



On Thursday morning 25 February Scholars' Awards were presented to students for their outstanding achievement in NCEA in 2020 which you can view [here](#).

Dear parents, caregivers and students

With a very different week this week, it has been disappointing to have to cancel or postpone a number of events. Just to let you know, in the background we are always planning to see if we can reinvent any events when we get to an appropriate Covid-19 Alert Level. If we can do some things, we will.

As I write this, we are all waiting for the 4pm announcement from the Prime Minister. Each day of no new community cases has been encouraging.

This week we have seen reports of some New Zealanders using social media inappropriately. Spreading misinformation, ramping up emotions and making false claims never helps in any situation. Let's hope that people think before they post.

The Prefect leadership and Scholars' Assembly was a wonderful occasion. We are very proud of all students on their results last year, and to have such high representation in the top 5% is a real credit to all the hard work the Scholars did in a year like no other. Later this term we also have a Scholars' Morning Tea to celebrate with those students.

I'd like to highlight the gateway request on page 5 – if you feel you can help with this valuable work experience, it is so beneficial.

Monday is International Women's Day – with the theme of Choose to Challenge
<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

Thank-you to everyone for the week.

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.





Year 13, 2020 Scholars

SCHOOL BOARD

Welcome to all the new families who join the EGGs community in 2021. The transition to secondary school is always an apprehensive time for the new students and families alike and I hope this is going well for you all. Welcome back to those who have been on your EGGs journey and we look forward to the contributions you all will make to EGGs over the coming years.

We all hoped over the holiday period that 2021 would be less about Covid and more about normality, but, as I pen this note we are all under Level 3 restrictions, our second such event since the school opened for the year. Our learnings from last year enabled a smooth transition to online learning to avoid as much disruption as possible but it has meant that many school activities have already been affected.

The Board met for our first meeting of the year last week. We reviewed the outstanding 2020 academic results which again showed EGGs delivering very high levels of achievement. It was also very pleasing to note that although 2020 was hugely disrupted by Covid the results continue to show even higher pass and endorsement rates. The Board wishes to congratulate all students on attaining such fantastic results amidst the challenges faced. A special thanks to the entire EGGs staff who again provided the learning environment to allow the students to achieve so well.

The focus for the Board this year is to continue to support the school's initiatives. We are conscious of the financial constraints due to the drop in income sources as a direct result of Covid and we will navigate accordingly. We will however ensure that EGGs continues to remain future focused and leading edge in terms of learning opportunities and deliverables. Later this year the community will have an opportunity to be involved in our Strategic planning process which sets the pathway for our future direction. Further information will be rolled out over the coming months.

The 3 year term of the current board concludes in June 2022 so if anyone is interested in becoming a board member please feel free to come along to a Board meeting or get in touch with me directly at: boardchair@eggs.school.nz. As Board Chair I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kiri Turketo, who is stepping aside from her Whanau Awhina Board Representative role after 5 years. Kiri's contribution has been enormous, her passion for her culture and educational opportunities is inspirational. Kiri leaves a large void but we have some impressive individuals within our community that I am sure have the skill set to continue building this important role. I wish Kiri and all her Whanau all the very best for the future.

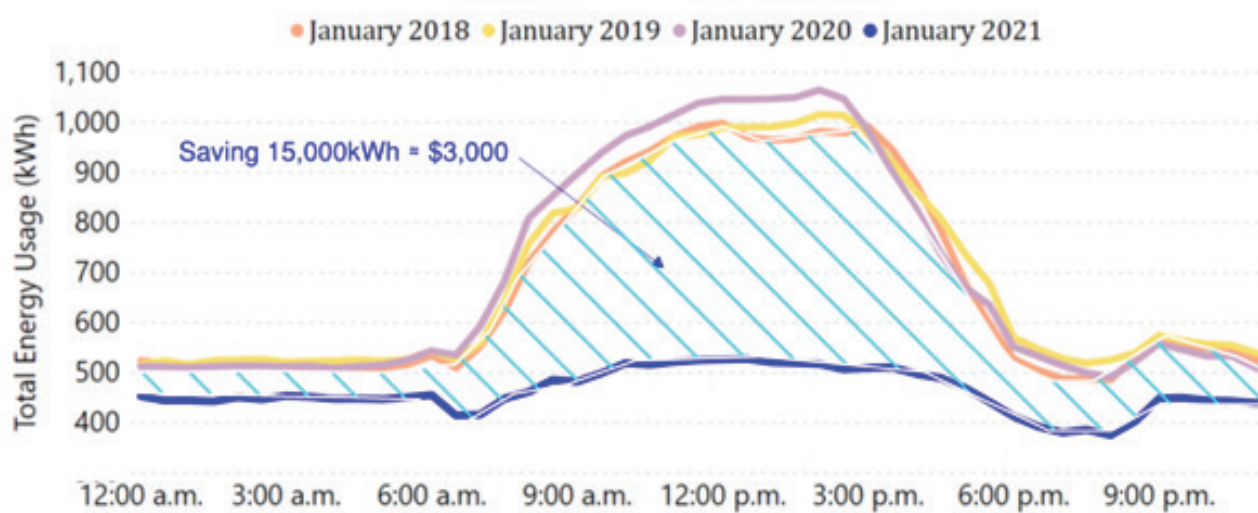
Ngā mihi / Regards
Chris Iles, Board Chairman

Sustainability

(Turning off school equipment in January saves enough power to run 8 family electric cars for a year)

After completing her exams, Joshna Bhaskar, who was part of the 2020 EGGs Sustainability Team, returned to school to see how much energy could be saved by turning electrical equipment off while the school was shut, and the results are amazing.

