



2018 Founders' Awards recipients Diane Morcom CNZM, CVO, Frances Loo and Daisy Lavea-Timo at a special assembly held on 19th June.

Dear parents, caregivers and students

As you can see in the photo, above, three alumnae have been recognised in the annual Founders' Assembly. Each inspired the audience and it is always a very humbling experience to see the depth of passion and commitment that Founders' Award recipients have for their chosen fields. See page 4 for more details.

At the Town Hall last week the choirs competed in the regional Big Sing Competition. They performed with distinction; Canto Vivo gaining runner up in the best junior choir section and Kelly Liu awarded best student accompanist. We are now waiting on final results.

Congratulations to Jenny Luo (Year 13) who has been awarded a Gold Award for her outstanding performance in the 2017 NZ Chemistry Olympiad. We have just received the award and will be presenting this to Jenny at an assembly next week.

Sustainability update:

With a stake firmly now in the ground on how we can all take responsibility for improving the environment and minimising landfill, Waste free Wednesdays has been launched by the Sustainability Group. All students are asked to bring lunch with no throw away packaging on Wednesdays. In assembly group leaders Alyssa and Macy took a 'reading' on our habits through an interactive game. It gave us a very real snapshot of what we are doing well, and what we could take action on - glad wrap was a major player in this, so time for us all to get thinking differently about how we package things.

As you know, bookings for the Subject Teacher Conferences are open - more on Page 2. We are looking forward to seeing parents here, joining in conversation with their daughter on her learning and progress to date.

We are sad to be losing Ms Sarah Stenson at the end of this term, but delighted for her as she takes up her new position as Principal at Kelston Girls College. Ms Stenson has been here for 16 years as a Deputy Principal and over that time she has contributed an enormous amount to the School. Her responsibilities have included the introduction of Restorative Practice, Epsom House, Sport and Human Resources, as well as having been closely involved in all major building projects. We will be taking a large contingent of staff and students on the first day of next term to formally hand Sarah over at a powhiri at Kelston Girls College. I know you all join with me, the staff and the Board of Trustees in congratulating Ms Stenson and wishing her the very best in this exciting next chapter.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 9....

Tue 26 Jun Subject Teacher Conferences
Wed 27, 28 Jun Year 12 Drama Production

Coming up in Week 10....

Wed 4 Jul Wearable Art Show
Thu 5 Jul Subject Teacher Conferences
Fri 6 Jul Last day of term

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SUBJECT TEACHER CONFERENCES

26 June & 5 July

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GENERAL NEWS

2018 Subject Teacher Conferences

Mid-year Subject Teacher Conferences for Years 9 – 13 are being held on **Tuesday 26th June** and **Thursday 5th 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. An email was sent on the 15th June with instructions on making bookings. Please note that bookings close on **Monday 2nd July** at 12.00 noon.

Community EGG



Whether it's singing, dancing, or diabolo, Epsom's very own talents had the opportunity to perform at the annual Community Charity Concert on the 7th June. MC'd by our Community EGG prefects and organised by our team of Community Committee members, our aim was to showcase our amazing students and their skills in the arts to the wider school community. Megaschools provided an epic performance from nationals, Chinese Extravaganza Diabolo group performed intricate and mesmerising tricks, and our very own Mr Jackson wowed the audience with a powerful opera piece. Jesslyn Woo sang her incredible original song for Smokefree Rockquest and Epsom Singers performed their songs for the Big Sing. Furthermore, all proceeds go towards equipment and supplies for orphanages in Haiti!



From the whole of the Community EGG, we would like to thank everybody who performed, participated and got involved in making the event successful!

Founders' Awards 2018



WEDNESDAY 4 JULY \$5

WEARABLE ART 2018

SCHOOL HALL 5:30 - 7:30PM

Delicious supper available



OGA NEWS

AGM



*Julie Goodyer, Sally Blyth, Heather Ash
and Lynley Banbury-Sheweiry*



*Lynley Banbury-Sheweiry, Sally Blyth,
Sarah Stenson and Tric Milner*

Our 98th AGM was held on Monday 11th June where, along with business we also acknowledged this year's Honorary Members: **Heather Ash**, past teacher at EGGS and now a partner at Simpson Grierson specialising in environmental law; **Sarah Stenson**, EGGS Deputy Principal, taking up the role of Principal at Kelston Girls College; and **Christine Black** (*unable to attend*) who retired as EGGS Archivist at the end of Term 1.

