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## Coming up in Week 3....

Mon 26 Oct	Labour Day
Tue 27 Oct	Community & Learning Awards, 3.30pm RFAC

## Coming up in Week 4....

Mon 2 Nov	My Responsibility Online, 7pm
Tue 3 Nov	Sport - Clash of Codes
Wed 4 Nov	Level 3 Folio Exhibition - RFAC
Fri 6 Nov	Year 13 Assembly
	Last day for Years 12 & 13

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

Seniors have finished their examinations and they will receive valuable feedback and final preparations for the NCEA External Examinations in class over the next two weeks.

It is really encouraging to hear from teachers about the amount of focus that students have been putting into their revision. The next few weeks are crucial for having no regrets later. Remember, it is normal for social commitments to be cut right back from now until after the last NCEA examination you sit. Giving the time and attention needed to ensure positive outcomes in the external exams is something that you will never regret.

Enrichment programmes at Year 12 and 13 were held last week and these will provide credits towards the Level 2 and 3 NCEA Certificates. If any student feels that they could be eligible to be invited to further planned enrichment days, please contact the Dean as soon as possible.

Important messages:

The first message relates to how students conduct themselves on the way to and from school. Most students show the behaviour, consideration and courtesy that the School expects of its students. A small number of students are not doing this, and I want to make it clear that all students are to conduct themselves in a way that reflects the values of the School and that is courteous and considerate in all public places. I also want to share with you an important message from the Newmarket Business Association:

*We want all of our stakeholders to have an enjoyable time in Newmarket:*

- *We require acceptable standards of behaviour at all times*
- *We have security patrols within the precinct and monitor the CCTV network – which is housed at the Newmarket Police Station. Our CCTV network, coupled with AT's, Westfield's and many others gives us a comprehensive view across the precinct. We have 1000's of camera lenses keeping watch.*

## 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.



- We will shortly be introducing a "Newmarket Charter" – this will be a pan-Newmarket trespass order that will trespass individuals for 2 years from any Newmarket retail store, mall, café, bar or restaurant within our Business Improvement District boundary. The Parnell Business Association is considering this as well, and others may follow suit.
- Advise students that if they see crime happening, or if they feel unsafe, they should call 111 immediately.

A second message relates to congestion in Silver Road. We are still finding parents coming into Silver Road to collect students at the end of the school day. Please see the message at the foot of Page 1. This is a health and safety matter.

Looking ahead – see below for details of the Internet Safety for Families Evening on Monday 2 November. This is a really valuable opportunity for parents and students. In the Herald this morning - for your reference - <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/netsafe-global-kids-online-report-quarter-of-new-zealand-kids-upset-by-online-experiences/AJE2NDKKLXQO3J6NG3TFC23L5A/>

I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

# MY RESPONSIBILITY ONLINE

An information evening brought to you by Epsom Girls Grammar School, Netsafe, and the Community Police. Monday 2nd November at 7.00 pm – venue to be advised. This evening is for Parents, Students and Whānau who want to understand more about the pitfalls of online activity and our responsibility in keeping online activity safe and kind.

Please [RSVP here by October 29th](#). This event is part of a strategic plan to educate our community about their responsibility online and we strongly encourage you to attend.



## CURRICULUM NEWS

### Spanish National Speech Competition

Congratulations to two of our Senior students who came second at this year's Spanish National Speech competition held by STANZA (Spanish Teachers' Association New Zealand Aotearoa). Romina Emami, Year 12, participated in the Level 2 speech and Chen Huan Liu, Year 13, in the Level 3 speech. Romina and Chen demonstrated their command of the language by presenting a topic fully in Spanish. They showed fluency, clear pronunciation, and language appropriate to their year level. This a great achievement. Well done girls.



Chen Huan Liu, Year 13



Romina Emami, Year 12

# REINZ Auctioneering Schools' Championship

Congratulations to Molly-Love Louise who recently participated in the REINZ Auctioneering Schools' Championship with 11 other secondary students, finishing the competition as runner-up.

