

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Epsom Singers rehearsing with Debbie Orr



Epsom Stage Band practising with Peter Thomas

Dear parents, caregivers and students

With just two weeks before the end of the term a number of co-curricular activities are now underway again. Attendance rolls are always taken at these activities, particularly important at the moment in case of the need for contact tracing. As you know, Covid-19 related hygiene practices continue to be important and we are maintaining one way stairwells and keeping to the left in corridors.

Health reminders:

- Anyone sick for any reason is to stay at home.
- Anyone with any of the following symptoms should ring Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or their GP. They will advise on testing for COVID-19.
 - Cough
 - Fever
 - Sore throat
 - Runny nose
 - Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
 - Temporary loss of smell
- Anyone who is at home unwell with any of the above symptoms needs to be Covid-19 symptom free for 48 hours or have a non-infectious cause of their symptoms (eg: asthma, hay fever etc) before they return to school.
- If a student becomes unwell during the school day with any of the above symptoms, parents will be contacted to come to school immediately to collect the student.

Last Friday we welcomed law student, Charm Skinner, Human Rights Commission and speaker and advocate at the United Nations for indigenous peoples, as a guest speaker at a Black Lives Matter event which also launched a new student group. The Racial Awareness Group will be holding their first meeting soon – keep an eye on the daily notices.

Reports for all year levels will be posted on the KAMAR web portal on the last day of term. We are erring on the side of caution due to Covid-19 and not holding the usual Subject Teacher Conferences which place hundreds of people together at close quarters in multiple groupings throughout the evening. More details coming on follow up from reports.

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.



Thank you to Sustainability Group representatives Jasmine and Joshna for presenting at the Finance and Property Board sub-committee last night on carbon emission targeting in support of New Zealand's commitment under the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Attendance

A reminder to all parents that you can check your daughter's attendance on the web portal. Please follow up any questions you have about their absences with them directly and please feel free to contact the Dean if you have any concerns or questions.

CURRICULUM NEWS

NZQA Top Art Exhibition

Congratulations to Annalise Sheilds who graduated from EGGs last year. Her photography portfolio was selected for the travelling Top Art Exhibition.

<https://www.facebook.com/NZQATopArt/photos/a.2761333187281963/2761334593948489>

Annalise Sheilds, Photography, Epsom Girls Grammar School - Sugar the Sociopath

My plans for 2020: Studying a Bachelor of Fine Arts / Bachelor of Arts Conjoint Degree at the University of Auckland.

Information about my work: Ideas / Concepts / Themes

I came up with the idea of portraying sugar in a way that reveals its bad side, to not glorify it like the way the media does to promote products. I found the quote "Sugar is the sociopath of foods. It acts sweet... but is really poison." by Karen Salmansohn which inspired me to show how the excess consumption of sugar in today's society is going to lead to the decline of human health if we don't change societies perception of sugar very soon. This is why I decided to use a model interacting with sugar to directly confront the viewer with these issues.



Statements for Student Charges

We will be emailing statements to all families next week as a reminder.

Please login to the KAMAR web portal (Parent Portal) and navigate to the Financial section of your dashboard menu to view and make payment.

Your prompt payment of required charges and strongly recommended voluntary charges is appreciated.

Two payment options are available:

- Account to Account – no surcharge applies. You will be asked to login to your internet banking.
- Credit card – a 2% surcharge will apply

If you have any questions when you receive your statement please contact receivables@eggs.school.nz

2021 Course Information and Options Selection Evening

On **Wednesday 29th July 6.00 - 7.30pm**, we invite students and families to attend the **Course Information and Options Selection Evening**. Course information, examples of learning and curriculum displays will be available around the school in the various Learning Areas and staff will be on hand to answer questions. There will be presentations every 20 minutes from the Careers Department about Med School and Engineering applications and the Senior Deans, year level Deputy Principal's and Qualifications Manager will be available to help with any queries.