We also farewelled **Fiona Cottam** and **Donna Corse-Scott**, long-serving members of the OGA Committee who stepped down due to other commitments. Fiona, who was a Deputy Principal at EGGS and is now Head of Senior School and Deputy Principal at St Cuthberts, joined the Committee in 2007 and has always been a voice of wisdom and reason. We'll really miss her clear-thinking and ability to make sense of just about anything and everything! Donna, who joined in 2012, and has done a brilliant job of organising the Graduation Dinner over the past two years. She has refined processes and introduced new touches and has done an overall fabulous job. We thank both Fiona and Donna for their input and will welcome them back any time.

Founders' Assembly 2018

About the OGA Founders Awards:

This Award is a prestigious one, made to a small number of past student recipients annually. The purpose of the Founders' Awards is to:

- provide inspiration for current girls at the School;
- bring the School and its alumnae closer together;
- broaden the School community's perspective on the major achievements of the School over time; and
- have a prestigious School alumnae award that is given out to truly exceptional women.

Founders' Awards were made annually from 1997 through to 2007. For several years no awards were made, but they were re-established in 2011, when we recognised the achievements of six former students. From 2012 to 2018 three awards have been made each year. Recipients' names appear on an Honours Board in the Administration Building.

Recipients are selected by the OGA Committee and honoured at a special School Assembly in June each year. Criteria for selection includes:

- Exceptional and outstanding individual achievement, contribution or service in a significant area of New Zealand or world life;
- As well as having already achieved, should be likely to continue to achieve, and receive wide recognition for the work they have contributed to New Zealand or the world in their sphere;
- Will ideally have broken barriers and glass ceilings, expanded possibilities, and pushed boundaries and horizons on the national or international scene, for women specifically, in any field.

On Tuesday 19th June, the OGA had the pleasure of honouring three past students as EGGS Founders. It is always wonderful to acknowledge special Old Girls who have achieved highly in their chosen fields and this year's recipients certainly fulfil the criteria, across three different domains.

Each Founders' Awards Assembly is an inspiring occasion and we thank the senior students involved in organising this occasion and presenting citations, as well as Tric Milner who works behind the scenes to ensure everything runs seamlessly. Thanks also to the School Cricket Team who provided the wonderful morning tea.

This year's recipients are:

- **Diane Morcom CNZM, CVO – For Outstanding Achievement in Public Service**
- **Frances Loo – For Outstanding Achievement in Business and Community Service**
- **Daisy Lavea-Timo – For Outstanding Achievement in the Arts (Poetry)**

Diane Morcom (EGGS 1960-64) began her long career in public service as a Diplomatic Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) where she worked for 21 years, undertaking a variety of roles including four years as First Secretary at the NZ Embassy in Paris. In 2003 she became Secretary of the Cabinet and Clerk of the Executive Council in September 2003, supporting the Cabinet and providing advice to Ministers. She was responsible for the publication of the 2008 edition of the Cabinet Manual. When she stepped down from this role in 2008, Helen Clark – Prime Minister at the time – said she was “the embodiment of a dedicated public servant.” She also stated that “her leadership of the Cabinet Office team and her dedication and professionalism have contributed greatly to the functioning of governments over many years.” In 2008 she was made CNZM and received a CVO honour from the Queen. Diane has retained her links with the public sector as a consultant and she is Chair of the Administration Committee of the NZ Portrait Gallery.

Diane is a leader, a manager, an organiser, a motivator, a communicator, an analyst and an all-round first-class administrator. In her address to the assembly, Diane reflected on her education and career path, which she says has been a series of fortunate events. She highlighted the many opportunities that are available for students today and encouraged the girls to be open and receptive to the people and the world around them.

Frances Loo (EGGS 1973-77) loved Economics at school and this led to a successful career in the global financial industry. Her first position was as a Research Assistant at Buttle Wilson (now UBS Group) in Auckland. Held in high regard, she was given responsibility for the Forestry sector. She transferred to New York for four years and then to Sydney for three years. In 2004 she returned to Auckland for family reasons and a change of career. In order to indulge her huge love of reading, she purchased the tea shop in Mt Eden and changed it into a specialty retailer of teas and romance books – the Chapter Book and Tea Shop, which is just three doors along from the family fruit shop. Frances has been very involved in her community, through Rotary and the Mt Eden Village Business Association. She has also been a generous supporter and sponsor of various School and OGA events.

Frances is a warm, humble, capable and generous person, dedicated to her family and her community. In her address, she encouraged students to read as much as they can, to embrace a high work ethic and to get involved as a volunteer within their community.

