

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Campaign Week final day - Prefect's Dance and the AGS/EGGS Netball game

Dear parents, caregivers and students

On Tuesday the Year 13 guides for Open Evening did a wonderful job, showing more than 900 people around the School and answering questions and queries. We then had our audited emergency school lockdown practice on Wednesday morning following a staff briefing and school assemblies outlining the process. Harrison Tew, our Emergency Procedure provider and auditor, were impressed with the sense of calm, stillness and quiet right around the school during the practice. Well done to all staff and students.

Yesterday teachers had a valuable day on the Ministry of Education provided NCEA Change Teacher Only Day. The first year of implementation of key changes in Literacy and Numeracy, subject Achievement Standards and Māna Ōrite mō te Mātauranga Māori will be 2023. Two more professional development days are scheduled for this year and two in 2022. Additionally, we will be partnering with the Whanau Awhina, our school kaumatua, and the student Kotahitanga Group on Māna Ōrite mō te Mātauranga Māori structures, pedagogy and practice.

Key reminders:

- Face masks must be worn on all public transport
- Lateness to school is a current concern – all students need to arrive in time for the beginning of the day at 8.30am

Break a leg to all involved in the opening night of the AGS/EGGS combined Production – Spamalot – this evening. Students from both schools have put in long hours leading up to the show's season. Monty Python fans, and others, will enjoy this spoof.

Campaign Week winds up today – the netball victory signals the end of the week's activities from the Prefect Team, complete with Prefects' Dance this morning. Congratulations to the team on a great week.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound – Principal

Coming up in Week 3....

Wed 19th May PTA Lockdown Learnings
Fri 21st May Pink Shirt Day
Interact Quiz,
Marjory Adams Hall at 6pm

Coming up in Week 4....

Thur 27th May Epsom Bands Showcase

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

2022 Term Dates

Term 1 Tuesday 1 Feb - Thursday 14 Apr

Course confirmation - Tuesday 1 Feb
New Students - Wednesday 2 Feb
All Students - Thursday 3 Feb

Term 2 Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July

Term 3 Monday 25 July - Friday 30 Sept

Term 4 Monday 17 Oct - Wednesday 14 Dec

Health and Safety

On Wednesday this week we ran through an emergency procedures lockdown practice. We work with the consultants Harrison Tew to ensure we are prepared to respond with best practice in the event of situation where we need to engage in an emergency procedure. Harrison Tew performed an audit of our process and were very positive about our practice, particularly in the way the students responded to the instruction not to use their phones.

An emergency procedures lockdown would be required in response to an immediate threat to the school and could be called for a variety of reasons including roaming dogs, bee swarms or weather events, or it could be in response to a Police matter in the surrounding area or an intruder within the school. We practise these drills regularly in a similar way to the fire evacuation and earthquake response practices.



CAREER NEWS

Gateway Program

Epsom Girls Grammar School is fortunate to be able to offer the Gateway Program to 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 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:

- Retail/Fashion
- Floristry
- Digital design/Advertising
- Interior Design
- Law
- General Business/Office roles
- 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

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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 CAREER EVENTS FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS

All events are in DSO on Mondays in Period 3

MAY 17 SKILLS AND STRENGTHS

- what are my top skills and strengths and which of my skills do I enjoy using
- MBTI personality profile / are personality profiles valid
- how do my skills and MBTI align with my roles of interest

MAY 24 CONFIDENCE

- what is confidence and how do we know when someone has it
- growth versus fixed mindset
- how do I grow my confidence and what does confidence have to do with career decisions

MAY 31 NETWORKING

- what is networking, why is it useful and how to do it
- how to craft a genuine elevator pitch
- how to effectively utilise LinkedIn

JUNE 14 SCHOLARSHIPS

- how to craft a personal statement
- who you can use as referees
- Moneyhub website
- deadlines

JUNE 21 PSYCHOLOGY CAREERS

- Come and hear from Michelle Burstall, University of Auckland Senior Tutor in Psychology
- Michelle is able to offer advice on enrolment, degree planning, bridging programmes and career paths in Psychology

JUNE 28 EMBRACING UNCERTAINTY

- what does uncertainty have to do with career decisions
- how to prepare for the unexpected and take advantage of chance events
- what is within my control

JULY 5 ACCOMMODATION

- application procedures and deadlines
- financial considerations
- what is a CCRF and why do I need to do one?

