

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Principal Lorraine Pound with Deputy Principals Cate Knowles (left) and Kate Slattery (right) at the Athletics Day Parade (more photos on page 4)



Principal Lorraine Pound with Helene Muschamp - new Year 9 student and daughter of alumna and teacher Natasha Muschamp, Promise Akindeju, Head Prefect and Dame Judith Potter at the official opening of the Judith Potter Centre on Thursday

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Thank-you to all who made the Athletics Parade and Finals day last Friday go so well, and congratulations to all participants.

I hope Year 10 students really enjoy their Camp next week - a tremendous outdoor experience. Just a reminder that car entry for drop-off on Monday and Wednesday morning will be from Gillies Avenue into Silver Road and then you will be directed onto the field and after drop-off, exiting onto Manukau Road. The buses will want to leave by just before 8am so please make sure you get here by 7.15am.

Last night we held the official Opening of the Judith Potter Centre – a very happy evening and a wonderful occasion to celebrate the generosity of all donors who made this project possible, and the team effort of the project group. We now have our first multi-space flexible learning environment. As you go into the Centre you can see the Donor Wall, artwork and design by Zoie McKenzie, Top Scholar for New Zealand in Graphics last year. Opposite the donor wall is the artwork installation, designed and created by Ms Lilla Robinson from the Social Sciences Learning Area. The work, made up of 16 kete, shows our strength as females and represents turangawaewae, tipuna, our School Values and the desire to improve the world for others. We are the lucky beneficiaries of these two wonderful gifts to the School.

Lastly – we are a large school which means daily traffic soon builds to heavy congestion and difficulty turning. This is a safety concern. Please take note of the important message at the foot of this page.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 6....

Mon 2 Mar - Wed 4 Mar	Year 10 Camp (1st group)
Mon 2 Mar	Year 13 NCEA Assembly
Wed 4 Mar - Fri 6 Mar	Year 10 Camp (2nd group)

Coming up in Week 7....

Mon 9 Mar	Year 12 NCEA Assembly
Tue 10 Mar	Gap Year & Exchange Expo
Wed 11 Mar	New Parent PTA Evening
Sat 14 Mar	Fia Fia Night

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

FIA FIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH

FOOD STALLS: 4:30PM

PERFORMANCES: 6:00PM

ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION

VENUE: MAJORIE ADAMS HALL

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.

NO

Silver Road

ENTRY

GENERAL NEWS

PTA

Welcome to all parents and families of the new students to EGGs this year. It was so nice to see so many of you at the recent new students BBQ and I do hope that you found the evening informative and enjoyed meeting other parents from your daughter's tutor class. Thanks so much to the PTA members, staff and students who helped sizzle sausages.

The PTA at EGGs functions quite differently to what you may have experienced at other schools. We are not a fundraising committee and our main role is to support the staff and school community by helping out at various events such as the new students BBQ, open day and enrolment day. Throughout the year we also host various presentations and invite guest speakers. We have also supported the EGGs Foundation with their fundraising initiatives such as the 'Meet the Maker' event held in September last year.

We rely heavily on the one-off donation from each family, to support the needs of the school. The funds we do have; we spend in ways which benefit the entire school. We recently provided the funds for the new Year 13 badges, the new Year 13s are wearing them with pride. They allow the Year 13s to have a point of difference in their uniform to the Year 12s.

Our meetings are held on a Wednesday evening once a month during term time, these meetings offer a wonderful insight into the life at EGGs and provides an opportunity to give feedback. However, it is not required that you attend all meetings, some members are happy to help from home, for example making salads for the grateful teachers on subject conference evenings. If you are Interested please contact Usha Parbhu, ushaparbhu71@gmail.com or Sian Dawson, timandsian99@gmail.com.

We always look forward to meeting new parents so please come along to our next meeting on **March 11th** which will be a Drinks and Nibbles evening for Year 9 and 10 parents and will be held in the staffroom, there will also be a chance to have a tour through the recently built Judith Potter Centre. (Please refer to the flyer for further details).

