

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

With just two weeks to go before the end of term it has been very positive to get news of further changes for Auckland students to the NCEA requirements this year – an email has been sent to the relevant year levels and details can also be seen on page 2 of this edition of EGGSNEWS.

The Film Competition has gone ahead and we are looking forward to being able to view the films submitted – more about this coming in the Notices.

Something that is also happening a little more behind the scenes is joint work between the Sustainability Committee and the School on energy monitoring and efficiency. We have had one presentation to the Finance and Property Board Committee, with another coming up. The commitment of the students involved is making a very real and practical contribution.

Covid-19

Please continue to remember:

- the gathering rules in evenings and weekends while we are at Alert Level 2.5 – no more than 10 people
- to stay home if sick
- to continue to bring and use your hand sanitiser
- to wear a mask if you would like to at school
- to use your own water bottle – no sharing

Also – a reminder that the school day will finish for Years 9,10, 12 and 13 at 1.55pm on Tuesday 15 September. Year 11 will be on study leave for the morning and then sitting the MCAT at 2.00pm.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 9....

Tue 15 Sept

Year 11 MCAT Exam, 2pm

School finishes 1.55pm for
all other year levels

Coming up in Week 10

Mon 21 -25 Sept

Pasifika Week

Mon 21 Sept

Student Council Mufti Day

Tue 22 Sept

2040 Movie Fundraiser

Fri 25 Sept

End of Term 3

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



CLASH OF THE CODES 2020

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

4PM - 6PM

SCHOOL HALL

GENERAL NEWS

Further changes to NCEA for students in Auckland

In recognition of the 13 days of classroom time lost during the recent Covid-19 alert level 3 lockdown. The New Zealand Qualifications Authority have reviewed the Learning Recognition Credits and increased the allocation of these to 1 additional credit for every 4 credits gained through the usual course (maximum of 12 additional credits). Further information on the changes can be found [here](#). An email was sent out to all Year 12 and 13 families earlier this week and a copy of that letter can be found [here](#). Year 11 students will also gain 1 credit for every 4 credits.

MCAT Exam - 15th September 2020

The **MCAT (Maths Common Assessment Task) Exam** is an externally assessed NCEA exam for students in Year 11 (MTH and MTA) that we administer. The dates are set by NZQA and this year, due to the disruptions of Covid-19, the MCAT exam is ahead of and outside of the normal School exam window and has to go ahead on the **15th of September**. No Year 11 students will attend classes on this day.

In order to accommodate the MCAT, **bell times will be re-arranged on the 15th of September and all students at all other Year levels will be released at 1.55pm**. Year 11 MTA and MTH will come in to sit the MCAT at 2.00pm.

Key dates:

15th September.....MCAT Exam for Year 11

12th October.....Exam Assembly for Year 12 and 13

14-21st October.....School Exams

22nd October.....Practical subjects workshops (only Year 9 and 10 at school)

23rd October.....Teacher Only Day

Epsom Girls Grammar School Sustainability Committee Initiative – “2040”

Join us at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre - 7pm on Tuesday 22 September 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 Tuesday 22 September at RFAC Box Office.

A poster for 'Movie Night 2040' featuring a dark background with green film strips and a film reel. The title '2040' is large and stylized with green foliage growing from the bottom. Text on the poster includes 'EGGS SUSTAINABILITY 2020 PRESENTS', 'MOVIE NIGHT', '2040', 'Introduced by Jodi Pretscherer', 'All proceeds go to sustainable coastlines', 'Tuesday 22nd September 7:00PM', 'Raye Freeman Arts Centre', '\$5.00 Student', '\$10.00 Adult', 'iTICKET', 'Tickets at: www.iticket.co.nz', 'Lunch sales: Thursday 17th September', 'Where to buy: Outside the School Hall', and 'DOOR SALES ARE FROM 6PM ON THE NIGHT'.

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PTA

A reminder that the PTA donation can be paid through the parent portal - for more info about portal payments click [here](#).

The PTA is a great opportunity to be involved in the school, new members are always welcome. Thank you to all those families who have already supported the PTA.