Daisy Lavea-Timo (EGGS 1996-2000) calls herself a Specialist-Generalist, a straddler of the cultural, community, education and government worlds. She is ever learning to navigate the tensions between all these fields. She taught English and Drama at Cashmere High School and was a Teaching Fellow at the University of Canterbury. Since 2014 she has been self-employed as a facilitator and producer, involved in projects like Leadership In Communities, helping companies create organisational vision, producing art exhibitions, community concerts and collaborations. Daisy also delivers professional development in NZ and Australia on engaging Pasifika learners and spoken word poetry workshops. She has been highly involved in Regenerate Christchurch and was the 2017 NZ Slam Poetry Champion & Canterbury Regional Slam Poetry Champion. In 2015 she launched ‘Brave’ her own original poetry show, with over 50 other artists involved in the collaboration. This year she is the guest international poet for the Queensland Poetry Festival and Cairns Arts Festival in August and September.

Daisy is interested in governance and, among other positions, represents Canterbury on the NZ Rugby League Women's advisory board. She co-started Papanui Tigers Rugby league with her best friend in 2016; their team remains undefeated and players are being noticed at national level.

Daisy uses all of her passions and gifts to share, sharpen and shape the world with. She is a teacher, a leader, a mentor, a facilitator, a communicator, a collaborator. She is a rugby league player, a wannabe rapper and a lover of poetry, a medium she uses at presentations and conventions in NZ and around the world. She is passionate about young people, social justice and women in leadership. In her address, Daisy led an interactive activity, honoured her peers and her heritage, and concluded with a moving and uplifting poem about transitioning from a place of fear to becoming unafraid.

OGA Events

Our next OGA event is the “**Women In Law Function**” to be held at the School on the evening of Wednesday 27th June. This is an occasion for Alumnae working in the legal profession to get together – a great networking and mentoring opportunity for Old Girls in all areas of law. We will also be honouring the late Dame Augusta Wallace. Many thanks to Julie Goodyer, Dame Judith Potter, Heather Ash and Fiona Ryan for bringing this event together. We're certain it's going to be an enriching occasion for all who attend and we aim to organise more similar events, gathering alumnae in a specific profession or area of interest and passion.

There is plenty more in the OGA pipeline ... including a Film Evening on Monday 3rd September and ongoing planning as we build up to our OGA Centenary in 2021.

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry, OGA Co-Presidents

CURRICULUM NEWS

Classical Studies

The Year 13 Classical Studies students all had a taste of life after school when they went to the University of Auckland Schools Classics Day on June 5th with teachers Philippa Wright and Ben Jackson. The girls attended a series of presentations from University lecturers directly related to the Year 13 course, plus an entertaining debate on who was worse, Octavian or Augustus...



Physics in action



EGGS/AGGS Model UN Youth Conference



Epsom Girls Grammar School had come together with Auckland Grammar School to hold the EGGS/AGS Model UN Youth Conference. This event was hosted by Epsom Girls Grammar School on 9 June 2018 between 10am to 3pm. Just over 80 students participated in the event.

Vivien Whyte, Libby Gane, Tommy de Silva, and Raymond Zhou are the leaders that ran Model UN Youth conference in the Classroom program style. Participants were required to sign in between 9:45-10:00am, and for the first two sessions resolutions were generated on the following topics:

1. The Status of Mental Health and
2. Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The day was a massive success with both experienced and first-time MUNERS getting involved. Each delegate got to take on a role of a country and represent their views whilst debating about global issues. It was an opportunity to find out about different perspectives, values and events from around the world. The participants worked together to create a resolution declaring their thoughts as a global community on both of these issues.

Robust discussions took place and resolutions were vigorously debated before votes were taken. Each participant brought with them a different lens to look at each of these issues and were thoroughly impressive with the maturity and quality of debate that happened on the day.

Students got a glimpse or snapshot of how a session at the UN was ran. It was wonderful to see the leaders managing each session with confidence and following the UN protocols.

After lunch, the leaders had organised two incredible guest speakers, Ricardo Mendendez March and Aniket Chawla. They engaged in a Q and A session around youth involvement in issues pertaining to environmental sustainability, challenges faced by students after they leave school, and other topical issues as well as a discussion on mainly NZ politics. Both Ricardo and Aniket are young people who are actively seeking change, both on a legislative level and through organising youth-led marches, initiatives and charities, and have done some incredible things to make that change. They offered a fresh and interesting perspective on the place of youth in society, and their potential to go out in the world and become change-makers.

Feedback indicated that participants enjoyed their day. Everything from listening to debates, participating in them, meeting new people, getting to talk with inspiring young people and the opportunity for a unique learning experience outside of the classroom made the day a massive success.



