

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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EGGS Grand Tour 2018

Dear parents, caregivers and students

We welcomed back the China Business and the Art History and Classical Studies Trips at the beginning of the term. Overseas trips provide a rich learning experience for students and it is always interesting to hear them talk about the many highlights. The prefects have run a very successful Campaign Week this week with everything from cake pops to the friendly battle on the netball court with our brother school.

We now head into the season for Ragtime, the EGGS/AGS production. It's a wonderful show, and tickets are selling fast.

You will see on Page 2 in the message from Board Chair, Chris Iles, that The Education Review Office will be visiting the School in Term 3 and we look forward to this review opportunity. A major development since our last review has been ACCOS – The Auckland Central Community of Schools. Coming up next week is the ACCOS Writers' Festival – where primary and intermediate students will be joining EGGS students.

Our plans for the redevelopment of L Block are well underway and I encourage you to help us meet our school contribution \$150,000 target which will be vital to the project's outdoor area – see Page 7 for details of the Wall of Honour and other donation options. Thank you to those staff and parents who have provided feedback on the Master Plan. Students are currently giving their feedback through sessions led by the Tutor Group Captains, facilitated by the Student Council.

We switch to all students being in winter uniform from next Monday. With winter on its way, please remember that students should be at home if ill, and it is a good time to think about whether immunisations are up-to-date.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Important notice:

**No entry to any part of Silver Road when dropping off or collecting students
7.35am - 8.35am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm.**

Please make dropping and collecting your daughter from a nearby street a permanent habit.



Coming up in Week 3....

Mon 14 May	Full Winter Uniform
Sat 12-20 May	EGGS/AGS Production "Ragtime"
Thur 17 May	Writers' Festival
Fri 18 May	Pink Shirt Day

Coming up in Week 4....

Mon 21-25 May	Health & PE Week
Tue 22 May	Unicorns & Vacuum Cleaners
Fri 25 May	Year 13 Ball

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Welcome back to the start of Term 2 and I hope the holidays enabled everyone to reflect on a busy term at EGGS but also enjoy some quality downtime.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the community, the staff and the students for your feedback on the draft masterplan presented late last term. This plan is still on display in the Administration building so if you get a chance please review and any feedback is appreciated.

ERO (Education Review Office) has indicated the School's external evaluation is due later this year. For EGGS this is a 4-5 year review and a good opportunity to measure our progress over this period and continually focus on improvements for the future.

The education system is currently under government review and this also includes the governance function of Board of Trustees. The BOT model was introduced under 'Tomorrows Schools' in the early 80s. As the Board prepares for the strategic plan review later this year we will be interested in the review findings and likely direction this government has for education.

A recent update from ACCOS (Auckland Central Community of Schools) provided an opportunity for the Board to review the key initiatives of this group and the learning pathways for the students in our community. The collaboration across the schools is impressive and while student achievement is at the forefront it was also very positive to see a focus on teacher skills and professional development. Utilising the expertise across this school community has to be beneficial and offers leadership opportunities for the teachers involved.



'Ragtime' starts this weekend, good luck to all involved in this production. These shows are always a highlight in the school calendar so if you can get along you won't be disappointed.

All the best for another busy term.

Chris Iles, Board Chair

OGA NEWS

Our Annual Morning Tea held in the hostel on 11th April was a warm and uplifting occasion, despite weather chaos. Old Girls from all eras attended and we were treated to a wonderful performance from some of the cast of the upcoming School production Ragtime. Afterwards, we held a Reunion Lunch for those who started third form in 1957 and 1958 – it was well-attended and many memories and laughs were shared.

The AGM is set for Monday 11th June – we'll be acknowledging Honorary Members in addition to formal business. It's also a chance for Old Girls to catch up over wine and nibbles. On Tuesday 19th June we'll be honouring this year's Founders at a special Assembly – it's always an inspiring and heartwarming occasion. Our April newsletter has recently gone out, full of news of Old Girls near and far, as well as current students and School happenings. Meanwhile, we are planning a special Film Evening on Monday 3rd September and will provide more details once confirmed – this is for the whole school community to come along to.

GENERAL NEWS

PTA: Save the date!

The next PTA information evening will be held on Wednesday 13 June at 7.30pm. Topic to be advised shortly.

