EGGSNEWS Epsom Girls Grammar School

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Learning & Community EGGS annual Pens and Pads Drive - see page 4

Last weekend's Chinese Extravaganza was a wonderful showcase of the talents of students from EGGS and AGS. Congratulations to everyone involved and their Teachers in Charge.

Next week our bands and orchestras will be competing at the KBB Competition – see Page 8 for details for parents to attend the relevant sessions. Last night the two concerts were a pre-competition performance opportunity and we wish all groups the very best in the competition.

It was good to see so many students and parents taking advantage of the Pathways Information Evening and the Options Evening. The deadline for option choices of 8am Monday 16 August is crucial.

Key reminders:

- All students must wear masks on public transport parents please support this by making sure that your student has a mask with them.
- We expect students to have good manners and to be considerate when interacting with staff and with each other stop, pause and think is a useful reminder.
- Over these first two weeks of the term too many students are arriving late to school. Please remember that traffic is not a reason to be late habitually, as we all have to cope with Auckland traffic every day, leave good and early and get to work and school on time.

Congratulations to students highlighted in this edition of EGGSNEWS over a range of cocurricular activities. We are all appreciating being able to hold events and competitions this year in contrast to 2020.

A quick reminder to parents to please log in to the KAMAR web portal and clear any current finance outstanding balances (everyone received a reminder of login details near the end of last term when Reports were posted).

Lastly, we are looking forward to hosting Sir Michael Jones as the guest speaker at the Father Daughter Breakfast next Wednesday at Eden Park.

Ngā mihi / Regards Lorraine Pound – Principal



2021 Chinese Exgtravaganza

Coming up in Week 3...

Mon 9-14 Aug	KBB Music Festival
Tue 10 Aug	Teacher Only Day - NCEA Review
Wed 11 Aug	Father Daughter Breakfast
Wed 11-12 Aug	Year 13 Drama Production
Fri 13 Aug	Year 12 Ball

Coming up in Week 4....

Mon 16 Aug	Yr 10-13 2022 Course
	selection due
Tue 17 Aug	Writers' Night
Tue 17 Aug	Clash of the Codes
Tue 17-18 Aug	Big Sing Cadenza
Fri 20 Aug	Mid Term Break

Monday

16th August Course selection

GENERAL NEWS

COURSE SELECTION

Please note - online course selection must be completed by 8am Monday 16 August for Years 10-13, 2022.

NETSAFE PRESENTATION

As a School we are active in educating students to be safe and responsible online. We encourage Parents and Caregivers to be part of this support network by understanding the potential for harm, how to support their student and where to get help.

We are once again partnering with Netsafe to offer an information evening **Tuesday 31st of August at 7.00pm** in the staffroom. There will be limited parking available on site as it is too wet to use the fields. We strongly recommend this free evening to anyone wishing to understand more about the pitfalls of online activity and our responsibility in keeping online activity safe and kind.

Please RSVP here by Friday 27th of August to assist with confirming a suitable venue on site (though likely to be in the staffroom).



Free online safety presentation for whānau and caregivers

🕮 Tuesday 31 August 2021 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Epsom Girls' Grammar Silver Road, Epsom, Auckland

Netsafe will share the risks and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical steps you can take to minimise the chance of harm and help keep tamariki safe online.

The session will cover the Harmful Digital Communications Act, online bullying, social media, inappropriate content, and much more.

For further information visit: www.netsafe.org.nz/digitalparenting

ENROLMENT FOR 2022

Applications are invited for Years 9 - 13

HOME ZONE PLACES

Year 9 applicants who live in the home zone should submit their applications by **1 September 2021**. Years 10-13 applicants who live in the home zone should contact the school.

OUT OF ZONE PLACES

Applications are invited for Ballots for Out of Zone places (only students currently enrolled at other schools are eligible).

The deadline for the receipt of applications is Wednesday 1 September 2021.

Ballots for each year level will be held on Wednesday 8 September 2021.

This includes applications from priority applicants ie. sisters of current students, sisters of past students, daughters of past students, daughters of Board of Trustee members and employees.

Year 9: The Board will decide on the number of available places just before the ballot. This will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

Years 10, 11, 12 & 13: The Board expects to be able to offer a small number of places.

Online application forms available here. Enquiries ph 630 5963, enrolments@eggs.school.nz

GENERAL NEWS Young Free and Pacific



On 27th July, the Pasifika Committee attended the Young Free and Pacific conference for young women across secondary schools in Auckland. The event was organised by the Affirming Works Ltd and the theme was to explore, embrace and empower. They listened to a host of inspirational Pasifika speakers and participated in workshops to connect with others and feel empowered as young Pacific women.

