

# EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls  
Grammar School

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EGGS/AGS Interact Trivia Night



EGGS/AGS Production "Spamalot"

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Last night the Bands Showcase in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre was a great opportunity for a public performance for the bands. From swing and jazz to chamber music, thank-you to the students and staff involved - the programme was really enjoyed by the large audience. Last week Interact held a very successful Trivia Night – they have been supporting Beyond Water for some years now and this joint event with Auckland Grammar School is always well supported by teams of quizzers. Congratulations on your successful fundraiser.

Congratulations also go to the cast, orchestra and crew of Spamalot which finished its season last Saturday – everyone involved can be very pleased with what they contributed to the show.

There was a lot of pink in the School last Friday for Pink Shirt Day – thank you to everyone who stood in solidarity of no bullying.

Winter sport is well underway – please remember that for co-curricular activities the situation is no pay; no play. We are now near the final deadlines for making sure that all fees have come in – parents – please check the KAMAR web portal if you think you have some fees outstanding.

Key reminder:

- Lateness – students need to arrive at school in time to be either at assembly, tutor time or period 1, depending on the day of the week, before the 8.35am bell. Traffic is not a reason for being late as we all have to cope with traffic every day.

Thank you to the PTA for hosting the Lockdown Learnings session for parents last week. The PTA had catered for the 80+ rsvps received, but fewer than 10 people actually attended. It was a great shame that so many were unable to make it on the night. We will look to offer this session again later in the year, as we feel there is interest in the topic.

Looking ahead – I know it has been two days in a reasonably short timeframe – the NCEA Teacher Only Day date earlier this month was Ministry mandated, and we have our annual EGGS Staff Only Professional Development Day next Friday – 4 June.

We are looking forward to the Year 13 Ball tonight. The student organising committee and Ms Wright, the Deans – Mrs Orr and Mrs O'Donnell – and Acting Deputy Principal, Ms Druitt, have put a lot of effort into the organisation of this event.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound – Principal

## Coming up in Week 5....

Thu 3 Jun Cross Country Champs  
Fri 4 Jun Staff Professional Development Day

## Coming up in Week 6....

Mon 7 Jun Queens Birthday  
Tue 8 Jun Strings and Amplifiers Concert  
Wed 9 Jun Duathlon Champs  
Thu 10 Jun Snowboard Champs

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

# CURRICULUM NEWS

## English Department

### AUCKLAND WRITERS FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 12th May students from 11 Writing for Publication, the Writing Leaders, and members of the Writing Committee took a trip into the city for the Auckland Writers Festival Secondary Students' Day. An amazing selection of writers spoke in person or were live-streamed, sharing stories and advice about their writing journeys. The speakers all took questions directly from students, and it was wonderful to see a theatre full of aspiring young writers engaging with the inspiration and encouragement offered by these established names. A highlight: sitting in the front row directly below NZ poet Karlo Mila as she performed her poetry – opening quite a few eyes to the power of the spoken word – and then having her meet them and sign their booklets afterwards. We're grateful to have had this opportunity after the Festival was cancelled last year – it was a wonderful trip.



### *Year 12 Biology - Investigating enzymes*



# CAREER NEWS

## Victoria University

At lunchtime on **Monday May 31st in P2**, Pou Templeton Kaitakawaenga Māori | Māori Liaison Officer from Te Herenga Waka the University of Victoria in Wellington, will be here to speak with any interested Maori students about the University – how they can support you, potential financial scholarships, accommodation, and study programmes.

This event is for any interested Maori students. Please RSVP to Philippa Leask, HOD Careers ([pleask@apps.eggs.school.nz](mailto:pleask@apps.eggs.school.nz)), if you would like to attend – parents – you may wish to bring this to the attention of your student.

