

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Year 10 Careers Day



Year 9 and 10 students at Highwic House

Next Tuesday we finish the year with Junior Prizegiving. It has been a busy last few weeks with senior students doing their NCEA Examinations; with student leadership training following the exams and a whole raft of activities for the Year 9 and 10 students, including the Ki o Rahi Tournament and Careers Day – more details in this edition of EGGNEWS.

We are very excited and ready for next year. With a new uniform, the new Judith Potter Centre and the Year 11 2020 programme in place it will be a wonderful year of piloting and implementation. (For summer Uniform Shop hours see Page 2).

At the Graduation Dinner on Tuesday night I spoke with a large number of parents and a common theme was their appreciation of the depth of learning experience their daughter has experienced at Epsom, and the range of opportunities – in and out of the classroom. Another common theme was their gratitude for the time spent and care shown to their daughter by individual teachers, tutors and deans. The Epsom community is a strongly connected community, with parents, students and the School working together in the common aim of making young women's educational experiences rich and rewarding; challenging and stimulating. The Graduation Dinner was an opportunity to celebrate with Year 13 and their parents as this cohort leaves the Silver Road gates for their next steps. It was a very happy night. Thank-you to the Old Girls Association, the hosts of the event, Deputy Principal Karyn Dempsey, Deans Kalvir Martin and Logan Townsend and the Year 13 Tutors.

Thank-you to Year 9 and 10 students for your consideration moving around the School while the senior exams have been on. Just a reminder that Monday is an ordinary day but starting at 10am and then on Tuesday you won't need a bag, or jersey, as you come straight to tutor time and then to the Hall for Junior Prizegiving. For parents not attending Prizegiving – we expect Year 9 and 10 students to be dismissed for the year at the end of Prizegiving just before 12 noon on Tuesday.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and holiday time.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 9

Tue 10 Dec Junior reports on the portal
Junior Prizegiving 10.00am
End of Term 4

Starting Dates for 2020

Wed 29 Jan Powhiri - 10.30am
(all new students)
Thur 30 Jan All year levels - 10.30am
Fri 31 Jan Normal times for the
whole school - 8.30am

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JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

TUESDAY,
10 DECEMBER 2019

MARJORY ADAMS HALL
10.00 AM



FUJI XEROX

Barfoot & Thompson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Another busy year as the School draws to a close and the board would like express our thanks to the entire EGGs community for your commitment to continue to ensure EGGs remains a high quality learning institution. When you reflect back on the school year it is staggering what is achieved and the sheer volume of activities that the students, staff and wider community accomplish.

The board is in good shape heading into 2020 with a new team after the board mid-year election. There are great ideas being shared and a real commitment to EGGs and the community. The School Foundation has also seen a refresh and a slight change of direction with new trustees also joining this team. I look forward to working more closely with the Foundation to drive our fund raising campaigns to deliver on the many masterplan projects.

2020 will be a year the school beds in a number of exciting changes. A new uniform has been launched and the feedback has been very positive, the Year 11 NCEA changes will allow this year group a further 10 weeks learning time and the new Judith Potter Centre will provide a new and innovative learning environment that will directly benefit the students.

As a publicly funded institution we are constantly challenged to deliver a high quality educational experience within a funding model that is simply out of date. The recent injection of infrastructure spend is a welcomed Xmas present but for EGGs is a fraction of what is required and will actually likely be used for maintenance as opposed to capital infrastructure. Our need for community support remains strong and the board is very grateful for this support. The ability to provide extension learning opportunities above the funded curriculum levels is what EGGs is about and we are proud we can offer students these options. Your support drives these initiatives and we thank you for this.

A big thank you to all who have contributed to another outstanding year. I wish the entire EGGs community a very merry Xmas and a happy new year. Please stay safe and enjoy your summer break.