Usha Parbhu
PTA Chairperson

PTA New Parent Barbeque





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THE EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR
PTA PRESENT

NEW PARENT EVENING

New parents are welcomed
to a mix and mingle evening
including tips for being a
parent at EGGS as well as a chance
to meet with the Principal and
Prefects. There will also be a
chance to take a tour through the
new Judith Potter Centre.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH
7-8:30PM
IN THE EGGS STAFFROOM



RSVP BY MARCH 6TH

► <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdW2QziMmlcuSQVn8enrQAuV0N8TGz1FZ5U1aGUpcvTa2RFTg/viewform>

We have Moved to Parent Portal Payments

For your convenience, you are now able to view voluntary and required payments excluding stationery and uniforms via the Parent Portal. You will see these in the Financial section of your dashboard menu.

Please make your payments using the Parent Portal. There are two payment options available:

- Account to Account – no surcharge applies. You will be asked to login to your internet banking.
- Credit card – a 2% surcharge will apply

Advantages to using the Parent Portal for payments are:

- You have control to select the payments you make
- Payments are reflected immediately and accurately
- Receipts are available to download for your records
- The Parent Portal is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

If you have any questions please contact receivables@eggs.school.nz

Select Payment Method

Select a payment method from the following available options:

VISA

MAYSTAMP

account2account

account2account

SELECT BANK

BANK LOGON

SELECT ACCOUNT

REFERENCE DETAILS

PAYMENT VERIFICATION

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Please select one of the currently available banking services:

☒ ANZ

☐ ASB

☐ BNZ

☐ Kiwibank

☐ The Co-operative Bank

☐ TSB

☐ Westpac

☐ I have read and accepted the [terms and conditions](#)

About Account2Account security

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Cashier Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	8.00am - 8.30am 11.00am - 11.30am 12.30pm - 1.30pm	Wednesday	9.00am - 9.30am 10.30am - 11.00am 12.30pm - 1.30pm
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Athletics Parade 2020



CURRICULUM NEWS

Languages Department

We would like to welcome our 2020 language assistants, Laura Gozalo, Manon Le Derrien and Yuko Garnell.

They have joined the Languages Learning Area to share their language skills with staff and students, to help improve the students' ability to communicate, and to develop their knowledge of a different culture.

Laura comes from the north of Spain from a city called Zaragoza. She is a Primary School Teacher of English and PE.

Manon comes to us from Paris and is a French Second Language Teacher. She teaches French to immigrants in France and has recently taught French to primary teachers in Greece.

Yuko was born and grew up in Japan but has more recently lived in Germany, India and the USA. She moved to Auckland three years ago. This is Yuko's second year here at EGGS.



Yuko Garnell, Laura Gozalo and Manon Le Derrien

We are very fortunate to have access to the very specialised knowledge and skills that all three language assistants bring.

Welcome to the EGGS community, Laura, Manon and Yuko!

We would also dearly love to employ a Maori language assistant and a Chinese language assistant for one day a week each. If you are interested, please contact Marsha Lin mllin@apps.eggs.school.nz regarding the Chinese language assistant or Anne Scott: ascott@apps.eggs.school.nz regarding the Maori language assistant.



A small group of Classics and Latin students recently attended a performance of 'An Iliad' at the Bruce Mason theatre. Performed solo by the pre-eminent Michael Hurst, and accompanied by Shane Carter on electric guitar, this play reimagines the mythological story of the Trojan War told in Homer's epic 'The Iliad'. The play is a fantastic contemporary take on the ancient poem and a solemn commentary on the horrors of war.

Sciences Department



Dr Rinki Murphy



Year 13 Bio listening to Dr Rinki Murphy to learn more about diabetes and research.





ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Athletics Day

Athletics Day was an enjoyable and extremely successful two days for the Arts and Cultural committee. It involved a large range of cultural food, drink and service stalls which helped groups fundraise towards costs to help lessen the financial strain of Arts and Cultural events later in the year. Over the many different Arts and Cultural stalls, we had a variety of different food cuisines such as Samosas, Pad Thai and Korean rice cakes, as well as beverages like Falooda, Otai and Iced coffee alongside services like hair braiding and Henna art.

This year we were able to have more stalls available than ever before, including something new that was introduced by the Indian group bringing an authentic Indian cuisine food truck which they used to sell dishes from. In addition to this, new groups such as the Filipino group, Middle Eastern group, Malaysian group and Hawaiian group also organised their own stalls and were of great success.

Overall, the Arts and Cultural committee fully utilised these days to advertise and educate the Epsom community on the different groups, arts and cultures we have to offer. This day encompassed the school values of community and compassion by creating an inclusive space for all members at EGGs to take part, helping our committee to contribute to the wider school and celebrate the diversity that it has to offer.

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

2019 Music Awards

KBB Music Festival

Symphonia – Silver
 Chamber Orchestra – Gold, Outstanding Soloist Award (Angeline Xiao)
 Concert Band – Silver
 Intermediate Concert Band – Bronze
 Stage Band – Bronze

National Secondary Schools Chamber Music Competition

Epsom Percussion Ensemble – KBB Music Award
 Vitalita Trio featuring Esther Lee (cello) and Chen Huan Liu (piano) competed in the Auckland Regional Finals

Big Sing

Epsom Singers – Commended
 Canto Vivo – Highly Commended, Best Performance by a Junior Choir
 Paradisum – Highly Commended at the Big Sing, Distinction at the Upper North Island Cadenza Festival

Contemporary Music

Sophie Brown ('girl') – Daffodils Song Competition winner, School of Rock Songwriting Competition winner

FOUNDATION NEWS

The Foundation welcomes two new Trustees

Georgina Burt



Georgina Burt is a long-time Epsom local. She is an LLB-qualified lawyer with a BA in Political Studies. Georgina is married to Greg and has 2 daughters, Zara and Olivia, who are in Year 11 and 12 at EGGs. As a Legal Compliance Manager at Avanti Finance, Georgina brings a broad range of skill and knowledge to the Foundation including an understanding of the importance of governance, having the right systems in place and expertise in ensuring process and procedures are compliant with legal requirements. Georgina enjoys family time, tramping, boating and book clubs.

Liz Lim



Liz Lim and her husband have two children. Their son is in Year 7 at Remuera Intermediate and their daughter is in Year 10 at EGGs. Liz is a corporate/commercial finance lawyer and provides advice regularly to banks, financial institutions, finance companies, corporates and SMEs. Liz is a member of St Aidan's Anglican Church's governing body with particular involvement in personnel and policies/procedures matters. Liz spends her free time with family, friends and their dogs and plays a bit of volleyball.

New Foundation Office Coordinator



Welcome to Sue Morse who has recently started in the role as Foundation Office Coordinator. Sue works Wednesday and Thursday during term time. She comes from a fundraising background working for organisations like Parenting Place, Heart Foundation and Mobility Dogs. Having been in the not-for-profit sector for the last eight years, Sue is excited to bring her experience to EGGs and support the Foundation in their goals. Sue has one daughter who is currently studying at Otago University and outside of work she enjoys family time, going to the gym and reading.

Apply now for the Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund was established in 2006 by the Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation to provide grants to the School, students or staff for activities and items which will benefit Epsom Girls Grammar School and its school community.

These are items and activities that are not funded within the school budget and therefore contribute to maintaining high standards and opportunities for which EGGs is known. Grants from this fund are usually between \$100 and \$400 each.

Any current EGGs student, staff or EGGs student and staff groups can apply for the Heritage Fund.

