



*Fia Fia Night 2018*

Dear parents, caregivers and students

The past fortnight has been a celebration of culture within the school. We were very proud of all the performances from the cultural groups at Polyfest. We had 12 groups performing across four of the stages which was a culmination of a lot of hard work from the students involved. You can view a recording of the [kapa haka performance via Māori television](#).

This week is Summer Tournament Week which has seen teams competing throughout New Zealand in a wide variety of sports. Results are starting to come through as we get to the end of the week and there are some impressive performances including a tournament win of the Auckland competition by the cricket team yesterday. Fourth year in a row!

Next week are the student led conferences. These are a great opportunity to meet tutor teachers, focus on how a student is settling in to the demands of their new year level and to plan ahead for the rest of the year. We know that student agency and a positive working relationship with families have an important impact on student progress and achievement and these conferences are a valuable part of that. Students are expected to be at school only for their conference (in uniform) but will be given work to continue with over this time.

When you are at school for these conferences please take the opportunity to provide some feedback on the school Masterplan which will be on display in the main reception area of the administration building and library foyer. The masterplan is the document that will guide the physical development of the school in terms of spaces and buildings.

After conferences is the Easter break, please note that school reopens for instruction on Wednesday 4 April.

*Sarah Dwan - Deputy Principal*

## ***Coming up in Week 9....***

Wed 28 Mar	Student Led Conferences
Thur 29 Mar	Student Led Conferences
Fri 30 Mar	Good Friday (School closed)

## ***Coming up in Week 10....***

Mon 2 Apr	Easter Monday (School closed)
Tue 3 Apr	Easter Tuesday (School closed)
Wed 3 Apr	Australian Maths Competition
Thur 5 Apr	TIMSS Year 10 Testing
Fri 6 Apr	Mufti Day

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## **STUDENT LED CONFERENCES**

**28 & 29 March, 2018**

## **SCHOOL MASTERPLAN**

**On display in the admin and library foyers during Student Conferences.**

**We would really appreciate your feedback.**

**FUJI XEROX** 

**Barfoot & Thompson**  
Real Estate

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As a busy first term draws to an end it is opportune to provide an update from the board on the key projects and work streams that are our focus for 2018.

The new accommodation pod at Epsom House is progressing well and remains ahead of schedule with occupation likely to be September/October. The plans for the revamp of L Block have been submitted to the ministry so we are hopeful that this step will not prolong this project as we are keen to start this later in the year.



The first draft of the revised Masterplan was presented to the senior leadership team last week and we now commence a consultation phase with the community, staff and students. There will be an opportunity to view and provide feedback on the draft plans during the tutor conferences next week (see further details in this newsletter). The aim is to finalise this plan and the priorities as soon as possible so the board can incorporate into the strategic planning process during Term 3.

Thank you to those whom have supported the school via your donations. There has been a strong level of support and is greatly appreciated.

Happy Easter everyone.

*Chris Iles, Board Chair*



Epsom Girls Grammar School

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## OPEN MORNING

**Tuesday, 10 April 2018**

**8.45am and 10.45am**

*Our local schools will have session times allocated*



## EPSOM HOUSE OPEN AFTERNOON

Boarding accommodation for out of Auckland students

**1.00pm - 3.00pm**

To visit the School or Epsom House please register online [www.eggs.school.nz](http://www.eggs.school.nz)

*2019 Application forms will be available in June. Enquiries phone 630 5963.*

# OGA NEWS

Our Annual Morning Tea will take place in the Hostel on **Wednesday 11th April**, followed by school tours and a visit to Archives. Afterwards there will be a Reunion Luncheon for 1947/48 and 1957/58 third formers. We love welcoming alumnae to the school for these events and look forward to a rewarding morning of memories and connection. We hope that one day your daughters will attend them ...

We had a great response to our OGA Survey, sent out to all members towards the end of last year, with lots of valuable feedback, comments and suggestions received from students who attended from 1937 to 2016. This was done alongside the School Survey and the results will be useful as we begin to plan our OGA 100 Years celebrations coming up in 2021.

A number of respondents expressed interest in mentoring current students and we are looking at ways we can enable this to be a worthy experience for all. There were also many accolades for the work of the OGA Committee.

