

# EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls  
Grammar School

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*Tri nations trip - Students in Nerja, in the South of Spain*



*Year 12 Geography - Alpine Track, Mt Ruapehu*

Dear parents, caregivers and students

The Board of Trustees election is underway and you can see more details about that in the Board Chairperson, Chris Iles, comment on Page 2. If you are a parent who is interested in being part of the governance body of the School, it is a very rewarding experience.

In this edition of EGGSNEWS you can catch up on a range of events that happened right at the end of last term, over the holidays and in these first two weeks of Term 2. The Tri-Nations Languages Trip was a wonderful opportunity for immersion in three languages and cultures in Japan, Spain and France – see more on Page 8.

Closer to home remember to sign up for the Matariki hikoi – an early and stunning start to the day up to the summit of Maungawhau to view the constellations.

A few uniform reminders:

- **Full winter uniform** is to be worn from next Monday – 13 May
- The Epsom hoodie is not part of the everyday uniform – it is for co-curricular events. The school jersey is for everyday wear
- The new soft-shell jacket is proving popular at the Uniform Shop - you may want to get ready now before the cooler and wetter weather of winter hits.

Construction has now started on the L Block Redevelopment Project. The Foundation fundraising group has a winter event lined up in support of this project and we should hear more detail on this soon.

Next week – get your team together for Clash of the Codes – the competition is on! See Page 16 for details.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

## Coming up in Week 3....

Wed 15 May

Clash of the Codes Quiz Night

Writers' Festival, Aotea Centre

Fri 17 May

Pink Shirt Day

## Coming up in Week 4

Mon 20-24 May

Pasifika Week

Tue 21 May

Year 13 Conference

Fri 24 May

Year 13 Ball

Trustee nominations close 12pm

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



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## Early Finish

On Monday 13 May school will finish 10 minutes early at 3.05pm for staff to attend a professional development meeting on Safer Schools for All.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Welcome to Term 2 and I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break. It was great to see so many parents and caregivers attend the trustee pre-election workshop facilitated by the NZ Schools Trustees Association last week. It was an opportunity for those contemplating becoming a trustee for your local school to understand the role and the associated commitment.

Nomination forms will be sent to all parents/caregivers who are on the school roll during this week with the deadline to submit your nominations of 24th May. The process is very clear on the forms and I recommend that you submit your nominations through the school portal. Voting papers will be sent by post on Wednesday 29th May and voting closes Friday 7th June at 12 noon. The new board takes office from Friday 14th June and the first meeting will be Tuesday 25th June at 5.30pm.

The joint AGS/EGGS musical production is currently on at the AGS Centennial Theatre. I had the pleasure of attending the opening night last Friday and as usual this was a highly professional production and congratulations to all the EGGs students contributing to make this such a success.

The L Block re-development is underway with completion targeted for the end of this year. This will be an exciting and vibrant learning space and the start of many projects under the refreshed masterplan. We are also committed to addressing the Silver Road dilemma and are currently working with a consultant to determine the most practical and cost effective approach to this troublesome transport access way.

Thank you to those in the community who have supported the school by way of the donation, it is much appreciated. A gentle reminder to those that are still considering it as it does allow the school to provide additional teaching resources to deliver our broad curriculum.



Chris Iles - Board Chair

The final meeting of the current board is Tuesday May 28th at 5.30pm in the school boardroom. Any budding trustees are more than welcome to attend this public meeting so please feel free to come along.

All the best for the remainder of Term 2 and I would like to especially thank the current trustees for all your hard work over the past 3 years.

## Key dates for School Trustee Elections:

### By Friday 10th May

Nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll.

### Friday 24th May

NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 24th May at noon. An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies.

For our school the number of parent vacancies is 7.

### Wednesday 29th May

Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.

### Friday 7th June

Voting closes at 12 noon.

### Thursday 13th June

Votes are counted and our School advised of the results.

### Friday 14th June

New Board takes office.

**SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**

School trustee elections are coming up.