Some of the successful applicants 2019

- Supporting the Netball Prem 1 to attend the Upper North Island Secondary Schools competition
- Funding towards the purchase of performance poi for the Kapa Haka Group
- Contribution towards Waka Ama Team attending Nationals
- Contribution towards Spirit of Adventure Voyage application fees
- Contribution towards the Lacrosse competition
- Registration fee contribution for staff to attend The World Symposium of Choirs 2020
- Contributing towards the costs of the Football NZ Secondary School Nationals
- Funding towards the purchase of garden plants and equipment
- Financial assistance with the Einstein Plus 2019 Physics teacher workshop in Toronto
- Funding towards students attending the Biology Olympiad

Applications are submitted to the Foundation for funding consideration four times a year.

Heritage Fund Round One Closing date is 5pm Monday 9 March.

For more information and the application form please visit

<https://www.eggs.school.nz/our-family/the-eggs-foundation/heritage-fund/>

Westfield Local Heroes

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The program recognises and promotes community role models whose work or activities create positive benefit for others in one or more of the following ways:



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Building community resilience



Helping in times of community crisis



Improving access to community services and groups



Promoting positive health and wellbeing



Protecting the local environment

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westfield.co.nz/local-heroes

Nominate

18 Feb – 16 March

Submit

18 Feb – 27 March

Assess

30 March – 20 July

Vote

21 July – 10 August

Celebrate

13 Oct – 26 Oct

Swimming Sports



2020 Swimming Sports are complete. Congratulations to all students who competed in finals. Thank you to the Sports Committee and PE staff for running the event!

Congratulations to Florence Dallow who took out the bomb comp!

Final results are available on the notice board.

Check out our Instagram for some swimming sports fun and highlights! @eggssport

Athletics Day



On Tuesday and Friday we hosted the School Athletics. It was a fantastic day with loads of fun had by all! Congratulations to the 600+ students who competed in the events. Thank you to the teachers, students and Sports Committee who ran the day! Final results have been posted on the Sports notice board. *Photo credit to Tayla and Ajay!* [You can view more photos on the EGGs Sport facebook page.](#)

Touch

In week 3 and 4 the Epsom senior touch players participated in the Bunnings Junior Touch Nationals. After a very successful weekend each individual came away with amazing results in their respective teams. Terewai Majurey (U18 Mix) - Gold Medal

Te Aroha Kukutai (U16 Mix) - Gold Medal

Sienna Edwards & Te Ataiti Armstrong (U16 Girls) - Bronze Medal





Cricket

Congratulations to Epsom Year 13 student and Cricket captain Ella Drumm on being selected into the NZ Maori Secondary School Girls Cricket team.

Jujitsu

Last Saturday at the Brazilian Jujitsu Oceania Championships at Nth Shore Eventfinda Stadium Year 12 student- Maddison Simanu won a silver medal competing against older & heavier women.. (Maddi is only 16yrs old)

Maddison narrowly lost the final to an Australian woman who was 27years old and 5kg heavier.

With a minute to go Maddison was ahead on points & a slight lapse in concentration resulted in her opponent catching her in a tight triangle taking the gold...

On Maddison's way to the final she defeated an opponent who was again 25yrs old and 5kgs heavier.

Maddison represented herself, club, & family with class, sportsmanship & distinction. Congratulations Maddison



Maddison on the right

Aquathon

On Tuesday 25th of February, 12 Epsom students competed at the Aquathon Championships at St Kentigern College. It was a stunning day with nice flat water and gorgeous scenery for the runners. Tessa Swinson and Hannah Henson placed 1st in the Intermediate Girls Team Race and Terri Warner also placed 1st in the Senior Girls Individual Race! Congratulations to all of the athletes! The next event is the Triathlon on Thursday 12th of March, please see Leah in the Sports Office ASAP if you would like to enter individually or as a team.





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Katie Holmes

Facilities Manager

kholmes@eggs.school.nz



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