

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Ribbons for Christchurch

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Today has been a day of reflection and support for the victims of the Christchurch shootings which happened one week ago. Throughout last weekend as the nation was in shock and disbelief, people also very naturally began showing through their actions New Zealand's shared values of respect for each other; of kindness and compassion; of knowing, understanding and appreciating each other. Throughout this week here at school students and staff have supported each other and today has been what has seemed a very fitting way to mark the one week anniversary of those tragic events.

Next week we will be catching up on all the Polyfest results and catching up on the student strike for climate event. EGGs students were involved in the leadership and organisation of the event and appearing in media interviews. We hope to have an article from them in the next edition of EGGsNEWS.

Term 1 student led conferences are next Thursday and Friday. We look forward to seeing parents here and students have constructed rich profiles across the curriculum relating to their learning at this point in the year. Connecting face to face is always a valuable opportunity for discussion and also for having queries answered.

Good luck to all teams for Summer Tournament next week. Kia kaha.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal



Coming up in Week 9....

Mon 25 - 30 Mar	Summer Tournament Week
Wed 27 Mar	Women in Law Function
Thu 28 Mar	Student led Conferences
Fri 29 Mar	Student led Conferences

Coming up in Week 10....

Tue 2 April	Epsom Music Concert
Fri 5 April	Mufti Day

[TO VIEW MORE EVENTS CLICK HERE >](#)

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

28 & 29 March, 2019

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GENERAL NEWS

Learning at EGS in 2020

Thank you to those that came along to the Learning at EGS in 2020 Information Evening held on the 14th March. For those who may have missed the Information Evening the slides presented on the night are linked in [here](#).

Measles Information

Due to the recent publicity in the news media about the measles outbreak in the South Island, reported cases in Wellington and three cases in Auckland as at 13/3/2019, this is a timely reminder to check your daughter's immune status to measles. If you are not sure please contact your GP or health care provider for advice. The measles vaccination is free and will help protect your daughter, family and community.

Links for the latest information from the Immunisation Advisory Centre, www.immune.org.nz

- [Measles and MMR vaccination information](#)
- [MoH: Latest Measles update 15 March](#)

CAREER NEWS



Gap Year and Exchange Expo

At lunchtime on Tuesday 12th March, 12 Gap Year and Exchange organisations came along to our annual Expo. Hundreds of students passed through the Expo during their lunch break and eagerly snapped up a lot of information about possible future volunteering roles, work and travel.

Exchanges and Gap Years are great ways for our students to gain more insight into our world and to the issues that drive the global economy. Often a Gap Year is taken the year after a student finishes their schooling, while an Exchange can often happen for as little as 2 months over the summer holidays or up to a year. Make this a dinner time conversation and help our students become more global!



Epsom Girls Grammar School

COURAGE | COMPASSION | CURIOSITY | COMMUNITY



OPEN MORNING

Tuesday, 9 April 2019

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 [here](#)

2020 Application forms will be available in June. Enquiries phone 630 5963.

PTA

The PTA AGM was held on Wednesday evening, March 13th 2019 in the Boardroom - Admin Block. Unfortunately there was only a very small group who attended. Ann McKenzie resigned from her position as Co-Chairperson. On behalf of the PTA I would like to extend a special thank you for her valued contribution to the PTA over the past year. Current office holders were re-elected as follows:

Chairperson - Usha Parbhu

Secretary - Sian Dawson

Treasurer - Lynn Baker

Usha Parbhu - PTA Chairperson

Year 9 & 10 Parent Evening - Wednesday 10 April

Coming up on Wednesday 10 April at 7pm is an evening event for parents of Year 9 and 10 students. It will be an opportunity to celebrate a term at Epsom. There will be a panel of staff to answer questions, followed by a chance for parents to get to know each other with wine and cheese provided.

Further information will be emailed out shortly but please put the event in your diary!

CURRICULUM NEWS

Year 12/13 Drama Trip

On Thursday 14th March, some of the Year 12 and 13 students went on an optional trip to see the opening night viewing of *A Man of Good Hope*, put on as part of the Auckland Arts Festival this month, as well as enjoying a fantastic dinner at Miss Clawdy beforehand.