**Step forward for our schools** ✓

Contact your school for a nomination form or learn more about trustee elections

[trustee-election.co.nz](https://trustee-election.co.nz)  
0800 353 284  
[electionsadvise@nzsta.org.nz](mailto:electionsadvise@nzsta.org.nz)

### What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

### Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

### What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfills the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

### What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

### What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.



# GENERAL NEWS

## Model United Nations

On the 6th and 7th April the annual Auckland Model United Nations conference was held at the University of Auckland. We were lucky to be among a record number of 50 students attending from our school.

Model United Nations is an educational simulation of the United Nations, where participants, known as delegates, are assigned their own countries to represent. In committees, delegates come together to solve topical global issues by drafting documents called resolutions.

In the shoes of world leaders, students learnt first hand about diplomacy, international relations and the United Nations. Many of the girls were encouraged to extend themselves as they developed their speaking and debating skills. Over the two days, the girls discussed and debated many important global issues such as sustainable development, access to information, and human rights.

Students got to enjoy impressive and provoking guest speakers such as Professor Chris Gallivan who addressed the growing necessity of better communication. The Founder of Indigenous Growth Mike Moka also spoke about the importance of indigenous open-mindedness.

Overall the students reported that they had a fantastic day and are looking forward to future events. The Model United Nations Club is one of the fastest growing Learning groups at Epsom and the students are excited to collaborate with Auckland Grammar next term for the in-school Model United Nations.



*Epsom attendees and alumna Vivien Whyte*

## Aotearoa Youth Declaration Conference

During the April school holidays we were among five senior students who attended the 2019 Aotearoa Youth Declaration Conference. The Youth Declaration was held over four days in the April school holidays and was the largest and most diverse conference yet.

As participants, we got to identify and develop policy solutions to the issues most important to us in Aotearoa. We discussed problems affecting New Zealand such as housing, transport and infrastructure, gender equality and social development. We also participated in workshops, visited various organisations and got to hear from expert speakers to deepen our understanding of our chosen topics.

One of our highlights of the conference included hearing EGGS old girl Chloe Swarbrick speak, who is the youngest MP in Aotearoa for over 40 years. We also enjoyed presenting our ideas to decision makers such as Michael Wood, the MP for Mt Roskill.

We are grateful to have had this opportunity to represent the youth voice in Aotearoa. We will treasure the memories and friendships we made.

The Aotearoa Youth Declaration is a culmination of the opinions, ideas and passions of Young New Zealanders. The Declaration is



*(from left) Anna Millar, Sophie Larsen, Marcail Parkinson and Victoria Sun. Year 11 student Serina McCarthy also attended.*

sent to Members of Parliament, local government bodies, NGOs, businesses, sponsors and other decision makers. The role of the Youth Declaration is to provide a youth voice for decision makers to use in their decision-making processes so young people's views are incorporated in a meaningful way.

*Sophie Larsen and Marcail Parkinson - Year 13*

# PTA NEWS

## PTA Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed the PTA survey last term. A good cross section of the school was represented in the results.

## Results Summary

The results indicate that parents see the PTA fulfilling many purposes, with helping at school events being the main role selected by almost 75% of respondents. 67% felt that the PTA should be an opportunity for parents to interact with staff, while 58% saw it as a forum to meet other parents. 63% felt the PTA should provide information evenings.

The current suggested voluntary donation is \$30 but the survey results indicated that some parents are willing to contribute more, with 24% happy to pay \$50 and 18% happy to pay \$100.

Of those who had attended previous PTA events, many thought that they should be repeated. Respondents indicated that the main reasons for non-attendance were other commitments on that date or too busy. Some respondents felt the topic was not relevant and 16% were not aware of the events.

Email was the preferred form of communication by 78% of the respondents, with the school newsletter seen as another option by 43%.

Thank you again to those who completed the survey, we have been in contact with the winner of the prize draw.

If you have not made a PTA donation for 2019 this can be done through the school bank account 02-0100-0380450-000. Please use PTA and your daughter's ID number as the reference.

## Interested In Knowing More About the PTA?

PTA meetings/events are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Boardroom (entrance at the main office). The next meeting is Wednesday 16 June where there will be information presented about the uniform in 2020.

In recent years the focus has been on providing an informal meeting place for discussion for parents, hosting social occasions and supporting school events such as student conferences evenings and enrolment days.

