



Polyfest - Cook Islands Group

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Well done to staff and students on a full (and slightly disrupted) first term. Every day at Alert Level 1 is a good day, and it is so good that we have been able to finish the term without more Covid-19 lockdowns. The last weeks of a term see a number of internal assessment deadlines for senior student and I am really pleased that students have not been disrupted over these last few weeks. In the last EGGSNEWS I talked about the value of the Term 1 Student Led Conferences. Once again, these days also allow some discretionary time for seniors to be able to give sustained time to internal assessments.

Fia Fia night was a wonderful celebration of cultural diversity and student talent – see Page 8 for more detail. Congratulations to all students who participated and grateful thanks to all TiCs and parent helpers who volunteer their services for this student co-curricular opportunity. Groups have been at Polyfest in the later part of this week and their performances have been a real credit to themselves, their families and the School. Special thanks go to Miss Sophie Moore, Assistant Arts and Cultural Coordinator who has very successfully coordinated both Fia Fia and Polyfest, working with the Arts and Cultural Prefect leaders. I would like to take this opportunity to also give the School's thanks and appreciation to Ms Anna Richardson, Arts and Cultural Coordinator, who is stepping down from this role at the end of this term, and who will be going on parental leave at the end of Term 2. Ms Richardson has provided inspirational leadership and mentoring to EGGS students in this area over a number of years.

Just a heads up that the first of the Ministry of Education Teacher Only Days on the NCEA Review is on Thursday 13 May – Week 2 of Term 2.

Polyfest news: Congratulations to the Epsom Cook Islands Group - winners of the Non-Competition Stage at this year's Polyfest.

I hope everyone has a great break over the holidays.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound – Principal

Coming up in Week 1....

Mon 3 May Term 1 begins

Coming up in Week 2....

Mon 10 May Prefect Campaign Week
Tue 11 May Open Evening
Thur 13 May Teacher Only Day - NCEA Review
Fri 14 May Opening Night AGS/EGGS
Production - Spamalot

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Fia Fia Night

GENERAL NEWS

Finance Reminder

All voluntary and required payments are viewable and payable from the Financial section of the KAMAR Parent Web Portal. Please login regularly to check for new charges. We also issue statements monthly for accounts that have a balance payable.

We appreciate your prompt payment of required payments and the support you provide when additional voluntary payments are made.

Two payment options are available:

- Account to Account – no surcharge applies. You will be asked to login to your internet banking using your bank credentials.
- Credit card – a 2% surcharge is applied at payment

Payment instructions can be found here: [Parent Portal Financial Instructions](#)

Tax Donation Receipts have been issued for the tax year ended 31st March 2021.

If you have any questions regarding your daughter's account or how to use the Parent Web Portal please contact receivables@eggs.school.nz

Sustainability

(lighting upgrade saves enough power to run 20 family homes for a year)

Following the success of saving energy by turning equipment off in the holiday period, we are glad to inform you that the school has saved a further \$3,000 in February following the upgrade of its lights to energy efficient LEDs.

The Sustainability Team had identified this as a key project as in addition to saving energy it is also hoped the LEDs will free up capacity in the electricity network. This spare capacity is necessary if the school is to transition to electric heat pump technologies and phase out reliance of the old 950kW gas fired boiler plant which is responsible for 80 Tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year.

