

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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2021 Prefects

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Welcome to the first EGGNEWS of 2021 and well done to all students with their online learning in the first three days of this week.

I want to congratulate students on their NCEA results last year. In a year like no other, EGGs students gained very high results. Students and staff worked hard to achieve the best outcomes possible and the results are very impressive. See Page 3 for details. In the pilot year of the Year 11 programme, students results reflected high rates of Excellence and Merit in their NCEA assessments and this will set them up well for Level 2 this year.

A very special congratulations to Megan Kuan and Chen Huan Liu who were awarded as Dux of Epsom Girls Grammar School, jointly in 2020. They went on to gain very high results in their NCEA Level 3 qualification and in the New Zealand Scholarship examinations they have both been named as winners of the Outstanding Scholar Award (58 awarded across New Zealand in 2020). Additionally, Megan has been named as Top Subject Scholarship Award winner in Statistics, topping the country in Statistics. Both of these students also gave service to the School and participated in a range of co-curricular activities and competitions. This year Megan begins a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Biomedical Science at The University of Auckland, aiming for entry to medicine in 2022, and Chen Huan begins a Bachelor of Actuarial Studies degree at the Australian National University as a recipient of the National University Scholarship. You can see an interview with Megan and Chen Huan on the school [website](#).

We are changing the dates of some events – the new student and family barbecue and athletics will not be next week, and once we have more clarity from Cabinet late next Monday we will be able to continue our planning. More information coming next week.



Please remember to stick to the Covid-19 Alert Level 2 public health requirements over the weekend
<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-2/>

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.



2021 Prefects



*Deputy Head Prefect Jean Suhren, Head Prefect Trenyce Fia,
Deputy Head Prefects Joelle Ireland and Caitlin Mansfield*



Molly-Love Louise, Natalie Gane, Hannah Bautista, Sarah-Joy Aruwa



Amy Yeom, Naomi Wadhvani, Olivia Mabey, Saylor Bostic



Phoebe Qian, Carina Lu, Stella Beckmann, Nadia Uy De Baron



Ella Freemon, Ana Manuopangai, Margot Grigg, Emma Whitlock



Hiwa Majurey, Hallie Berry, Chloe Present



Zainab Banukwala, Vicki Chow



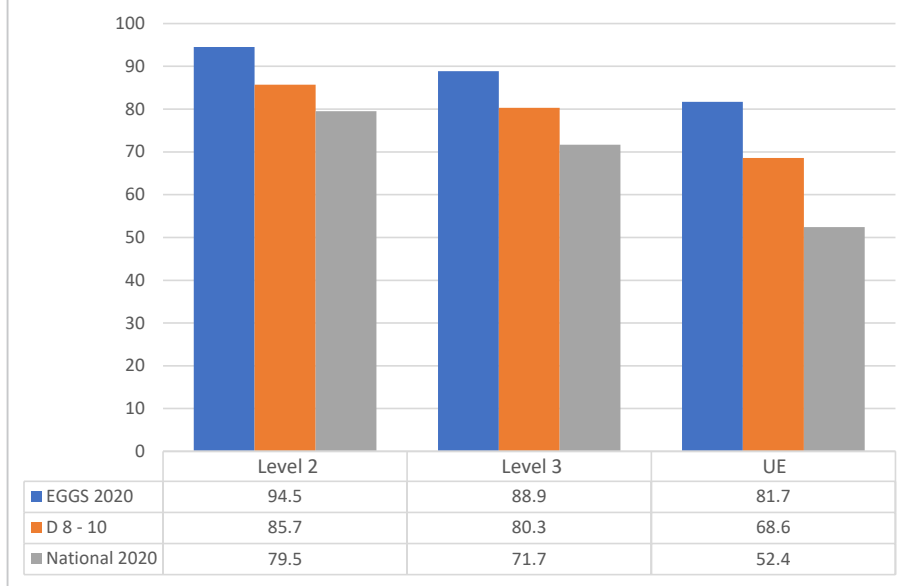
Hallie Berry and Samaria Kaipō

2020 NCEA RESULTS

EGGS students achieved outstanding NCEA results in 2020. 94.5% gained their Level 2 NCEA Certificate and 88.9% gained their Level 3 NCEA Certificate. 81.7% of Year 13 achieved University Entrance. All results up on the previous years data.

