

EGGSNEWS



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Grammar School

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2019 Founders' Award recipients - Mary Kisler, Dick Bellamy (on behalf of Ro Bellamy) and Emma Fisk at a special assembly held on 18 June 2019

Dear parents and caregivers

We have now received the results of the Board of Trustees election of Parent Representatives. Thank you to all who stood, and congratulations to the following elected trustees:

Virginia Bishop	Chris Iles	Kate Smith
Philip Bradley	Wendy Kerr	Tovia Va'aelua
Julie Goodyer		

The Board has the vital role of school governance, and I look forward to working with these trustees. I would also like to take the opportunity of formally acknowledging the work of retiring trustees, Lynley Sheweiry, Paul Gestro and Andrew Stevens. We presented Lynley with a New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) Long Service Certificate as she has served her local community on the boards of Epsom Normal Primary School, ANI and EGGs over an extended period. Lynley has been a highly valued Deputy Board Chairperson.

In other news, Deputy Principal, Sarah Dwan has been appointed to the position of Principal at St Mary's College in Ponsonby. Sarah will take up her position at the beginning of Term 4. We are very sad to see her go, but also delighted for her on this well-deserved appointment. Sarah has been at EGGs for just on 5 years and she has contributed an enormous amount in that time across the range of her portfolio responsibilities. At Epsom we are firm believers in sustainable leadership and a number of our staff go on to promotion to deputy principal and principal roles. It means that we gain the advantage of good people for a period of time and then other schools and education as a whole benefits from their skills also. Congratulations Sarah, and we will miss you.

This week the Founders' Awards Assembly saw recognition of three alumnae. The connection of past students with current students is very important to us and this is exemplified by current students presenting the citations and reflecting on how each Award recipient inspires them. The full details of this special occasion are on Page 7.

Coming up in Week 9....

Tue 25 June Subject Teacher Conferences
3.30-7.30pm

Coming up in Week 10

Thu 4 Jul Subject Teacher Conferences
3.30-7.30pm
Fri 5 Jul End of Term 2

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SUBJECT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tuesday 25 June & Thursday 4 July



FUJI XEROX

Barfoot & Thompson

Subject Teacher Conferences are coming up over the next two weeks – dates below on this page. Bookings are open so please make sure you secure times that suit, and that on the night you allow time for parking in a nearby street as we are unable to use the field for parking over the winter months. We look forward to seeing parents and students at these conferences.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

GENERAL NEWS

2019 Subject Teacher Conferences and Mid year reports

Mid-year Subject Teacher Conferences for Years 9 – 13 are being held on **Tuesday 25th June** and **Thursday 4th July**. This is an ideal opportunity for students and parents to meet with subject teachers and discuss progress and achievement at this half-year point and to look ahead. You will have received an email on 14th June with instructions on making bookings. Please note that bookings close on Monday 1st of July at 12.00 noon. Junior and Senior reports are now available on the web portal.

Community Concert

On Tuesday 11th June, the Community EGG hosted the annual community concert. The show was filled with performances from a wide range of students (and even staff!) from the Epsom Community. The hall was packed full with students supporting both their peers and the Neonatal Trust with an optional donation available on entry. Thank you to the teachers and students in the community committee and to the performers who made the show such a success.

The Community EGG



Cheer Team



Samara Kate



Grace Wilkie



Saylor Bostic



Velma and Sharmaine



Showquest

CURRICULUM NEWS

Technovation App Designing Competition

This is the first year that EGGs has been involved in the Technovation App Designing Competition. The work towards the competition took place over half a year, in which the team Error418, comprised of Promise Akindeju, Ajay Mistry, Drishti Murara, Jessica Luo and Victoria Sun, created an app which allows overseas travelers to safely and efficiently report crime they witness to their domestic government. The team's app, Rise, made it into the top 3 national entries. The team would like to thank their mentor, María Villapol, and their digital technology teacher, Mrs Anderson, for their support throughout the half-year of work that went into the competition.

After working vigorously on the development of their app (both with the app functionality, alongside the business and finance aspect of the project), the team handed in their final work on April the 23rd, 2019 (PST). They then went on to present their pitch for Rise at the live pitch event which was held on the 26th of May. Fortunately, the team came away with a prestigious 2nd place award!