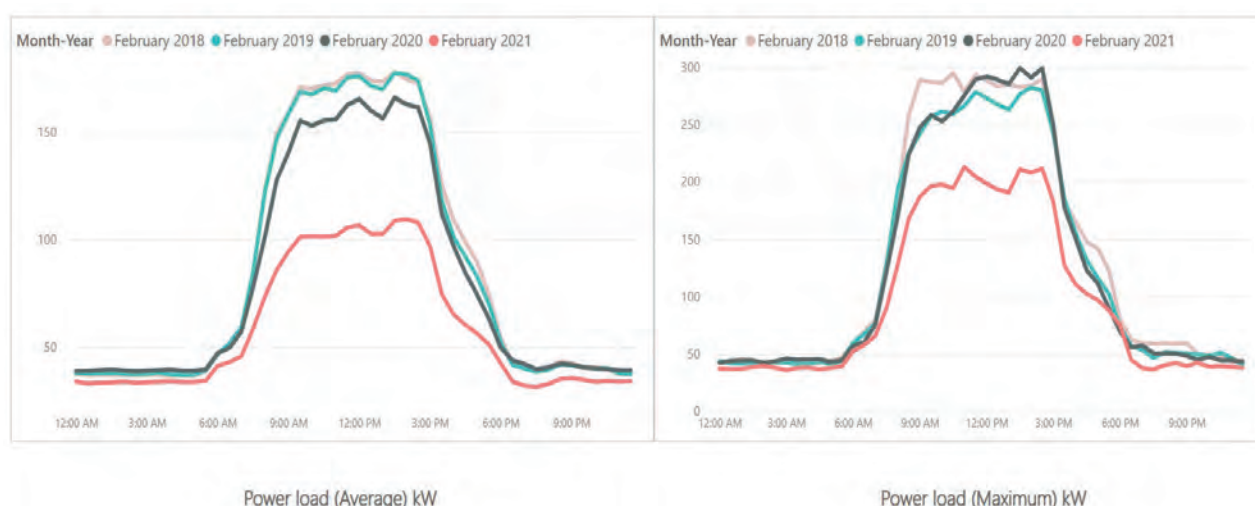
"February electricity bills confirm student energy saving calculations".

Working with the energy management consultants (Economech Analytics) the students calculated that the lighting upgrade would reduce the main site peak electrical load by 84kW and a provide a 20% reduction in energy usage.

Analysis of the electricity bill data using the school's energy monitoring platform showed the monthly energy usage dropped by 30% when compared to the past three years. Based on these findings the students have predicted:

- Energy saving of between \$25,000 and \$35,000 this year.
- A reduction in the maximum load on the school network by around 70-80kW.

A good start on our journey of continuous improvement as we work to achieve the students goal of becoming the first school in NZ to achieve ISO 50001 certification for our energy management system.





**HRH The Duke of
Edinburgh,
KG, KT,
1921-2021**

The Duke of Edinburgh Award was founded in the United Kingdom in 1956 by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The Award recognises the achievements of young people who undertake personal development. The participants must complete each of the four sections – service, skill, physical activity and an expedition in their own time. At Gold level, participants must undertake a Residential section, which involves staying and working away from home for five days, doing a shared activity. More than 130 countries offer the Award with over 8 million young people participating in it Worldwide since 1956.

At Epsom Girls Grammar School, we currently have 130 students enrolled in the Award. On the weekend of the 10th-11th April 18 of our students were participating in their Bronze Qualifying Journey. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Group would like to recognise the passing of its founder, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.



Audiobooks - as good as reading*

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- download the Wheelers eplatform from the app store (if you haven't already).
- select your library (Epsom Girls Grammar) and start browsing.
- To download and listen to books, sign in using your school ID number and password.

Happy listening <https://eggs.wheelers.co/>

* <https://time.com/5388681/audiobooks-reading-books/>



Learning Conferences

Thank you to everyone that has provided feedback so far. If you would like to provide feedback about the Learning Conferences, please use this [google form](#).

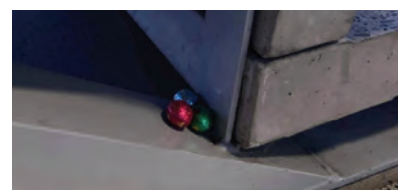
Uniform/Stationery Shop Hours

Term Time Only

Monday	11.05 – 11.25am	12.00 – 1.30pm	3.15 – 4.00pm
Tuesday	11.05 – 11.25am	12.00 – 1.30pm	3.15 – 4.00pm
Wednesday	10.25 – 10.45am	12.00 – 1.30pm	
Thursday	11.05 – 11.25am	12.00 – 1.30pm	3.15 – 4.00pm
Friday (<i>Term 1 only</i>)	11.00 – 11.25am	12.00 – 1.40pm	

