

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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EGGS Old Girls Jan Beagle (left)
and Vivien Whyte



A Year 9 tutor group with their Peer Tutors on the first day of school for 2019

Dear parents, caregivers and students

News in from New York:

On the 18th of January Vivien Whyte, as part of a UN Youth tour visiting different organisations and people working on sustainable development, met with fellow EGGS Old Girl Jan Beagle at the UN Headquarters in New York. Jan Beagle is the current UN Under-Secretary General and a tremendous advocate for gender equality, fostering women being in senior positions and addressing sexual harassment in the workforce, as well as being at the head of the UNAIDS programme. She has had an extensive 35 year career in diplomacy which she touched on in her meeting with Vivien, as well as recounting the immense opportunities she had in Aotearoa during her school days, both in education and co-curricular activities. However, she said the biggest thing she learnt throughout her career, which mainly deals with multilateral negotiations at the UN, was to be kind to everyone because you never know where life will take you and who you'll meet again.

The year started with a powhiri for all new students and staff last Wednesday; all students on site in their tutor groups on Thursday, and everyone on timetable on Friday. This week has been a gentle introduction with Waitangi Day on Wednesday and next week will be the first full week with our Senior Leaders' and Scholars' Assembly and the Swimming Sports being highlights of the week. Year 9 students are finding their way around the School and I would like to thank the Year 9 Team and the Peer Supporters in particular for easing the transition for the new students.

You can see on Page 3 the very high level of achievement in 2018 for students in NCEA and NZ Scholarship. Congratulations to all students and teachers on these well-deserved results.

Coming up in Week 3....

Wed 13 Feb	Swimming Sports Prelims
	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm
Fri 15 Feb	Swimming Sports Finals

Coming up in Week 4....

Tue 19 Feb	Athletics Day Prelims
Wed 20 Feb	New Families BBQ
Fri 22 Feb	Athletics Parade & Finals

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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

Looking ahead:

There are two meetings coming up in our local area regarding the Tomorrow's Schools Independent Taskforce Report:

Monday 18 February

7.00 - 8.30pm

AGS Centennial Theatre

Hosted by Paul Goldsmith; Nikki Kaye in attendance

Thursday 7 March

7.00 - 9.00pm

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Hosted by David Seymour



All are welcome to attend, and a reminder that the consultation period goes through to early April.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Welcome to a new school year and I hope the festive celebrations and holiday season was enjoyable for all. I would especially like to welcome the new staff and students who begin their EGGs journey this year and I trust the transition is warm and friendly.

Late last year the 'Tomorrows Schools' independent report was released for consultation and together with the school's leadership team the board will be reviewing this over the coming months. There are significant changes recommended that impact the governance of schools and aim to provide centralised support to trustees in areas such as property, recruitment of principals, disciplinary issues and legal matters. The Board of Trustees' role would continue to focus on strategic planning, implementation and overall school performance.

This year in June is the board election and further details will be shared with the community over the coming months. I also encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a board trustee to attend a monthly board meeting as an observer. Please find meeting dates and times on the school website.



I look forward to another year working with a very capable group of trustees and a passionate leadership team as we continue to roll out the strategic objectives and action plans to build on the strong EGGs reputation. I wish everyone a very successful 2019.