## The 2019 Matariki Sunrise Hikoi



As you may know, Matariki is approaching. This is a significant festival on the Māori calendar which indicates the start of a new year. It is a time to gather together, to celebrate the unique place in which we live and give respect to the land on which we live. We can reflect on the previous year and consider new beginnings and aspirations. It is signalled by the appearance of star cluster, known in Aotearoa as Matariki and known elsewhere as the Pleiades or Subaru.

For the past two years our school has decided to celebrate this festival with a sunrise walk up our local mountain, Maungawhau / Mt Eden. The Matariki hikoi is now an annual school community event.

This year we will be gathering outside the Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Silver Road at 5.30am, leaving for the hikoi at 5.40am on the morning of Friday 28 June (rain date Friday 5 July).

Once we have returned to school we will continue the Matariki celebrations by having breakfast together in the school staffroom.

Please RSVP on this link [matariki 2019](#)

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome to Matariki 2019 at EGGs.



## Steinlager Challenge 2018

During the holiday Hallie Berry of Year 11 represented the school at the relaunch of Lion NZ by speaking about her experience on the Steinlager Challenge in 2018. We are hoping another group of Year 10 students will have this opportunity later next term.



## ANZAC Day - Poppies and Dawn service

On the 25th April, 14 Year 13 students volunteered in the Auckland Dawn and Civic service. We had a 4am start and worked with the RSA volunteers and event organisers to make sure that the event ran smoothly. We handed out programmes, sold poppies and even prepped Prince William's seat! The Community Egg aims to bring the wider community and the school community together so it was moving to see such a large Epsom Girls presence at this event.

On the last day of Term 1, the Community Egg also organised volunteers to sell poppies in the Parnell village. We are grateful for the opportunity to be involved with these events that have such significant outreach into the wider community.

Thank you to Ms Dwan for attending the event with us and Mrs Murphy for organising!

Lest we forget.  
*Community Egg*





# CURRICULUM NEWS

## 2019 NCEA Information Evening

For those that were unable to attend here are the [slides](#) from the evening. The following [link](#) will take you to the NZQA website which contains useful information, apps and information presented in a variety of languages. Further queries can be directed to your daughter's year level dean or to Mr Nowell, the Qualifications Manager.

## Chinese Yum Cha Trip @ Learning Languages



On Friday 5th April, as part of our Chinese Language course, Year 11, 12 and 13 students enjoyed an authentic Yum Cha at Hees Garden. Yum Cha translates as “tea drinking” when people seek to relax by drinking tea while eating small dishes (known as dim-sum). The cuisine is originally Cantonese and has now spread across China. It has become an occasion when family and friends gather to eat, drink tea and have a peaceful time together.

Prior to the event, students practised their restaurant language using real restaurant menus in role-plays. Consequently, on the day, they impressed the restaurant staff with their fluency and confidence in speaking Chinese. Our senior Chinese language learners were also able to show off their chopsticks skills. One aspect of restaurant etiquette the students picked up on the trip was that, in order to show respect, the juniors at the table take the trouble to serve tea and food to the seniors.

After the trip, the students said, “This is so yummy. I’ve discovered something I didn’t think I would like”, “This is so much fun”, “Miss I was able to ask for the directions to the ladies. I understood what they say!!!”, “The presentation of the food is so pretty!”.



## Tongariro Field Trip - Year 12 Geography

Field trips are an integral, fun part of Geography enabling students to ‘learn through the soles of their feet’ and undertake a research process. Recently, the Year 12s were treated to crisp, clear autumn weather on their 3 day visit to the starkly beautiful central North Island volcanic plateau. For many, the trip was their first excursion to an active volcanic environment and to the Dual World Heritage status Tongariro National Park. Journeying around the mountains of Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro we stopped at the mountainous Beech Forest and alpine walk at Whakapapa, the ancient, lush Podocarp forest in Ohakune and the Tussock scrub lands of the desolate Rangipo Desert. At each stop, students investigated the way that natural factors and processes have shaped different vegetation communities. Working in their groups, climate, soil, vegetation and relief factors were measured and the data recorded as evidence towards their research standard.