Overall, Error418 views the Technovation experience as very positive, and enlightening, due to the immense programming, economics, accounting, and design knowledge obtained by the team along the way. Alongside this, the team gained a better understanding of the dynamics required for the enhancement of team collaboration (this knowledge is evidently fundamental in a growing collaboration driven business world). They encourage EGGs to continue to be heavily involved in this competition throughout the upcoming years, and hence can't wait to see more EGGs teams entering next year!

Promise Akindeju - Year 13

ENROLMENT FOR 2020

Applications are invited for Years 9 - 13

HOME ZONE PLACES

Year 9 applicants who live in the home zone should submit their applications by 4 September 2019.

Years 10-13 applicants who live in the home zone should contact the school.

OUT OF ZONE PLACES

Applications are invited for Ballots for Out of Zone places (only students currently enrolled at other schools are eligible).

The deadline for the receipt of applications is Wednesday 4 September 2019.

This includes applications from priority applicants ie. sisters of current students, sisters of past students, daughters of past students, daughters of Board of Trustee members and employees.

Ballots for each year level will be held on **Wednesday 11 September 2019.**

Year 9: The Board expects to be able to offer out of zone places at Year 9 to priority groups and a limited number of general applicants, however, at this time it is unable to confirm the actual number that will be available.

Years 10, 11, 12 & 13: We will ballot for waiting lists only and any places becoming available will be filled from those lists. The Board expects to decide whether any places are available by November.

Application forms can be requested online at www.eggs.school.nz. Enquiries ph 630 5963, enrolments@eggs.school.nz

Inaugural Auckland Senior School Ethics Olympiad 2019



We participated. We collaborated. We won! On Saturday the 8th of June, two teams of EGGs' students participated in the inaugural Auckland Ethics Olympiad held at Diocesan School for Girls. 11 Private and Public secondary schools took part in the Olympiad from a wide ranging area; as far south as Waikato Diocesan School for Girls, to Waiheke High School, and as north as Kirsten School.



The girls had to discuss ethical scenarios such as: the morality of De-Extinction, Drone Wars, Data Violence, Private Funding in Academia, and even an Unauthorised Dumping of a romantic partner context. After presenting their moral standpoint on these issues the students were then interrogated by three judges from the Auckland University Department of Philosophy. The students showed particular strength in raising perceptive, supportive and divergent ethical arguments 'on the fly' in response. So ingenious in fact, that our senior team was awarded first place and a gold medal.

We are proud of our Olympiad thinkers and also of the enthusiastic student participation in the co-curricular group across the school. We will now begin recruiting for the Junior Ethics Olympiad for Year 9 students, which is being held later in the year.

A special thank you to, Dr Claire Gavin who prepared the students for the Olympiad in a fun and extensive manner, alongside the support of Mr Jahred Dell and Ms Amanda Lawrence.

Year 13 Drama Production - *Risk*

Risk was performed on the 29th and 30th of May in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre. The play reflected the lives of five teenagers that are taking different kinds of risks in their lives; drinking, stealing, bullying, hiding away from life and finding their own identity.

The play was written by teenagers and therefore sat beautifully with the cast who performed. The production, a mix of dance and drama, was a reflection of issues that the students themselves are dealing with and the rehearsal process challenged them to question their own views and by proxy the audience was then challenged, especially parents and teachers watching. We were reminded that the students come into our classrooms each day are complex and human, not always primed to absorb what teachers need to teach them. The students were so proud of themselves and we had wonderful feedback from the audience, as well as a very special standing ovation.

This was also a wonderful learning opportunity for students interested in technical aspects of theatre. Vaughan Williams is one of the technicians employed by the school and has shown himself to be an excellent teacher over recent years. He enabled student Grace Wilkie to programme, mix the colours and design lighting for this production, for Sarah Peyton-Beverley to feel confident using the sound desk and Eva Verwoerd to adapt and run the projections for the performance. These skills could lead to very viable careers in the industry and are a really special part of the relationship that Drama and Arts and Culture has with the Raye Freedman Arts Centre staff.