CURRICULUM NEWS

EGGS team makes Technovation final

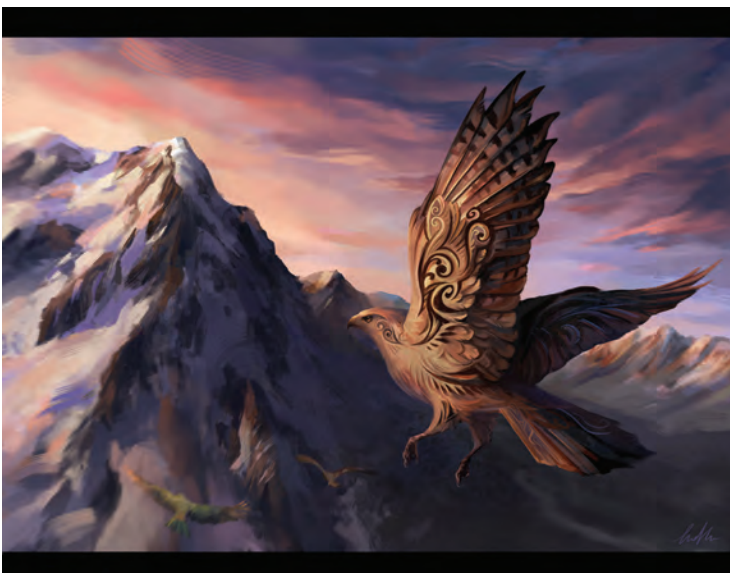
Technovation hosts the largest global technology entrepreneur pitch event for girls ages 10 to 18! Technovation's World Pitch Summit showcases young women from around the world who are solving real problems within their communities through the transformative power of technology. In the course of 3 months, teams of middle and high school girls have designed, built, and launched innovative mobile apps tackling challenges in healthcare, the environment, education, and more. We are fortunate to have two students, Drishti Murura (Technovation's NZ Ambassador) and Ajay Mistry represent EGGS as the next generation of female leaders at the largest global technology entrepreneur pitch event for girls! We wish them luck.



Photo: technovationnz

Weta Workshop Rising Stars Highly Commended Award

Congratulations to Eva Hu and Rachel Berridge who both received The Weta Workshop Rising Stars Highly Commended Award for their individual entries in the Earth Guardians Character Design Competition. Organisers of this competition were searching for Aotearoa's best young concept designers and students were given the brief of designing a character to defend the earth using nature and the elements to inspire their designs. Finalists were selected by a Weta Workshop panel and led by Art Director Paul Tobin. Eva and Rachel will both enjoy a tour of Weta Workshop for their winning entries featured here. Congratulations.



Eva Hu



Rachael Berridge

From the Art Department

Visual Arts teacher and practising artist Ella Brewer has been selected to take part in the Whenua Ūkaipō Connectedness art exhibition. This is a United Nations 75th anniversary art exhibition, bringing forward authentic Māori, indigenous and many cultures artistic visions to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The exhibition runs from the 31 October - 4 November. <https://whenuaukaipo.nz/>

International Languages Week



In Week 3, the Languages Synedriion held its annual International Languages Week. We held events throughout the week such as international movie viewing, Language 101 classes and the annual Latin Cake Competition. Turnout this year was absolutely amazing and much higher than expected. Our language festival on friday had around 200+ participants, and we were able to make 90 dollars more in comparison to last year. There was also a tutor competition that ran throughout the week with the winner being 10CHY.

We are thankful for all of the students who participated in helping to organize and run the event. And we want to thank everyone who came along to participate and learn something new! We are looking forward to rounding the year off by completing our language banner, and we are excited to see what next year's International Languages week will look like.



Big Ideas presentation

On Wednesday 5th August, the Challenge Committee and Careers Ambassadors came together to hold a Big Ideas Event. We were joined by Gabrielle Beran as the guest speaker.

Gabrielle is a lawyer and runs the non-profit NGO, The International Lawyers Project. Her charity aims to provide legal advice and expertise to those in need around the world. She spoke about her career and the various endeavours her job has taken her on. Gabrielle has had vast experience working in various sectors of the legal field and explained to us the different aspects of her role as well as how to become a lawyer and the future of the career path. Gabrielle's amazing presentation sparked curiosity and interest in many of the girls who attended and it was an amazing experience to interact with her and learn more about her field. A big thank you to Abigail Liggins and Julia Olivier for organising an awesome event.



National Latin Exam Results

Earlier this year, way back in Term 1, all Year 10-13 Latin students sat the National Latin Exam. This is a huge international exam run by the American Classical League in the US which tests students on both their Latin language knowledge and their familiarity with Roman history, culture and mythology. With so many places in the US in lockdown over the past few months, we have only recently received the results of these exams, along with student certificates and medals.

Silver Maxima Cum Laude medals ("with the greatest praise") have been awarded to Alicia Yong and Elizabeth Buchanan (Year 10), Jenny Lu (11) and Drishti Murara (13).

Magna Cum Laude certificates ("with great praise") have been awarded to Cindy Kim, Mia Booy, Theibana Vignakumar, Hannah Reah (10), Aimelia Pryce (11), Alexandra Parkinson, Peace Yin and Mila Matthews (12).

Cum Laude certificates ("with praise") have been awarded to Roohi Ahmad and Agustina Salinas (10) and to Mila Matthews (12).
Congratulations to all these girls!

Year 10



left to right Theibana Vignakumar, Hannah Raea, Alicia Yong, Elizabeth Buchanan, Mia Booy, Cindy Kim, Agustina Salinas.