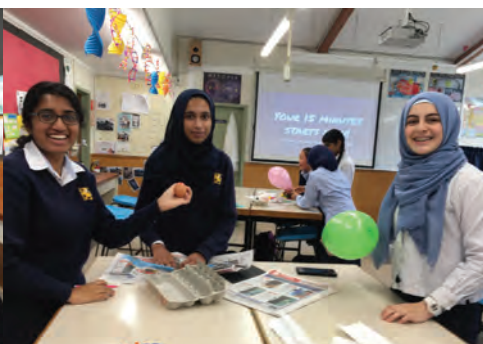
Community EGG - Easter Egg Hunt

On the 30th of March the Community Prefects hosted the full school Easter egg hunt. The event was a great success, and students of all year levels took the opportunity to embrace the Epsom spirit through collaborating with others to find and share the chocolate eggs hidden around the school!



Science Club

Just before Easter the Science Club did the annual egg drop. Six teams designed parachutes and padding and dropped eggs from the top of A block, with one team reigning victorious with the best design and surviving eggs – Team Egg-nertia!



CURRICULUM NEWS

Growing Leadership



It has been a busy time for our prefect team and senior student leaders over the past few weeks. As well as attending their Learning Conferences, Year 12 and 13 students had the opportunity to grow their leadership skills and engage in workshops that helped them look to the future.

The Year 12 Growing Leadership workshop series was supported by the Learning EGG leaders. Their focus was on careers, global citizenship and effective leadership. The Global Citizenship workshops covered a variety of pertinent issues, such as managing finances, personal values, and social media. These workshops were in the form of student-led discussions, providing the Year 12s with the chance to steer the sessions. On the day, the Year 12 students also had the opportunity to hear from members of the current student leadership team who gave them insight into what leadership at EGGs looks like. On top of this, the students in the Year 13 Careers Committee engaged the Year 12s in possible career pathways and the resources on offer for them at the school. We hope that The Year 12 Growing Leadership Day left the senior students feeling empowered, whether they attended the workshops or held them.



If any students are interested in having a one-on-one conversation about their future, they are encouraged to make an appointment with the careers counsellors.

Unicorns and Vacuum Cleaners

On the 1st of April, the Community Egg held the annual Unicorns and Vacuum Cleaners Year 13 Summit. This is a day in which Year 13 students choose from an array of interesting workshops held by guest speakers, and were able to gain more understanding about life beyond high school.

The day began with a keynote address by the very accomplished Jennifer Ward- Lealand, who was named New Zealander of the Year 2020. Her motivating talk on how to follow your dreams and help society, was followed by a series of workshops including how to manage a budget, what the medical field/ life as a lawyer entails, and how to write a stand out CV to name a few. Students enjoyed the opportunity to talk to a variety of experienced people from different fields, as it offered them a more authentic and candid perspective on specific professions and journeys beyond Year 13.





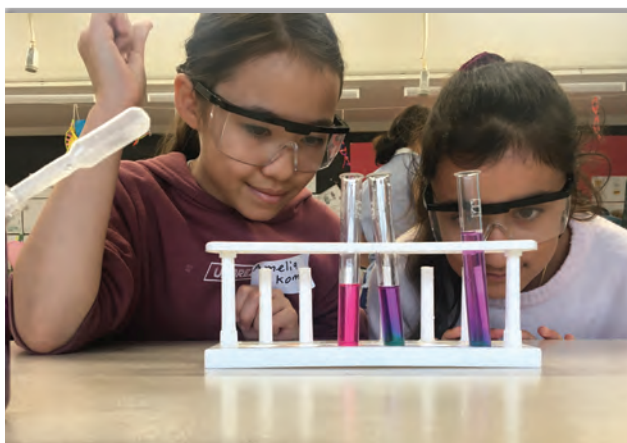
The day also gave the students the opportunity to learn vital skills for life after high school, like how to change a tyre, manage money, and stick true to their values while pursuing a career. Enabling the students to go home feeling more independent and confident to make the leap into their next stage in life. Some guest speakers were past students, which helped the student's connect to their discussions and brought a sense of camaraderity to the day.