Course selection for 2021 will be available to students in Years 10, 11 and 12 on the Web from **Monday 27th July** and they must have made their selections by **8am on Monday 10th August**. More details to come.

COURSE SELECTION - IMPORTANT DATES:

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| Monday 20 July | Year 10 Options Assembly |
| Monday 27 July | Course selection available on the Web |
| Wednesday 29 July | Course Information and Option Selection Evening (Years 10, 11, and 12) |
| Monday 10 August | 8am Completion of online Course selection |

Science



Environmental Science students proud of their conservation reserve model for an endangered native species. This one is for the long tailed bat



Building energy efficient houses in Year 9 Science

Sunrise Hikoi - Friday 26 June

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.

In 2017, we school held our first ever sunrise walk up our local mountain, Maungawhau / Mt Eden to celebrate this festival. Following on from the success of the first event, 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 26 June.

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

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome to Matariki 2020 at EGGs.



EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

Since the move to level 1 we are happy to share that we are up and running with all our bands, choirs and orchestras.

Music events ala Covid

Smokefree Rock Quest, KBB Music Festival and NZCT Chamber Music Competition will be offering a chance to present performances by submitting videos. Unfortunately, The Big Sing has been cancelled this year. We will be in constant communication with students involved in music at EGGs to keep them up to date with details of rehearsals and recordings.

Closing Dates for Music Competitions

Smokefree Rock Quest solo/duos close **Monday 29th June**

Smokefree Rock Quest Bands close **Friday 24th July**

Chamber Music Contest applications close **Friday 3rd July, 5pm.**

Songwriting Competitions

Our good friends at Play It Strange are offering a songwriting competition.

Applications for the Lion Foundation National Secondary School Songwriting Competition are now open to students across all year levels. The finalists have the opportunity to record their songs at a professional recording studio and will be included on the annual Play It Strange album. The closing date for this is **Thursday 23rd July**. For more information click the link below:

► [Lion Foundation Songwriting Competition](#)

FOUNDATION NEWS

Apply Now for the Heritage Fund - Round 2

The Heritage Fund Round 2 closing date has been moved out to Friday 26 June to allow students and teachers more time to consider their applications.

The Heritage 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 Heritage 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



Canto Vivo in rehearsal with Virginia Le Cren

Video Series

Over the course of the lockdown Head of Music Peter Thomas has been sharing a selection of videos with his senior music classes. The videos feature ex students and some special guests talking about their life in music. Our students have found them inspiring and particularly helpful at this challenging time. Here is the latest in our series. It features former EGGs student and international conductor Tianyi Lu.

► [Video series - Life in music - Tianyi Lu](#)

Free Music Concert - Monday 29 June [See Page 7](#)

- Contribution towards vertical garden
- 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
- Funding towards the purchase of shorts for the Senior A Basketball team
- 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.

Heritage Fund Round 2 Closing date is 5pm Friday 26 June.

For more information and the application form please visit:

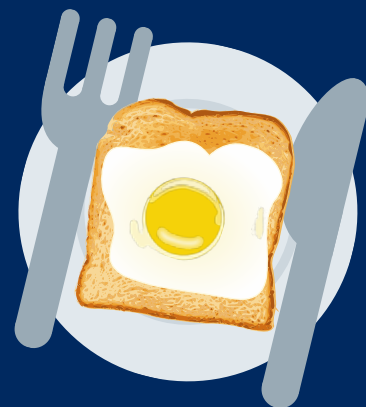
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★ 2020 FATHER AND DAUGHTER BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST
7:00-9:00AM AT EDEN PARK

With Special Guest Speaker
TANA UMAGA

Former Player and Captain of the All Blacks,
and current assistant coach for the Blues