All welcome.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Epsom Girls Grammar School has International Students arriving from Asia, Europe and Mexico starting in Term 3 of 2018, who require homestay accommodation. \$280 per week is paid to cover full board.

If you would enjoy hosting an international student and are able to provide a caring and supportive environment to make her part of your family life, have a spare room, live within close distance to Epsom Girls Grammar School and speak English as your first language we would look forward to hearing from you.

For further information please call Jo Bostock or Florence Huang on 970 6757 or email accommodation@eggs.school.nz

Winter Uniform

We would like to remind you that **full winter uniform** is to be worn from **Monday 14th May** (Week 3).

Accounts

Please note if you have any payment queries the new email address is cashier@eggs.school.nz

Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award creates opportunities for our young people to learn a new skill (or develop an existing one), get physically active, give service to their communities, and take part in an adventure. The Award challenges young people to leave their comfort zones. They build self-confidence and greater resilience, helping to set them up for success in today's world. New Zealand is just one of around 140 countries to deliver the Award programme.

More than 130 students are currently enrolled in The Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award at our school.

The following students were presented with the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award at assembly: *Eloise Gray, Phoebe Klink, Ella Lamb, Emma Larsen, Sophia Morcom, Nina Shepherd and Georgia Waugh.*



The following girls were presented with the Silver Award: *Jennifer Chen, Haluka Kirk, Gayoung Oh, Binudi Senanayake, Lily Tang, Anushka Unnikrishnan, and Amy Wynne-Jones.*

Unicorns & Vacuum Cleaners - Year 13 Learning Summit

In Week 4 of this term, Tuesday 22nd May, we will be hosting an exciting event for all of our Year 13 students - the Year 13 Learning Summit, also known as Unicorns & Vacuum Cleaners!

This conference-styled day-long event for Year 13 students features a range of presentations and workshops from guest speakers including Chlöe Swarbrick and a range of EGGS and tertiary-level staff members.

The focus of the Year 13 Summit is centred around the transition that all Year 13 students will make at the end of this year when they leave Epsom Girls Grammar School and begin the next phase of their lives in 2019. Students have an opportunity to tailor their day by selecting three workshops of their choice.

The title of the Summit, 'Unicorns and Vacuum Cleaners' (or UVC for short), references the DADA Art Movement from the 1920s; whilst it sounds a little nonsensical, it represents the idea and importance of dreaming big in life but balancing this with practical planning in order to make dreams a reality.

AGGS/EGGS Prefects Netball match - Campaign Week 2018



Anzac Day

ANZAC Day 2018 was a special day full of remembrance. The days leading up were filled with poppy collections around Newmarket. On the 25th, 18 students had an early 3am start at the Auckland Domain for the ANZAC service. The group worked alongside the RSA volunteers to help the event run smoothly. This included handing out poppies and programmes for both the Dawn and Civic Services.

The students on the Business Trip were also involved in the ANZAC service in Shanghai. Dea Sikri gave the ANZAC Ode and Sophie Leask and Shannae Lovell laid wreaths on behalf of the school. This was a special moment where the girls were able to pay their respects and represent Epsom Girls in China.

Auckland



Shanghai, China



CAREER NEWS

Careers Department

Since mid-2017 the Careers Department has welcomed two new members – Ms Kim Zimmerman (Vocational Pathways and Gateway) and Ms Lila Pulsford (Career Practitioner).

Kim and Lila share a real passion for working with our students and supporting them to succeed in their chosen career pathway. We are so very pleased to have them both in the Department as they bring their expertise and ideas to enhance our work with students.



*Left to right: Ms Kim Zimmerman, Ms Philippa Leask,
Ms Lila Pulsford, Mrs Claire Young*

University Information Evening

The University of Canterbury | Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha (UC) invites students from our school and their families to attend its Auckland Information Evening on Tuesday 15 May.

The evening is a great opportunity for senior secondary students and their parents to learn more about the range of qualifications UC offers, to hear from leading academics and get key questions answered about:

- Scholarships
- Accommodation
- Student Support
- Degree and course information

Anyone considering university study in 2019 or 2020 is welcome at this free event, so register online to find out everything you need to know about life and study at UC. Register at: www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/info-evenings/

The UC Information Evening starts at 6:30pm on 15 May at ANZ Viaduct Events Centre, 161 Halsey Street, Auckland.

