



Year 12 Health Sociology visiting Southern Cross Campus Junior School in Mangere

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Students in Years 9-13 are making their option choices, and it was good to see so many people at the Options Evening on Wednesday night– a reminder that the deadline for all course selection is 8am Monday 10 August.

This week the Growing Leadership sessions for Year 12 focussed on global citizenship, leadership and careers. Thank you to the staff and Year 13 leaders who organised and led this programme, designed to encourage future focussed thinking in our emerging student leaders.

The Father Daughter Breakfast has sold out and we are looking forward to seeing fathers, father figures and grandfathers at Eden Park next Wednesday morning. Please remember that fathers will need to then drop students in a street near the school in time for the normal Wednesday start time of 9.20am.

Next Friday is the Year 13 Ball and I would like to recognise the work of the Year 13 Ball committee in planning and then entering a long period of uncertainty due to Covid-19, and then bringing everything back to be ready for Friday the 7th of August.

Tonight is the Singer Songwriter event in the RFAC and the Interact event will be in the Marjory Adams Hall.

This term is well set up to be a solid term for learning and achievement. It is also good to see sporting and other activities starting up again. The Subject Teacher Conferences on the 13th and 18th of August will be a valuable opportunity to have those important conversations about student progress and achievement to date, as well as valuable, and sometimes crucial, next steps.

The usual message still applies about sickness – if a student is sick they are to remain at home, and if they have any of the symptoms in the Covid-19 symptoms list, please seek medical advice.

There are lots of celebratory news items in this edition of EGGSNEWS – congratulations to all involved, including NZBLAX Assistant Coach Rosie Gunn and I hope you enjoy reading about the wonderful talents of the staff and students featured.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 3....

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| Mon 3-7 Aug | International Languages Week |
| Mon 3 Aug | Year 9 Options Assembly |
| | Course Selection available on the web portal |
| Wed 5 Aug | Father & Daughter Breakfast |
| Fri 7 Aug | Year 13 Ball |

Coming up in Week 4

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| Mon 10 Aug | Yr 10-13, 2021 Course selection due |
| Wed 12 Aug | Movie Night "2040" |
| Thu 13 Aug | Subject Teacher Conferences |
| | Epsom Music Showcase, RFAC |

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

Monday

10th August

**Course selection
due by 8am**

**SUBJECT TEACHER
CONFERENCES**
**Thursday 13th &
Tuesday 18th August**



2021 COURSE SELECTION

Please note - online course selection must be completed by 8am Monday 10 August for Years 10-13, 2021.

[2021 Course Information Instructions for Parents/Caregivers](#)

Further details available here: [Year 9 going into Year 10](#)

[Year 10 going into Year 11](#)

[Year 11 going into Year 12](#)

[Year 12 going into Year 13](#)

2020 SUBJECT TEACHER CONFERENCES - Thursday 13 & Tuesday 18 August

Mid-year Subject Teacher Conferences for Years 9 – 13 are being held on the **13th** and **18th of August**. This is an ideal opportunity for students and parents to meet with subject teachers and discuss progress and achievement at this half-year point and to look ahead. You will have received an email on Friday 31st July with instructions on making bookings. Please note that bookings close temporarily on the 13th of August and will reopen for the second evening afterwards. Bookings will close again on the 17th of August to allow Teachers to prepare. Reports for all year levels are available on the School Portal. A reminder that a short survey on the mid-year reports has been sent home for Year 9, 10 and 11 families to complete. We value this feedback and will close the survey on Friday 7th of August.

Epsom Girls Grammar School Sustainability Committee Initiative – “2040”

Join us at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre - 7pm on 12 August for 2040 a fundraiser in support of Sustainable Coastlines.

2040 is an innovative feature documentary that looks to the future, but is vitally important NOW. Award-winning director Damon Gameau embarks on journey to explore what the future would look like by the year 2040 if we simply embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet and shifted them into the mainstream. Structured as a visual letter to his 4-year-old daughter, Damon blends traditional documentary footage with dramatized sequences and high-end visual effects to create a vision board for his daughter and the planet.

