

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Congratulations to the EGGS Premier 1 Netball team who made the final next week against St Kents, Wednesday 22nd August at Auckland Netball Centre, 7pm. This is the first year in about 10 years Epsom have made a final! The team would love your support, so if you have nothing planned, save this date in your diaries and we hope to see you at the courts in your Epsom supporters gear.

Dear parents, caregivers and students

As you can see from the caption, above, the hard work and development in recent years has resulted in a place in the Premier Netball Finals. This is an outstanding achievement – come and join us as we cheer on the team next Wednesday!

In other sports news we welcome a new Director of Sport, Kaitlyn Savage – see the whole team in the Sports Department in this edition of EGGSNEWS.

It's a promising time of year with longer days just around the corner, and we have two special events to launch us into spring. At the end of the month we are proud to welcome Helen Clark to the Raye Freedman Centre. As I write this tickets are scarce, but it is wonderful to see that so many students have secured a seat for this event. It promises to be an evening to remember.

Secondly, in early September, the Old Girls Association brings us a private screening of *Leave No Trace*, starring young New Zealand actress Thomasin Harcourt McKenzie. The film has attracted accolades across the globe – see page 6 for details.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the KBB Music Festival - results are detailed on page 5. This has been a tremendous year of achievement for the instrumental groups and the staff who work with them.

Looking ahead, by the beginning of November we will be hosting "Meet the Maker". At this stage if parents and caregivers would like to be part of the team showcasing their products for this artisan food and beverage event, or if you would like to volunteer on the night or donate auction items, please see page 7 and then get in touch with Mark Jones.

If you are free this evening I can recommend the Incubate Art Show Opening from 6pm in the RFAC.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 5....

Mon 20-24 Aug Pacifika Week
Wed 22-23 Aug Year 13 Drama Production
Fri 24 Aug Mufti Day - Student Council

Coming up in Week 6...

Mon 27 Aug Paradisum Farewell Concert
Tue 28 Aug Year 12 Leadership Expo
Wed 29 Aug L Block event - A Conversation with Helen Clark
Wed 29-2 Sep Big Sing Finale

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Term 3 is historically the busiest in the school calendar and this year is no exception. For the Board Term 3 includes the finalisation of the Masterplan, the external ERO audit, the new 3 year Strategic plan and submissions to the various educational reviews currently underway.

ERO visited the school during the week commencing 30th July and while the final report is not due until early September the early feedback has been particularly encouraging. The Board would like to acknowledge the input from all involved to make this another successful ERO review.

The Masterplan is in its final stages of completion and we are pleased that the school now has a very clear vision in relation to our facilities. Priority has been given to certain projects to enable the school community to begin fundraising campaigns to materialise these projects. L Block is well advanced and will begin construction over the Xmas period and the next project is to improve the useability of Silver Road with safety a priority.

The new 3 year Strategic planning process has begun and thank you to everyone for contributing your views through the online surveys. This new strategic plan is important as we navigate our way through a changing educational landscape. While it is hard to predict the future it is important that EGGs has a tool box that builds on our strengths but allows us to be nimble and resilient across all facets of our school community. While we are very proud of the EGGs brand we must continue to strive to do what we do today even better tomorrow.

Two very important Ministry reviews currently in consultation stage include 'Tomorrow Schools' and 'NCEA'. Tomorrow's Schools was the name given to the reforms that dramatically changed the governance, management and administration of our school nearly 30 years ago. Included in this review is the future of the current parent – based Board of Trustees model and fairness of current enrolment schemes. The government is also looking at ways to strengthen NCEA and have listed '6 Big Opportunities' for discussion. Should anyone feel they would like to contribute during this consultation phase please visit the Ministry of Education website.



All the best for the students this term as they begin preparation for their internal and School examinations. To the leadership team, the teaching and support staff thank you for your contribution to what I expect will be another very positive ERO report. This is not possible without your continued commitment to EGGs. For everyone representing EGGs this term all the very best and enjoy the experience.

Chris Iles, Board Chair

GENERAL NEWS

New Zealand Blood Service (NZBS) - Tuesday 21 August

New Zealand Blood Service (NZBS) will be holding a mobile blood drive at:

Epsom Girls Grammar

Assembly Hall

Tuesday 21st August 2018 9am - 2pm



Information for Parents, Guardians and Whanau

It is important that we encourage students into a lifetime habit of donating blood and making a worthwhile contribution to their community.