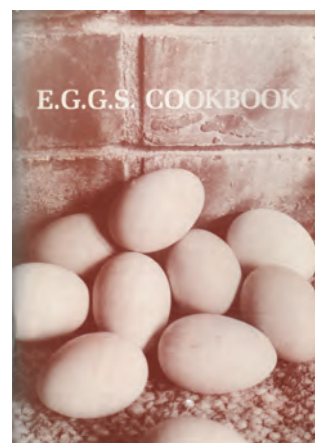
A message that came through strongly was for more news of "ordinary" Old Girls, as well as the wonderful high-flyers. Many students excel and achieve phenomenal success, but many more go on to enjoy full, fruitful and successful lives in their own ways, often under the radar. We endeavour to celebrate all EGGs alumnae and are always seeking inspirational and heart-warming stories.

We're sure your daughters will have great stories to share in years to come.

We believe all EGGs Old Girls are extra-ordinary and we'll continue to share stories of alumnae near and far through our OGA Newsletter, which has a few new sections added including "Lost and Found". EGGs alumnae all have a common thread – our days at EGGs – and, just as eggs bind ingredients together in cooking, giving strength and stability, so are the ties that bind EGGs Old Girls together. We recently came across the EGGs Cookbook, produced in 1980 to raise funds for the Jubilee Pool. There is a "Celebrities" section, with recipes by Mrs Thatcher (Orange and Walnut Cake), Rob Muldoon (Summer Fruit Cake!!), Marilyn Waring (Delicious Rich Lamb Chops), Hudson & Halls (Chocolate Rum Gateaux) and also two contributed by our very own celebrity, past Principal Gae Griffiths (Cocktail Fudge and Scallops Au Gratin). It even has a section called "Special Eggs" – recipes include Egg Fondue and Egg Jelly!

Times change, as do recipes – and there are a few in this book that, like our days at EGGs, we think are worth revisiting!

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



## CURRICULUM NEWS

### EOTC

An exciting part of learning at EGGs are Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) activities. The trips come from all parts of the school and may be curriculum, arts and culture, community, learning or sports related. Processes around planning and delivering these trips are in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all those associated with an event. During 2017 there were over 270 trips that went out across the school.

There are five categories of trips – onsite (such as a guest speaker), low risk within 3km, day trips (this includes weekend and events that occur after 5.30pm weekdays), overnight trips and international trips.

For onsite and low risk within 3km - if you have signed the low risk within 3km permission form there is no need for separate permission (there will be information on checking this shortly as part of the data check). For all other trips you will be asked to sign a separate permission and medical form.

As part of staff planning, as far as practicable, risks associated with the trip are analysed and plans put in place to minimise or deal with these risks. (This also involves any other providers that may be used as part of the trip.) We also monitor how other external factors may impact on trips (a recent example being predicted bad weather) and adapt plans as required. As an event occurs risks are also monitored and events may be adjusted if necessary.

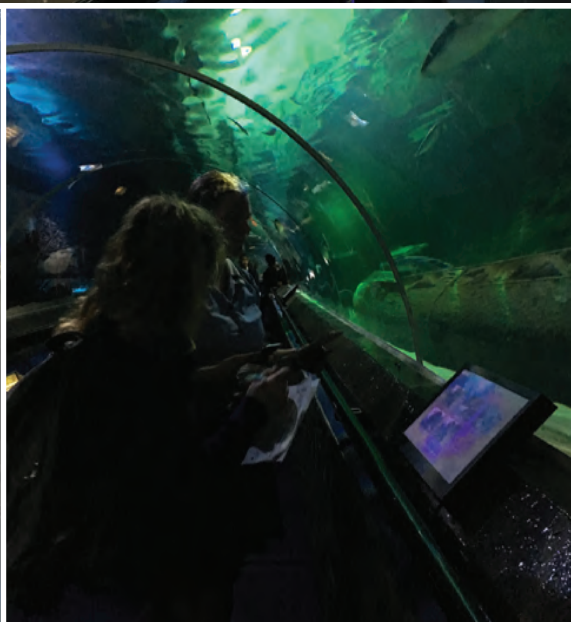
Transport for events is always covered as part of the information communicated for the trip. Normal school expectations around behaviour and conduct exist on all trips. Parents will always be informed about trips that are occurring and the activities that will be involved in the trip.