Help us to help Sustainable Coastlines by booking your tickets here:

<http://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2020/aug/2040>

Door Sales from 6pm on Wednesday 12 August at RFAC Box Office.



Year 12 Leadership Expo



Cake decorating competition



Hangi

The Whanau Awhina parent group together with the Kotahitanga student group organised a very special hāngi on the last day of Term 2 celebrating Matariki and the end of a long term. Our School Kaumatua, Richard Nahi, specialises in traditionally prepared hāngi cooked in the whenua/land and he shared his expertise from the planning stages through to the preparation and cooking stages. Students learning Te Reo Maori and/or Food Technology joined in throughout the day to learn about the tikanga/custom of hāngi. Ngā mihi to Richard, Wayne, Ange, Eloise, Kate, the parent helpers and of course Susan Marshall and her team of helpers!



CURRICULUM NEWS

Health Sociology

On the 16th of July a group of Year 12 students taking Health Sociology paid a visit to Year 5 and 6 students at Southern Cross Campus Junior School in Mangere, South Auckland to deliver care packages containing winter essentials. This project was part of our 2.3 internal under the heading "Health Promotion", which we based around Winter Wellness. We all know how difficult the winter period can be for families, and with the impact that COVID-19 has left, things just don't get any easier. We spent half the day at Southern Cross and everything came out very successful. We delivered 30+ care packages to the students, and provided them with a pizza lunch too. Thank you to ASB for donating bottles and bags, which were included in the packages. Another huge thank you to each and everyone in the EGGS community who supported our project also. Nothing would have been possible without your help.



Statements for Student Charges

All families will be sent a statement of account for their student(s) in the week beginning 3rd August. Please check your junk or spam folders if this does not seem to have arrived and mark us as a 'Safe Sender' for future mailouts.

To make payment please login to the 'new look' KAMAR web portal. You will find the link to the FINANCIAL page on the left hand side menu.

For all queries in relation to student charges and if you have a credit balance that you would like to have applied to a charge please contact receivables@eggs.school.nz

Your continued support of Epsom Girls Grammar School is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Languages Department



ImmerseMe is a Virtual Reality Language Learning programme that is one of the learning applications used in Chinese, French and Spanish language classes at this school. In the recent ImmerseMe World Games, 21-28 May, several of our students and teachers gained awards.

Brooke Costello (Year 9), Natalia Eady (Year 9), Racheal Rajkumar (Year 10) – Silver Global Citizenship Awards

Genevieve Cartmell (Year 9), Sejal Dongre (Year 11) – Gold Fluency Awards

Miss T Clarke, Ms C Corbalan, Dr A Moir Scott – Innovative Educator Awards

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

Smokefree Rockquest

A big congratulations to Sophie Brown (girl.) for placing first and Stevie Mabey for placing second in the Smokefree Rockquest Auckland Central heats in the Solo-Duo competition.



Sophie Brown (girl.)

► <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hK398gHaQQ>



Stevie Mabey

► <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5wQXV65F90>

Guest pianists, Flavio Villani and Celine Feng

We were thrilled to have two guest pianists, Flavio Villani and Celine Feng, come in and perform pieces from their repertoire for the staff and students. This is a great opportunity for our students and staff to listen to international musicians. We are looking forward to inviting more guests to perform at these lunchtime concerts.