Chris Iles, Board Chair



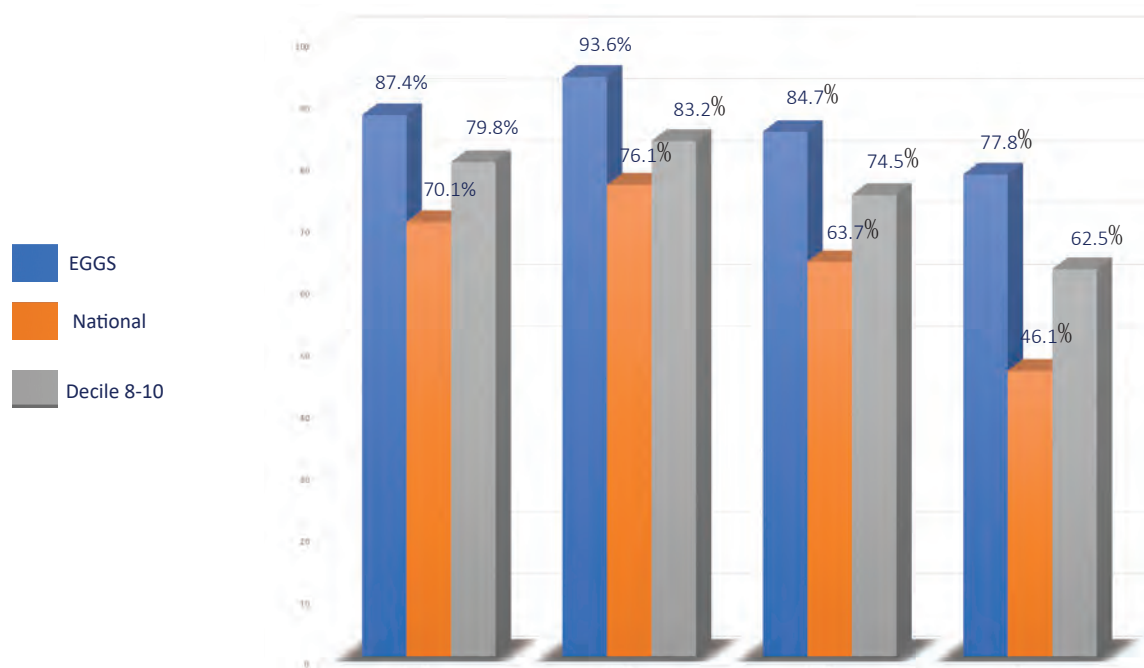
2019 Head Prefects

(left to right) Deputy Head Prefects, Jasmin Wiki and Anushka Unnikrishnan, Head Prefect Amelia Burton and Deputy Head Prefect Rebecca Mead

2018 NCEA RESULTS

EGGS students have again achieved some outstanding NCEA results in 2018. 87.4% of Level One students achieved this qualification, 93.6% at Level Two and 84.7% of students at Level Three. 77.8% of Year 13 achieved University Entrance. The graph below illustrates Epsom Girls Grammar School student achievement (in blue) against the National Achievement rate (orange) and the decile 8-10 comparison group (grey). Epsom Girls Grammar School is of course a decile 9 school.

Achievement in NCEA and UE: EGGS with National and D8-10



While the 2018 figures provide a picture of high achievement, they actually reflect a small drop in the overall pass rate. This is a trend that has been reflected nationally due to the new measurement tool implemented by NZQA to better reflect the way that the Ministry gathers data. This new tool now includes only domestic students and includes those who have been enrolled at EGGS for any length of time during the school year. The 2018 Certificate Endorsement rates continue to sit at a high level and haven't been affected by the new measurement tool.

All students are to be congratulated on their results. It is really key that students keep informed as to what the requirements of each NCEA Level Certificate are. There are special NCEA assemblies for each level in the coming weeks. There is also an information evening for parents in Term 2 on the 1st of May.

Scholarship

In 2018, EGGS students gained a total of 72 Scholarships including 4 awarded at Outstanding level. These scholarships were spread across 21 subjects, showing a depth of achievement at the highest level across a broad range of curriculum areas.

GENERAL NEWS

PTA New Family BBQ - Wednesday 20 February

A reminder that the new family bbq will be held on Wednesday 20 February. This is an opportunity to meet tutor teachers, see the opportunities from the Arts and Culture, Community, Learning and Sports EGGS and meet other new families.

More details via email and tutor groups soon.

Other PTA Events in Term 1:

PTA Weclome Evening - 13 March, 7pm in the staffroom

PTA AGM - 10 April, 7.30pm

The PTA is a great opportunity to be involved in the school, new members are always welcome.



Facebook Page

EGGS has a Facebook page, have you liked it? <https://www.facebook.com/EpsomGirlsGrammarSchool/>

Find us on 

Albert Eden Youth Board (AEYB)

The Albert Eden Youth Board (AEYB) welcomes applications from 14-24 year olds to join! The youth board organises events, advises the local board, represents the local youth, and conduct surveys. The only requirements for applicants is that they must be 14-24 years old and either live, study, or work in the Albert-Eden area. No previous experience is necessary. We are looking for enthusiastic, genuine, and committed people to join, but we are accommodating to tests and exams as most of us in the youth board are students.

Application deadline for the first 2019 round: Sunday 17th February 11:59pm.

Applicants will need to fill in the application form before the deadline then attend an interview. We encourage applicants to apply early so we interview you asap! Successful applicants will need to attend an induction then fortnightly meetings. The link to the application form is <https://goo.gl/forms/nh7AtBryTcgSSa5j1>

Alternatively, email zhouai.wang@albertedenyouth.org.nz for more information or the link to the application form.

Community EGG

We are excited to have the Community EGG up and running for another busy year, 2018!