CURRICULUM NEWS



Year 9 Philosophy

This year, EGGs has seen the first ever Year 9 Philosophy class introduced.

The program runs as a selected option 3 times a week, where students have explored topics such as Ethics, Moral dilemmas, Logic and Epistemology.

Our students are engaged in discussion and exploration of deep and challenging topics, such as “What does it mean to live a good life?” and “Can we know anything for certain?” Discussion has been interesting, engaging and thought provoking.

The main focus of Term 1 has been developing Critical, Collaborative and Creative thinking skills whilst introducing students to Philosophy, many of whom are encountering it for the first time. In Term 2, philosophy students will be exploring a variety of philosophical issues whilst developing an essay about their chosen topic within philosophy.

The 2018 Grand Tour



During the final week of Term 1 and the two week school holidays, 26 Year 12 and 13 Classical Studies, Art History and Latin students embarked upon a 3 week educational trip to Europe: the 2018 'Grand Tour'. They were accompanied by teachers Philippa Wright, Karyn Dempsey, Lisa Murphy and Ben Jackson. The tour started in Greece, visiting ancient sites such as the Acropolis, Mycenae and the Epidauros theatre. The sun kept shining on the group as they spent the day taking in the Saronic Gulf by boat. From there the group travelled to Rome and explored sites such as the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, St Peters Basilica and of course a tour of Rome's modern highlights, including the famous Spanish steps and Trevi Fountain. The group then headed south to take in the incredible Herculaneum, walk the streets of the buried city of Pompeii and see the treasures of the Naples Museum. Florence was next, with visits to the breath-taking Duomo Cathedral, the Academia and Uffizi galleries, and much more. The group then drove and sailed north to take in the magic of Venice. France was the final country of the tour, with stops at the Roman Theatre in Orange, the wondrous Pont du Gard and of course the delightful Maison Carrée. Visiting France wouldn't be complete without heading to Paris where the group walked more than 15kms of Art History inside the Louvre, climbed the Eiffel tower, visited the stunning Musée d'Orsay and took in Paris via a boat cruise on the picturesque Seine.

This trip provided a wonderful range of cultural and historical experiences and gave students the opportunity to see the paintings, sculptures, architecture and ancient sites studied in class, come to life. Students also revelled in being immersed in the daily life of European shopping and cuisine – a memorable experience for all. Thank you to the fantastic group of students and staff who made this tour possible and in particular to Ms Wright who worked so tirelessly to organise this trip.

Nga Manu Korero Regional Speech Competition

Congratulations to Manaaki and Waikamania who represented EGGs at the Nga Manu Korero Regional Speech Competition held on the 4th May.

Results were:

For Junior Māori Manaaki Fletcher won best female speaker and came 2nd overall.

For Junior English Waikamania Seve also won best female speaker and came 2nd overall in her category.

We came away at the end of the day with great memories and 4 Taonga that we will be bringing back to our Kura.

Manaaki came 2nd equal with another student from Te Kura o Nga Tapuwae, therefore we have given that trophy to their school.



ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

EGGS/AGS Production RAGTIME - School Edition (12 - 19 May 2018)

'Ragtime' tickets are selling swiftly ... We are offering the EGGS/AGS community the opportunity to purchase tickets in person from the RFAC Box Office on Wednesday 9 May from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

Epsom Girls Grammar School and Auckland Grammar School are proud to present Ragtime, a sweeping epic capturing the American experience at the turn of the twentieth century. The musical tracks three diverse families in pursuit of the American Dream, exploring the worlds of a Jewish immigrant and his beloved daughter, a wealthy white couple, and an African American ragtime musician. Ragtime features many of the larger-than-life figures who shaped turn-of-the-century America, including Harry Houdini, Emma Goldman, J.P. Morgan, Evelyn Nesbit and Henry Ford.



Some of the cast from 'Ragtime' who performed at assembly on Thursday 3 May.

The show presents a 'dream of what this country could be,' with the characters finding a way to live together as Americans, despite their differences. Though Ragtime takes place over one hundred years in the past, its exploration of immigration, race, tolerance and the power of the human spirit will resonate deeply with audience members in 2018.