How groups perceive, use and change natural environments is central to Geography so it was fascinating to visit the Tangiwai Memorial and learn about the tragic impacts of the Mt Ruapehu Lahar in 1953. The Whakapapa Village visitor centre helped explain the blending of iwi cultural values with DOC conservationist values in their shared role as Kaitiaki of the Tongariro National Park. Tourism is significant in the





Data collection at the Rangipo Desert



The Alpine Track, Mt Ruapehu, approx. 1800 m ASL



The Podocarp Forest, Ohakune

area. A drive to the end of Top of the Bruce Road, Mt Ruapehu gave an epic view of the ring plains and other mountains. Witnessing the construction of a new gondola line gave insights into how infrastructure is created and maintained to cater for the winter ski season. The students saw how development is managed and balanced with sustainability of Mt Ruapehu.

Inspired by this amazing environment, Mary-Jane Liufalani (12WOL) said, 'I really enjoyed the whole trip. It was cool to see the volcanoes we had learnt about in class. I had never travelled to a place like this. It makes me want to travel more to see other places.'



The new Gondola under construction, Whakapapa Ski Field

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## Languages Tri-Nations trip

On Friday 5th April, 24 Japanese, Spanish and French language students left Auckland to embark on a memorable 3 week journey: the 'Tri-Nations Trip'. Our first destination was Japan, then Spain and finally, France.

Arriving in Tokyo early in the morning, we spent the day amongst cherry blossoms and seeing what the city had to offer. The next day we were with our tour guide visiting some shrines, temples, Tokyo Tower and attending a traditional Japanese tea making class. Then it was Disneyland day! Unfortunately, it was a rainy day but that didn't stop us from making the most of the theme park. From there, we were off to Hiroshima where we visited the lively Miyajima Island and went to an impromptu, but exciting baseball game. We also visited the Peace Park and learnt about the history of Hiroshima. Our last stop in Japan was Kyoto with its incredible temples. And just like that, the first part of our trip was over. Off to Spain!

We arrived in Spain after more than 24 hours of travel. In Nerja, a stunning little coastal town, we stayed with host families and went to the 'Escuela de Idiomas' (School of Languages) to learn more about Spanish culture and history. We also learnt how to make the typical Spanish dish of Paella for lunch. The sunny day was spent in gorgeous Frigiliana and ended with dinner and an impressive Flamenco show. The next day was in Granada, visiting the breathtaking 'La Alhambra' palace and seeing a Holy Week procession. Then we headed off to Barcelona. We met with our tour guides the next day to see some of Gaudí's most famous buildings and Park Guell which had a great view of Barcelona. The day after, we visited the Gothic Quarter, walked along 'Las Ramblas' and had a tour of the Sagrada Familia, which was wondrous both inside and out. Then it was time for France!



*Students and teachers and Augie in Kyoto, Japan at Fushimi Inari*



We travelled to Paris via train and ended the day with a picnic and a cruise on the striking Seine River to see some of the most famous monuments at sunset. Next morning we met our tour guides and visited Montmartre, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysées and climbed the Eiffel Tower. The following day was also spent with our tour guides seeing Notre Dame, the Latin Quarter, the Panthéon, Opera Garnier and the Grands Magasins. Next on our itinerary was a day trip to the beautiful Versailles and afterwards, a rewarding macaron-making class. The next day we went to the Louvre to see some of the main masterpieces including, the Mona Lisa. We also visited one of the biggest French supermarkets and had a dinner picnic with a view of Paris. From there we travelled to Peronne. On ANZAC Day we had a Somme Battlefield tour with our tour guide, visited Le Quesnoy, a small town that was liberated by NZ Soldiers during WWI and saw many NZ memorials. Later, we transferred to Chauny to meet with our host families and spent the following day at a French high school. Finally, it was time to say goodbye to our host families and return back home.

This trip proved to be such a unique cultural and learning experience for us. We've come away from it with so many memories, great friendships, and lots of shopping, as well as a new practical understanding of our studied languages from using them in real-life scenarios. Thank you so much to our accompanying teachers Miss Jacqueline Murphy, Miss Tessa Clarke and Ms Michele Heywood for all the work they tirelessly put into making this trip happen. I'm sure we'll all look back on these three weeks with very fond memories!