Chris Iles - Board Chair

UNIFORM/STATIONERY SHOP HOURS

Additional Hours 2019

Saturday December 7th 10am – 3pm

The shop will be closed from Thursday December 12th until Wednesday January 8th 2020

Additional Hours 2020

Thursday January 9th 10am – 3pm

Friday January 10th 10am – 3pm

Saturday January 11th 10am – 3pm

Monday January 13th 10am – 4pm

Tuesday January 14th 10am – 4pm

Wednesday January 15th 11am – 7pm

Thursday January 16th 10am – 4pm

Friday January 17th 10am – 3pm

Saturday January 18th 10am – 3pm

Monday January 20th 10am – 4pm

Tuesday January 21st 10am – 4pm

Wednesday January 22nd 11am – 7pm

Thursday January 23rd 10am – 4pm

Friday January 24th 10am – 3pm

Monday January 27th CLOSED

Tuesday January 28th 10am – 4pm

Wednesday January 29th 10am – 4pm

Thursday January 30th 10am – 4pm

Friday January 31st 11am – 2pm

Thursday February 6th CLOSED

Friday February 7th CLOSED

CAREER NEWS

Year 10 Careers Day

The Career Department recently held a Year 10 Careers Day with over 40 speakers coming in to the school to talk to students about a typical day in their job. Our aim was to let students hear from a variety of speakers and to enhance students' self-awareness as well as their knowledge about the world of work. Feedback from the day has been overwhelmingly favourable with 95% of respondents giving the day a positive rating. Here are some selected responses to the question "What did you enjoy about the day?"

- *The variety of jobs that were presented.*
- *Hearing about jobs I didn't think I would want to do but I actually ended up enjoying hearing about some of them.*
- *The cosmologist dude was interesting.*

If you enjoy public speaking and would like to come in to EGGs to talk about your job please contact Lila Pulsford at lpulsford@eggs.school.nz so we can invite you to speak at future career events.



CURRICULUM NEWS

Spark Technology Scholarship

Destiny Li (Proxime Accesit, 2019) has been awarded a Spark Technology Scholarship, valued at \$15000. The scholarship is awarded to up to 5 women each year and intended to help NZ women in their study in a technology-related field. Applicants are chosen based on their leadership and creative ability, enthusiasm for working in technology and academic achievement. Destiny has been the leader of the IT Crowd Committee for 2019 and led the committee with enthusiasm and dedication; she was awarded the Akoranga Cup for services to the Learning area for this role. She is driven to achieve in her Technology field and is a deserving recipient of this scholarship. She is the first person at EGGs to win this scholarship, which has been running for the past three years. Destiny intends to study Software Engineering at Auckland University.



Junior Ethics Climate Change Workshop



On Tuesday the 12th of November a group of ethically curious students attended the NZ Centre for Science and Citizenship Climate Change Workshop held at St Cuthbert's College. The girls participated admirably in a range of discussions and kinetic activities where they explored how climate and environmental change could alter our relationships with animals. Are stag beetles the best ethical pet for the future? Should we raise vegetarian dogs? Is there an ethical imperative to genetically modify animals, like the enviropig altered by mouse DNA to reduce the amount of phosphorus in its waste? Or, is there a political subterfuge in play to ethically guilt individual pet owners while the big business of construction and consumerism poses far greater harms to the environment? We were certainly challenged to consider the harms, benefits and consequences of pet ownership. Thankfully, no pet lovers were harmed in the process.

Creative Writing at Highwic

On Monday the 11th of November, during periods one and two, three classes of Year 9 and Year 10 students participated in an English trip to Highwic House on Gillies Ave to engage with Creative Writing exercises. We perused the historic home seeking inspiration with an emphasis on noticing things and crafting detailed writing that captured mood and atmosphere. This was an enjoyable activity outside of the classroom that engaged students in an exploration of a tangible place to re-imagine the possibilities of their own writing.





Students at Highwic House



EBOOKS



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OGA NEWS

As the year comes to a close, here's an overview of what the OGA has been involved with over recent months.

2019 Graduation Dinner - Tuesday 3rd December at Ellerslie Function Centre

The OGA organises the annual Graduation Dinner for Year 13 leavers and their families and this year's event 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 EGGs spirit shining through.

