

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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2020 Senior Prizegiving held on Wednesday afternoon in the Marjory Adams Hall.
View the citations for the Special Academic Awards [here](#).

Coming up in Week 6....

Mon 16 Nov	NCEA begins
Tue 17 Nov	Junior Philosophy Day
Thu 19 Nov	NCEA Professional Development - Staff Only Day

Coming up in Week 7....

Mon 23 Nov	NCEA continues
Tue 24-27 Nov	Year 11 Art Exhibition
Fri 27 Nov	Last day for Year 11

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

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Senior Prizegiving was a wonderful occasion on Wednesday. When we came back to school after the second lockdown, our aim was to get the best possible outcomes for student learning and qualifications. We are all feeling grateful that we have been back in classrooms long enough for seniors to complete their learning, their practice examinations and submissions for sending to Wellington for marking, such as the art folio boards and graphics submissions. In delaying the school examinations until this term, students managed to have uninterrupted learning right up to the end of Term 3, and they showed real focus and commitment to this and to their revision, done largely over the holiday break. We now have very good data should anything major happen in terms of Covid-19 during the NCEA Examination period which begins next Monday, 16 November.

In a year of such disruption, it has been amazing that the academic programme and subject competitions have been completed so well. In this edition of EGGSNEWS you can see the high achievement levels gained in the Mathematics and French Competitions. I want to congratulate Hellen Ding and Eliza Chi particularly for their outstanding results in the University of Otago Mathematics Competition.

At Senior Prizegiving it is always so positive to see the large number of students who meet the criteria to be prize winners at Year 11, 12 and 13 level, and this year was no exception. This year the Dux of the School was awarded jointly to two students, whose list of prizes and achievements are very impressive. You can see details of this on Page 2 – congratulations to Megan Kuan and Chen Huan Liu on this top academic award.

We are all very proud of the newly named Captain of the Black Ferns, Eloise Blackwell. We wish her the very best for the upcoming and only games able to be played this year. As the whole school chanted when Eloise was at the last World Cup – Go Miss Blackwell!

Just a reminder that Thursday 19 November is a Ministry organised Staff Only NCEA Professional Development Day, which means that students in Years 9-11 will not be at school that day.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

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.



CURRICULUM NEWS

2020 Senior Prizegiving



*Congratulations to our 2020 (jointly awarded) Dux recipients
Chen Huan Liu and Megan Kuan.*

Congratulations to all our senior prize winners. Below is the list of our special academic award winners for 2020:

Kyubeen Kim	Gae Griffiths Award for All-Round Excellence at Year 11
Anna Millar	Certificates for distinction in Chemistry and Economics Hilda Chenery Scholarship
Promise Akindeju	Joy Carter Prize for Chemistry Prize for distinction in English, Physics, Biology and Chemistry University of Auckland Top Achievers Scholarship John Williamson Scholarship Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship
Victoria Sun	Te Kaitaka Cup for fostering Encouragement and Community Spirit Student Council Cup for effective and consistent participation (jointly awarded) Prize for distinction in Chemistry, Biology, Statistics, Physics and English Shakespeare University of Auckland Top Achievers Scholarship Woolf Fisher Memorial Scholarship
Chen Huan Liu	Cup for participation and commitment 'most enthusiastic student' Florence Patterson Memorial Prize for distinction in Mathematics ME Freeman Memorial Prize for Mathematics Coralie Blackwell Memorial Prize for English Contemporary Kate Atcheson Memorial Prize for History Prize for distinction in Biology, English, Statistics, Spanish and History University of Auckland Top Achievers Scholarship Jean Heywood Scholarship Prize for Dux (donated by Miss M.F.E. Adams) (jointly awarded)
Megan Kuan	Florence Patterson Memorial Prize for distinction in Mathematics ME Freeman Memorial Prize for Mathematics Einstein Award for the top Science student in Year 13 Penny Le Couteur Prize for Chemistry NZ Institute of Physics Prize Prize for distinction in Accounting, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics University of Auckland Top Achievers Scholarship Mary Melrose Scholarship for excellence in Biology and Physics John Williamson Scholarship Prize for Dux (donated by Miss M.F.E. Adams) (jointly awarded)

Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to Hellen Ding and Eliza Chi for their outstanding results in the Otago University Junior Mathematics Competition.

In the Year 11 competition Hellen placed first in New Zealand and in the Year 10 competition Eliza placed second in New Zealand.

Congratulations also to the following students who placed in the top 30 in their respective year groups.

Thulani Wanninayake Mudiyanse, Angela Bi, Charlotte Chan, Coeun Ham, Cindy Kim, Laura Li, Theibana Vignakumar, Kyubeen Kim and Nancy Wei.