The show follows the life story of a young Somalian refugee, Asad Abdullahi, and his hardships as he moves to Ethiopia, where he learns a new way of life, before setting his sights on the 'promised land' of South Africa in which he finds a harsh reality for himself and his family.

Based on the book by Jonny Steinburg, the production features a vibrant, lively and energetic cast from the South African Isango Ensemble working in collaboration with the UK's Young Vic. Accompanied with incredible music and riddled with authentic African culture and tradition, the show put together an incredible story of resilience in light of one of the greatest humanitarian crises of our time.

The show itself was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students and staff, earning a standing ovation at the end, and likely leaving a lasting impact on the entire audience with its powerful message.



From the Languages Learning Area

St Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras

To celebrate Valentine's Day (14th February) and Mardi Gras (5th March), the Languages Learning Area held a mask competition. Valentine's Day was originally a Christian feast day honoring Saint Valentinus. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday" and reflects the practice of eating rich, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season. Both are celebrated in some of the countries where the languages we are learning are spoken. For this competition, students were free to get as creative as they wished and we were pleasantly surprised with the masks that were submitted. It was tough job to award winners but Year 13 language students settled on the following:

Over all winner - Carise O'Brien (Year 9)

Best Year 9 Mask - Maggie Frizzell

Best Year 10 Mask - Beau Roche

Best Senior Mask - Aysun Kokcu

The winning masks will be displayed in P Block. Congratulations to these girls and a big thank you to everyone who took part.

Jasman Vir Kaur - Year 13



Carise O'Brien - Over all winner



Beau Roche (Year 10 winner) and Ananya Duvvari



*Masks by -
Top left: Carise O'Brien,
Centre: Aysun Kokcu,
Right: Beau Roche,
Bottom Centre:
Maggie Frizzell*

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Fia Fia Night *(photos by Annalise & Briana)*

Saturday Night saw our annual cultural event, Fia Fia Night. Showcasing the myriad of different cultural groups at Epsom Girls Grammar School students performing their “traditional with the modern twist” dances or traditional performances from their countries. This event is the lead-up to the upcoming Polyfest and allows students to perform to the communities who support them.

All the performers looked beautiful in their colourful and stunning costumes. Their dancing and singing voices were powerful and lingered to everyone’s minds at the end of the evening. The audiences were encouraging the groups and giving the performers the energy they needed to perform. The event was a fun and family friendly affair, with food stalls selling cultural cuisine from 4:30pm.

We are lucky to have incredible multi-cultural diversity at EGGG and to have such support from the Epsom community, as was evidenced by a very full school hall, the huge smiles on stage from all of the performers and behind the scenes. Congratulations and thank you to all the cultural groups, it was an outstanding evening. Thank you to all the parents, caregivers, tutors and communities, the teachers in charge and leaders, this event would not have happened without your hard work, support and dedication. Thank you also to the student technical group and the photographers, Mrs Koko Purdy the Arts and Cultural Assistant, Vaughan Williams as supervising technician and Kayla Wolfenden the Assistant Cultural Coordinator. *(more photos on [page 10](#))*



EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

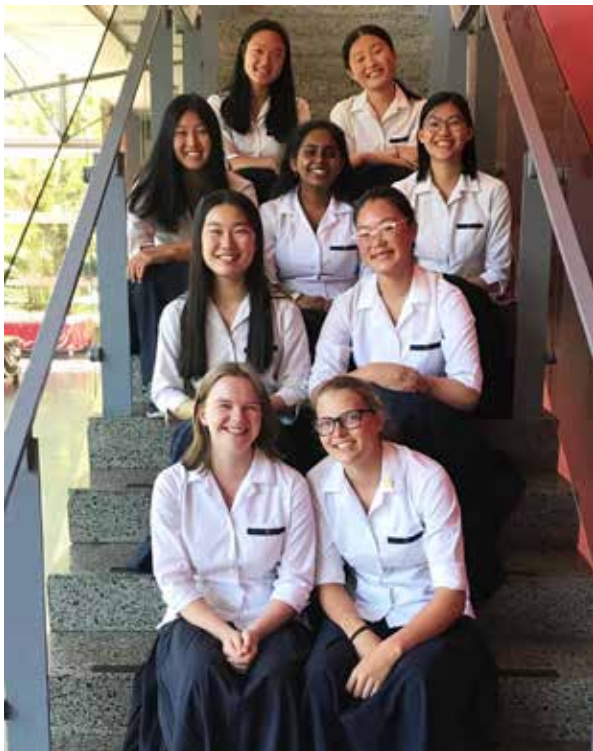
Epsom Music In Concert - Tuesday 2nd April, 7:30pm

Join us for a concert of popular music featuring the bands, choirs, and orchestras of Epsom Girls Grammar School.