Another highlight was the lunchtime concert and sausage sizzle! The drizzly weather did not interrupt the cheery atmosphere of the day because during the lunch break the students were lucky enough to watch a concert of live music in the hall. Some of their very talented peers Vicka Allen, Caitlin Mansfield and Sophie Brown performed a beautiful showcase of the cello, piano and original songs that made the day so memorable.

Thank you to the invited guests and everyone involved for making this such a successful event!

Thinkfest

Our Science Club leaders and Year 11 Philosophers supported the recent Thinkfest. This was an ACCoS event that offered Year 6-8 students from across our community an opportunity to experience secondary school life. While the children had fun with philosophy and seeing a science lab in action their parents attended a seminar presented by Rachel Heeney (HOD Biology) on the Science of Sleep.



A heartfelt thankyou to all the staff, presenters and student leaders involved in making these events so successful.

French Department

This term, the Year 10 French classes have participated in important French traditions of La Galette des Rois and Le Poisson d'avril. La Galette des rois is celebrated annually in France on the 6th January by eating a pastry cake with an almond paste filling. In each galette, a porcelain figurine or a large nut known as a fève is hidden. The youngest person in the room must hide under a table and call out who gets each piece of galette until there are no more pieces left. The person who bites into their slice and finds the hidden treasure becomes royalty for the day. They can also choose someone else to be royalty with them.

Zoe Zhu and Briar Arden were the youngest in their class and they randomly chose who received each slice. Layla Hamid, Rushni De Silva, Nygella Nantes and Anika Rai became Queens for the day after finding the fève in their piece of galette.

On April Fools' Day, as well as playing practical jokes, people in France secretly place paper fish on each others' backs. The Year 10s also participated in this for one lesson.

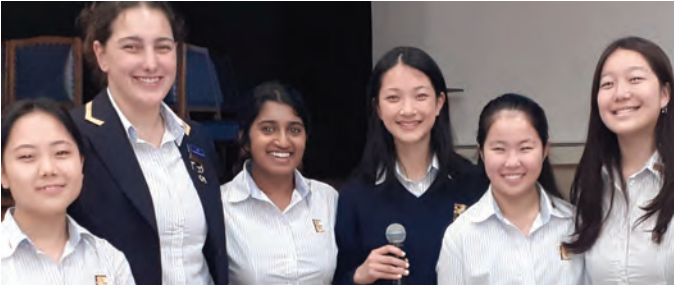


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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

CAREER QUIZ ON YEAR 12 LEADERSHIP DAY



At the Year 12 Leadership Day, the Career Education team asked students to identify their strengths and how they relate to a career pathway. Students were also encouraged to conduct some informational interviews and to start challenging career clichés. Take the quiz the students took and see how you do! Are the following statements true or false?

1. Someone else can discover my perfect career path
2. There is a perfect career path that is right for me
3. Uncertainty creates opportunities
4. It is best to follow a linear path of school, university, full time work and then retirement
5. Once I choose a career, I need to stick with it
6. I have already started my career path



IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY, YOU ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR A PERSON.



Informational Interviews are a great strategy to utilise in career decision making and networking. Students are sometimes reluctant to "bother" professionals working in a field that interests them, despite our assurances that people are often flattered to be contacted. If you would be willing to have students contact you to have a bit of a chat about your own career journey, we would love to hear from you. Please contact lpulsford@eggs.school.nz

Answers: 1. FALSE; 2. FALSE; 3. TRUE; 4. FALSE; 5. FALSE; 6. TRUE

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

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Fia Fia Night

We had an extremely successful night last weekend, with the hall packed out for Fia Fia night. The cultural groups worked hard on their performances the whole term, so it was wonderful to finally see them unite to create such a beautiful show. We're so lucky to be able to come together to celebrate all the different cultures of the world, especially in such a stunning and creative way. There was singing, fans, dancing, guitars, drumming... Each incredible dance inspired big cheers from the audience! Although we had a minor setback with the rain, the cultural groups effectively adapted, setting up their stalls in a sheltered area where everyone could enjoy the range of cultural foods.