Auckland Junior French Competition

Epsom Girls Grammar School has had some wonderful results at the Auckland Junior French Speech Competition.

Year 9 Speeches:

Tania Liu (9FOR)	1st place
Natalia Eady (9FIE)	2nd place

Year 9 Talent show:

Yulara Oike (9STT)	1st place
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Year 10 Speeches:

Sophie Li (10SHA)	3rd place
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Year 10 Speeches (open category):

Asli Hamurcu (10HOW)	1st place
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Year 10 Talent show:

Racheal Rajkumar (10COT)	1st place
Asli Hamurcu and Sophie Li	2nd place



Gateway Programme

Epsom Girls Grammar is fortunate to be able to offer the Gateway Program to a select group of Year 12 and 13 students. Gateway is a program funded by the Tertiary Education Commission and designed to support school students' transition into the workforce by offering them workplace learning while at secondary school.

We work with our selected students to find them work placements (generally about 5 days) in workplaces that align with their career interests. In the past we have had students placed in a broad range of business sectors including construction, agriculture, equine, legal, marketing, finance, retail, hospitality, travel, early childhood, and engineering.

If you would like to find out more or think you may be able to offer one of our Epsom Gateway students an opportunity to experience a work placement during 2021, please contact Mrs Sonya Sleight at ssleight@eggs.school.nz

Drama Department

This year it has been difficult to perform theatre while maintaining social distancing. The lack of an audience has been another barrier at times. We have managed to perform some incredible theatre despite the challenges. Mrs Hesketh's Year 12 class produced some plays in the style of "Covid Theatre" - a genre of theatre which recognises the difficulties of a pandemic but finds ways to produce performances that meet the requirements of social distancing none the less. The performances were from plays "The Government Inspector" by Nikolai Gogol and "The Skriker" by Caryl Churchill. Thank you Alex Miller of Year 11 for taking the photographs.



Learning & Community Awards

The Learning & Community Eggs held a joint awards ceremony this year, where the hard work, enthusiastic participation, and achievements of committee members were acknowledged and celebrated. It was held in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre on the 27th of October. The afternoon entailed photos, speeches, a musical performance by one of the prefects, and awards, which were received with an elbow bump. The event was concluded with shared food and snacks in the foyer. The Eggs were thrilled to have been able to have the opportunity to acknowledge and look back upon the fantastic involvement and work done by students this year, despite the many challenges. All students are to be congratulated for their outstanding achievements this year, and 2021 is looked forward to.



Albert-Eden Youth Awards

The Albert-Eden Youth Board is proud to present this year's Youth Awards.

These awards are intended to recognise persons aged 14-24 who have demonstrated excellence, charity and innovation in their chosen field in our community. We encourage your school to inform your students about the AEYB awards to acknowledge deserving students over this unprecedented year. There are several categories which include Leadership, Community, Academics, Arts and Culture, Environmental, Sports and Tech & Innovation. Students may either nominate themselves or another who they think is deserving of recognition for something that either they or another have achieved this year.

Nominations close on the 25th of November and winners will be announced on the 2nd of December.

Prizes will be presented on the 16th of December at the Ellen Melville Centre, 2 Fryberg Place Auckland Central 1000, during the AEYB Arts Exhibition.

Below is the link to the nomination form:

► [Albert-Eden Youth Awards nomination](#)

Dharshna Baskar, Albert Eden Youth Board, Schools Coordinator

The Encore Theatre Collective
production of

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S
CINDERELLA

ASB WATERFRONT THEATRE

Tickets available at
asbwaterfronttheatre.co.nz

Music by
RICHARD RODGERS

Book & Lyrics by
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Adapted for the stage by **TOM BRIGGS**
From the teleplay by **ROBERT L. FREEDMAN**

"Cinderella" is presented by permission of ORGTM Theatrical
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Starring EGGS Students
Kate Cronin, Joni Watson, Seanna O'Connor & Eva Miller



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To book your tickets click here: ► [Encore Theatre Collective Production of Cinderella](#)

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to our music leaders for 2021!

Rayna De Guzman and Ruby Wright - Band Leaders

Anjali Attli and Mila Matthews - Choir Leaders

Sophie Brown and Joanne Samson - Contemporary Leaders

Nuriya Biran and Phoebe Qian - Orchestra Leaders

Thank you to Epsom Musicians for their contribution to Senior Prizegiving supporting the school singing and performing a variety of music throughout the ceremony.



The Kiwi Christmas Books campaign is on for 2020!

I am collecting new books for kiwi kids in need this Christmas and I'd love your support. Next time you are in a bookshop or online, please consider buying an extra book or two (children's, young adult, picture books, chapter books - all welcome) to donate.

All books will be delivered to the Auckland City Mission and the Auckland Women's Refuge who will distribute them as Christmas presents amongst the young people whose families are using their services this festive season.