MUSIC NEWS

Epsom Music at the Big Sing



Congratulations to all performers and staff on a wonderful day of choral music at the Town Hall. Well done Canto Vivo (runner-up best junior choir) and Kelly Liu (best student accompanist) on your awards. Thank you to amazing conductors Virginia Le Cren and Debbie Orr.

Paradisum - Highly Commended

Epsom Singers - Commended

Canto Vivo - Highly Commended



NZCT Chamber Music Competition



Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Schools Chamber Music Competition last week.

In particular, a big well done to Weihong Yi who made the finals, and Kelly Liu, Angeline Xiao, Olivia Coup, Alana Mao, Emily Grant, KaHee Cook and Esther Lee who all were selected for the the semi-finals.

Smokefreerockquest Auckland Solo/Duo Regional Finals

Congratulations to Jesslyn Woo who won the Award for Best Musicianship, and to Saylor Bostic who won the Award for Best Lyrics.

Awesome result girls.



EPSOM MUSIC CONCERTS

TWO NIGHTS OF GREAT MUSIC

ORCHESTRA SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY 1ST AUGUST 7.30PM

Epsom Symphonia

Epsom String Ensemble

Epsom Chamber Orchestra

BAND SHOWCASE

FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST 7.30PM

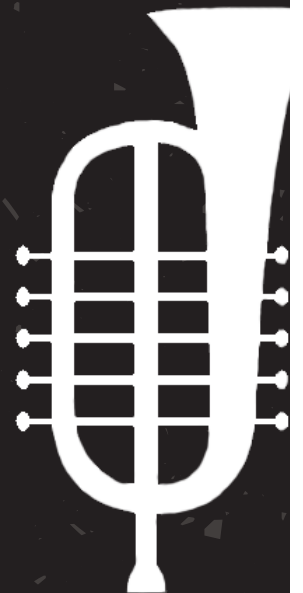
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Epsom Concert Band

Epsom Intermediate Concert Band

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FOUNDATION NEWS

Women in New Zealand Politics

Join our wonderful "Women in New Zealand Politics" event and hear special guest speakers Chlöe Swarbrick MP; Jeanette Fitzsimons, former co-leader of the Green Party; and Tessa Berger, Auckland Council Elected Member and entrepreneur – all EGGS alumnae - talk openly about their journeys and experiences in politics. Rawdon Christie, EGGS parent and award-winning TV presenter, will facilitate the engaging panel discussion. You'll be set for a thought provoking and inspiring evening!

Delicious finger food will be provided at the event and special raffle prizes will be up for grabs too.

[Buy your tickets today](#)

All funds raised from this event will go towards transforming L Block into an innovative learning space.



Help us raise funds for L Block upgrade

With your help we can build an innovative learning space that will create a stronger sense of community. Every donation towards the L Block project counts and makes a wonderful difference to the school. For more information about the project visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/l-block-renovation.aspx



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For a one-off donation of \$500, you can have your name of choice engraved on a dedicated wall inside L Block and become a permanent part of EGGS history. Honour your family, an individual, friends or lost loved ones on our Donor Wall of Honour.

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Softball

Congratulations to Milla and Brooke Glassie on being selected for the Auckland Tournament Team for Softball and winning the U17 Girls NZ National Championship in Dunedin. The team were undefeated throughout the tournament both sisters came home with individual awards Milla - Top Catcher and Brooke - Top Pitcher & Tournament MVP.

To top off their successful season they have both been named in the New Zealand Junior White Sox Softball Squad for the 2019 World Championships to be held in Irvine, California, USA. In a build up to this team selection they are travelling to the Canada Cup in British Columbia, Canada this July to play for New Zealand in the U17 & U19 Womens softball teams. Well done!



Milla and Brooke Glassie

GYMSPORTS

Well done to the following students who competed at the Australian Nationals a couple of weeks ago in Melbourne.

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Anya Chaplow

Trampolining

Cindy Wang - 2nd place, alongside her partner Sienna French, in synchronised trampolining.

Artistic Gymnastics

Tyla Bow



Rhythmic Gymnastics - Anya Chaplow



Trampolining - Cindy Wang and Sienna French



Artistic Gymnastics - Tyla Bow

Cross Country

Well done to the Cross Country team who went down to Taupo last weekend to race in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Nationals at SPA Park.

Mountain Biking

Well done to the students who competed in Race 3 of the Mountain Biking Series last weekend in Woodhill. Congratulations to the following students:

Maia Barclay - 1st U15 girls

Sarah Harvison - 1st U17 girls

Poppy Buissink - 1st U20 girls



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