# EGGSNEWS



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#### **2021 SCHOLARS AWARDS**





2021 Level 1 Scholars

2021 Level 2 Scholars

On Tuesday 2 March we celebrated the achievements of our senior students from 2021 with our online Scholars Assembly. We also recognised the outstanding success EGGS has had in NZ Scholarship for 2021.

#### ► <u>View the online presentation here</u>

Dear parents, caregivers and students

The Scholars' Assembly celebrated students achieving in NZEA in the top 5% of their cohort, and achievement in the New Zealand Scholarship Examination. This year we were not able to invite the 2021 Year 13 leavers onsite for this occasion but it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their achievement, including leading above the average Decile 9 Girls Schools pass rate at NCEA Level 3 nationwide.

This week senior students have been heading towards assessment dates which characteristically come nearer the end of the first term, once learning has occurred. Year 13

## Coming up in Week 7....

Tue 15 Mar Netsafe Evening - Keeping

Ouselves Safe online - 6pm

Wed 16 Mar NCEA Evening 2 sessions

Years 9-11 - 6.30pm Years 11-13 - 7.45pm

Thur 17 Mar Pasifika Fono - 6pm

students are acclimatising to having study periods in their timetable and, now that they are well underway with the year, they are seeing the benefit of using those periods well to get homework task done, consolidate on class work and work on hand-in assessments. Students say that if they get their homework out of the way during the study periods it frees them up at home to give a good chunk of time to assessment work.

Coming up next week are three online opportunities for parents and caregivers – these are listed to the right on this page. You can find details about the NCEA Information Evenings on Page 3, the Netsafe session on Page 4 and the Fono on Page 3.

We are looking forward to the online Term 1 Student Led Conferences to be held on 31 March and 1 April. Tutors will be asking for confirmation of contact details that are held in KAMAR. Ahead of this, please log in to KAMAR to check all details, including emergency contacts, and edit as necessary:

#### STUDENT LED CONFERENCES & LEARNING SUMMIT

31st March & 1st April, 2022

Log in to the portal
Details
Edit Details – make the necessary changes
Save

Yesterday you will have received the rostering home schedule for the next two weeks – also below – for your reference.

Week 7	At home
Monday 14 March	Year 11
Tuesday 15 March	Year 9
Wednesday 16 March	Year 10
Thursday 17 March	Year 12
Friday 18 March	Year 13
Week 8	At home
Week 8  Monday 21 March	At home Year 12
Monday 21 March	Year 12
Monday 21 March Tuesday 22 March	Year 12 Year 13
Monday 21 March Tuesday 22 March Wednesday 23 March	Year 12 Year 13 Year 9



Ngā mihi / Regards Lorraine Pound - Principal

## **Student Led Conferences and Learning Summit**

#### Thursday 31st of March and Friday 1st of April

You will have already received an email outlining the purpose of these conferences, specific to each year level, and key information about these days. You will be provided with booking instructions prior to bookings opening on Monday 14th March. Please note that bookings close on Monday 28th of March.

#### **Year 9-11 Online Conferences:**

Thursday 31st March 10.00am - 4.20pm Friday 1st April 9.20am - 2.10pm

#### Year 12 and 13 Online Learning Conferences and Leadership Workshops

Thursday 31st March Leadership workshops in the morning and conferences in the afternoon Friday 1st April continuation of learning conferences.

These student-tutor-whanau conferences are student-led and focus on how the student is settling in to the demands of their new year level and it is an opportunity to plan ahead for the rest of the year. We know that student agency and a positive working relationship with families has an important impact on student progress and achievement and these conferences are a valuable part of that.

This year these will be online via a link that will be sent to you when you make your booking.

## **Assessment and NCEA Information Evenings**

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend either of the coming Assessment and NCEA information evenings to be held on the 16th of March.

The **6.30-7.30pm** will be a presentation about the Year 11 Learning, Assessment and NCEA programme Zoom Link and may be of interest to families with students in years 9-11.