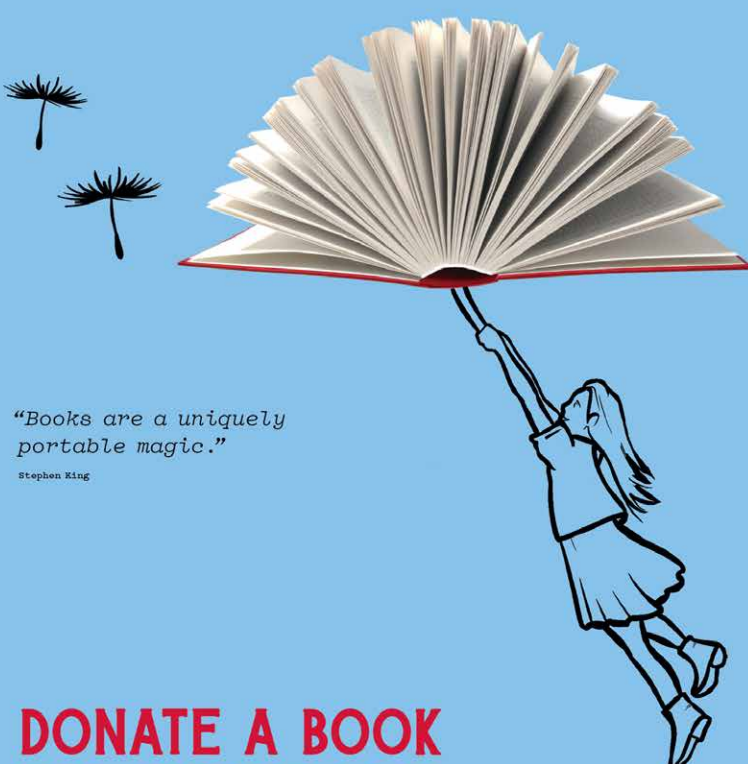
Please, no second-hand books; these kids are generally having a pretty rough time and deserve something shiny and new, and please choose a book by a New Zealand writer or illustrator if you can so that we can support local authors, publishers and booksellers too.

You can drop your donation into the box at student reception (main Admin block), or into any of the local bookstores listed on the website.

www.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Hollie Donoghue – 10QUI




"Books are a uniquely portable magic."
Stephen King


DONATE A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS!

We are collecting brand new books to donate to kids and families at the Auckland City Mission and Women's Refuge.

Baby books, picture books, young readers, young adult, fiction, non-fiction, we'd love them all! (We'd love it even more if it was a book by a kiwi author or illustrator so we can support local artists as well as our budding kiwi readers.)

Donations need to be in by 14th December.

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HAVE YOUR SAY

on Auckland Council's 30 year plan



Auckland Council and our Local Boards are making big changes in our area. They're after feedback on how the community and environment can support you better!

Visit this link for more information:
<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/area-plan-mt-roskill>

Puketāpapa Local Board, Albert Eden Local Board and council have started work on an area plan for Mt Roskill and the neighbouring suburbs of Ōwairaka, Sandringham, Wesley, Waikōwhai and Three Kings. This is a 30-year plan that is developed with communities, stakeholders, mana whenua and local boards. This area is experiencing a lot of change, and we want to make sure that we have planned for what new and existing communities will need.

They're looking for feedback on the following:

1. Opportunities for improving the natural environment
2. Heritage, history and stories of value in your local area
3. How we can recognise and celebrate cultural diversity
4. How local business areas and centres can be improved
5. Improvement of cycleway and walkway connections to parks and open spaces



Epsom Rowing Ergathon

SATURDAY, 21st NOVEMBER 2020

10:00am - 3:00pm

Epsom Girls Grammar School Field

To raise money to update their equipment, the squad is rowing the length of the Waikato River TWICE, a total of 850km. We are inviting family and friend's to cheer them on or have a go rowing with them to reach their target.

We will also have a sausage sizzle, bake sale and a competition for the fastest 1000 meters. There are lots of prizes and raffles to be won so come and join us!

Visit our Givealittle page www.givealittle.co.nz/org/eggsrowing for more information and to donate.



New Captain to lead 2020 Black Ferns

We are very excited and proud to see Miss Blackwell named as captain for the Black Ferns! It is an honour to have Miss Blackwell as a PE Teacher and Rugby Coach at Epsom Girls Grammar School! We wish the Black Ferns and Miss Blackwell all the best for the upcoming Barbarian matches!