Post Pens & Pads





The annual Pens and Pads Drive run by the Learning and Community EGGs finally came to a close in the last week of Term 2. The Learning EGG was so grateful for all the generous stationery donations we received from across the school. We were able to donate an incredible amount of stationery to a Glen Innes decile 1 primary school, Glenbrae School who were ecstatic recipients.

13 MAC/OSB was the tutor class that donated the most stationery and were the lucky winners of a pizza lunch! We loved seeing the enthusiasm and generosity of our Epsom Girls students and encourage them to continue giving back to the community. We'd also like to thank the Learning Committee and our coordinator Mrs Vaughan for assisting with this initiative and are excited for our upcoming new events!

CURRICULUM NEWS

Ngā Manu Kōrero 2021

"Ko te reo te mauri o te mana Māori" – "The language is the life force of our mana as Māori " (Tā Hemi Clendon Himi Te Nana Tau Hēnare / Sir James Clendon Himi Te Nana Tau Hēnare).

There are two main events for Māori students on the Māori education calendar every year – Polyfest for kapa haka fanatics and Ngā Manu Kōrero for oratory enthusiasts. Ngā Whakataetae mō Ngā Manu Kōrero – National Secondary Schools Speech Competition is in its 55th year (after a one-year hiatus due to Covid). Senior students (Years 11-13) compete in either the Pei Te Hurinui Jones Senior Te Reo Māori section or the Korimako Senior English section, while Junior students (Years 9 and 10) compete in either the Rāwhiti Īhaka Junior Te Reo Māori section or the Sir Turi Carroll Junior English section. Speakers in the Senior sections must deliver a prepared speech as well as an impromptu speech.

This year saw sisters Waikamania and Waimirirangi Seve (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Wai, Ngāti Whātua, Samoan and German) compete in the Korimako Senior English section and the Sir Turi Carroll Junior English section respectively. Both young women did their tupuna wahine (ancestress) Hineāmaru proud, standing with 'te tū o Ngāti Hine,' with Waimirirangi gaining second place equal and winning the Moni Taumaunu trophy. Waimirirangi chose the topic "Te Reo Māori: the thread that binds whānau, hapū and iwi" while Waikamania selected "An investment in knowledge has the highest return." As the whakataukī says, 'Ko te kai a te rangatira he kōrero' ('The art of speaking is the food of chiefs') and both young women provided a feast for their audiences. Rere atu ngā tai o mihi ki a kōrua tahi – congratulations, we are proud of you both!



Waimirirangi Seve (left), Waikamania Seve (right). Photo credit (Huhana Lyndon)

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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PATHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING PHOTOS



Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Pathways Information Evening. Parents and students enjoyed talking to the 24+ tertiary providers in attendance and our range of professionals who kindly shared their career stories. We are always keen to feature a diverse range of career options - can you help? There a lots of ways you can have a positive impact on the future careers of EGGS students. If you or someone you know would be willing to help, please complete the following 1 minute <u>survey</u>. Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND LINKS

Keystone Trust Study Awards: offered to students taking up studies for a career in the property and construction sector. \$5000 per year. Apply <u>here</u>. Applications close at **5pm on Friday 13 August**

Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service Forestry Scholarships: this is for students considering studying forestry science, forest engineering, or forest management next year. \$8000 per year. Apply <u>here</u>. Applications close on **15 August**

Getting Women Into Trades Event: this is specifically for women interested in learning more about starting a career in the trades. Register <u>here</u>. It is being held at the Vodafone Events Centre 770 Great South Rd, Manukau, on **Thurs. 19 August 3–7pm**

Girl Boss Award: Nominate an EGGS student here. \$1000 for each of 12 categories. Closes 31 August

Career Information Booklet: for a fairly comprehensive list of required and recommended subjects for NZ universities, click on the 'Career Education Information' tab after signing in to the 'Portal' on the EGGS main website.

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

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Year 13 Drama Production - Ed Sheeran Tastes Like Chicken

Year 13s making mini Ed Sheerans for their play "Ed Sheeran Tastes like Chicken" on 11th and 12th August. Tickets can be purchased from iticket.co.nz





ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS Chinese Extravaganza



Last weekend, the annual Epsom Girls' Grammar School and Auckland Grammar School's Chinese Extravaganza returned with a sensational series of vibrant and entrancing performances, showcasing the high calibre of our performers.

Members of the Chinese Cultural Group have worked endlessly over many months to portray facets of Chinese culture ranging from modern to traditional aspects such as Band, Chamber, Diabolo, Dragon & Lion Dance, Drama, Mixed Choir, Modern Dance, Traditional Dance, and Rap, supported by our Media and backstage team. This led to three fully sold out shows which indicates the presence of strong support from friends, families, and the public.

