

Sophia Cook and Breearne Illing represented Atlantis City Water Polo club in the Tridents team at the U14 Club Nationals and were crowned National Champions. Jamie Ashforth competed in the same tournament for the Aqua team and placed third.

Athletics

Jorien Fourie competed at the NZ U/16-U/18 Interprovincial Athletics Championship. Jourien ran personal best times in the 300m Hurdles as well as 80m Hurdles. She was awarded the trophy for the best U/16 Girls athlete. Congratulations Jorien!



Ultimate Frisbee

Current and former Epsom students- Bianca Mercer, Coral Huang, Marcia Zeng, Lucy Parsons and Alice Logan competed for Karearea, the NZ Women's team at the World U24 Ultimate Championships in Perth, Australia. The team placed 9th overall, after playing for 6 days in the heat and won the Spirit award. Congratulations Bianca Mercer, Anna Crosby, Raven-Stihl Stevens and Sunny Zhou on your selection for the U20 World Ultimate Championships in Canada this year.

Rowing



Last weekend the Epsom Rowing squad competed at the North Island Club Championships. Congratulations to the team for the following results:

Gold - Womens Club Coxed Eight

Bronze - Womens Club Coxless Pair

Bronze - Womens Intermediate Coxed Eight

Best of Luck to the team who compete at Head of Harbour this Saturday at Lake Pupuke and the National Club Championships next week.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

AQUATIC CENTRE VENUE ATTENDANT

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS

The school is seeking a reliable Aquatic Centre venue attendant. The primary responsibility of the role is to provide safe, quality supervision and support for pool users and maintain a clean and safe pool environment.

There are two to three fixed term positions available, with varying work hours of 15 to 21 per week. Shift work is required during the week and weekends until the end of 2018, upon which the role will be reviewed.

Duties

- Supervise pool users to ensure a safe and fun environment for all participants
- Conduct pool water tests and cleaning to maintain a clean and safe pool environment

For further details please refer to the School's website: <http://www.eggs.school.nz/about/employment-opportunities.aspx>



RELIEF ADMIN STAFF NEEDED

We are looking for people to be trained to help us on a relief basis, when needed. Term time only and usually school hours.

People with the skills to do the following:

- attendance
- data entry
- reception
- staffroom duties.

If you are interested please email: office@eggs.school.nz with a one page CV.



A Year 9 Tutor Group on the first day of school for 2018