The Care of Children Act 2004 allows people 16 years and over to make their own decisions about whether or not they wish to give blood. Students may choose to donate blood at this session.

NZBS recommends students discuss becoming a blood donor with their family. If families have a particular objection to the student choosing to donate blood please make this known to the student and to the school before the blood drive date stated above. More information about blood donation will be available on the day of the blood drive.

Parents are also welcome to come to the school to donate blood at this blood drive.

If you require any further information please call 0800 GIVEBLOOD (0800 448 325) or visit www.nzblood.co.nz

CAREER NEWS

Week of Engineering Expo – Come along and get inspired!



Interested in learning more about engineering or just want to learn more about how the world works? If you're looking for a fun family day, are considering engineering as a career pathway or wish to answer your child's tricky questions about how things work, head along to the Week of Engineering public Open Day. There'll be drones, robots and virtual reality to get involved with!

Find out more at

www.weekofengineering.co.nz/engineer-expos-2018

When and where: University of Auckland Science Centre, 23 Symonds St, Auckland

Saturday 18 August from 10am – 4pm.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Success in Technology

Charlotte McConnell (11CAM) has just received her INTERFACE goodie bag from Ms Receveur for winning the Secondary School Category of the Space Planner Competition. Charlotte designed her perfect classroom space for learning using free app planner during her Year 10 Spatial Design class at the end of last year. The judges said that Charlotte's design "created an imaginative and effective classroom space".



Charlotte McConnell

Year 12 Drama - *The Government Inspector*

On Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th August, Ms Hesketh's Year 12 Drama class staged their production of *The Government Inspector* by Nikolai Gogol.



The play is a deeply silly satire of small-town corruption. When the crooked leadership of a provincial Russian village discovers that an undercover inspector is coming to root out their commonplace corruption, the town weaves a web of bribery, lies, and utter chaos.

The Year 12 students did a magnificent job of bringing fun, frivolity, and a ridiculous sense of enthusiasm to the stage. Ms Hesketh and Year 12 Drama would like to thank all the members of the EGGs community who came to see the show.



YEAR 13 DRAMA PRESENTS

The End of the Golden Weather

BY BRUCE MASON
IN A COMPANY VERSION BY RAYMOND HAWTHORNE

WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST & THURSDAY 23 AUGUST
ITICKET.CO.NZ / ADULT \$10 / CONCESSION \$8
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH PLAYMARKET

Year 13 Drama Production - *End of the Golden Weather*

Year 13 Drama are delighted to invite members of the EGGs community to their production of *The End of the Golden Weather* on Wednesday 22nd August and Thursday 23rd August at 7pm in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre.

Inspired by playwright Bruce Mason's own childhood, *The End of the Golden Weather* chronicles the friendship between a 12-year-old child and the wild-limbed Firpo, a dreamer and a social outcast. Through the child's eyes we see the wonder of life on a perfect beach, in a perfect New Zealand, during a perfect summer. It's a world of magic and transformation, where anything can happen and miracles seem possible.

Since its first performance in 1960, the play has become a cultural touchstone, exploring what it means to be a New Zealander. Year 13 Drama at Epsom Girls Grammar School are proud to present their vision of *The End of the Golden Weather*, exploring elements of gender and race within the quintessential Kiwi classic.

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Arts & Cultural Scholarships 2019

Applications for Arts and Cultural Scholarships are now open to students across all year levels. These will be awarded at the Arts and Cultural Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 26th September. The scholarships recognise outstanding contributions to Arts and Culture within Epsom Girls. Successful applicants will receive money to help further their studies. Applications are available from the Arts and Cultural office and close on Friday 31 August. If you have any questions, please email Miss Richardson at arichardson@apps.eggs.school.nz.

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

KBB Music Festival



Congratulations to everyone involved in the KBB Music Festival.

Results as below:

Epsom Symphonia - Gold Award, Gala Performance, Nominated for best romantic performance - Rachmaninov

Epsom Chamber Orchestra - Gold Award, Best Performance - Baroque - Vivaldi

Epsom Concert Band - Silver Award, Nominated for Command Performance - Grainger

Epsom Intermediate Concert Band - Bronze Award

Epsom Stage Band - Bronze Award

Epsom String Ensemble - Participation.