Over the many years, the show has been running successfully at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre. We would like to thank Mrs Liang, Miss Moore, Mr Lin, Ms Lin, Ms Koleff and Mr Wang for their dedication and support to the show. Special mentions to our 47 sponsors for their generous support. We look forward to presenting another astonishing show in 2022.

Xin Xuan Lee, Joanna Lee, William Yu, Morgan Lam

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS Smokefree Rockquest

A big congratulations to Sophie Brown (girl.) on being announced as one of the 10 finalists for the Smokefree Rockquest National Final.



Play it Strange Lion Foundation Songwriting Competition

Congratulations to Imogen Pearce, Meryl Gogolashvili, Sophie Brown and Anjali Attli on being announced as finalists in the Play it Strange Lion Foundation Songwriting Competition. As finalists they receive funding to professionally record their songs.

Imogen Pearce Sophie Brown "Girl Named Sue" "Scared With You" Meryl Gogolashvili Angali Attli "In Another Life" "Those Girls"

KBB Music Festival

Epsom Symphonia, Epsom Chamber Orchestra, Epsom String Ensemble, Epsom Intermediate Concert Band, Epsom Concert Band and Epsom Stage Band will be performing next week at the KBB Music Festival in the Holy Trinity Cathedral and St Mary's Church in Parnell. The KBB Music Festival showcases secondary school orchestras, concert bands and jazz bands in Auckland. Groups perform to an audience of their peers and the public. If you would like to come and support our groups the festival schedule is below.

Monday 9 August				
Holy Trinity Cathedral		St Mary's Church		
3.30pm	Epsom Symphonia	6.30pm	Epsom String Ensemble	
		8.00pm	Epsom Chamber Orchestra	

Thursday 12 August				
Holy Trinity Cathedral		S	t Mary's Church	
9.30am	Epsom Intermediate Concert Band	8.00pm	Epsom Stage Band	
3.00pm	Epsom Concert Band			



FOUNDATION NEWS Apply Now for the EGGS Foundation Fund

The EGGS Foundation 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 EGGS Foundation 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 3 closing date is 5pm Monday 9 August.

For more information visit the <u>website</u> and to complete an application form <u>click here</u>:

SPORT

Get to Go Challenge

Huge congratulations to Nicola Hume, Elena Worrell, Leila Daniels and Ruby Brathwaite for topping the whole adventure racing competition as part of a mixed team with Rosmini boys on the 29th of July. This has qualified them for the grand final on Great Barrier Island in December.

Our two girls teams placed 4th and 5th out of 23 (mostly mixed teams) which is outstanding as well.

Thanks so much to Kate Carlton who helped with transport and support on the day.



Lifesaving Award

An award for Year 12 student Matilda at the Surf Lifesaving New Zealand Eastern Regions Zespri Awards Of Excellence 2021. Congratulations for winning Under 19 Surf Lifeguard of the Year 2021 - Coromandel!"

Swimming



Congratulations to the Epsom swim team, who competed last week in the NZ Secondary Schools Swim Champs. There were some outstanding swims, plenty of medals (18 in total) which resulted in our team being placed 2nd overall out of all the girls schools in NZ. In particular, special congratulations to our swimming captain, MacKenzie Brears who broke the NZ record for 18 year old girls in the 50m Breaststroke!

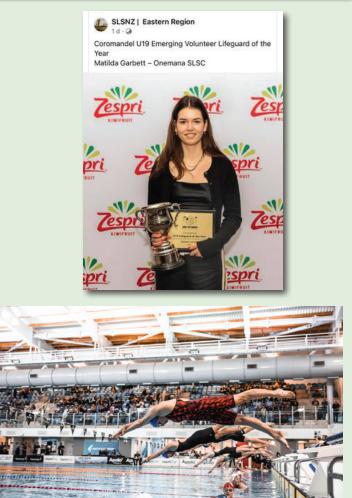
The following are our medal winners: Olivia Bates (Yr 9)

Silvers in 400 freestyle and 200 breaststroke and bronze in 100 breaststroke.

Amorita Ng (Yr 9) Silvers in 50 and 100 breaststroke

Abby Davidson (Yr 11) Bronze in 50 and 100 breaststroke

Grace Baik (Yr 12) Golds in 50, 100 and 200 butterfly



Mackenzie Brears Photo Credit: Swimming NZ

Rae Kwan (Yr 13) Bronzes in 50 and 100 freestyle, 50 and 100 butterfly, Silver is 50 backstroke

MacKenzie Brears (Yr 13) Gold in 50 Breaststroke (and a NZ record for 18 year old girls), Silver in 100 breaststroke.

Relay medal – Silver in 4 x 50 freestyle relay MacKenzie, Rae, Grace and Alice Williams.