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

POST LOCKDOWN LEARNINGS

HOSTED BY THE PTA

WHEN: 19TH MAY

MIX AND MINGLE – 6PM

PRESENTATION – 6.30–7.30PM

WHERE: JOYCE FISHER SPORTS
CENTRE

THIS PRESENTATION WILL
LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF
LOCKDOWN FROM THE
CURRICULUM AND STUDENT
SUPPORT PERSPECTIVES

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
AVAILABLE



RSVP BY:
14TH MAY 2021

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Mega Schools 2021 "LIGHT IT UP" Dance Competition



24 students from Years 9 to 13 competed in the Mega Schools division at the Te Kaha O Te Rangatahi 'Light it Up' School Dance Competition at Vodafone Events Centre in the first week of the school holidays. The crew have represented EGGs each year that the competition has been run.

This year's crew consisted of mainly Year 9 and 10 students with a scattering of experienced and talented senior Hip Hop dancers. Hiwa Majurey and Yana Kulishenko (Year 13 students) choreographed five Hip Hop dance styles within the routine and Holly Meiklejohn (Year 12 student) led. The choreographers focused on the creativity of all of the dancers and showcased the amazing talent that EGGs consists of.



The Megaschools division is the pinnacle of high school dancing, the girls went up against both experienced hip hop dancers and choreographers, and walked away with very promising results.

I would like to thank all of the leaders and students in the crew this year for putting in all their hard work and efforts into the routine over the last term and to Ms Rennie for assisting me in supervising the rehearsals and at the event. Hip Hop dance at EGGs bodes well for the future. It is only up from here for this Megacrew!

TIC Ms J Receveur

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

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EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