Our guest speaker was 2016 EGGs Founders Award recipient, Dr Michele Cox, CEO of NZ Football Foundation and former international football representative. Michele attended EGGs 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 this year.

DP Karyn Dempsey was MC and the Deans, Kalvir Martin and Logan Townsend, gave an entertaining double-act farewell speech.

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. We concluded with the School Song, a rousing rendition led by Hannah Farmiloe and crew!

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.

We wish all Year 13 leavers the best as you head off to future study and new careers. We hope to see you at future Old Girls Association reunions and events – do stay in touch, with us and each other!



Kalvir Martin



Archives Update

Lynley Sheweiry and Virginia Bishop have spent many hours sorting and organising the School Archives. It was a massive undertaking and the result is an orderly collection of important School records, photos, memorabilia and more. There is more work in process to streamline things, particularly in regard to digitising the precious School photos. Huge thanks to Lynley and Virginia for all their hard work on this.

Tauranga Branch Annual Luncheon

Treasurer Julie Goodyer attended this on Wednesday 2nd October. Held in the dining room at Pacific Coast Retirement Village in Papamoa it was another successful event and raised money to go towards School prizes.

Franklin Branch Christmas Dinner

This 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.

OGA Centenary 2021

We'll be holding a range of events on **Friday 26th March 2021** at the School. We sent a Survey link to Old Girls which got a great response with lots of positive feedback received. This gives us a good picture of likely attendance at, and interest in, the proposed events. Current students will also be involved in the celebrations and the OGA Sub-Committee (which includes Student Rep Alice Raea) is in planning mode.

OGA Committee

Finally, our sincere thanks to our hard-working committee members. Your involvement, connection, friendship and efforts are very much appreciated by many, near and far. Thank you! We will be celebrating the close of another successful year with our own Christmas gathering on Monday 10th December.

We'd also like to say thank you to Jo Page for all your work for us throughout the year, assisting with certificates, programmes etc.

Happy holidays to all!

*Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry,
OGA Co-Presidents*

Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards

On Thursday 14th November the YSPOTY awards were held at Eden Park. Congratulations to all of our 9 finalists on your successful sporting year. Ella Wyllie (Cycling) and Sophia Morcom (Lacrosse) won the Gold Award in their categories.



Sophia Morcom



Ella Wyllie

Waka Ama



On Saturday 9th November the Waka Ama team competed at the AKSS Junior Regatta at Orakei Basin. The rain managed to stay away, however they had to battle the strong side wind. Congratulations to the team who came away with the following results:

1st Plate Final Div 1 Girls W6 250m

1st Plate Final Div 2 Girls W6 250m
2nd Plate Final Div 1 Girls W6 500m

3rd Plate Final Div 2 Mixed W6

A huge thank you to Westlake Boys who teamed up with us in the mixed race, Lou (coach), Sav (TIC), parents, family and friends for supporting the team for the day!

Cheerleading



Congratulations Epsom Grade 2 Cheer for your 1st place finish, and Grade 2 Grand Champions Award at the 2019 Cheerbrandz High School Nationals. Job well done!

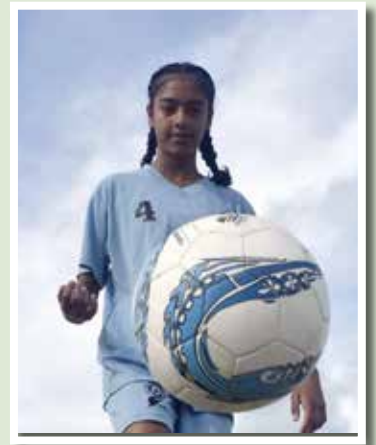
Also Congratulations Epsom Grade 4 Cheer for finishing 3rd at the 2019 Cheerbrandz High School Nationals.

Football

To fulfill her father's dream of representing Fiji in football, 14-year old Aneshia Ratnam is here in the country to give her best in the trials for the Vodafone Fiji U16 Girls' team for the OFC U16 Girl's Championship in Tahiti next month.

The central midfielder believes her passion and love for football will make her represent her country of birth.