Anna Richardson, Teacher and Director



EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

Big Sing



Canto Vivo - Best Performance by a Junior School Choir

On Thursday 13th June, 133 EGGs choral singers travelled to the Auckland Town Hall to participate in the Auckland regional festival of The Big Sing. Our choirs Canto Vivo, Epsom Singers, and Paradisum each performed a 10 minute recital, and also had the opportunity to observe the choirs from other Auckland schools. At the evening Gala Concert, Canto Vivo was presented with the award for Best Performance by a Junior School Choir, which is a wonderful achievement and reward for all their hard work.

Chamber Music

Congratulations to Epsom Percussion Ensemble, who were awarded the KBB Music Award for excellence in music making at the district rounds of the National Chamber Music Contest.

Also congratulations and best wishes to EGGs students Vicka Allen, Esther Lee, and Chen Huan Liu, who will be performing in the regional finals of the National Chamber Music Contest on the 22nd June.

Contemporary Music

“Take one sweet-toned vocalist with a panache for entertaining, a charming classical guitar player, along with a smooth double bassist, plus a highly versatile percussionist and the result is the unique experience that is White Chapel Jak. This Kiwiana rocking original covers band brings a fresh and funky approach to songs everybody knows and loves.”

New Zealand band **White Chapel Jak** will be visiting Epsom Music to give a performance workshop on the **28th June**. Following this they will give a public performance in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre, which all are welcome to attend. Tickets are available from iTicket.



Check out White Chapel Jak in performance with the Auckland Symphony Orchestra conducted by Peter Thomas.

OGA NEWS

This month has been a big one for the Old Girls Association.

Founders Awards Assembly



Lynley Sheweiry, Mary Kisler, Dick Bellamy, Emma Fisk, Sally Blyth and Julie Goodyer

Each year the OGA Committee considers a number of nominations and suggestions that are put forward, from which we select our Founders. We are fortunate that a great number of high calibre women graduate from EGGs, which means it is not easy to finalise selection!

On Tuesday 18th June we honoured our three new Founders at a special assembly.

- **the late Rosemary (Ro) Bellamy – For Outstanding Service to the Old Girls Association and Epsom Girls Grammar School**
- **Emma Fisk – For Outstanding Achievement in Engineering**
- **Mary Kisler – For Outstanding Achievement in the Arts**

We held a private ceremony for the late Ro Bellamy in March, as she was gravely ill. Sadly, Ro passed away on 29th April and her husband Dick and good friend Gill Trotman represented her on the day, along with family and friends.

Emma and Mary gave inspirational speeches and it was an emotional and heartfelt occasion, followed by a lively morning tea where senior students had the opportunity to talk with Emma and Mary.

Congratulations to all three 2019 recipients – they are Old Girls who have achieved outstanding results in their diverse fields.

Annual General Meeting

Our 98th AGM was held on Monday 10th June. We had one of our best turnouts in years and Old Girls enjoyed mixing and mingling over drinks and nibbles before getting down to the business.

We enjoyed welcoming three new Honorary Members into our midst. Citations were read, flowers and certificates presented, and congratulations bestowed upon:

- **Chris Iles - for services to the Board of Trustees and School**
- **Marama O'Loughlin - for services to the School**
- **Gay Bates - for services to the Old Girls Association**

Both Chris and Marama attended the meeting but as Gay is currently overseas, we'll present her with her Honorary Membership upon her return. Chris spoke to the meeting and it is wonderful to have his support and encouragement as we head towards our 100 years of celebration in 2021.



Sally Blyth, Chris Iles and Lynley Sheweiry



Sally Blyth, Marama O'Loughlin and Lynley Sheweiry

Chris also offered to review our accounts gratis – this is a formality that chops into our small budget and we are very grateful for this generous offer.

Thanks to everyone who attended this year's AGM – let's hope we have even more members come along next year!

Career-Focussed Events

Following the success of our two Women in Law functions, we're intending to hold similar events focussing on other career pathways. In line with the areas that this year's Founders work in, we propose organising events on Engineering/Sciences, the Arts and Education over the next year.