Netball

Netball is back for Term 3, and what an awesome season it has been so far. We have 24 teams competing in the Secondary Schools competition, and teams have been battling it out on a Saturday morning, rain or shine!

During the holidays we had multiple EGGS students competing in representative netball, Auckland.

Shayla NepiaAuckland U16/2 Monique MaynardAuckland Y9/1 Keilah Pati and Stella InnesAuckland Y9/2

Ana Manuopangai and Temepara Bristow competed at the Celebration Box Netball NZ U18 Champs in Rotorua. Congratulations on winning the championship, with a 25-16 win over Wellington!!



Ana and Temepara

Cycling









Below are the highlights from the Cycling NISS Road and Track Champs held in Cambridge over the Term 2 holiday break. Our girls performed extremely well to achieve the results they did. Congratulations to the girls below, Coaches and TIC.

North Island Road Champs

Team Time Trial: Senior A (Ally Gothard, Bee Townsend, Maia Barclay, Queenie McElwee, Tegan Feringa) - 1st Junior A (Ava Maddison, Elena Worrall, Leila Daniels) - 2nd Road Race: Ava Maddison - 1st Criterium: U20 Queenie McElwee - 2nd U17 Tegan Feringa - 3rd B Final: U20 Caroline Taillie - 1st U15 Maddison Rush - 3rd

National Track Champs

Team Pursuit:

Senior A (Ava Maddison, Bee Townsend, Belle Judd, Tegan Feringa) - 3rd National, 2nd North Island Junior A (Elena Worrall, Hannah Mead, Leila Daniels, Maddison Rush) - 3rd National and North Island Team Sprint: Senior A (Bee Townsend, Belle Judd, Tegan Feringa) - 3rd National and North Island Omnium: U20 Bee Townsend - 2nd North Island

Rowing



Inspired by the NZ Rowing Team? Want to try something new? Interested in pushing your limits? Keen to meet new friends and be part of a fantastic team?

We are back to Term 3 rowing with our Learn to Row Course starting back last Sunday 1st August. If you are keen to learn to row @ EGGS, or just want to give it a go, come along to the Waitemata Rowing Club on Sundays from 10.00am-12.00pm.

There are two Learn to Row courses this Term:
Course 2: Sun 1, 8, 15 and 22 August
Course 3: Sun 29th August, 5, 12, 19 September

If you are interested, contact Clarissa Nathaniel at the Sports Office (<u>cnathaniel@eggs.school.nz</u>) or Elizabeth Bennie on Elizabeth. <u>bennie@grimshaw.co.nz</u>.



Momentum Productions is back with a brand new hit show, CHROMATIC. Selling out their shows for the past few years, Kayla Paige and Andrew Cesan are excited to bring you what may be their best show yet! This show features over 40 young dancers who are starting their journey as dancers.

For more information and tickets head to the RFAC website: <u>https://www.rayefreedmanarts.co.nz/</u>





CENTENNIAL WEEKEND PROGRAMME 24th - 25th September 2021

FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

9.30am - 2.30pm OPEN CLASSES view classrooms in action

> 9.30am - 2.30pm WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

5.30pm - 7.00pm OFFICIAL OPENING Wine and Cheese for Invited Guests

SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am-11.30am WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

10.00am OLD BOYS/GIRLS SOCCER GAME (gender neutral)

11.30am - 2.00pm HIGH TEA Photographer will be available for photos

2.00pm - 3.30pm WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

3.00pm OLD BOYS/GIRLS NETBALL GAME (gender neutral)

6.00pm - 8.30pm CHATTER AND PLATTER Celebrating 100 Years - cake cutting

FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

All day (times TBC) Time Capsule Burial, Tree Planting, 100 Year Drone Photo on the field - fun day held on the last day of school - end of the centenary celebrations.

WHAT WILL BE AVAILABLE OVER THE WEEKEND

РНОТО ВООТН	All Day	Have your individual photo taken or join in with a group of friends or family.
FLAG COMPETITION	All Week	Find all the flag locations - prize winner announced on last day of school
	Saturday Events	Multiple draws - name, year graduated, and flag that you held on Flag Day.
TALK TO A STUDENT	Saturday During the Walk Down Memory Lane - take the opportunity to talk to a CPDS student - find out what it is like to be a student in the 21st century	
EVENT PHOTOGRAPHER	At All Events	Privacy issues - see below

DISCLAIMER: Event Photographer: Privacy/Archiving - photographs will be taken of all events over the weekend. If you do not want to have your photograph shared on our school media sites including website and facebook, or used for future celebration events, please make sure that you contact the school, send an email with your photo so we can exclude any photos you are in. You are also kindly asked to remove yourself from any public photos taken.

To register, purchase tickets, or buy merchandise, visit our website cornwallpark.school.nz