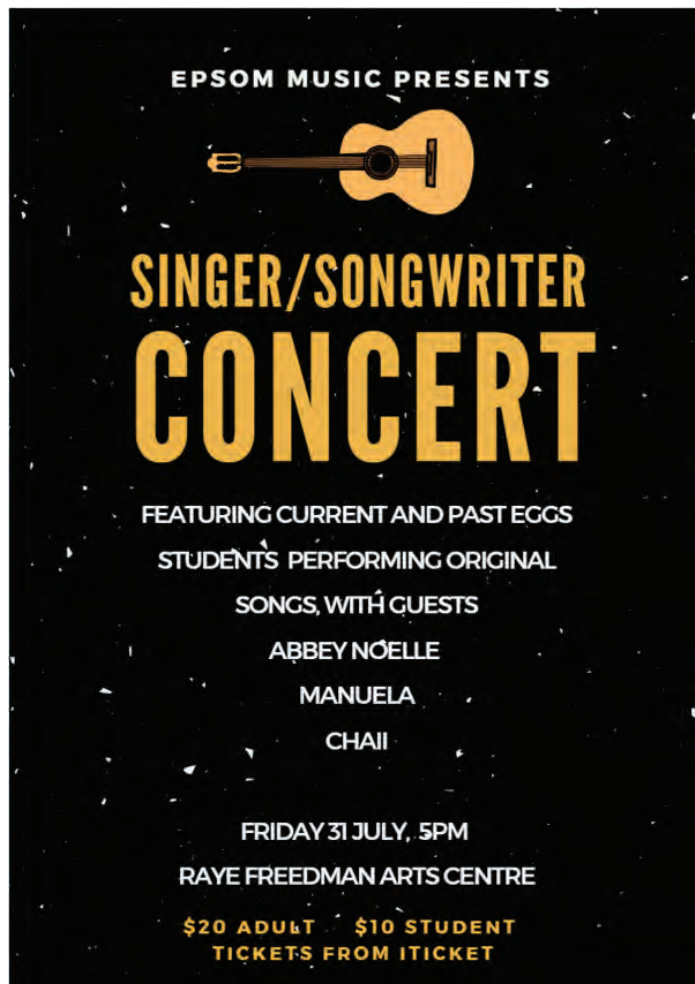
Celine Feng

► <https://youtu.be/2ToFXUJKM8U>



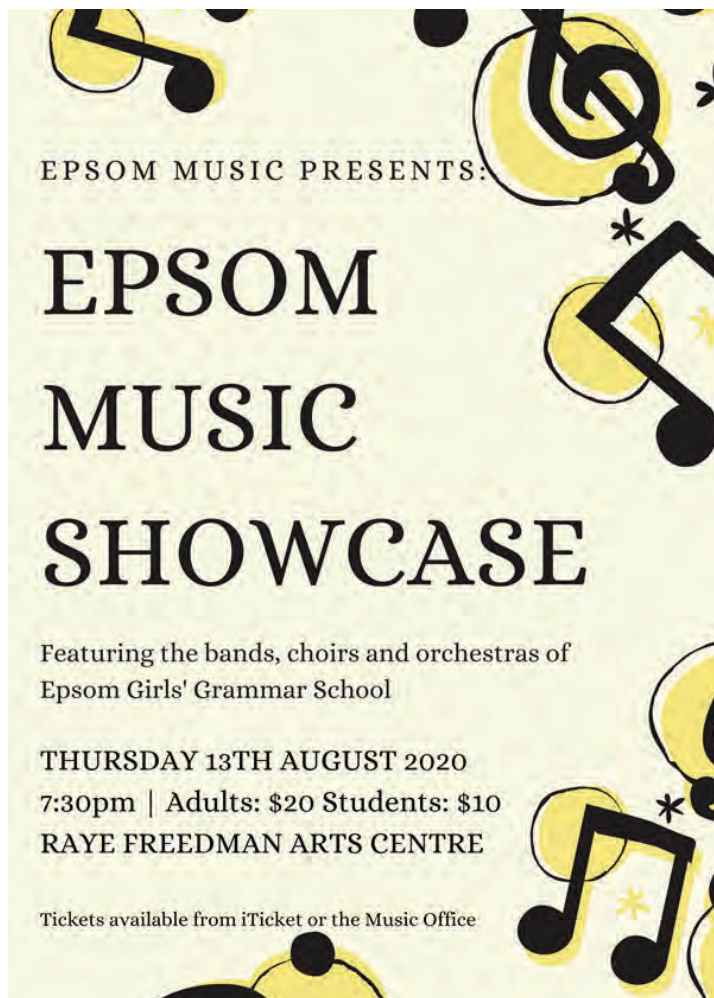
Flavio Villani

► <http://www.flaviovillani.com/>
► <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YlvwziAtCCc>



Book your tickets here:

► [iTicket - Singer/Songwriter Concert](#)



Book your tickets here:

► [iTicket - Epsom Music Showcase](#)

FOUNDATION NEWS

Apply Now for the Heritage Fund Round 3

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

- Contribution towards vertical garden
- Purchasing of new 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.