Bindi Norwell, Chief Executive at REINZ says: "The Schools' Championship is such an exciting competition, getting to see these young adults try their hand at something new, and being so talented at it – it was certainly an impressive display of skills. Congratulations to all those who entered and thanks to their mentors who supported them with the challenge."

Molly-Love commented that "This was a truly invaluable experience which has given me a lot of insight into the possible areas I could venture into, after my high school studies - an opportunity I would encourage all to be a part of!"

## ***PHILOSOPHY DAY***

A fantastic new opportunity to try philosophy,  
for any interested Year 9, 10 & 11's.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** (8.35 – 3.00) in the JPC.

Lots of fun activities and fascinating discussions.

*Find out whether your friends agree with you!*



Pick up an application form from student support.

Or contact: Dr C Gavin, Ms A Lawrence or Ms S Gunput.

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# ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

## ShowQuest

We have some awesome news from the ShowQuest team (new Stage Challenge). As part of our performance each year we have to create a wearable arts piece to match the theme. This year there was no performance night due to Covid but we still sent in our wearable arts piece.

Our wearable arts piece was a national senior finalist and they have won 1 x brand new sewing machine from Bernina!!!

Congratulations to our back stage leadership team (Joanna Lee, Zoe Stringer and Claudia Curzon-Hobson) for creating and modelling this awesome piece.

Special thanks to Ajay Mistry for the photography.



### CONFLICTED

*Conflicted the garment relates to our on screen video performance (which we might not get to perform due to our school restrictions). Our theme for the performance and garment is the bottling of emotions to breaking point. We tend to hide our emotions with a mask portraying the emotion we feel should be shown rather than what is actually felt. This garment represents the different emotions we have with us all day every day as situations happen. These could be anger, fear, sadness, happiness and so many more. It is important that we are not afraid to show emotions and learn to express them in a healthy way as they come up. The garment shows how all our emotions can build up and the types of masks we hide behind. Our main message is to reinforce the idea of recognising and addressing emotions as they pop up.*

*Epsom Girls Grammar School - Joanna Lee*

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## Arts and Cultural Awards 2020







nathanwallis  
*conscious intelligence*



# Engage Your Brain

Thurs 29 Oct 7:30pm - 9:00pm  
Balmoral School - Auckland

Balmoral School is proud to announce that Nathan Wallis, the host of the documentary "All in the Mind" and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret Life of Girls", is coming to our community with his talk - Engage Your Brain.

This talk focuses on the social/emotional aspects of your brain development – how feeling impacts our thinking. While the times that our social/emotional brain really has the steering wheel is 2-8yrs, and again in the middle of adolescence, it is relevant to all learners who want to feel engaged, enthusiastic and passionate about what they do.

Highlighted in this talk is the importance of play-based learning and how this enhances outcomes for our tamariki.

A fundamental educational mistake that New Zealand society has made over the last few decades, is thinking that the earlier we get ready to be seven, by learning numeracy and literacy, the better off our tamariki will be. Come along and find out why this is not the case.

Tickets are available at [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz)

Get in quick as tickets will sell out.



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# OGA NEWS

The OGA is hoping for a great turnout for this year's Graduation Dinner at Ellerslie Events Centre – this will be the only function we've been able to organise and hold this year. Details of our guest speaker are still being finalised and we look forward to awarding our OGA Scholarships at the Dinner. The recipients of these Scholarships (selected by the deans) do not know who they are until the night itself which always adds an element of surprise and delight.

Our OGA Centenary is set for 27/28 March 2021 and plans are progressing well. We're keeping it simple, with a focus on connection and sharing and look forward to promoting the events soon.

We wish all current students a happy final term and good luck for exams.

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

# FOUNDATION NEWS

## Have you ever thought about getting involved in the EGGS Foundation?

Expressions of Interest are now open for 2 new Trustees.

The Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation was established in 1999 to foster and grow the EGGS community both past and present, with a particular focus on investing in the ongoing success of EGGS and its students. We are an Incorporated Charitable Trust governed by independent trustees.