Roohi Ahmed

Year 11-13



left to right Alex Parkinson, Mila Matthews, Drishti urara, Aimelia Pryce, Jenny Lu, Azura Iqbal, Peace Yin

Visual Art Committee Portrait Competition

Students were invited to submit work for the annual Visual Art Committee Portrait competition. The portrait needed to be somebody within the EGGS Community and could be any media.

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes were awarded. Plus a teachers prize.

1st prize: Sarah Keam
"Natalie Wants to Leave"

2nd prize: Mulan Xie
"Portrait of Marium"

3rd prize: Rosie Mazur
"Alien Cowboy"



ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Apply for Arts & Cultural Scholarship opportunities now!

There are currently a range of exciting Arts & Cultural Scholarships open for application. These scholarships are for Year 9-13 students interested in any area of the arts and provide the chance to develop your talent and passion for Arts and Culture at EGGS and beyond. There are amazing opportunities for our Year 13 students who have committed themselves to their arts area of interest at EGGS and wish to pursue tertiary study in this area. The scholarships available are:

- ◇ **Raye Freedman Scholarship:** For Year 13 students who have been recognised within school and/or regionally for their involvement in at least one Arts curriculum area and are planning to pursue tertiary study related to the arts. Up to three scholarships worth \$1500 will be awarded.
- ◇ **Silver Road Literary Scholarship:** For Year 13 students who have been recognised within school and/or regionally for their involvement in writing and are planning to pursue a literary or creative writing course at tertiary level. One scholarship worth \$300 will be awarded.
- ◇ **Te Waka Toi Whakaari, Drama Scholarship:** For Year 13 students who have been involved in Drama, have been recognised to be skilful in performance and are planning to pursue tertiary study related to the dramatic arts. One scholarship worth \$300 will be awarded.
- ◇ **Friends of EGGS Visual Arts Scholarship:** For Year 13 students who have been recognised within school and/or regionally for their involvement in at least one Visual Arts curriculum area and are planning to pursue tertiary study related to visual arts. One scholarship worth \$300 will be awarded.
- ◇ **Epsom Music Leaders Scholarship:** For Year 12 students who have been recognised within the school and/or regionally for their involvement in music and are planning to take part in curricular or co-curricular music in 2021. One scholarship worth \$300 will be awarded.
- ◇ **Nadine Levitt Music Scholarship:** For Year 13 students who are passionate and actively involved in music and plan to pursue music studies and/or a career in music. One scholarship worth \$5000 will be awarded.
- ◇ **Arts and Cultural Council Scholarship:** For Year 9-12 students, these scholarships are to enable students to foster and develop outstanding talent and emerging leadership in Arts and Culture. Three scholarships worth \$300 will be presented.

We know there are lots of talented Arts and Culture students out there and hope to see many of you apply for these scholarships. To find out more visit the Scholarships page under Arts and Culture on Elearn. You can email digital applications to Miss Haydon, the Arts & Cultural Assistant at shaydon@apps.eggs.school.nz.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Epsom Girls Grammar School has International Students who due to border restrictions are unable to return home during the summer holidays and who require Homestay accommodation both long and short term. NZ\$305.00 in 2020 and NZ\$310.00 in 2021 per week is paid to cover full board and internet.

Hosting an international student is an enriching experience and a good way for your family to learn about a new culture. If you are able to provide a caring and supportive environment, English is your first language, you have a spare room and live within close distance to school, we look forward to hearing from you.

Please call Jo Bostock on 970 6757 for further information

or email accommodation@eggs.school.nz

Get to Go Challenge

On Thursday 6 August we had 3 teams compete in the Get to Go Challenge and what a day it was!

Our mixed Premier team combined with Rosmini Boys (pictured below) came away with the win even taking out Westlake who are fierce competition. This means they have qualified for the Grand Final on Great Barrier Island at the end of the year for a week long adventure race. The four girls are Tessa Swinson, Tegan Feringa, Liz Buchanan and Charlotte Wood.

Our two girls teams came 3rd and 6th in the girls category which is an awesome effort out of 20 teams!

A great day all round! Special thanks to Kate Carlton for helping us on the day



Netball



Congratulations to the Premier 1, Year 10/1 and Year 9/1 Netball teams who came away with the overall Combined Points Tournament trophy in August! The Premier 1 team had a close final game against St Kent's placing 2nd in the Premier grade. The Year 10/1 team placed 6th overall and the Year 9/1 team placed 3rd overall. Thank you to the coaches, managers, umpires and parent support during the day. This is the first time Epsom has won the overall trophy!

Football

Congratulations to Alisha Braun (Year 11) and Stella Lawson (Year 12) who have been selected to attend the NZ Football Women's U17 Camp. 28 athletes were selected across the country and will attend the four day camp in Cambridge during the school holidays. We wish Alisha and Stella all the very best!



Distance Squad

Distance Squad was back this week, on the newly constructed platform around the Mt Eden summit. Awesome to see lots of sports teams back training within the school bubble! Fingers crossed for sporting action next week!



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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