This year we aim to further foster and maintain the bonds between EGGS students, groups and committees. The Community EGG works with a large number of people, and we hope to build upon a strong sense of community within the EGG itself so we can have as much fun as possible! Whether it be welcoming our international students, providing peer support for incoming Year 9s, or holding fundraisers to support charities within the community, we acknowledge the countless people involved and trust our groups and committees to put their best foot forwards for yet another year.

Exciting upcoming events include the Year 9 BBQ and ANZAC Day services.

We hope to promote school spirit, and provide opportunities for students to get involved within our community to make this a year one to remember.

Bring it on 2018!

The Community EGG 2018

Teacher in Charge: Tess Murphy

Prefects: Lily Tang, Dea Sikri, Ella Buchanan and Sethmi Ranasinghe



Arts and Cultural Council

The Arts and Cultural Department are looking for parents and old girls to join the Arts and Cultural Council.

This council supports students and teachers involved in Arts and Cultural co-curriculum events throughout the year, are a presence at performances and raises money for scholarships that support student's development in areas of passion.

We meet twice a term over refreshments around 6pm. If you are interested, please contact Anna Richardson, the Arts and Cultural Coordinator at the following email address: arichardson@eggs.school.nz

OGA NEWS

Happy New Year to everyone. The Old Girls Committee is gearing up for our first meeting of 2019 to be held on Monday 11th February. It's a time for planning and reconnecting and we'll be starting to prepare for the various OGA events we'll be holding this year.

Actually, we've already held our first official event!

Morning Tea at Edmund Hillary Retirement Village



On Friday 1st February a group of 16 EGGs Old Girls gathered together in the private dining room at Edmund Hillary Retirement Village in Remuera for a morning of memories and conversation. Past Headmistress Gae Griffiths moved into the Village in 2018 and she spearheaded this well-attended occasion.

Co-Presidents Sally Blyth and Lynley Sheweiry, and Committee Secretary Virginia Bishop, also attended, arriving with plenty of memorabilia for the ladies to look at – old Yearbooks, photos, merchandise etc.

Many of those who attended knew each other as Village residents, but the matter of where they (and, in a number of cases, their daughters and grand-daughters) had attended school had never arisen – so it was a surprise for some of them to discover the EGGs connection. It was a wonderful and uplifting occasion and the group expressed an interest in getting together again.

Thanks to Edmund Hillary staff for assisting with organisation and providing the delicious morning tea, and to Gae for getting this great initiative off the ground.

New Committee Members

Meanwhile, we are really thrilled to have two new members – Luci Chambers as our Student Rep and new Alumna Claudia Chaney, who graduated last year. It's great to have fresh young faces and we look forward to an exciting fun-filled year of connections and social occasions with purpose.

Happy 2019

Wishing all 2019 students and families a wonderful year of achievements and memories. To the Year 13 girls – work hard and be happy; we'll see you at Graduation Dinner in December!

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry - OGA Co-Presidents

FOUNDATION NEWS

A Party in Paradise

Friday 1 March 2019, 6pm



BUY TICKETS

Come and join our summer L Block fundraising evening in the school gardens, A Party in Paradise! You will be in for an unforgettable evening where you can enjoy live entertainment, DJ beats, canapés, quality New Zealand wine, craft beers and much more. We cannot wait to bring the EGGS community together again, to connect and support our quest to raise funds for innovative learning at the same time.

Tickets are just \$45/pp and include a complimentary drink & canapés in a vibrant atmosphere. Head over to iTicket and book today.

All proceeds raised from the event will go towards transforming L Block into an innovative learning space. For more information visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/l-block-renovation.aspx

A special thanks to major sponsor:



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.

Apply now for the Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund was established in 2006 by 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.

Applications are submitted to the Foundation three times a year. The closing date for round one of the Heritage Fund is **Friday 1 March**.

For more information please visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/heritage-fund-grants.aspx