We ask that you communicate with staff where appropriate, any concerns about your daughter and potential trips. Any suggested deviations to a trip (for example if your daughter needed to leave early from the event) need to be discussed with staff well in advance of the event (and definitely not on the day of the event). Students not involved with the class/group/team are not permitted to attend a trip with the school group. Permission slips need to be returned and any associated costs paid in in a timely fashion, as will be indicated in the information letter.

If you have questions about any trips please do not hesitate to contact the teacher-in-charge of the trip.

## Year 12 Biology Trip

On Wednesday 14th March, 300 Year 12 Biology students went on a trip. EGGS Biology is running a new assessment this year with students developing and carrying out an investigation into a biological concept at Kelly Tarltons and Auckland Zoo. The task is now one that offers up a lot of choice for the girls in what to study. We took buses to Kelly Tarltons and the Auckland Zoo and the girls spent the time wisely collecting data on an animal species of their choice. There were many investigations that were impressive to not only our staff but also the staff of the institutes we visited. We wish the girls every success for the write up of their investigation report.



# ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

## Pavement Art 2018 [\(more photos here\)](#)



## Polyfest 2018



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# FOUNDATION NEWS

## Show your support for innovative learning



*An image of the architecturally designed concept for the interior of the L Block*

We're embarking on an exciting and innovative project this year and upgrading our L Block into a flexible learning environment to keep pace with the needs the EGGs community. Learning is the heart of this project.

As the government will only fund the interior of the block, the school has to raise \$150,000 to extend the flexible learning environment to a multi-purpose outdoor space too. A space that will be used for breakout learning, meetings, individual and group work and covered recreational space for lunchtimes. With your generous support we can build the whole package.

Help us provide our students with an outdoor area that:

- encourages creative and critical thinking
- optimises learning
- better student achievement
- provides access to the winter sun's light and heat
- provides protection from summer heat and sun
- gives shelter from the rain during all seasons

The flexible learning environment creates positive, supportive relationships between students and teachers and forms the basis for our learning. A vibrant, well connected, physical environment that encourages and supports our students through their EGGs journey.

## Help us raise \$150,000. Donate today.

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

Thank you for your generosity.

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## Heritage Fund Grants Awarded

We're delighted to announced that Heritage Fund grants, round 1, were awarded this month to help support the following:

- Travel expenses for the EGGS Rowing team competing at the MAADI Cup
- Travel expenses for the EGGS Dragon Boating team competing at the NZ Secondary Schools Nationals
- Tournament costs for representing the U13s Auckland Maori Netball team
- Netball strength and conditioning training
- Travel expenses for representing Auckland Tonga Netball at the U19 International Netball Challenge

Congratulations to all of our recipients!

Don't forget the closing date for round 2 of the Heritage Fund is Friday 8 June and we welcome applications from all current students, teachers and groups.

For more information and to download an application form visit <http://www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/heritage-fund-grants.aspx>

## Leave a lasting legacy

If you would like to support the future success of Epsom Girls Grammar School in areas including education, sports facilities and resources, teaching and community benefit making a gift in your will is a unique way of reflecting your own interests, passion and vision. 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 that will make a difference to thousands of young women every year. Leave a lasting legacy.

Speak in confidence with the Foundation Office by phone 09 970 6753 or by email [foundation@eggs.school.nz](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz)

We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information:

Download our [My Legacy](#) booklet

Visit [www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/bequests.aspx](http://www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/bequests.aspx)



## Volleyball

Well done to the Senior Volleyball Gold team who came 2nd place in the Central Division 1 competition season and also competed in the Auckland Secondary School Champs a couple of weeks ago.



## Ultimate Frisbee

Congratulations to our three Ultimate Frisbee teams who competed at the AKSS Ultimate Championships on Sunday! EGGs 1, won every game in the competition, crowning them Auckland Champions once again!

EGGS 2 placed 4th with EGGs 3 behind them in 5th place. EGGs 3 were also 2nd in the Spirit award and EGGs 2 followed them behind in 3rd place for the award.

Thank you to the coaches, friends and families for your support of all the teams. Best of luck to EGGs 1 who are heading to Nationals this week in Taupo!



## Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who competed and placed in the Athletics Central/Eastern Zones a couple of weeks ago.

Further info can be found on the College Sport website.

Jorien Fourie ..... 2nd Intermediate 100m  
 Grace Wilson ..... 2nd Senior 800m  
 Catrin Dawson ..... 1st Senior 1500m  
 Johanri Fourie ..... 2nd Junior 70m Hurdles  
 Jorien Fourie ..... 1st Intermediate 80m Hurdles  
 Sienna Neill ..... 3rd Junior 70m Hurdles  
 Emma Olsen ..... 1st Senior 100m Hurdles  
 Senior Relay Team ..... 2nd  
 Samara Kake ..... 2nd Junior High Jump  
 Hanna Brathwaite ..... 2nd Junior Triple Jump



Lara Albert .....3rd Intermediate Triple Jump  
 Killarney Morey .....2nd Senior Triple Jump  
 Ana Manuopangai .....2nd Junior Shot Put  
 Ofeina Fineanganofa .....1st Senior Shot Put  
 Lara Jane Loto .....3rd Senior Shot Put  
 Vika Aho .....3rd Intermediate Shot Put  
 Lara Jane Loto .....3rd Senior Discus



## Aquathon

Well done to the following students who competed in the Aquathon at St Kentigerns. Unfortunately our Junior teams didn't place but definitely had a great experience for their first time competing for EGGs.

Terri Warner placed 2nd in the Intermediate Girls Individual race.



The Senior Girls team of Madison Poingdestre and Grace Wilson placed 3rd in their race.

## Equestrian

Well done to Bridie Quigley who competed in the Interschools ODE competition at the Mangere Pony Club. She was in a composite team with Howick and Lynfield who placed 2nd overall.



## Dragon Boating

Congratulations to Epsom Girls Grammar Gold who are the 200m and 500m Champions winning Gold last weekend at Regionals.



# PTA AGM

The AGM was held on Wednesday 21 March. We thank outgoing office holders Suzanne Cunnington (Chair), Lisa Simperington (Secretary) and Annis O'Brien (Treasurer) for their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm for the school in these roles. We also thanked and farewelled a number of people who have been involved with the group for many years.

Usha Parhbu and Anne Mckenzie were elected as joint Chairs, Sian Dawson to Secretary and Lynn Baker to Treasurer.

If you are interested in being involved with the PTA please come along to meetings, dates of which will be published in the next newsletter – the next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 April.

The PTA asks for a one-off annual donation (suggested \$30) to support the work that they do in the school. If you haven't paid this it can be done through the school bank account 02-0100-0380450-00 with reference "PTA Donation" and Student Surname/ID.

Thank you to all those families who have already supported the PTA.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Workshop Technician

We are looking for a motivated person to support our Technology Department with the running of our school workshop.

If you know how to use woodwork machinery; understand health and safety in a workshop and you know how to build things, we would love to hear from you.

Knowledge in the use of 3D printers and laser cutters would be beneficial but not essential. This permanent position is for 6 hours per week, can be flexible on when the hours are worked.

Please see the [school website](#) for the application process and form and if interested please send us your completed application, CV and Cover letter by Friday, 30th March 2018.

For more details contact Jo Bidwell, Technology Department on Ph: 09 9706 784 or E: [jbidwell@eggs.school.nz](mailto:jbidwell@eggs.school.nz)

### Epsom House Supervisor plus Sleepover

Epsom House are looking to recruit a Supervisor whose responsibilities will be to work closely with the House Managers and the Assistant Principal with responsibility for Epsom House, and to maintain a safe and supportive environment for students at Epsom House. To also contribute to the development of a learning environment in which the vision and values of the school and the goals of the school may be achieved within the specific context of Epsom House.

This job would suit a person who can form positive relationships with students and encourage them with their sports/cultural activities and their academic responsibilities. Someone who can create attractive after-school activities and programmes and to also supervise and monitor prep time.

The role will require the successful applicant to complete a paid sleepover at the House and be available for any situations when needed during the night. The hours for this position will be Monday – Thursday from 10.00pm – 6.30am.

It will be for term time only.

For a detailed job description and support staff application form, please check the [school website](#). All applications must include the support staff form.

Applications close on Thursday 29 March, 2018.