Paradisum Showcase

Featuring Eva Ding, ex Paradisum member now studying in New York
The choirs last performance before heading to Wellington for the Big Sing Finale



27th August
7:30pm

Raye Freedman Arts Centre

Free entry

OGA NEWS

EGGS OGA Film Fundraiser - *Leave No Trace* - Monday 3 September

Epsom Girls Grammar is delighted to bring to you a private screening of the movie *Leave No Trace* generously sponsored by Aria Park Epsom and Mini Newmarket.

The film was screened recently at the New Zealand International Film Festival to sell-out audiences and great reviews.

NZ Actress Thomasin Harcourt McKenzie (daughter of Miranda Harcourt) is described as mesmerising and tipped to be the next Jennifer Lawrence.

'Leave No Trace is one of the best films of 2018 and promises to make a star of McKenzie'

Trailer & website: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_07ktacEGo8

[Book your ticket HERE](#)

If you have any queries please email oga@eggs.school.nz or phone 0275 536 715

Look forward to seeing you there. Tickets are selling fast!



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EGGS OGA FILM FUNDRAISER

Only \$28 per ticket, includes complimentary drink and nibbles from 6pm.

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets online.

Contact Virginia Bishop on 027 553 6715 or email oga@eggs.school.nz



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Your chance to win a Mini for a weekend!

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FOUNDATION NEWS

A Conversation with Helen Clark

We are very pleased to announce Helen Clark - former Prime Minister of New Zealand, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and EGGs alumna - will be speaking at this event culminating in a Q&A from the audience. The conversation will focus on being a woman and a leader and the role influential women play in the world, in politics and beyond.

Join an incredible evening where you will hear New Zealand's first elected female Prime Minister and one of the World's 25 Most Powerful Women speak about her leadership journey.

BUY TICKETS

Ali Mau, a familiar face on New Zealand TV screens for over 20 years, a reporter and journalist, will be the moderator for the evening.

Buy your tickets today for a sell-out event!

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



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Save the date....

Meet the Maker, Friday 2 November 2018 7pm-10pm

Work is well advanced to arrange a special fundraising evening to enjoy craft beer and wine direct from the makers and at the same time, raise money for the redevelopment of L Block. You will be notified when tickets are available to buy but get in early as numbers will be limited.

Make a contribution to "Meet the Maker"

While we have several well-known local brewers and wine makers confirmed, the event offers the opportunity for anyone in our EGGs community with artisan food or beverage offerings to showcase their products at the event; it may be your own business or one you work for/with.

A giant auction is also planned for the event and we'd love your contribution. For instance do you have a bach or holiday home experience to offer for a weekend? Any electronic items, homewares, restaurant sittings, vouchers, experiences or a chance to travel? All donations are welcome so please dig into your contacts and workplaces to see what can be tailored as part of the auction offering. Promotion to the school community will be on offer for all items donated.

Finally, we require some superstar volunteers to help things run smoothly on the evening. From bar work to selling raffle tickets - we need you. No prior experience needed, all help welcomed!

If you're keen to be a part of this special event as a supplier, volunteer or have an auction item to offer, please get in touch with Mark Jones, Foundation Trustee at jonesandcones@gmail.com or 021494756.

L Block Donor Wall of Honour



Have your name engraved on the Donor Wall of Honour and help us raise funds for the L Block redevelopment at the same time. For a one-off donation of \$500 you can honour your family, an individual, friends or lost loved ones on a dedicated wall inside L Block. Become a permanent part of EGGs history.

[Make a donation](#)

Thank you for your support.

Family portraits by top NZ photographer



Michael Overend, one of New Zealand's most respected photographers, together with Timeless Images Photography has generously offered to support EGGs by donating family portrait packages. This package is valued at \$785.00 but it will cost you only \$95.00.

In return for your \$95 donation you'll receive:

- A consultation appointment
- A professional portrait sitting
- Two 150 x 200mm (6" x 8") prints

Family portraits help every family member to remember who they are, their role in the family and help create a sense of pride.

[Book today](#)

The offer is limited and only available until Friday 21 September 2018. For more information please [click here](#).

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SUPPORT US

For every Entertainment™ Membership sold, \$14 goes towards EGGs - in return you'll receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers for everything you love to do!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Weekend House Manager

Epsom House is the Boarding House for Epsom Girls Grammar School and has 150 girls aged from 13 – 18 resident seven days a week during school terms.