Tickets available from [iTicket](#)

Based on the novel Ragtime by E.L. Doctorow

Book by Terrence McNally

Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Music by Stephen Flaherty

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, Exclusive Agent for Music Theatre International

FOUNDATION NEWS

L Block Renovation

As you know we've been fundraising for the L Block upgrade since the end of last year and would like to thank everyone that's made a donation already. We're still working towards achieving the \$150,000 goal - with your continued support, we can make this possible. Together we can build an innovative learning space to advance education and meet the needs of the EGGS community.

For more information about the upgrade please visit: www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/l-block-renovation.aspx

Make a donation

Wall of Honour

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

Please complete a [donation form](#).

General donation

To make a contribution for any amount you choose, please complete the form above.

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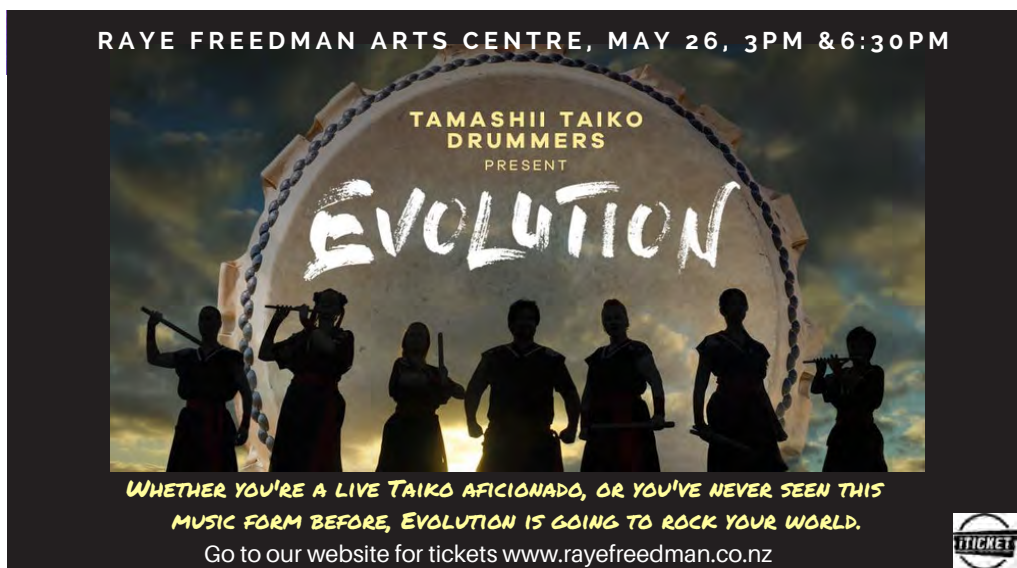


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Heritage Fund Round 2

The closing date for round 2 of the Heritage Fund is **Friday 8 June**. We welcome applications from all current students, teachers and groups. For more information and to download an application form visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/heritage-fund-grants.aspx



Orienteering

Emily Hayes and Ella Watson competed in the NISS Orienteering Champs over the holidays.

Emily placed 4th in both the Sprint and the Long event.

Ella placed 10th in the Sprint and 22nd in the long event.

In the team senior composite relay they placed 4th.

Well done Ella and Emily!



Cross Country

Thanks to all the students and parents that attended the EGGs cross country held last week at Waitarua Park, it was a beautiful day for a run in the park.

Congratulations to the following students:

Junior Champs

- 1st Hanna Brathwaite
- 2nd Siena Edwards
- 3rd Rici Chambers

Intermediate Champs

- 1st Jemma Cherguit
- 2nd Ella Watson
- 3rd Cartier Matthews

Senior Champs

- 1st Catrin Dawson
- 2nd Grace Wilson
- 3rd Hannah Berry



Cycling

Congratulations to Ella Wylie and Lucy Thomson who have been busy in Australia representing NZ in the Canberra Junior Tour. Well done to Ella for taking out the tour in 1st place with Lucy coming 6th.



AFL

Congratulations Killarney Morey on receiving the AFL NZ - Women's Player of the Year.

Killarney was Co-Captain of the New Zealand Youth Girls in 2017 and was also selected by AFL New Zealand and Tasmania to represent the State at the 2017 AFLW National Youth Girls Champs in Adelaide and is only the second Kiwi to do so.



Winter Sports

Good luck to all of the Epsom winter sports teams who have started their season! We will keep you all updated on our Facebook Page, [Epsom Girls Grammar Sport](#), with our What's On and weekly results posts.