The Foundation supports the fundraising projects of the School, as well as managing and administering the funds raised and endowments gifted to the School. We also help students, staff, sport and cultural groups using the Heritage Fund and our annual endowment awards.

The Foundation has contributed to funding and coordinating a wide variety of projects over the years including:

- The Judith Potter Centre
- The Joyce Fisher Sports Centre
- Raye Freedman Arts Centre
- Establishment of the Heritage Fund to help students and teachers
- Provision of prizes and scholarships

If you are interested in joining the Foundation please email your resume and a cover letter detailing why you would like to become a Trustee to [foundation@eggs.school.nz](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz) by Friday 6 November.

## FACILITIES FOR HIRE

Epsom Girls Grammar School has a variety of venues and spaces for hire during evenings, weekends and school holidays.

For enquiries about the Marjory Adams Hall, Outdoor Courts, Gymnasiums, The Joyce Fisher Sports Centre, Dance Rooms, Field, Lecture Theatre and Classrooms, please contact : Katie Holmes  
Facilities Manager  
[kholmes@eggs.school.nz](mailto:kholmes@eggs.school.nz)



## Cricket

Over the term break, Breearne Illing played in the Auckland Women's development team against Northern District in Hamilton. They had a clean sweep of wins across all four games, with Breearne opening the bowling in each game. Epsom Old Girl- Amie Hucker was also in the team.

Breearne has also been playing at the U19 development camp over the weekend! Best of luck for the Cricket season Breezy!



Congratulations to the following Epsom Old Girls who have received a domestic contract for the 2020/21 Cricket season!

Amie Hucker - Auckland Hearts

Bella Armstrong - Auckland Hearts

All the best for your season ahead!

Gemma Adams - Otago Sparks

Maddy Green - Wellington Blaze

## Fitness Centre





## Underwater Hockey

In the first week of the school holidays the Epsom Underwater Hockey teams had a mini inter school tournament to finish off their season! Thank you to the coaches, managers and parent support for everything you have done for Epsom Underwater Hockey throughout a disruptive season. We look forward to a 2021 season. Give it a Go days will be back in Term 1 next year.



## Swimming Success at the NZSS Swim Champs

Recently 13 EGS students competed at the NZ Secondary School swimming champs in Hamilton. This event hosted 123 schools and around 650 swimmers. The swimmers swam very well, many with personal best times which is very impressive, considering that they have had many weeks this year where they haven't been able to train in the pool and have competed at very few swim meets.

The following students won medals in their respective age groups:

Mackenzie Brears (Yr 12) 50 breaststroke - silver, 100 breaststroke - bronze

Rae Kwan (Yr 12): 50 butterfly - bronze

Grace Bail (Yr 11)

Abby Davidson (Yr10):

50 butterfly - bronze; 100 and 200 butterfly - gold

100 breaststroke - bronze and 200 breaststroke - silver

Overall, EGS placed 5th in the girls school competition and 18th overall.

Well done to all the swimmers and special thanks to the two mums, Michelle Davidson and Jenny Heyward that helped with the trip.



remember the good things from 2020

# Te Korero

*epsom girls grammar school yearbook*

\$15



The 2020 EGGs Yearbook is on sale for you to purchase NOW.

For \$15, you can get your very own summary of all the best bits of 2020.

Head to the online shop (via our school website [eggs.school.nz](http://eggs.school.nz)) and place your order now. You can order as many copies as you would like for your family and friends.

If you don't order before the end of Monday November 2nd you will miss out - and you don't want to miss out!

Yearbooks will be delivered around November 25th - you will be notified when they are here for you to come and collect.



## Momentum Productions Presents AUTONOMY

**Friday 23 - Saturday 24 October**

Fusing contemporary, hip-hop, urban movement and modern, Momentum brings you an entertaining night out with some of some of New Zealand's most diverse young dance entertainers.

Don't miss out and head to the RFAC Website for more details: <https://www.rayefreedmanarts.co.nz/event/autonomy/>