The graph illustrates Epsom Girls Grammar School student achievement (in blue) against the decile 8-10 comparison group (orange) and the National Achievement rate (grey). Epsom Girls Grammar School is of course a decile 9 school.

Achievement in NCEA and UE: EGGS with Decile 8-10 and National Results



Scholarship:

In 2020 EGGS students gained a total of 54 NZ Scholarships including 6 awarded at Outstanding level. These Scholarships were spread across 19 Subjects. Outstanding Scholarships were gained in Biology, Design and Visual Communication (2) Biology, Chemistry and Statistics. Also of note, several students in Year 11 and Year 12 gained NZ Scholarships.

2020 Epsom Girls Grammar School Dux (jointly awarded), Chen Huan Liu achieved Scholarships in; Biology (Outstanding), Calculus, English, History and Statistics. And 2020 Epsom Girls Grammar School Dux (jointly awarded), Megan Kuan achieved Scholarships in: Biology (Outstanding), Chemistry (Outstanding), Physics and Statistics (Outstanding).

NZQA has recognised the incredible achievements of both Chen and Megan by awarding them a 2020 Outstanding Scholar Award. This prestigious award goes to the top 40-60 students nationally. Megan Kuan has also been awarded Top Subject Scholar in Statistics.

Also of note, 2020 Head Prefect, Promise Akindeju achieved Scholarships in English, Media Studies and Technology.

Congratulations to Hellen Ding, in Year 11, who achieved Scholarships in Statistics and Calculus.

Congratulations to all of these students.

LEVEL ONE SCHOLARS	LEVEL TWO SCHOLARS	LEVEL THREE SCHOLARS
Nuha Ahmed	Zainab Bandukwala	Promise Akindeju
Maia Barclay	Hannah Bautista	Sarah Bell
Hannah Bouzaid	Stella Beckmann	Bethel Chiew
Sophie Chau	Saylor Bostic	Yujeong Cho
Hellen Ding	Lucia Calleja	Yujin Cho
Emily Ha	Hanna Chan	Mia Fong
Sarah Keam	Vicki Chow	Zepphia Gonzales
Kyubeen Kim	Liwen Cook	Els Jermyn
Eshana Kumar	Natalie Gane	Betty Ji
Jennifer Lau	Hannah Huddleston	Jasmine Kijpaisananurak
Pearl Tucker	Azura Iqbal	Monica Ko
Prisha Verma	Sarra Kha	Shravya Konan
Sophia Webb	Chelly Lee	Megan Kuan
Nancy Wei	Xin Xuan Lee	Erin Lau
Estelle Winstone	Cici Li	Athena Li
	Cherie Liu	Chen Huan Liu
	Carina Lu	Anna Millar
	Caitlin Mansfield	Caitlin Mitchell
	Phoebe Qian	Sahana Pasupati
	Lily-Belle Sawyer	Devanshi Ranjan
	Jasmine Smith	Victoria Sun
	Josefina Stephens Campos	Lanishka Varatharajan
	Lydia Tucker	Rachel Varughese
	Peace Yin	Selena Wu
		Jenny Zhou

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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER



SAVE THE DATE

UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS ARE FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS AND ARE ON MONDAYS FROM 11.25AM - 12.25PM. THEY ARE HELD IN THE HALL OR IN DSO.

MARCH 1 UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND
MARCH 8 UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY
MARCH 15 AUT
MARCH 22 UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO
MARCH 29 VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
APRIL 12 UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
MAY 3 MASSEY UNIVERSITY

WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE HELP

Career conversations allow students to work out what is important to them in their working life going forward, what their strengths and skills are, and what they enjoy doing. We offer students impartial advice on labour market outlook, networking skills and numerous pathway options after secondary school. We look forward to meeting you.



STAFF

SONYA SLEIGH - TIC VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS
CLAIRE YOUNG - ADMINISTRATOR
LILA PULSFORD - CAREER PRACTITIONER
PHILIPPA LEASK - HOD CAREER EDUCATION

CONTACT US: <https://eggscareereducation.simplybook.me>

WHAT STUDENTS SAY...