This is a fundraising concert dedicated to the people of Christchurch. All proceeds will go to support the families and wider community affected by the events of March 15.

Tickets are \$10 and are available through [iTicket](#) and at the Music Office.

Introducing our Music Leaders for 2019



Epsom Music presents:

EPSOM MUSIC IN CONCERT

A fundraising concert dedicated
to the people of Christchurch
Featuring the bands, choirs, and orchestras
of Epsom Girls Grammar School

APRIL 2, 2019
7:30PM | \$10
RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE

Tickets available from iTicket and the music office



Band: Molly Manning and Zaria Ireland

Solo & Ensemble: Kelly Liu and Rosie Kim

Choral: Fankun Yin and Brenda Liu

Orchestra: Angeline Xiao, Niha Nair and Cindy Chang

They have been working wonderfully as a team to support the staff and students of Epsom Music.

Also welcome to the new Music Administrator Rachel Grimwood.

OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Women in Law function - 27 March 2019

On 27 March 2019 at 6 pm the Old Girls Association is holding an EGGs Women in Law networking function in the Administration foyer at EGGs. This event is for all Old Girls and current students but will have appeal to EGGs students interested in a legal career, law students and legal alumnae. The event will be a panel discussion facilitated by **Dame Judith Potter DNZM CBE** with panellists **Belinda Sellars Q.C., Freyberg Chambers; Kavita Deobhakta, Litigation Partner at Morgan Coakle, Yasmin Olsen, Solicitor at Kayes Fletcher Walker and Tara Hauraki, Solicitor at Kahui Legal**. The discussion will cover what lawyers in different types of legal practise do, the variety and range of work available in the legal profession and what to do as a young lawyer entering the job market. We encourage Old Girls who are grandmothers, mothers and sisters of current students who might be interested in a legal career to bring them to this event. Parents who are not Old Girls are also most welcome to bring along a current student who is interested in a legal career. We acknowledge and thank the generous sponsorship of **Ulrich Milne Lawyers**, 3 Owens Road, Epsom <http://www.uml.co.nz/> which has enabled us to make this a free event with the opportunity to give koha of a gold coin or note towards OGA prizes and scholarships on arrival. If you'd like to come, please email us on oga@eggs.school.nz for catering purposes. For enquiries phone Julie Goodyer – Treasurer - EGGs Old Girls Association on 027 2965294.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE EGGS OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION'S WOMEN IN LAW FUNCTION 2019

Please join us for drinks and canapés at Epsom Girls Grammar School to hear a panel discussion from alumnae at various stages of their legal careers. The panel will be facilitated by the Honourable Dame Judith Potter DNZM CBE. Our 2019 panellists are:

Belinda Sellars Q.C., Freyberg Chambers

Kavita Deobhakta, Litigation Partner at Morgan Coakle

Yasmin Olsen, Solicitor at Kayes Fletcher Walker

Tara Hauraki, Solicitor at Kahui Legal

The panel will talk about what lawyers in different types of legal practice do; the variety and range of work available in the legal profession; and what to do as a young lawyer entering the job market. You'll hear about the diversity of career paths in the legal profession and insights from our panellists gained over the course of their careers.

We welcome all Old Girls to join us whether you're involved in the law or not. This event will appeal to those who have recently embarked on their careers or legal studies as well as students thinking of studying law.