Inspired by the Schools implementation of an ISO 50001 energy management system, Joshna worked with Simon Ross (energy advisor) to develop a checklist to allow students to make sure fridges, freezers, hot water cylinders, fans, projectors, and heat pumps were not left on at the end of term. In the process it was found that we reduced our energy usage by 36% and saved the school over \$3,000 in January alone. Analysis of the electricity bill data using the school's 3M energy monitoring platform showed how the average daily load profile dropped when compared to the past three years.



From the Learning EGG

At the students request the school is investing the money saved in a real-time energy monitoring system to help them learn where energy is used around the school and give them the tools to further improve energy efficiency, reduce costs, and help save the environment. If you would like to help or learn more, please contact Bronwyn McGill (EGGS Energy Manager) or the Sustainability Team.

The Learning EGG has had an enthusiastic start to 2021. In Week 2 we held a small ceremony to recognise our new committee leaders and members with their badges, and these groups have since been very busy making the most of the school time so far to seed their initiatives for the year. Learning prefects have established a committee meeting time and launched their new instagram account to advertise learning events, while the Sustainability Committee is working on achieving ISO50001 certification regarding energy management by July. Additionally, they will be working with leaders around the school to make events more sustainable. The Library Committee has already held their annual Blind Date with a Book event and continue to make the library a fun, collaborative, learning-focused space, with the introduction of new puzzles and spaces for creative expression and community. The Peer Tutoring Committee has been establishing the new 2021 sign up system, while the Challenge Committee is planning to launch a peer mentoring programme where the members of the committee will mentor a new junior student at EGGs and help as they transition into high school. The IT Crowd, Careers Ambassadors and Pasifika Committees also form part of this egg, and their activities will be featured in a future update. All in all, the Learning EGG is excited to pursue both smaller and larger goals in the coming months.



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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCING OUR CAREER AMBASSADORS



CAREER AMBASSADORS 2021

From left to right:

Heeseo Kim
Coco Zhu
Joanna Kim
Alice Raea
Jessica Jiang
Nishika Gamage

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

This year, the career ambassadors have big plans! We want to connect students with people working in all types of different jobs. We want to hear about a typical day in the life of a pediatrician, construction manager, urban planner...the list of jobs EGGS students are interested in is endless. Would you be willing to help? If you are an EGGS parent, old girl or community member and would be interested in talking to students about what your job is like, we'd love to hear from you. Please send an email to lpulsford@eggs.school.nz

We are also going to hold a series of workshops on popular topics such as: effective CVs, LinkedIn profiles, interviews and workplace etiquette. Dates to be confirmed soon.

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

Gateway Program @ Epsom Girls Grammar

Epsom Girls Grammar is fortunate to be able to offer the Gateway Program to a select group of Year 12 and 13 students. Gateway is a program funded by the Tertiary Education Commission and designed to support school students' transition into the workforce by offering them workplace learning while at secondary school.

We work with our selected students to find them work placements (generally about 5 days) in workplaces that align with their career interests. In the past we have had students placed in a broad range of business sectors including construction, agriculture, equine, legal, marketing, finance, retail, hospitality, travel, early childhood, and engineering.

We are currently looking for placements for students in:

- Automotive mechanical
- Retail
- Pharmacy
- Hospitality
- Allied Health

If you would like to find out more or think you may be able to offer one of our Epsom Gateway students an opportunity to experience a work placement during 2021, please contact Mrs Sonya Sleigh at ssleigh@eggs.school.nz

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

Swimming Sports 2021

Swimming Sports 2021 proved to be a great success. After the decision to hold both heats and finals on the same day after coming out of lockdown we had over 170 entries and swimmers competing with incredible results across all strokes. Given the times, we feel extremely lucky to have been able to go ahead with Swimming Sports and see students be able to enjoy a full day of racing. Considering the circumstances, it was great to see Mackenzie Brears break the 50m Breaststroke record which has not been broken since 2000. All the swimmers did extremely well and we were able to gain a team of 13 students to take to the Swimming Central Zones.

Thank you to the Sports Office, PE Department, Sports Committee and all students who helped and participated in making 2021 Swimming Sports such a success. It would not have been possible without you.



Lifesaving

Shout out to NZSLS SURL Lifeguards and to our Year 12 EGGS students Amelia Wood, Matilda Garbett and Isabella Pearce who have been patrolling our beaches all summer!



Waka Ama

On Saturday 27th February, the EGGS Waka Ama Squad competed at the Waka Ama Senior Regatta at Orakei Basin. The weather was beautiful and the water was still which made for a perfect day of racing.

Competing against some tough schools, Epsom persevered till the end allowing them spots in the Division 1 and Novice finals. Well done! Thank you to the coach, parents, and supporters for being there on the day. And most of all thank you to the EGGS Waka Ama Squad for competing hard but always keeping it humble and upholding the EGGS name well.

Bring on Nationals!!



Cricket

Congratulations to Bree who has been selected in the NZ XI Women's Cricket team to play two warm up games against the English women's touring team in Queenstown this week. An outstanding achievement making the NZ women's team!