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# CAREER ED

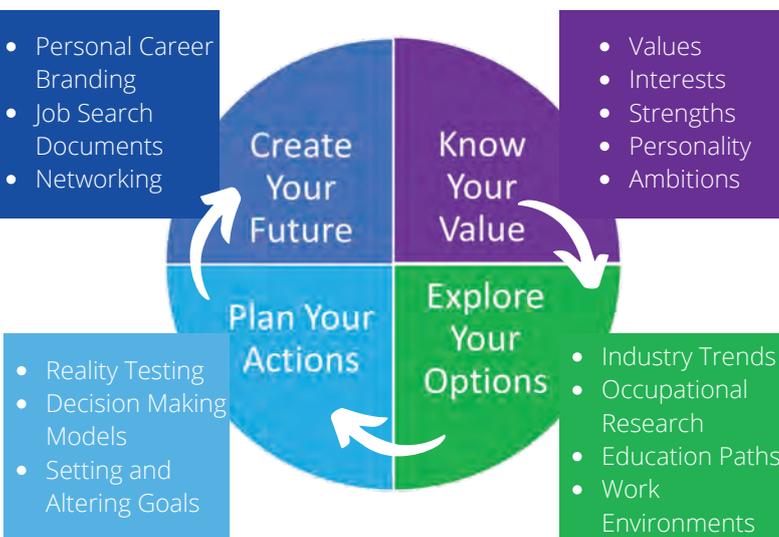
EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

## HOW TO MAKE AN EFFECTIVE CAREER DECISION



Making a career decision can be complicated whether we are in secondary school or whether we have been in the work force for some time. A key part of making a career decision is being aware of your interests, preferences and values. Secondary students benefit from being exposed to a range of different career options while simultaneously developing their own employability skills. This is what makes career development education so important. All EGGs students are welcome to book a career development session. These sessions help students grow their confidence and their self-awareness. They also give students insight into potential careers that would be a good fit for them in the future. In addition, later this year, all EGGs students will have the opportunity to attend the Pathways Information Evening on July 28th which will include 20+ professionals answering questions about their mahi. We look forward to seeing you there!

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT MODEL



### SAVE THE DATE

- JUNE 2 **LINCOLN UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SESSION**  
ST. PETER'S COLLEGE, 4:30PM
- JUNE 10 **VICTORIA UNIVERSITY**  
AOTEA CENTRE, 6PM  
REGISTER AT:  
GO.WGTN.AC.NZ/AUCKLAND-  
INFORMATION-EVENING.HTML
- JUNE 14 **SCHOLARSHIPS**  
EGGS DSO 11:30AM
- JUNE 21 **PSYCHOLOGY CAREERS**  
EGGS DSO 11:30AM

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

## Interact EGGS/AGS Trivia Night

On Friday the 21st of May over 200 students attended the fourth Annual AGS x EGGS Interact Trivia Night at the Epsom Girls Grammar School Hall. Tickets for this very enjoyable event sold out very quickly. Teams of six to eight students pitted their wits against each other on subjects such as science, food trivia, pop culture, music and Auckland schools! Skills such as making and flying a paper plane were also tested. Competition was fierce, but overall honours on the night were shared by 'Return of the Cougs' and 'Hawaiian Hula Gang'.

This night was entirely student organised and run. Congratulations to the EGGS Interact Committee: Hannah Bautista, Zoya Azam, Arina Chaptynova, Lydia Ma and Olivia Sheriff, who, along with the AGS Committee, once again brought together a fabulous and highly successful night.



# ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

## 2021 EGGS/AGS Production

The EGGS/AGS Production of Monty Python's Spamalot has just wrapped up, with a staggering season of ten performances. These shows would not have been possible if it weren't for the talented students from this kura. A big congratulations to Joanne Samson, Lauren Watt, Nuriya Biran, Jay Cochrane, Kate Cronin, Harriet Gane, Meryl Gogolashvilli, Samara Kake, Elisha King, Ruby Naufahu and Emily Wan. We can't wait to see what's in store for next year!



## MUSIC NEWS

This week, we farewelled our drum teacher of seven years, Mr Alex Freer. We wish him well as he leaves to take on a new role working for an online platform, delivering music education. Mr Freer will be missed as he has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to his teaching at EGGS and the wider Epsom Music community.

We are looking forward to welcoming Jess Hix next week. Ms Hix will be teaching the drums and working with our contemporary musicians on a Wednesday after school.

## Chamber Music

On the 10th and 11th of June, seven Chamber Music groups will be performing at the annual NZCT Chamber Music Contest. These seven groups consist of 25 dedicated students performing for the first time in these small ensembles. As they prepare for the competition, you have an opportunity to hear their refined performances at our upcoming concert 'Strings and Amplifiers' on Tuesday 8 June at 7pm.