The **7.45-8.30pm** will be a presentation about Year 12 and 13 NCEA and University Entrance. <u>Zoom Link</u> and may be of interest to families with students in years 11-13.

Parents are welcome to attend either or both of these evenings as relevant to the information that the require about their student's next steps. We are always open to hearing questions or content that you would like covered at these two information evenings so please <u>feel free to ask questions here</u>.

## Pasifika Fono Zoom Meeting

Invitation to all Pasifika parents to join in the online fono.

#### 17th of March

https://zoom.us/j/93613372805?pwd=ajFUQ0ZZMHRZMGNpUS9vQTlyQ25jdz09

Meeting ID: 936 1337 2805

Passcode: x1Ju7p

6.00 - 6.30pm Year 9 Special welcome to our Year 9

6.30 - 7.30pm Years 10 -13



Year 12 biology learn about the circulatory system





## Keeping Ourselves Safe Online Support & Guidance for Parents and Caregivers of Secondary Students



Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 6:00 - 7:00 pm



https://zoom.us/j/98553454872?pwd=ekdiYnc4aGVhNTJtdUFXNThZYXIhZz09

Netsafe will share the risks and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical steps you can take to minimise the chance of harm and help keep tamariki safe online.

The session will cover tips and strategies to support safe and productive online interactions, what to do about unwanted contact, online bullying, and more. The session will include discussion and Q & A.



## We're a TaxGift school!

Epsom Girls Grammar School has partnered with TaxGift, helping you gift the tax rebate on your school donation back to us.

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## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **RELIEF ADMIN STAFF NEEDED**

We are looking for people to be trained to help us on a relief basis, when needed. Term time only and usually school hours.

People with the skills to do the following:

attendance

reception

data entry

· staffroom duties.

If you are interested please email: office@eggs.school.nz with a one page CV.

## **Languages Department**

#### Haere mai to our new Language Assistants and Teacher

We would like to introduce and welcome our new Te Reo Māori kaiako, Vince Hohepa (Matua Vinnie), and our four language assistants for 2022, Erika González (Spanish), Eloise Le Bout (French), Chiko Smyth (Japanese) and Tiffany Huang (Chinese).

The language assistants 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.

We are so fortunate to have access to the very specialised knowledge and skills that all five bring to our learning area.

Welcome to the EGGS community - Haere mai!



Tiffany Huang, Chiko Smyth and Vince Hohepa



Erika González and Eloise Le Bout

## **FOUNDATION NEWS**

## **Apply Now for the Foundation Fund Round 1**

The Foundation Fund Round 1 closing date is 5pm Monday 28 March.

The Foundation 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 Foundation Fund.

Some of the successful applicants include:

- Funding towards the purchase of performance poi for the Kapa Haka Group
- Funding towards 1st XI Cricket uniforms
- Funding towards high jump training fees
- · Contribution towards vertical garden
- · Purchasing of visors for the cycling team
- Funding towards purchasing Wearable Arts framed photographs for A-Block stairwell
- Funding towards purchasing a design technology display case
- Funding towards the purchase of new ukuleles for the Cook Island Cultural Group
- · Supporting the costs of Science Club weekly experiments
- Funding towards the purchase of garden plants and equipment

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

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To access the application form please visit: EGGS FOUNDATION FUND

# SPORT



Sport @ EGGS has kicked off, with multiple sports trials and training going ahead (of course within the guidelines). Tricky start to the year navigating through Covid but in true EGGS Sport fashion, our sports students were able to take on the challenge to make their sport possible, and to be a part of the sport community.

Here are some snippets from our Dragon Boating Squad, Rowing Squad and Distance Squad this week.

If you're keen to join sport, please see us at the Sports Department. We would love to have you on board!





## **Winter Sports Trials**

Week 6 saw our Winter Sports trials begin! Keep an eye out for more trial and preseason information for the coming weeks in your emails, school notices, and our EGGS social media!



## **Swimming**

On the 7th of March we had our Central Swimming Zones where we saw our students compete. Despite not being able to have a Swimming Sports Day, our swimmers competed well and represented EGGS with pride!