Please RSVP to oga@eggs.school.nz by 20 March 2019

Wednesday 27 March
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Administration Building Foyer
Epsom Girls Grammar School
Silver Road, Epsom

Koha of a gold coin or note at the door appreciated

FOUNDATION NEWS

Heritage Fund Grant

The Heritage Fund grant supports the school, students or staff by funding activities and items which will benefit EGGs and its community. These are items and activities that are not usually funded within the school budget and therefore contribute to maintaining the high standards and opportunities available at EGGs. Grants from this fund are usually between \$100 and \$400 each and there are 3 funding rounds per year. The next round of funding closes on Friday 7 June.

For more information visit the [school website](#).

Donor Wall of Honour



What is the Donor Wall of Honour?

The Donor Wall of Honour will be a permanent exhibit of individual or family names featured on a dedicated wall inside L Block. While honouring your family, an individual, friends or lost loved ones, you will at the same time help us transform L Block into an innovative learning space.

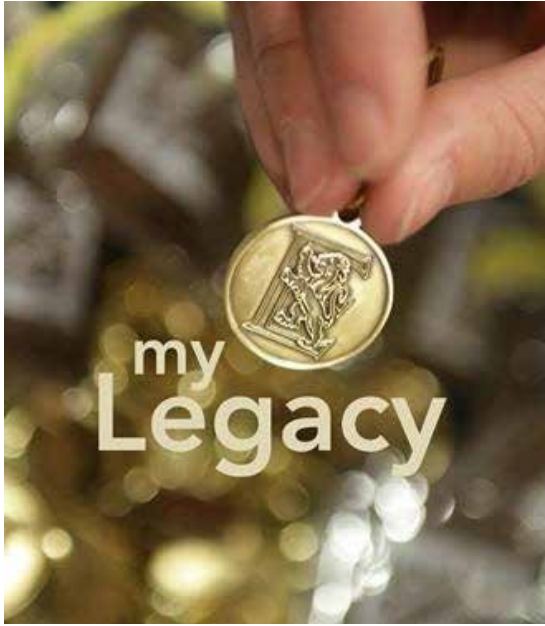
How can I place a name on the Donor Wall of Honour?

The names of individuals and families will be inscribed on the Wall of Honour for posterity as gifts of remembrance through donations made to advance learning at EGGs. You can place a name on the Wall of Honour by completing an online donation form. For each contribution of \$500, your name will go on in perpetuity allowing future generations to benefit from your kindness.

[Click here to become a permanent part of EGGs history](#)

Alternatively, you can contribute any amount you choose, small or large.

Leave a lasting legacy



Creating a charitable legacy can be one of the most lasting and impactful acts you can do, and the EGG Foundation would love to partner with committed individuals who are ready to take that step. You can create a bequest for the future that supports the causes you care about the most including education, sports, teaching, and the arts and culture, or you can leave a gift that meets the most critical needs of the school over time. With your generosity, we can advance learning at EGG.

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.

Speak in confidence with the Foundation Office by phone 09 970 6753 or by email foundation@eggs.school.nz

For more information [click here](#).

Fia Fia Night



Summer Tournament Week

Good luck to all of our Summer Sports teams heading away next week for Summer Tournament Week! You can get daily updates and results every day on facebook and instagram.



Summer Tournament Week 2019



Waka Ama NZSS
26th - 30th March
Tikitapu (Blue Lake),
Rotorua

Rowing MAADI Cup
25 - 30th March
Lake Karapiro, Waikato

Mountain Biking NISS
30th - 31st March
Wainuiomata, Wellington

Water Polo NISS
27 - 30th March
Various pools,
Auckland

Cricket Nationals
Qualifying
25 - 28th March
Waikaraka Park,
Auckland

Yachting Teams Racing
Regatta
28th - 29th March
Akarana Yacht Club,
Auckland

Ultimate NZSS
25-26th March
Owen Delany Park,
Taupo

Lets go support our teams!



Equestrian

Congratulations to Bridie Quigley who competed in Hawkes Bay for Horse Of The Year and finished 5th out of 50 competitors. A few days later she placed 6th out of 60 competitors in the Pony Of The Year class!



Cycling

Last weekend Epsom had three current and past students compete at the Oceania Cycling Championships in Tasmania: Ella Wyllie (Year12), Lucy Thompson (Year13), and Stella Nightingale (2018 Captain). For the individual time trial, Ella placed 5th with 23:31:34, Lucy placed 6th with 23:35:04, and Stella placed 9th with 24:06:00. These are amazing results and just a reminder that the average speed of the winner was 40km/h.