EPSOM MUSIC PRESENTS

# Epsom Choral Showcase

Featuring Epsom Girls'  
Grammar School's Canto Vivo,  
Epsom Singers and Paradisum,  
with guests Grammarphonics  
and Grammar Voices from  
Auckland Grammar School

Friday 18th June | 6:00pm  
Raye Freedman Arts Centre

TICKETS \$5  
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ITICKET

## Smokefree Rockquest

'Strings and Amplifiers' will also feature students participating in the Smokefree Rockquest. Three bands including students from EGGs performed at the heats last weekend. Huge congratulations to Imogen Pearce's band "The Dawns" for making it through to the next stage which will be on **Saturday 12 June** at the Dorothy Winstone Centre. We also have 6 Students preparing to perform in the solo and duet heats on **Sunday 13 June**, also at the Dorothy Winstone Centre.

Come and support all of these Chamber and Rockquest performers on **Tuesday 8 June, 7pm**.

Book your tickets here: [Strings and Amplifiers](#)

## Epsom Choral Showcase

The Big Sing is just a few weeks away. Please come and support our choirs as they perform for the first time in our Choral Showcase on **Friday 18 June, 6pm**. Canto Vivo, Epsom Singers and Paradisum will perform alongside our guests Grammarphonics and Grammar Voices from Auckland Grammar School. Tickets are \$5 and now available on iTicket.

Book your tickets here: [Epsom Choral Showcase](#)



The RFAC is delighted to host the Tango Quartet "Milonga De Cuarto", who will be presenting their new program of Astor Piazzolla's music — Tango of Freedom "Libertango".

The concert will be a vibrant celebration of Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla's 100th birthday. Libertango invites you to travel together with the composer through his life journey, his music, his thoughts and ideas.

For more information head to the [RFAC website](#)

## 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](mailto:kholmes@eggs.school.nz)

# SPORT

## Rugby



Congratulations to Vinetta who is an EGGs previous student. Vinetta has been invited to attend her 1st Black Fern Camp!

## Gymnastics



Over the weekend NZ Secondary Schools Gymnastics Championships were held at Tristar. Congratulations to Georgia Dale who came 2nd overall!

## Fitness Centre

Check out our Fitness Centre classes and hours for Term 2! If you would like to sign up please see Savannah in the Sports Office. Please note that Mindfulness, Yoga and Relaxation will be taking place in F1 on Monday's (not the fitness area). All other classes take place in the Fitness Centre.



**GYM HOURS TERM 2 2021**

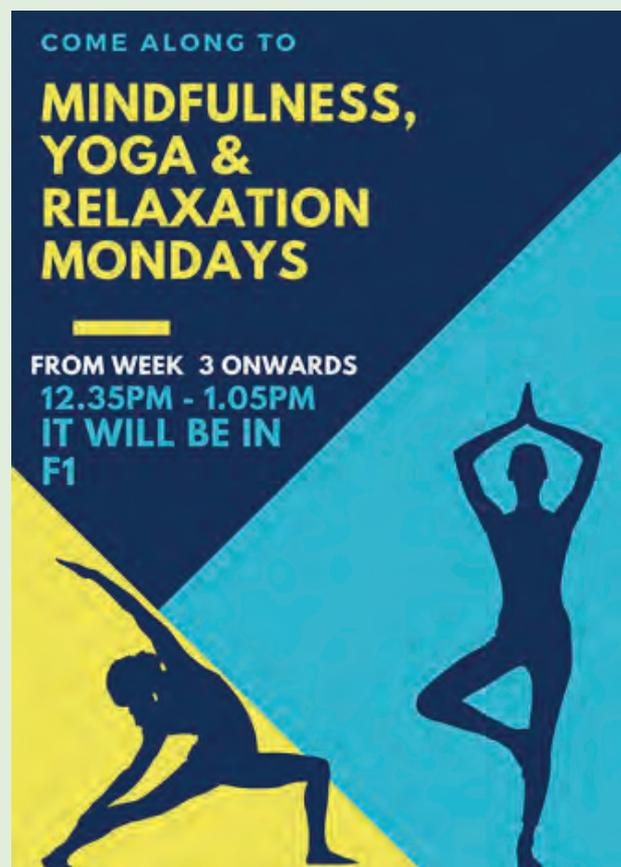
Monday - Lunchtime + Afterschool  
3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday - Lunch + Afterschool  
3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday - Before School + Lunch  
7.30-8.30am

Thursday - Lunch + Afterschool  
3.30-4.30pm

Friday - Lunchtime



COME ALONG TO

**MINDFULNESS,  
YOGA &  
RELAXATION  
MONDAYS**

FROM WEEK 3 ONWARDS  
12.35PM - 1.05PM  
IT WILL BE IN  
F1