Heritage Fund Round 3 Closing date is 5pm Friday 10 August.

For more information and the application form please visit:

<https://www.eggs.school.nz/our-family/the-eggs-foundation/heritage-fund/>

OGA NEWS

Ro Bellamy Memorial Brunch



Firstly, on Sunday 13th September 2020 from 11am to 2pm the OGA will be holding a special memorial brunch and garden tours at the School to remember Ro Bellamy and launch our Heritage Garden Project in her honour. It is for all past and present families, staff, friends of EGGs and family and friends of Ro who wish to show their respect and acknowledgement of Ro's lifelong contributions to EGGs and her love of the School grounds and gardens.

The late Ro Bellamy was an Old Girl, EGGs teacher and past OGA President, among other roles at the School, as well as an EGGs Founders Award Recipient 2019. The Science Quad will be revitalised thanks to a significant donation from Ro's family and other funds raised. We have sufficient funds to complete the hard landscaping

component over the summer of 2020/2021. Further fundraising at this Memorial event will add to our funds to enable the soft landscaping to be planted. Our aim is to have this project completed as part of the OGA's Centenary in 2021.

This event is being put together by a committee led by EGGs Old Girl and Past OGA President Susan Rope, with the support of Ro's family. An official invitation, with all the details, cost, ways to donate and an RSVP form, will be sent out in due course. Attendance will be by RSVP for catering purposes.

Meanwhile, daffodils planted in Ro's honour are now beginning to bloom in the grounds, with more to come.

OGA Centenary

Secondly, our OGA Centenary celebrations will be held at the School on Saturday 27th March 2021: School Tours, a Sherry Hour and a Cocktail Function. On Sunday 28th March there will be a special Thanksgiving Service held locally. We hope Old Girls from near and far will come and celebrate during this weekend in March next year.

Please SAVE THE DATES:

- Sunday 13th September 2020 11am - Ro Bellamy Memorial Brunch
- Saturday 27th March 2021 - OGA Centenary Celebration
- Sunday 28th March 2021 - OGA Centenary Thanksgiving Service

We hope to see many people from the School community at the Ro Bellamy Memorial Brunch.

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

Spirit Week



During Spirit Week the Prefects challenged the Teachers to a game of MultiSport! It was a fun event with a large crowd cheering on. Congratulations to the TEACHERS who took the win!

Congratulations to Miss Gunn!

Congratulations to Miss Gunn who has been appointed the NZBLAX Assistant Coach! We are extremely grateful to have Rosie lead and coach our Epsom Lacrosse programme. All the best to Rosie and the team for their preparation towards the 2021 Womens Lacrosse World Cup!

Netball



Netball is back! We are excited to have Netball being played every Saturday throughout Term 3! Make sure you check the Netball Google Site for Updates. This can be found on ELearn - Useful Links- [EGGS Netball Site](#)

Ultimate Frisbee

On Sunday the Epsom Ultimate team had a successful day at the Indoor Ultimate Championships at Pulman Park. The tournament was the largest schools regional tournament there has ever been with 37 teams competing. Team 1 and 2 were up against each other in the final with EGGS 1 coming 1st and EGGS 2, 2nd!!! In the non-competition round EGGS 3 came 2nd and EGGS 4 & 5 came 5th and 6th. Aiysha Oumer won overall MVP of the tournament, meaning she was the MVP in the most games out of both the competition and non-competition rounds. Thank you to the coaching team, Antonia Whitlock, Silo Gunput and parents who supported the squad throughout the day!



Cycling

On Sunday 26th of July the Cycling team competed at the TTT3 Series at Pukekohe Park Raceway. Congratulations to the Senior A and Junior A teams who won their respective races. Best of Luck to the team that will race this weekend at the TTT4 and the TTT5/Finals Day on Sunday 16th of August.



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 :

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