We are looking to appoint an experienced Weekend House Manager to work with the Assistant Principal of Epsom House and other senior staff with management duties and the care of students. Other responsibilities will be to maintain a safe and supportive environment for students at Epsom House and to 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 is a senior position and a background in education with some previous experience in boarding or work with adolescents is desirable. Experience in management, restorative practises, guidance or property management would be advantageous.

The hours of work will be from Friday 10.00am until 8.30pm, Saturday 6.30am until 3.30pm, Sunday 3.00pm until 10.00pm and Monday 6.30am until 1.00pm.

All applications **must** include the support staff application form.

[Please see the school website for further details.](#)



IKEBANA DEMONSTRATION BY KEN KATAYAMA

► **Demonstration**
Sun, 26th Aug 2018 11am - 12.30pm

Tickets: Adult \$20.00
Student / Senior \$15.00
Under 12 free

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SPORT



Lacrosse



Congratulations to the Lacrosse A team who are back to back winners of the College Sport Division 1 season. The following week, they proved to be the best in Auckland by winning the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships for the second year in a row. No school managed to score against them throughout the entire tournament. Well done on that awesome achievement and good luck for the upcoming Nationals.

B team also played in the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships and placed 3rd overall.

Netball

New Zealand Secondary School Team

Epsom Girls students Killarney Morey, Bianca Nagaiya and Greer Sinclair have been named in the Netball NZ Secondary Schools team for 2018. This is the second year Greer and Bianca have been selected and are pleased to have their Premier Netball team mate Killarney joining them this year. It has been a long journey to selection with NZSS camp in January and age-group Nationals in July doubling as the NZSS trials. A deserved reward for the trio's commitment, work ethic and passion for their sport. The NZSS team travels to Australia in October to play against the best age-group athletes from Australia and England.



Selected for the NZSS Netball Team for 2018 - Greer Sinclair, Killarney Morey and Bianca Nagaiya

Combined Points Tournament

Epsom Girls Premier Team may have created history by winning the Combined Points Premier Grade. In section play the team were too strong against their opposition and moved to the quarter finals unbeaten. A tournament draw saw them advance to the semi-finals where they met OTH College. Playing skillful netball in the wet conditions, a dominant semi-final win had Epsom playing surprise finalists Avondale College. Avondale had a towering 7-foot shooter and it took all of Epsom's smarts, skills and tenacity to overcome their opposition and in the end win the final comfortably. Our Year 9 and Year 10 teams did well to come through their 5 section games with only 1 loss each. Thank you to Krystal Falepeau and Antonia Whitlock who coached both teams on the day.



Adventure Racing

On Tuesday the junior adventure racing team had some fantastic results and for the first time qualified for the grand final, held in December on Great Barrier.

Congratulations to the following students on their most successful junior event to date:

Qualifying team for the grand final – Emily Hayes, Amelia Wood, Katie Burmester and Danielle Gibbs.



4th placed team – Rebecca Clark, Josefina Stephens Campos, Emily Wan and Zainab Bandukwala

5th placed team – Maia Barclay, Hannah Brathwaite, Scarlett Buissink, Rici Chambers, Eliza Hickton, Megan Hume, Bee Townsend and Sasha Tuxford

7th placed team – Georgia Bradley, Georgia Howarth, Sophie Ellett and Grace Foulkes-Austin

Special mention to the 5th placed team (which features many of our top mountain bikers) as they won the mountain biking section of the event and were the top all girls team in the whole event placing higher than a lot of co-ed and boys teams.

Thank you to Miss Brooks and Miss Carlton who transported and supported the team on the day!

GET2GO Challenge



EGGS students taking part in the Auckland Get to Go Challenge held on 7 August - Orienteering, Mountain Biking, Stand Up Paddling and Problem solving

Sports Office Team

Introducing our new Sports Office Team! We would like to warmly welcome our new Director of Sport - Kaitlyn Savage to the team. Kaitlyn has come to us from Long Bay College. Our office door is always open so feel free to pop in and say hi! You can also contact us via email sport@eggs.school.nz. See you all at the lake, pool side, on the field, courts and many more!



Pictured from left: Krystal Falepeau (Sports Co-ordinator and Fitness Instructor), Leah Hankey (Sports Co-ordinator), Kaitlyn Savage (Director of Sport), Steph Jones (Sports Co-ordinator).