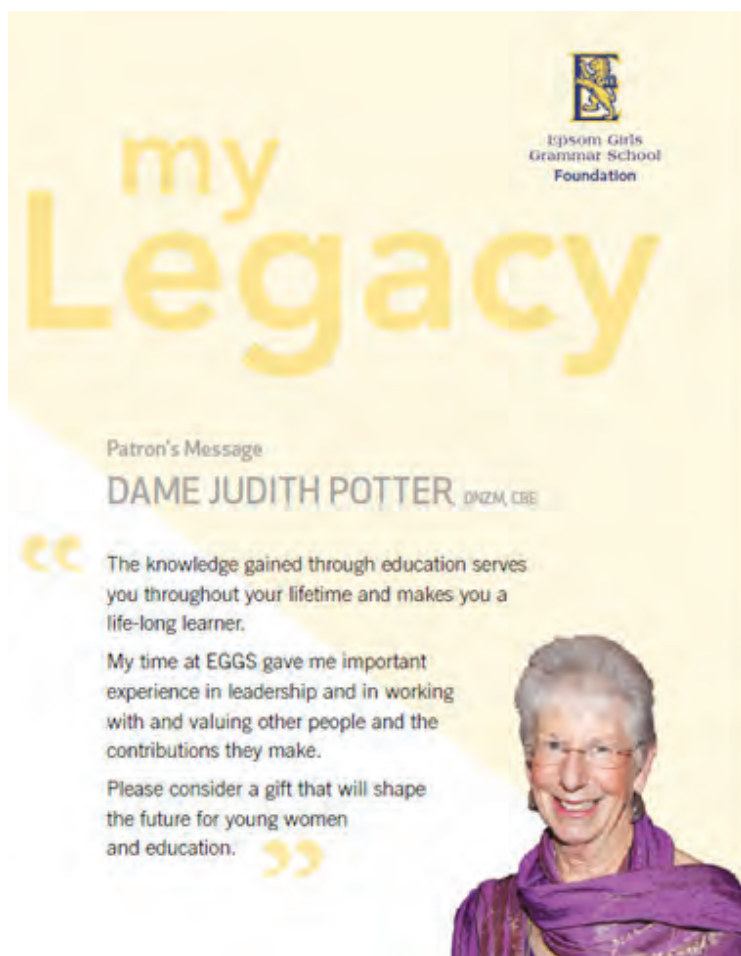
Leave a lasting legacy

Creating a charitable legacy can be one of the most lasting and impactful acts you can do, and the EGGS 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 EGGS.

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](#).



The poster is titled "my Legacy" in large, yellow, lowercase letters. In the top right corner is the Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation logo, which consists of a blue shield with a white cross and the text "Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation" below it. Below the title, the text "Patron's Message" is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. Below that, the name "DAME JUDITH POTTER" is written in a larger, bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by "DAZM, CBE" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the text, there are two large, yellow, stylized quotation marks. The text of the message is in a black, sans-serif font and reads: "The knowledge gained through education serves you throughout your lifetime and makes you a life-long learner. My time at EGGS gave me important experience in leadership and in working with and valuing other people and the contributions they make. Please consider a gift that will shape the future for young women and education." To the right of the text is a portrait of Dame Judith Potter, an elderly woman with short, grey hair, wearing glasses and a purple scarf. The background of the poster is a light yellow color.

2019 Swimming Sports

Wednesday 13th February (prelims) & Friday 15th February (finals)



Champ & Non Champ
Junior - Intermediate - Senior
Freestyle - Backstroke - Breaststroke - Butterfly - Medley - Relays
Sign up in tutor class!

2019 Athletics Day

Tuesday 19th February (prelims) & Friday 22nd February (finals)



Champ & Non Champ
Junior - Intermediate - Senior
Sprints - Hurdles - Relays - Long Jump - High Jump - Shot Put - Discus
Tug of War - Medium Distance Races - Gumboot Throw
Sign up in tutor class!

Cricket



Congratulations to the following EGGs students:

Amie Hucker (Cricket Captain) who represented Auckland Hearts in the National tournament for U21 and U18.

Gemma Adams who represented Auckland Hearts in the U18 National tournament in Wellington.

Breearne Illing who represented Auckland Hearts in the U15 National tournament in Whanganui and the U18 National tournament in Wellington.

Auckland won the national title in all 3 age groups.

Athletics

Two EGGs students, Brooke Schaumkell and Vika Aho, represented their athletics clubs in the Auckland Athletics Championships at Mt Smart last weekend and achieved some great results. Brooke won a silver medal in the 1600m walk race for U13 girls and Vika also won silver medals in shot put and discus for U15 girls. Well done on an awesome achievement! We look forward to seeing them compete in the School Athletics on Tuesday 19th February.



Brooke Schaumkell & Vika Aho

Netball

Congratulations to the following ex Epsom Girls Grammar School students who have been named in their 2019 Beko Netball League Squads!

Chonaire Huriwai - Northern Comets

Tamara Leonie - Northern Comets

Greer Sinclair - Netball WBOP

Bianca Nagaiya - Central Manawa

Killarney Morey - Southern Blast

Keep up with sport at Epsom!

To keep up with our busy sporting schedule this year - Like us on facebook and follow us on instagram!

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