



*Year 11 Art Exhibition*

## *Coming up in Week 9...*

Mon 7 Dec	Year 13 Sign out day, 1.15-3.15pm
Wed 9 Dec	Year 13 Graduation Dinner
Thur 10 Dec	Junior Prizegiving 10.00am
	Junior reports on the portal
	End of Term 4

## *Starting Dates for 2021*

Wed 3 Feb	Powhiri - 10.30am (all new students)
Thur 4 Feb	All year levels - 10.30am
Fri 5 Feb	Normal times for the whole school - 8.30am

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

Thursday of next week will be the last day of the school year, and we are looking forward to celebrating the many successes of Year 9 and 10 students at the Junior School Prizegiving from 10.00am that morning.

We are feeling grateful that we have had enough weeks back at school at Covid-19 Alert Level 1 for all seniors to complete their programmes; for enough time back with specialist equipment and software and back in specialist rooms such as art, in order for external submissions to be completed and sent away for marking. We have had enough time for school examinations to happen and then the vital learning from feedback from those exams to occur. We are now in the final days of the external examinations and so every week at Alert Level 1 has been a good week in order to gain positive outcomes for all students. An important part of this is that we have come to the end of the year with Year 9 and 10 students qualifying as prizewinners as usual. At Prizegiving you will see the high levels of achievement gained, and I want to congratulate all prizewinners ahead of this event.

To all Year 9 and 10 students – you have three more school days in class to finish your courses for the year. Normal routines and expectations apply. Parents, please note the information which goes out today by email to all Year 9 and 10 parents and students regarding times and arrangements for next week, and support your daughters in arriving on time in the mornings, in correct uniform and ready for each day.

Congratulations to all involved in the recent Philosophy Day and to Year 10 on an action packed Ki o Rahi Tournament today.

Nga Mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As this unprecedented year draws to a close the Board would like to acknowledge the contributions and commitment from the entire EGGS team. The challenge of Covid 19 has placed schools in a unique position, from the requirement of schools to adopt a new mode of learning to a semi-normal open environment while the country remained in strict alert level lockdowns while at the same time adhering to strict guidelines to ensure the safety of all students and staff. The EGGS community can be and should be proud of the feedback I have received recently that EGGS has been recognised as a leading example of its management of the pandemic. This feedback also recognised the inspirational leadership of our Principal and the Senior leadership team and the cohesiveness of all staff to ensure we maintained our high level of learning outcomes. There have been learnings we can all take away from this journey, there has been challenging times and mistakes made and the disappointments of so many as normal school experiences were cancelled or scaled down should not be underestimated.

The Student leadership team should also be applauded for tackling these challenges face on. Your leadership in 2020 has been inspirational to all your fellow students and to the community. I wish to thank the board members for your commitment and support. I know you have all had your personal challenges this year but you have continued to fulfil your governance role in a professional and collaborative way. I thank you for this. Whatever the future holds I wish you well.

I wish the entire EGGS community a safe and relaxing festive season and look forward to 2021.

*Chris Iles, Board Chair*

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## Albert Eden Youth Awards

It is my absolute pleasure to congratulate three Epsom Girls students on winning Albert Eden Youth Awards which will be presented by local members, youth board members and Dharshna Baskar on December 16th.

### Arts and Culture

The AEYB Arts and Culture Award highlights young individuals, aged 14-24, who have created exceptional art or highlighted culture in order to celebrate diversity and artistic expression. This award is open to any person who has been involved in any cultural event or created within an artform at any level.

- Sophie Brown: The winner for the Albert Eden Arts and Culture Youth Award 2020

### Academics

This award is intended to recognise person ages 14 - 24 who have demonstrated academic excellence in the year 2020. This award acknowledges youth who have worked diligently and have striven to succeed in an academic subject. Nominees have demonstrated passion and have challenged themselves, delivering outstanding performance. This award is open to any level of academic success.

- Angela Bi: The winner for the Albert Eden Academic Youth Award 2020

### Tech & Innovation

This award is intended to recognise persons aged 14-24 who have demonstrated excellent skills in innovation and/or technology. This award acknowledges young drivers of innovative successes. Nominees have demonstrated creative development of technology or within the digital space. This kind of talent is critical to the futures of young people and is to be considered transformative to the way in which problems are solved. This award is a testament to the excellent quality of work produced by the recipient.

- Drishti Murara: The winner for the Albert Eden Tech & Innovation Youth Award 2020

Once again, congratulations to the three award winners.