*Kaavya Grover - Tri-Nations student leader*



*Students and teachers on ANZAC Day in France in Le Quesnoy*



## Year 13 Conference - Tuesday 21 May

On May 21 the Year 13 students have an exciting and informative day planned to ease the transition from school life to post school life.

All come along in mufti to register in the RFAC for the Summit conference day at 8.30am – 8.50am

At 9.30 we begin a series of 7 keynote addresses with skills, advice and experiences that will support and inspire our students.

We have Dame Margaret Brimble, Saunoamaali'i Karanina Sumeo and (the fearless chef) Vanessa Baxter to name just a few. After lunch the students attend two workshops on topics from University skills and finance to self-defence and mental health.

We are excited about the day and look forward to welcoming some amazing speakers, both from outside and within the EGGs community.

Vanessa Baxter ([vanessa@thefearlesskitchen](mailto:vanessa@thefearlesskitchen)) has provided some great pics of one of the arms of her business – she can make up platters for any occasion you, or your family, have at home or work.



## EPSOM MUSIC

### Play it Stange Daffodils Music Competition

Congratulations to Year 11 student Sophie Brown who has won the Play It Strange Daffodils Music Competition. The DAFFODILS Song Competition is a chance for Year 9 to 13 students to celebrate New Zealand music by recording their own unique and evocative interpretation of a song from the soundtrack in the DAFFODILS movie.

### Play It Strange Ambassador

EGGS alumna Mona Sanei (known as CHAI) has been appointed Ambassador to Play It Strange. Mona says: "So excited and humbled to announce that I'm a Play It Strange ambassador. Play It Strange plays a major role in the music industry in providing amazing opportunities for secondary school students, shaping the future of New Zealand and international music. 10 years ago, it changed my life. It is such an honour to be a part of this important organisation. Arohanui."

### Upcoming concert

**Choral Showcase - 5th June, 7:30pm** - EGGs School Hall

Our next Epsom Music concert is the Choral Showcase, featuring our three talented choirs as they prepare for the Big Sing competition.

Auckland Grammar School's 150th Celebrations school production  
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## Ro Bellamy

The OGA Committee lost one of its long-time members and Past President, Ro Bellamy, on 29th April 2019. Ro was not only a student and a teacher at EGGs, she remained involved in so many other ways throughout her whole life.

Our community has lost a vibrant, passionate and special lady who had a twinkle in her eye, an endearing smile and a long and rich connection to the School, past and present. Ro leaves behind a wonderful legacy, especially in relation to the School gardens, and people from many eras of EGGs life will always remember her with fondness.

A number of Committee members attended Ro's funeral on 3rd May and at our May Committee meeting, we will salute Ro and all she has done for the OGA and the School over so many years. We will all miss her very much and are so very glad we were able to honour her with a Founders Award at the special ceremony at her home last month, before she passed away.

RIP Ro.



## Annual Morning Tea & Reunion Luncheon



*June Levett with her son  
Stephen Levett*

Our Annual Morning Tea held in the hostel on 10th April was, as always, a warm and uplifting occasion. Old Girls from all eras attended and enjoyed catching up with classmates, our Principal Lorraine Pound, Deputy Principal Tric Milner and several members of the OGA committee.

Afterwards, we held a Reunion Lunch for those who started third form in 1949 and 1959 – it was well-attended, and many memories and laughs were shared.

For the first time in many years we had a lovely gentleman attend the Reunion Luncheon. Stephen Levett drove his mum June Levett, nee Sellars, all the way from Warkworth so she could attend the event and he was a wonderful additional guest. We would like to encourage any sons, husbands or significant others to attend next year, especially if you have the most important duty of transporting a special Old Girl to the event. Instead of going and doing something to fill in the time, come and meet us!

## AGM & Founders Assembly

The AGM is set for Monday 10th 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 18th June we'll be honouring this year's Founders at a special Assembly – it's always an inspiring and heart-warming 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 and we are planning a smaller E-Newsletter to showcase the Morning Tea and Reunion celebrations. We also have an eye on celebrations for our OGA 100th Centenary in 2021, more details to come.

*Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry - OGA Co-Presidents*

## HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED FOR TERM 3

Epsom Girls Grammar School has International Students arriving from Asia and Europe starting in Term 3, who require homestay accommodation. \$295 per week is paid to cover full board and internet.