"I was born here in Fiji and my parents dream was for me to play for the country since I started playing football at the age of five years," said Ratnam.



Waterpolo



Congratulations to our Junior Waterpolo team who completed a successful season in the Junior B competition last weekend. They finished in 1st place having topped the championship points table with only one loss over the whole season.

Thank you to Sarah Brooks, Annabel Waddell and Lucy Gestro who have coached this team throughout the year.

Thanks also to Manon Keating who has managed the team - and Joel Halstead who has helped out as well!

Netball

Congratulations to the following students who have been invited to attend the Netball New Zealand Development Camp in January:

Temepara Bristow
Florence Dallow
Ana Manuopangai

Selection into the camp was based on identification, observation and tracking from the selectors through various national and regional age-group tournaments, along with feedback from Zone Performance staff. The camp will give the athletes an insight into the Netball New Zealand pathway.

Sport Trials 2020

Sport Trials for 2020 have been confirmed. Keep an eye out in the school notices for the registration links, these will be available for access as soon as school begins. You can email sport@eggs.school.nz or visit the Sports Office by the School Pool if you have any questions. Football trials are still to be confirmed however expect these to be in Weeks 9-11.

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Trials require pre-registration, registration forms will be in the school notices. Visit the Sport Office for questions.

Week	Date		Time	Where	Notes
Tues	21-Jan	Water Polo Trials/pre season	12-1.30pm & 5-7pm	School Pool	Two sessions each day
Wed	22-Jan	Water Polo Trials/pre season	12-1.30pm & 5-7pm	School Pool	Two sessions each day
Thurs	23-Jan				
Fri	24-Jan				
Sat	25-Jan				
Sun	26-Jan				
Week 1	Date	Sport	Time	Where	Notes
Mon	27-Jan				
Tues	28-Jan				
Wed	29-Jan				
Thur	30-Jan	Senior Touch	3:30-4:30pm	Fields	
		Senior Volleyball	3:30-4:30pm	Stadium	
Fri	31-Jan				
Sat	1-Feb				
Sun	2-Feb				
Week 2					
Mon	3-Feb	Cricket	4:00-5:30pm	Meville Park	
		Senior Volleyball	Lunchtime	Stadium	
Tues	4-Feb	Tennis	7:00-8:00am	School courts	
		Senior Touch	3:30pm-4:30pm	Fields	
		Waka Ama	Lunchtime	School Pool	Permission slip required
Wed	5-Feb	Tennis	07:30	Courts	
		Cricket	4:00-5:30pm	Meville Park	
Thur	6-Feb	Waitangi Day NO SCHOOL			
Fri	7-Feb	NO SCHOOL			
Sat	8-Feb	Underwater Hockey Have a Go!	6:30pm-8:30pm	School Pool	
Sun	9-Feb	Underwater Hockey Seniors	7:00pm-8:30pm	School Pool	
Week 3					
Mon	10-Feb	Basketball Prems Trial	3.30-5pm	Stadium	
Tue	11-Feb	Ultimate Frisbee Trial	3.30-5pm	School field	
Wed	12-Feb	Swimming Sports Prelims			
Thur	13-Feb	Cheerleading	Lunch Time	School Gym	
		Waka Ama	3:30-5:30pm	Birkenhead	Permission slip required
Fri	14-Feb	Swimming Sports Finals			
Sat	15-Feb	Underwater Hockey Have a Go!	6:30pm-8:30pm	School Pool	
Sun	16-Feb	Underwater Hockey Seniors	7:00pm-8:30pm	School Pool	
Week 4					
Mon	17-Feb	Ultimate Frisbee Trial	3.30-5pm	School field	
Tue	18-Feb	Netball Y10 Trial	3:30-5:00pm	School Courts	Must pre-register
		Athletics Day Prelims			
Wed	19-Feb	Netball Senior Trial	3:30-5:00pm	School Courts	Must pre-register
Thur	20-Feb	Netball Y10 Trial	3:30-5:00pm	School Courts	Must pre-register