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# CURRICULUM NEWS

## EGGS Philosophy Day



The first EGGS' Philosophy Day for interested year 9, 10 and 11 students was held in the Judith Potter Centre on the 17th November. Guest speakers from Auckland University, Dr Vanya Kovach and Dr Chantelle Saville presented challenging ideas on the futuristic ethical rights of artificially intelligent sentient beings and the possible definitive qualities of beauty. The students volunteered admirable contributions to these discussions and posed perceptive questions.

Dr Gavin's Year 10 philosophy students facilitated workshops on a range of topics with fun activities. An interactive equality and equity simulation, where students were having to step forward or back in regards to their assigned privilege led to a fertile discussion. Other students had to argue impossible, 'Would You Rather?' scenarios between unattractive options and coerce their peers to think in a like minded way. The trolley problem was adapted to challenge ethical decision processes in amusing and deceptive ways. The Year 10 philosophy students are to be congratulated for their mature and inclusive manner in facilitating these workshops so that a lot of humour and passionate argument was evoked amongst their fellow students. The students enjoyed hearing the differing opinions of others and the opportunity to make new friends whilst participating in these mind stretching exercises.

The afternoon was given to inquiry circles on the value of art, and the tension between freedom of expression and the rights of protestors in relation to social media. Teachers from a range of curriculum areas hosted the inquiry circles and were impressed by how well the students worked together to create robust and challenging arguments. Thank you to Ms Milner, Ms Mahy, Ms Grant, Ms Murphy, Ms Watson and Ms Lawrence for facilitating these collaborative inquiry circles amongst students that were often not known to them prior but whom they quickly became familiar with and sparked enjoyable investigations of meaning.

A special thanks to Dr Gavin who successfully drove the day from its conception to a celebration of the worthy nature of philosophy as a subject. Thank you to Ms Gunputt for her leadership and to Ms Jerome for her kind guiding of students on the day.

It was a joy to witness the high levels of collaborative thinking that allowed students to engage critically and creatively across year levels. A day full of collaboration, mateship and wisdom. A day we hope to become an annual event.





## Physics Department



Year 13 Physics



Year 13 Physics on their dress up day.



Year 12 Physics



Year 11 Physics students doing some practical work in the lab.

## Sustainability

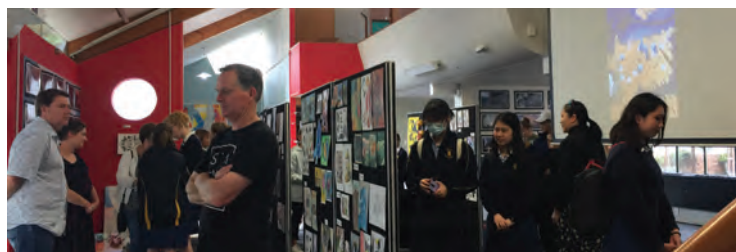
The Sustainability Committee together with Raye Freedman Arts Centre, raised and donated \$296 to the Sustainable Coastlines as part of their joint fundraiser of the movie screening 2040. This venture, even though was postponed twice due to the lockdown, was successful on 2nd of November. Thanks to all the work done by the committee members and the patrons for their support.





# Year 11 Art and Photography

This is the first year that we have held this Exhibition and we are so pleased with the results. It has been such a wonderful way for the students to finish up Year 11 Art and Photography for the year. Working toward this exhibition has been important for Year 11 Art students as they experience the process of art making from beginning to end.





## French - Year 10 Cafes

Year 10 French students are currently putting into action the knowledge they have learnt in their French classes this year. In groups, students are designing a menu, filming a cooking show episode and selling and buying French food - all in French! Students are using their cross-curricular skills from maths, business studies, art and food technology in order to attract their classmates to buy food from their café. Each café calculates the profit they have made and a winner is declared at the end of the week. This year's students have cooked delicious food and they have been wonderfully creative with their café designs. Très bon travail les élèves !\



Phoebe Doyle, Carise O'Brien, Tamisha Vanniasingham, Salomé Munoz Uribe



Katrina Que, Asli Hamurcu, Eesha Prasad, Agustina Salinas

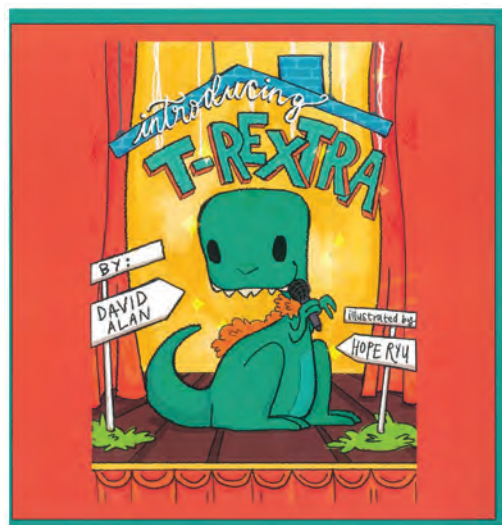
## Introducing T-REXTRA!!!