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](mailto:accommodation@eggs.school.nz)**



# FOUNDATION NEWS

## The EGGS Foundation Team

The Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation was established in 1999 to foster the EGGS community both past and present, with a particular focus on investing in the ongoing advancement of the students and wider school community. We are a registered charity where the overall governance of the EGGS Foundation rests with five Trustees.

The Foundation Office is located in the Administration Block and works in partnership with the school to provide the following support services:

- Fundraising
- Managing sponsorships, gifts and bequests
- Working with the EGGS Old Girls to build a strong alumnae network
- Developing relationships and partnerships with the EGGS community
- Communicating information about the School
- Liaising with the media

You can find more information about the Foundation Office here

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

Our relationship with you is important to us and we look forward to hearing from you.

Our people

### Moira Boyle

Moira has worked in the role of Foundation Administration Coordinator since 2016 providing administrative and accounting support for the Foundation Trustees as well as ensuring the effective running of the Foundation Office.



### Virginia Bishop

Virginia is new to the Foundation Office, commencing in a fixed term role in April. Formerly a secondary school teacher and an EGGS Old Girl, Virginia has recent experience in general management particularly across senior operational and strategic partnership roles and in multi-site enterprises. Virginia is a Trustee of the Foundation and is the main contact for the Foundation Office overseeing and coordinating the fundraising for the L Block conversion campaign in addition to managing the marketing and communications functions.



## Help us build a brighter future for Epsom Girls

*The L Block renovation will create positive outcomes for young women, a multi-functional space for connected and collaborative studying and a stronger sense of community.*



We have begun renovating our L Block into a flexible multi-functional learning environment. L Block is the weatherboard building to the left of the Marjory Adams Hall as you walk into the school from Silver Road. You will have noticed the cyclone security fencing placed around the perimeter in preparation for the commencement of the building work.

***Make a donation today – we have almost achieved our target***

Yes, we are still taking donations!

To contribute please complete a [donation form](#).

The school is raising **\$150,000** to extend the flexible learning environment to a multi-purpose outdoor space. This space will be for breakout learning, meetings, individual and group work and covered recreational space for lunchtimes. With your generous support we can complete the entire build.

Help us provide our students with an outdoor area that:

- encourages creative and critical thinking
- optimises learning
- better student achievement
- provides access to the winter sun's light and heat
- provides protection from summer heat and sun
- gives shelter from the rain during all seasons



The flexible learning environment creates positive, supportive relationships between students and teachers and forms the basis for our learning. The space will be a vibrant, well connected, physical environment that encourages and supports our students through their EGGS journey.

## 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 \$500.00, 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.

## Create a lasting legacy



Making a gift in your will is a unique way of reflecting your own interests, passion and vision for the future success of Epsom Girls Grammar School in areas of education, sports facilities and resources, teaching or community benefit. 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 and that on-going 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](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz) if you're interested in leaving a lasting legacy.

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For more information [click here](#)



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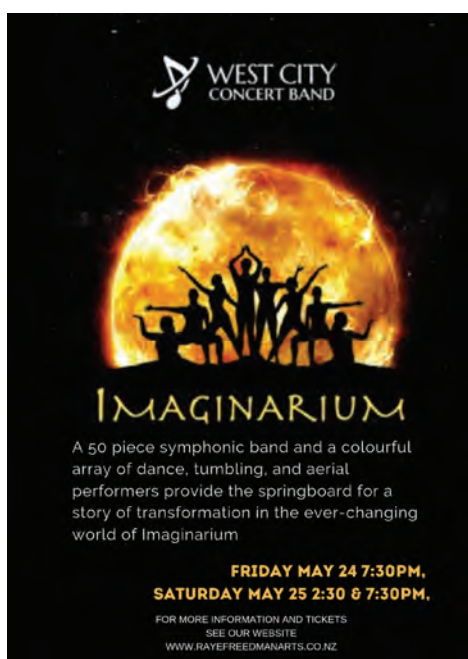
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## Triathlon

Last term, Epsom had 5 students compete in the Triathlon Auckland Championships at Point England Reserve. An intermediate team consisting of Hannah Brathwaite, Sasha Tuxford and Olivia Tyrie placed 7th in the competition. Charlotte Wood placed 8th as a Junior Individual and Terri Warner placed 4th as a Senior Individual. Congratulations to all students!