"I EXPLORED A VARIETY OF CAREER PATHWAYS AND DISCUSSED MY VALUES AND STRENGTHS WHICH OPENED MY EYES UP TO WHAT I WANT IN A FUTURE JOB."

"I FOUND THE SESSIONS THAT I HAD INCREDIBLY INTRIGUING AND INSIGHTFUL...AWESOME LEARNING EXPERIENCE."

OGA NEWS

OGA Centenary

This year, 2021, is the OGA's Centenary year. After much thought and discussion, given the recent alerts in Auckland and all the uncertainty around COVID, the OGA Committee has decided to defer official celebrations (originally set for late March) until later in the year (October). We'll share more details nearer the time. Meanwhile we are considering running a social event via Zoom in March.

Old Girl, past OGA President and retired EGGs Archivist Christine Black is writing a History Book about the OGA's evolution – covering its establishment in 1921, the School's founding years, the war years, the decades of the late 20th Century, right up to this year. This will provide an insightful record of the rich variety of activities and fun EGGs Old Girls have got up to through the years.

Graduation Dinner



Eleonora (Ellie) Mazur, Aysun Kokcu, Lynley Sheweiry, Katya Alilueva (bowing), Michele Heywood, Jeannette Davidson, Marama O'Loughlin & Sally Blyth

The 2020 Graduation Dinner was held at Ellerslie Function Centre on Wednesday 9th December. Grad Dinner is always a highlight on the events calendar – and in 2020 it was the only event on the Old Girls Association calendar!

This was the 25th Grad Dinner the OGA has organised, with more than 400 girls graduating in 2020. There were more than 700 people in attendance on the night.

Our guest speaker was Gemma Bell (EGGS 2011-2015) who is doing a conjoint BA at the University of Auckland (Sociology and Communications) and a Bachelor of Law, graduating in 2022. Gemma was the 2020 CEO of Velocity – a prestigious University of Auckland student and staff entrepreneurship programme, that has been running for 17 years. This role enabled her to get highly involved with many facets of the University and its faculties and she got to network with innovators and entrepreneurs. She found it hugely rewarding and loved the exposure to whole new worlds of people, ideas, possibilities, and the entrepreneurial mindset.

Unfortunately, she couldn't be there with us in person on the night as she was in Wellington on an internship with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) – but technology meant she could still be a part of the evening, as her speech was shown on the screens and she linked in herself via Zoom. So it was pertinent that in 2020, the year of Zooming and online everything, that Gemma spoke to guests via technology.

Gemma's inspiring and enjoyable speech contained so many poignant points – including the phrase “being CEO of our own lives” and her invitation to “play with possibility”. Letting unknown and untapped potential shine through, taking risks, being courageous and committed – all great messages from Gemma for us to take forward into the world.

All the Year 13 girls were presented with a certificate and special EGGs keyring when they crossed the stage in their tutor groups, as their families watched on proudly. Head Girl, Promise Akindeju, gave her Farewell speech and was presented with her Graduation Ring. Three girls received an OGA Scholarship – these girls are selected by the Deans and don't know who they are until announced on the night which makes it very special. The 2020 recipients were Aysun Kokcu, Ellie Mazur and Katya Alilueva. Another wonderful Grad Dinner enjoyed by many.

Science Quad Upgrade

Over the 2020/2021 holidays a substantial revitalisation and upgrade of the Science Quad at EGGs has been undertaken. This work was made possible by a significant donation from the family of the late Rosemary (Ro) Bellamy. Ro was an Old Girl, ex teacher and past OGA President, among other roles at the School, and it was Ro's vision to upgrade the Science Quad for the School's Centenary in 2017. Unfortunately, this project didn't happen at that time, but the OGA is very pleased with the Science Quad upgrade progress, done in conjunction with the School. We understand current pupils are enjoying the revitalised space and we look forward to its completion in this, our OGA Centenary year.