Hope Ryu, from Year 12 is now the published illustrator of a children's book, "Introducing T-Rextra" by David Alan.

"Trex", an adorable little dinosaur, shares adventures and positive, encouraging lessons about dealing with the ups and downs of life and above all, the importance of being yourself and being kind to others.

Hope's colourful and clever illustrations feature on every page and are integral to the appeal of the book. Congratulations Hope!

It is available in some book shops or search the book title to order it on-line.



## BEAMS Team

On Tuesday 4th December seven of our lovely Year 10 students were fortunate enough to spend the day at The University of Auckland where they were introduced to the study programmes available in Business, Engineering, Architecture, Medical and Health Sciences and Science. This BEAMS day, which is held every year for our Maori and Pasifika students aims to inspire and encourage our akonga to pursue their dreams.



# EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

Epsom Music invited our incoming year 9 students to attend a workshop on Wednesday 25 November.

Students had the opportunity to work with current year 9-11 students in an orchestra, choir and guitar group. They rehearsed some music together and performed to one another at the end of the workshop. The aim of our morning was to meet students, introduce them to the Epsom Music Community and what they might like to get involved in next year.

Thank you to everyone who attended our workshop and we look forward to welcoming you into our co-curricular groups in 2021.



Reminder to all students interested in joining music groups next year. If you are wanting to join a band, orchestra or choir next year, please fill out the forms below.

## BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS

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## CHOIRS

### New Choir Members

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### Canto Vivo (Year 9-10)

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### Epsom Singers (Year 11-13)

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### Paradisum (Auditioned)

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## OGA NEWS

Our main focus is the upcoming Year 13 Graduation Dinner to be held on Wednesday 9th December, always a lovely occasion of celebrations and farewells. This year our Guest Speaker is EGGS Alumna (2011-2015) Gemma Bell who is currently at the University of Auckland and is the 2020 CEO of Velocity – a prestigious University of Auckland student and staff entrepreneurship programme, that has been running for 17 years. In spite of all the challenges of Covid and lockdowns, Gemma has successfully led a team of student volunteers – putting innovation to its greatest test! We're excited to have her address us at Grad Dinner – it will be via technology as she is on an internship in Wellington for the summer – pertinent in this year of working and studying and meeting remotely.



Franklin Branch Old Girls held their annual dinner at the Franklin Club on 12th November.

We've had several meetings including progressing plans for the upcoming OGA Centenary to be celebrated 27th/28th March 2021.

All the best for a happy summer!

*Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry*  
OGA Co-Presidents



## 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)



## RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE



### Auckland Academy of Dance presents Peter Pan, 10th - 12th December

Auckland Academy of Dance's end of year production aims to animate and uplift this well-loved tale of the boy who never grows up! Their academy boasts a talented selection of dancers to take us on this thrilling adventure as they bring the world of Peter Pan to life. Come join us and be charmed Peter's never-ending childhood adventures!

Head to the [Raye Freedman Arts Centre website](https://www.raye-freedman.co.nz/) for tickets and more information!



## Weight Lifting

Jaelyn Su'a, Year 11 student at Epsom Girls has been stamping her mark in the Weightlifting scene! Jaelyn competed at the recent Senior and Junior Weightlifting Nationals and achieved the following results:

2nd in the Junior category

3rd in the Senior category

Jaelyn's best Snatch score was 75kg and best Clean and Jerk score was 95kg!

Jaelyn is now in preparation for competitions in February 2021 and we wish her all the best!

## Ultimate

Last Sunday, Epsom Girls dominated at the Ultimate Outdoor Champs. Despite the high gusts of wind and threatening dark clouds, the teams persevered to win their way to the Finals, where EGGS Blue took out the WIN. Epsom Gold were awarded the Most Spirited Team of the Tournament award which is testament to the courage, sportsmanship and overall enjoyment our Ultimate Frisbee players display. Well done to all those who participated! Thank you to Ultimate Captain Emma Whitlock, TIC Silo Gunput, and to coaches Bruce Ng and Josh How for their hard work and support throughout. This would not have been possible without you.



## Touch