OGA Centenary 2021

We have started planning for our 100 years celebration – which is set for Friday 26th March 2021 – with a series of events being held within the School on that date. We are surveying our OGA members to get feedback before fine-tuning the details.

More info to come as planning progresses ...

Meanwhile, stay warm and connected!

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry, OGA Co-Presidents



FOUNDATION NEWS

Order your **NEW 2019/2020 Entertainment Membership** today



With the recent expiration of the 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Membership, now is the perfect time to buy the brand new 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Membership!

Entertainment™ is turning 25 so there is HEAPS going on and the gifts are all for you, all while supporting fundraising for Epsom Girls Grammar School. Plus, order by June 30, 2019 and you'll automatically go in the draw to win 2 return flights to London with British Airways + \$500 Westfield Gift Card, courtesy of our partner World2Cover Travel Insurance.



[CLICK HERE TO SUPPORT US NOW!](#)

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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.

Speak in confidence with the Foundation Office by phone 09 970 6753 or by email foundation@eggs.school.nz if you're interested in leaving a lasting legacy.

Please download our [My Legacy](#) booklet for more information.

For more information [click here](#)

SPORT

Underwater Hockey

Over the weekend the Epsom Junior A and B Underwater Hockey teams competed at the Northern Regional Competition at West Wave. Congratulations to the Junior A team who came away with GOLD! Anya Chaplow and Jessica Mabey were also selected into the Auckland U18 squad. Thank you to the coaches, managers, Mrs Herbert, parents, family and friends who supported the teams over the weekend. Best of luck to the Senior teams who are competing this weekend in Tauranga.



Rowing

Interested in joining the Epsom Rowing Team?!?! Learn to Row courses are taking place between now and the end of November!

Course 3: Sunday 28 July, 4, 11 and 18 August

Course 4: Sunday 1, 8, 15 and 22 September

Course 5: Sunday 20 October, 3, 10 and 17 November

Where? Auckland Rowing Club 10am-12pm

Email: epsom.rowing.club@gmail.com or see Leah in the Sports Office to register!



Ultimate Frisbee

EGGS Ultimate Frisbee team competed at the Indoor Championships on Sunday at Bruce Pulman Park. Congratulations to our EGGS 1 team who placed first taking out the championship and also claiming the Spirit of the Game award. EGGS 2 placed 5th and third in the Spirit of the game award.

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**EPSOM GIRLS
PREMIER NETBALL**



EPIC "LIP SYNC" FUNDRAISER
Epsom Girls Grammar School Hall - 6:30pm start

27/07/2019

- 12 EPIC LIP SYNC BATTLES
- SILENT AUCTIONS
- BATONS UP RAFFLES
- AUDIENCE SPOT PRIZES
- FOOD AND BAR SERVICES

Cross Country

Well down to Jemma Cherguit and Tessa Swinson who went down to Timaru this past weekend represent Epsom in the New Zealand Secondary School Cross Country Nationals. Tessa Swinson managed to come away with 11th place!



Duathlon

Congratulations to all 18 students who competed at the AKSS Duathlon Championships in Pukekohe on Tuesday! This was by far the biggest group of students we've had representing Epsom in Duathlon. Here are the following top 5 results:

4th - Tegan Feringa Junior Girls Individual

5th - Tessa Swinson Junior Girls Individual

3rd - Amelia Angus and Zoe Broad Junior Girls Team

4th - Hannah Mead and Monique Lewis Junior Girls Team

2nd - Caitlin Bell and Hanna Brathwaite Intermediate Girls Team

4th - Queenie McElwee and Ricci Chambers Intermediate Girls Team

1st - Terri Warner and Lily Brinsdon Senior Girls Team



Well done to the rest of the students on your amazing effort!

Thank you to Captain, Terri Warner, TIC's Krystal and Mr Townsend and all of the parents who took time out of their day to transport students and support the team.

Squash

Congratulations to our Epsom Premier Squash team who placed third in the Auckland Secondary School competition on Tuesday! The team consisted of Erica Francis (Captain), Katie Noonan, Stephanie Snell, Amelia Tapp and Olivia Judd. All the best for the rest of this season and preparation for Nationals early August. A huge thank you to Mr Chignell who supported the team