For the 79km road race all three were in the front breakaway bunch, and then with 1 km to go Ella took over the front and dominated the rest of the race coming away with a win (pictured)! Ella's average speed was 33 km/h!

Ultimate Frisbee

Congratulations to our Ultimate Frisbee teams who had a very successful Sunday at the Ultimate Frisbee Outdoor Championships! Epsom 1 took out the tournament for the sixth year in a row and Epsom 2 also came away with 3rd place! Thank you to the parents, supporters and Epsom Alliance who went to support the teams. Also a huge thank you to the coaches and Antonia (Manager) for all you have done for Epsom Ultimate this season, we would not be able to do it without you!



Rowing

Congratulations to the Epsom Rowing Team who had a very successful North Island Secondary School performance at Lake Karapiro from the 8th to 10th March. The team made 13 A Finals and came away with the following top 3 results:



GOLD- Girls U18 Novice Eight

SILVER- GU18 4+

BRONZE- GU15 8+

SILVER- GU18 2-

BRONZE- GU18 2-

All the best to the team who are now in preparation for the MAADI Cup!

Athletics

Pictures from the Athletics Champs held at Mt Smart Stadium on the 5th March. Results were posted in the previous newsletter and are also available on the [College Sport website](#).



Maddison Prince - 100m



Jorien Fourie - Senior Girls 100m



Brooke Schaumkell - Junior Discus Top 6



Vika Aho - Intermediate Discus Top 6



HIRE OUR FACILITIES



Epsom Girls Grammar has a variety of venues and spaces for hire during evenings, weekends and school holidays.

For enquiries about the Marjorie Adams Hall, Outdoor Courts, Gymnasiums, The Joyce Fisher Stadium, Dance Rooms, Field, Lecture Theatre and Classrooms, please contact :

Katie Holmes

Facilities Manager

kholmes@egg.school.nz



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Epsom House Afternoon Supervisor with sleepover role (Monday - Thursday)

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. It would be an advantage if the applicant had experience working with young females and is someone who can create attractive after-school activities and programmes and to also supervise and monitor prep time.

The hours for this position will be Monday – Thursday from 3.30pm – 10.00pm.

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 from 10.00pm – 6.30am. It will be for term time only.

As we are a girl's boarding school this position is only suitable for a female.

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

All applications must include the support staff application form.

Applications close on Friday 29 March, 2019.

Epsom House Evening Supervisor

We 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.

Experience with Restorative principles would be an advantage. 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 and to also supervise and monitor prep time.

The hours for this position will be Thursday from 5.00pm – 10.00pm. It will be for term time only

As we are a girl's boarding school this position is only suitable for a female.

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

All applications must include the support staff application form.

Applications close on Wednesday 3 April 2019.

The position will commence on Monday 29 April 2019.

Melbourne City Ballet Presents

[ALICE IN WONDERLAND - Saturday, March 30, 7:30pm](#)

Melbourne City Ballet's Michael Pappalardo (Artistic Director) and Brendan Bradshaw (Artistic Associate) pay homage to the well known novel by Lewis Carroll, "Alice In Wonderland", with this enchanting ballet complimented by one of Tchaikovsky's most famous scores. "Alice In Wonderland" tells the story of a young girl who is whisked away to a magical world of wonder. Falling through a rabbit hole she meets magical creatures both strange and mysterious on her adventure to find her way home.

ATTENTION ALL DANCERS!!!

As part of Melbourne City Ballet's 2019 season we will once again be hosting community participation workshops at each theatre prior to the show. These workshops are hosted by current company dancers and staff members with Melbourne City Ballet and are aimed at dancers aged 8 to 18 years old. Within the workshop participants will learn choreography from the show. The workshop will run for approximately 1 hour. At the conclusion of the workshop a handful



of lucky dancers will be chosen to perform with the company that night.

The workshop will be held on the RFAC stage at 3:00pm on 30 March.

Please find below an information letter that will be available for participants on our website

[AiW participant info](#)