## Sailing

Congratulations to Amelia Angus who sailed at the NZ Optimist Champs over Easter and finished as first girl for the second year in a row. In this class the boys and girls up to age 15 compete together and in order to win a place in the World team she has to finish her season in one of the top 5 positions irrespective of gender. She has done this for the second year in a row and will now go on to represent NZ at the World Championships in Antigua in the Caribbean in July.



This is only the 3rd time ever that a NZ Woman sailor has represented NZ in the World Champs twice in the 35 years history of the class. Best of luck Amelia!

## Hockey

During the school holidays, our 1st XI Hockey team competed in a Girls Grammar Tournament as part of their preseason training. Grammar's involved were Mt Roskill Grammar, Mount Albert Grammar and Takapuna Grammar. Epsom Girls Grammar had a successful weekend winning against all Grammar teams and taking away the Grammar shield! Results were Mount Albert, 3-0, Mt Roskill, 3-0 and Takapuna, 7-1. Good luck for this season!





## Cross Country

This was the first time we have used the Auckland Domain as the venue for School Cross Country. It was a stunning day with around 40 students completing the fun course! Thank you to the Sports Captains, Mr Jost, Ms Krishnan and parents who supported the athletes for the day. Congratulations to the following students on the top 3 placings:

Junior - 1st Tessa Swinson, 2nd Ava Maddison, 3rd Tegan Feringa.

Intermediate - 1st Lucy Clark, 2nd Hanna Brathwaite, 3rd Millie Osborne

Senior - 1st Terri Warner, 2nd Zaria Ireland, 3rd Jemma Cherguit



## Water Polo



Last term our Epsom Water Polo team competed at the NZSS National Championships (Division 2) in Rotorua. The team came away with 6th place and had many close games! Thank you to Mrs Waddell, Miss Brooks, Mrs O'Donnell and parents for coaching, managing and supporting the team.

## Lacrosse

Congratulations to three of our current and an ex Epsom student who have been selected for the New Zealand U19 Women's Lacrosse Team! They will also be coached by Miss Gunn- current Epsom PE teacher.

Nikki Fordyce - ex Epsom student

Kate Gammie-Baglini

Sophia Morcom

Jade Panoho

The team will travel to California for warm up games, before heading to Peterborough, Canada for the World Championships held 1-10 August!

## Rowing



During the school holidays two of our Epsom rowers were selected into the New Zealand U18 North Island Rowing Team. Jane Schellekens and Jaime Breen were selected into the Girls Coxless Pair 1 and the Girls Coxed Eight. The team raced against the South Island U18 team and came away with 1st place in each of their races!

# Cycling

## Club Nationals

Epsom cyclists raced at the Club Road Nationals in Timaru. This was an amazing weekend of racing with the girls representing their Auckland clubs. Epsom students came away with some excellent placings including a gold, two silvers and a bronze:



### U19

Individual Time Trial – Ella Wyllie 1st, Lucy Thomson 5th, Stella Nightingale (now an old girl) 6th

Road Race – Stella Nightingale 3rd, Ella Wyllie 4th, Lucy Thomson 6th.

### U17

Individual Time Trial – Ally Gothard 4th

Road Race – Ally Gothard 6th

### U15

Individual Time Trial – Maia Barclay 2nd

Road Race – Maia Barclay 2nd, Tegan Feringa 4th.

## Arafura Games Regatta - Darwin



Brittany Clark (far right) competing in the Arafura Games Regatta in Darwin

## College Sport Point Race

Congratulations to the following students who also did well in the College Sport Point Race last Sunday. The Cycling Squad competes in individual age group categories doing laps on the Pukekohe Race Circuit with sprint laps every two laps. Top five riders crossing the line on sprint laps earn points and the winner of the race is the rider with the most points accumulated across the race.

### U15

Maia Barclay – 2nd

Tegan Feringa – 4th

Georgie Christie – 7th

### U16

Bee Townsend – 1st

Ally Gothard – 2nd

### U17

Queenie McElwee – 4th

Lily Brinsdon – 8th

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