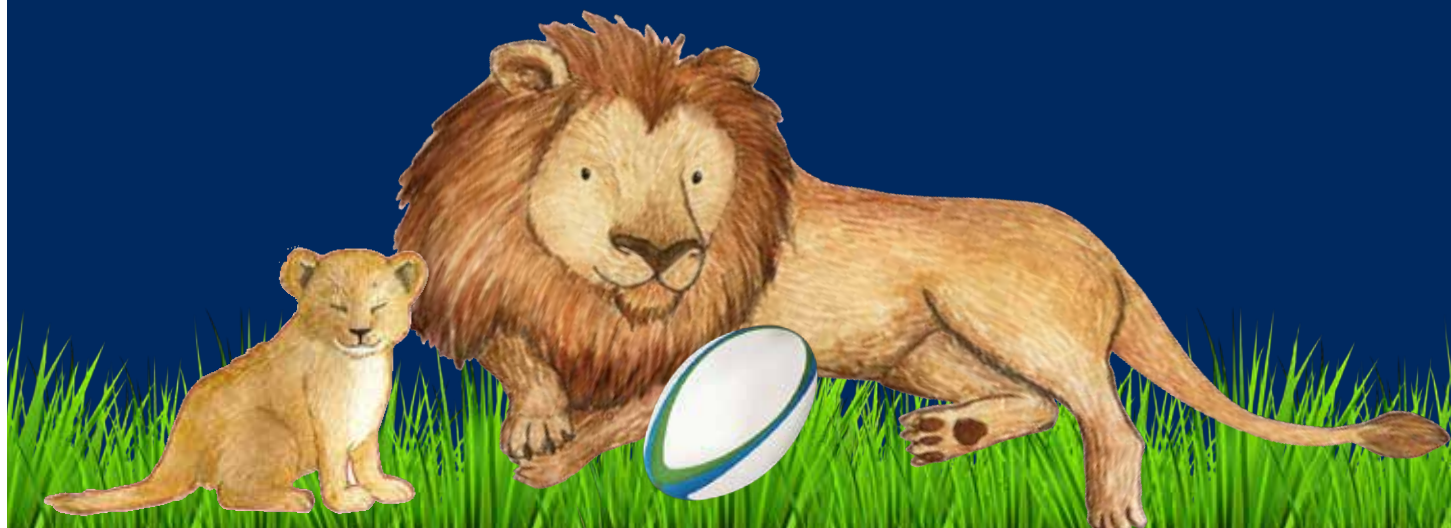
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TICKETS \$60 EACH

Tickets will be available to purchase online
from Thursday the 25th of June on the EGGS
website (more information will come to your
parents' emails later)

Every Ticket goes in the draw to win spot prizes



Distance Squad

The team ran Mt Hobson and Mt St John! Join us every Tuesday and Thursday 7am from the Sports Office



Football



A friendly match on Wednesday 10 June with St Cuthberts on our home turf - 1st XI and Junior A! Thank you to all who came to support the teams. Thank you also to Graham Taylor and Mr Nowell for officiating the matches.

Mountain Biking

Last Sunday the EGGs Mountain Biking team took to Waitawa Park for Race 3 of the series. Congratulations to the team who came away with the following results:

1st - Maia Barclay, U16 Girls
2nd - Tegan Feringa, U16 Girls
2nd - Belle Judd, U17 Girls

1st - Scarlett Buissink, U19 Girls
2nd - Sarah Harvison, U19 Girls
3rd - Ellyse Lendrum, U19 Girls

If you are interested in competing with the team contact the MTB Captain - Sarah Harvison 16221@apps.eggs.school.nz

[For more photos see our facebook page](#)



EPSOM MUSIC - FREE CONCERT

Flavio Villani, International Pianist

Free lunchtime concert for staff and students in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre on **Monday 29th June**.



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



With the move to level one we are thrilled to announce that the Raye Freedman Arts Centre is back up and running!

The first events gracing our stage are the Artz on Show and Kids Up Front holiday programmes in July. For more information head to their website: artzonshow.co.nz or kidsupfront.co.nz.