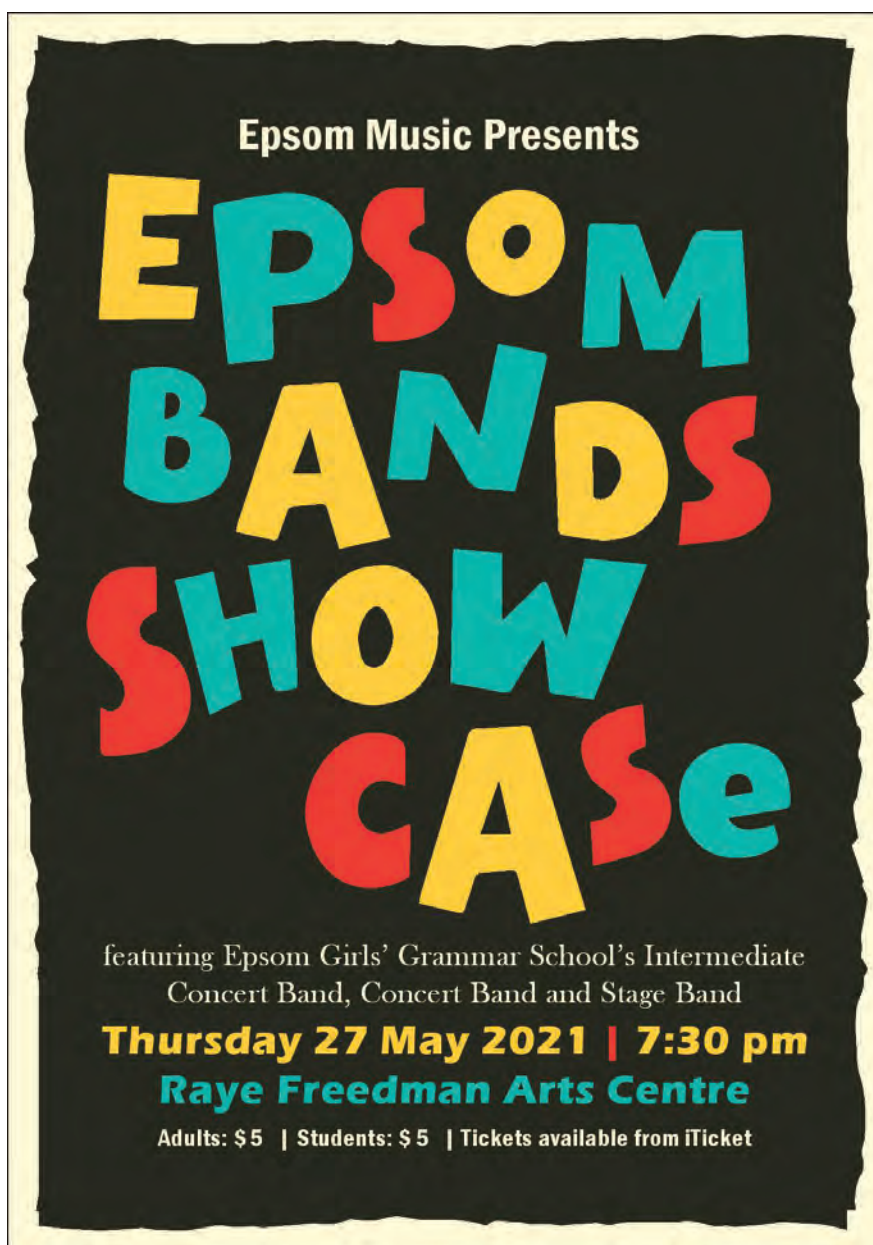
Youthtown Song writing Competition

A big congratulations to Meryl Gogolashvili for being one of the finalists in the Youthtown Competition with her song "Ugly Girl".

Epsom Band Showcase

We have a band showcase coming up in Week 4, **Thursday 27th May**. Come and support Epsom Intermediate Band, Epsom Concert Band and Epsom Stage Band in their first performance of the year. Tickets are \$5.

Book your tickets here: <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2021/may/epsom-bands-showcase>



Epsom Singers and Canto Vivo

We have a choir workshop this Saturday as an alternative to our cancelled choir camp at the beginning of this year. This rehearsal is a lead up to our concert on Friday 18th June and The Big Sing regional festival. All our choirs will be performing at the Big Sing on **Wednesday 23rd June** in the Auckland Town Hall.

There are presales available through us until Wednesday 26th May 1.00pm. Tickets will be available via Ticketmaster on **Monday 7th June**. If you are interested please email Josephine at jchan@eggs.school.nz

SPORT

Swimming

In the last week of term one, seven EGGs swimmers swam at the Champ of Champs swim meet run by College Sport. To qualify for this meet, they had swum at the Central Zones swim meet earlier in the term and were ranked in the top 16 for their event. All of our swimmers came away with at least one medal.

Results

- Mackenzie Brears: 1st in 50 Breaststroke and 3rd in 50 Backstroke
- Rae Kwan: 2nd in 50 Backstroke, Freestyle and Butterfly
- Grace Baik: 3rd in 50 Butterfly
- 13U 200m Freestyle Relay team came 2nd (Olivia Bates, Amorita Nehoa, Laura Watts and Rebecca Pitout)

Congratulations to everyone that took part.



Yachting



NZSS Yachting Teams Racing Nationals Regatta took place over 6 days during the holidays. Congratulations to EGGs Sailing Team, winning 1st place All-Girls Team. Starting the regatta in Silver fleet EGGs finished 1st equal after Round Robin 1. EGGs went on to win 3 out of 3 repechage races and moved up to compete in Gold fleet for the next 4 Round Robins. EGGs sailed consistently to secure the top girl's place, the only all-girls team in gold fleet. The top three girls teams have been invited to compete against the top three Australian girls teams in the NZ Secondary Schools Inter Dominions Teams Racing Championships to be held in October, best of luck.

Golf

Congratulations to Hannah Murchison and Jackie Jang both members of the Auckland Gold U19 team. The match play format had the Auckland development team score 22 points. The two day match play tournament on 20th & 21st April at Pakuranga Golf Course was played in demanding weather yet Jackie and Hannah both had some impressive scores across their 3 matches, Jackie shot a 70 on the final day and Hannah shot a 73. Well done!

Waterpolo

Our senior A Waterpolo competed in the NZSS Waterpolo National Championships. The team placed 11th overall in Division 1. Congratulations to the team for their achievement and all their great performance and commitment. A massive thank you to all our coaches, TIC, Manager and all parents for their continuous support and effort.

Thank you to JMI Wealth

A big thank you to JMI Wealth for their generous purchase of the following equipment for the school:

- a branded set of caps with holders
- 12 hydrogrip size 4 balls with ball bags

Hockey

During the second week of the holidays our Epsom Girls Grammar School First XI Hockey team participated in the annual Girls Grammar Schools Auckland Challenge at Mount Roskill Grammar School. The team played three games against Mount Roskill Grammar, Mount Albert Grammar and Takapuna Grammar. The girls showed extraordinary skill and commitment which led to three convincing wins, securing the shield defending their title from 2019.



Football



On Saturday 17th April the Epsom 1st XI Football squad participated in the revived Grammar Cup preseason Football Tournament. The team faced Takapuna Grammar, Mt Albert Grammar and Mt Roskill Grammar, winning all their matches and the tournament overall. Congratulations to the team for fantastic performances and team spirit to bring home the Grammar Cup. A special thank you to Takapuna Grammar for all the effort going into hosting a great festival and celebration of Football. We look forward to the start of the Premier season.