RNZ.CO.NZ

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/sport/430229/elise-blackwell-named-black-ferns-captain...>

Ki O Rahi

Epsom had a Year 9 and Year 10 Ki O Rahi team compete at the College Sport Junior Ki O Rahi Championships at Botany Downs College. For the first time a Girls grade was created and Epsom came away with the GOLD! Thank you to Botany Downs and College Sport for hosting a fantastic day! We look forward to entering more Ki O Rahi events next year! Thank you also to St Dominic's College and McAuley High School for the great competition.



Lacrosse



More success over the long weekend! Epsom students made up over half of the Auckland U15 A Team who competed at the NZ U15 National Championships in Hamilton. Congratulations to the following students who won BRONZE! Alex Dickens, Sienna Neill, Sophia Webb, Isobel Allen, Olivia Tyrie, Dinithi Bamunusinghe, Sophia Johnston, Sunnie Yan, Cindy Kim and Arina Chaptynova.

Sophia Webb and Sienna Neill were also named in the Tournament Team!

Mountain Biking

The Epsom Mountain Biking Team have had another successful year! They have achieved the top school in Auckland, 100 points ahead of the next schools! Their most recent event at Totara Park to complete the series was another success. They achieved the following results:

- 3rd - Anna Stebbings, U15 Girls
- 1st - Maia Barclay, U16 Girls
- 2nd - Tegan Feringa, U16 Girls
- 1st - Sarah Harvison, U20 Girls
- 2nd - Ellyse Lendrum, U20 Girls





Thank you to Mountain Biking Captain- Sarah Harvison for all of your hard work and dedication to the sport and the huge support from the parents, it would not be possible without you! We look forward to another successful MTB season in 2021!

BRONZE - Mackenzie Brears - 100m Breastroke 17-18yrs

BRONZE - Abby Davidson - 100m Breastroke 14yrs

BRONZE - Grace Baik - 50m Butterfly 15yrs

BRONZE - Rae Kwan - 50m Butterfly 16yrs

Epsom placed 18th overall out of 123 schools!

Congratulations to all of the students who competed, given the amount of time they have had out of the pool in this unusual year.

Thank you to Ms McConachie (TIC) and the parent helpers for supporting the students at the event!



Waka Ama

On Saturday Epsom Girls displayed a hard fought performance at the Waka Ama Junior Regatta. For many of the paddlers it was their first time out on a Waka, but they looked to be naturals! Competing against some tough schools, Epsom persevered till the end allowing them a spot in both the Mixed W12 and Girls W6 finals. Epsom paddled hard and strong, and left it all out on the water. Thank you to all that participated on the day! Thank you to coach Louise Henderson, Waka Ama Captain Aho Liufani, Teacher in Charge Clarissa, and all parents and supporters for their hard work and efforts throughout. This could not have been possible without you all!



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

What's on at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre...

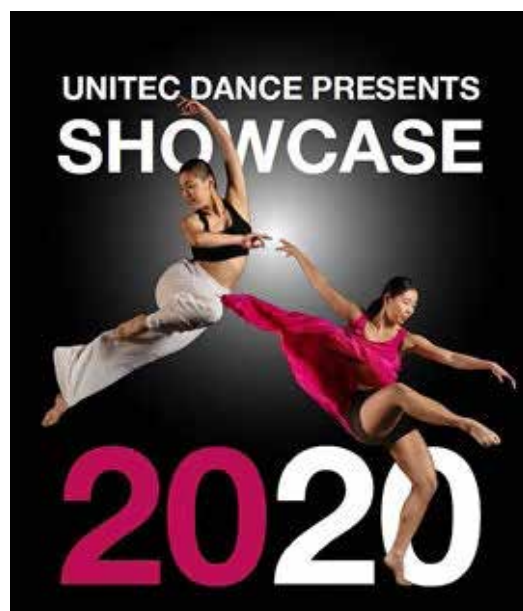
Unitec Dance Presents

SHOWCASE 2020

Thursday 12th November - Sunday 15th November

Capping off a challenging year, Unitec Dance is excited to end on a triumphant note with a programme of live work that celebrates the incredible teaching, learning and industry building which the vibrant program is recognised for.

SHOWCASE 2020 programme promises to impress. Plus, features eight exciting female guest choreographers who are leaders in the dance community.



Gem's of Chamber Music

The Raye Freedman Arts Centre is thrilled to have the Auckland Chamber Orchestra grace our stage for their 2020 concert! They will be performing a gorgeous programme of chamber music – including Brahms, Chernin, Chabrier, Hoadley, Glinka and Schubert.

Special guest, Morag Atchison, will be singing Chabrier and Schubert. Not only is Morag one of Aotearoa's most celebrated sopranos and pedagogues, but she's also a former EGGS student. We can't wait to hear Morag, the Auckland Chamber Orchestra and their wonderful music come November 22nd!

AUCKLAND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Gem's of Chamber Music



Head to <https://www.rayefreedmanarts.co.nz/> for more information

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER | 5PM