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

FOUNDATION NEWS

Apply now for the EGGs Foundation Fund

The EGGs Foundation Fund (previously 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 have included:

- Supporting the Netball Prem 1 to attend the Upper North Island Secondary Schools competition
- Funding towards the purchase of performance poi for the Kapa Haka Group
- Contribution towards Waka Ama Team attending Nationals
- Contribution towards Spirit of Adventure Voyage application fees
- Contribution towards the Lacrosse competition
- Registration fee contribution for staff to attend The World Symposium of Choirs 2020
- Contributing towards the costs of the Football NZ Secondary School Nationals
- Funding towards the purchase of garden plants and equipment
- Financial assistance with the Einstein Plus 2019 Physics teacher workshop in Toronto
- Funding towards students attending the Biology Olympiad

Applications are submitted to the Foundation for funding consideration four times a year.

EGGs Foundation Fund Round One closing date is 5pm Monday 8 March.

For more information and the application form please visit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NtlbCpVjmEgKrQy0D7TLe9xGpti6YULsYPPECNfTcPg/edit>

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

SPORT

Athletics

Congratulations Vika Aho! Vika competed at the 2021 Athletics Auckland Track and Field Championships. She will also be competing in the U20 Women's Shotput & Discus events.

Vika threw a personal best for both. Achieving a Bronze in Discus and Gold in Shotput first time throwing with a 4kg Shotput.



Hockey



Hockey Preseason welcomes all abilities, and it is a great opportunity to become involved in hockey at EGGs. Pre-season training for Year 9 and 10 students is being held from 7-7.55am at AGS on Tuesday 23rd of February. There is training for Years 10 - 13 and 1st/2nd XI players at AGS on Wednesdays at 7.30-8.30am from February 10th onwards. This is a great opportunity to condition our skills for trials which are being held in Week 7.

Cricket

Following strong performances at the U19 women's nationals Breearne Illing and old girl Amie Hucker have been selected for the New Zealand U19 women's team. While the World Cup due to be played in Bangladesh has been postponed due to Covid, the team will play a number of domestic fixtures over the coming months.

Cricket Nationals

EGGS was well represented at the U19 women's cricket nationals held at Lincoln, Christchurch in early January. Breearne Illing (back row 4th from left), Caitlin Hakeagatoa (back row 4th from right) and old girl Amie Hucker (front row 4th from left) were selected to represent Auckland. The team performed strongly throughout the week long competition and were crowned National champions.



Rowing



On Saturday 13th February, the EGGs Rowing team competed at the College Sport Head of Harbour Rowing Regatta at Lake Pupuke. The weather was perfect and the lake was set for a day of competitive racing. EGGs put on an outstanding performance with multiple notable achievements:

The U17s placed 1st in the Division #1 Girls U17 Coxed Four:

#1 Crew: Brianna Jolly, Pepper Hall, Jessica Mabey, Frances Carr-Smith + Sophia Jones (coxswain)

The U18s placed 1st in the Division #1 and Division #2 Girls U18 Novice Coxed Four:

#1 Crew: Mya Kingi, Sophie Breen, Gabriella Napper, Stevie Mabey + Sophia Jones (coxswain)

#2 Crew: Lily Taucher, Molly Trotter, Evelyn Malone, Natasha Tangiiti Libeau + Paige Rose (coxswain)

Our U18s also placed 1st in the Division #1 Girls U18 Novice Coxed Eight:

#1 Crew: Mya Kingi, Sophie Breen, Gabriella Napper, Stevie Mabey, Evelyn Malone, Molly Trotter, Natasha Tangiiti Libeau, Macey Williams + Hannah Stockman (coxswain).

EGGS also came away with an additional 3 Gold medals, 1 Silver medal, and 2 Bronze medals.

EGGS placed 2nd overall at Head of Harbour for the girls events. An outstanding achievement! Congratulations to all those who competed on the day, and a big thanks to all coaches, family + friends, and TICs who came out to support EGGs Rowing.



Southern Cross Korean Performing Arts Group presents

DO DREAM Saturday 27th February - 7.30pm

The Southern Cross Korean Performing Arts Groups (SKPAG) was founded in 1997. Boasting over 190 performers and alumni since their formation, they are proud to once be performing again as they aim to spread and celebrate Korean culture across Tāmaki Makaurau. Their "Do Dream" extravaganza showcases young kiwi-korean performers celebrating their culture through various performances ranging from Korean traditional dance, to modern musical stylings and pop culture.

Head to the [Raye Freedman Arts Centre website](http://www.rayefreedmanarts.co.nz) for tickets and more information