We would love to thank all cultural groups and leaders for their dedication in creating these wonderful dances. Furthermore, Fia Fia night would not have been possible without the hard work happening behind the scenes from the Assistant Arts and Cultural Coordinator, Miss Moore.

We wish the best of luck for all the groups competing in Polyfest! We know you will smash it.



Athletics



In the weekend we had 2 students who were selected to represent Auckland at the North Island Secondary School Athletics Competition. Both placing Top 10 in their events of the whole of the North Island. Congratulations to Ana Ellison-Lupena for placing 5th in Junior Girls Discus and Vika Aho for placing 7th in Senior Girls Shotput!

We also had a team of students who competed at the Central, East & West Zones. We had many girls place Top 3 in their events, which was an outstanding effort from all the girls.

13 students qualified for Auckland Championships where they all performed to their absolute best gaining many personal best. Most of the girls placed Top 10 in their individual events, but the Athletics Captain Vika Aho placed 3rd in the Senior Girls Discus. Congratulations to all these girls for their hard work.

Also the following girls Leila Daniels, Ana Ellison-Lupena & Athletics Captain Vika Aho have been selected to represent Auckland at the North Island Secondary Schools Competition in Hamilton on the 10th & 11th of April.

Tag

Our Tag Football team played in the Auckland Championships. Competing first in Central Zones last week taking part in round robins leading up to yesterday at Auckland Champs, taking out 5th place!



Basketball

Recently the Premier Epsom Basketball team played in the National 3x3 Tournament held the other week. This was a great opportunity to start the season and they came away with some amazing results as well as achieving their goals set for the team! This was a great experience for many and now they feel prepared to start strong into the upcoming season!





Caterpillar Valley

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11am Sunday 25th April 2021

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Corner Manukau and Ranfurly Roads Epsom



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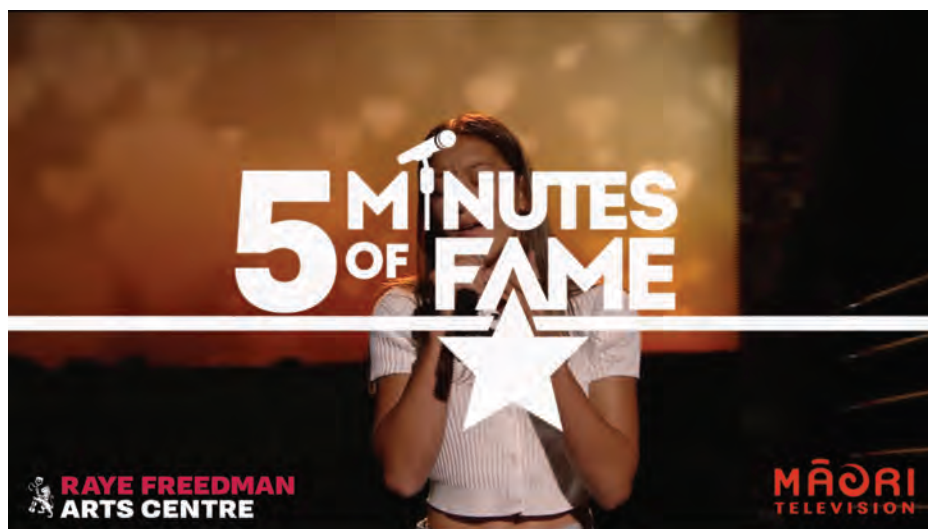
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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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