

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Epsom Bands Showcase held at the end of May



Year 12 Sports Science at Motutapu Outdoor Camp

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Firstly, thank-you to all who put effort into making the Year 13 Ball a wonderful evening. I think we are all feeling how good it is to be able to hold events this year.

Now that we are in the second half of Term 2, we are looking forward to the Founders' Awards Assembly later in June, where alumnae are recognised by the Old Girls Association for outstanding achievement in their chosen field. We are also looking forward to being able to celebrate, at a special assembly, the certification of the energy management system to the International Standard ISO 50001. Earning certification has been a very involved process and I want to congratulate everyone involved in this groundbreaking sustainability project – see page 2 for more details.

We also look forward to welcoming parents and students to the Subject Teacher Conferences on Tuesday 29 June and Thursday 8 July. These conferences provide the opportunity to have important conversations as a follow up to the Mid-Year Reports.

I attended the NZ Secondary Principals' Conference last week. In a session from Dr Ashley Bloomfield he talked about what he has learnt, and is continuing to learn, about leadership. He emphasised the power of kindness and acting in each others' interests, citing the importance of everyone's efforts in 'crushing the curve' of community cases of the Covid-19 pandemic in that crucial period last year. Of course, we continue to need to remain vigilant, which is why we provide regular reminders of the importance of students staying home if sick, and of seeking medical advice regarding testing if symptomatic.

Lastly, I have had some wonderful feedback recently about the maturity and ability of individual Epsom students engaging with the wider community. To see the School Values exemplified in students' thinking and actions is such a positive experience.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound – Principal

Coming up in Week 7....

- Wed 16 Jun** Squash Team Champs
- Thu 17 Jun** Gym Sport Champs
- Thu 17 Jun** Junior reports on the portal
- Fri 18 Jun** Epsom Choral Showcase, RFAC
- Sun 20 Jun** EGG/AGS Korean Night, AGS

Coming up in Week 8....

- Mon 21 Jun** EGG/AGS Korean Night, AGS
- Tue 22 Jun** Founders Awards Assembly
- Tue 22 Jun** Senior reports on the portal
- Wed 23 Jun** Big Sing Regional Competition
- Wed 23 Jun** Orienteering Champs
- Thu 24 Jun** Ski Champs

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SUBJECT TEACHER CONFERENCES

**Tuesday 29 June &
Thursday 8 July**

See Page 2 for details

2021 SUBJECT TEACHER CONFERENCES AND MID YEAR REPORTS

Mid-year Subject Teacher Conferences for Years 9 – 13 are being held on Tuesday 29th June and Thursday 8th July. This is an ideal opportunity for students and parents to meet with subject teachers and discuss progress and achievement at this half-year point and to look ahead. You will receive an email on Friday 18th June with instructions on making bookings. Please note that bookings close on Monday 28th June at 12.00 noon. Year 9 and 10 reports will be available on the web portal on the afternoon of Thursday 17th June and Year 11-13 reports on the afternoon of Tuesday 22nd June.

Sustainability

(1st in NZ - EGGS Energy Management System attains ISO 50001 Certification)

In May 2020, the student Sustainability team presented to the Board of Trustees their ideas about how to reduce the school's environmental impact. They introduced the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals and showed how implementing an Energy Management System could contribute to goals 7, 11,12, 13.

- 7, Affordable and clean energy
- 11, Sustainable cities and communities
- 12, Responsible consumption and production
- 13, Climate action

Following a review of the building sustainability ratings available in NZ, the students working with the Board of Trustees agreed to try for certification of the energy management system to the International Standard ISO 50001 as this would:

- Put the school on the map and make EGGS a pioneer for sustainability in NZ schools.
- Show big business that the implementation of an energy management system is like having resilient shoes to walk the pathway of decarbonization.
- Provide evidence of the school's intent to continually reduce emissions.
- Ensure resources are available to help students to plan for future sustainability projects. (The school has committed to reinvest energy savings until 2030).

Highlights:



Bronwyn McGill the school Business Manager and Energy Manager was set the task of developing the schools EECA funded Energy Management Plan into an ISO certified system.

Alireza Mokhtar (Economech Analytics) assisted Bronwyn with training and establishing the Energy Management System in line with ISO 50001. Following two external audits the system was successfully certified by bsi. (British Standard Institute) in April 2021.

One unpredicted benefit of COVID-19 was that the Australian based auditor had to perform the audit using Zoom, which kept cost and emissions down and enabled students to prepare supporting evidence for the system, refer school video for more details.

Whats Next:



This year's Sustainability team has set the school the challenge to replace the gas boiler with a low carbon alternative to reduce emission by 70 tons CO₂/year (equivalent to removing around 35 cars from the roads)

The school is looking at options with Economech Services and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries to trial the latest CO₂ heat pump technologies.

-To avoid confusion CO₂ refers to the type of refrigerant used in the heat pump which becomes important when you consider the environmental impact of a building material over its life cycle.

The technology will be combined with a thermal energy store which works in a similar way to a battery allowing the CO₂ heat pump to run continuously and generate heat at night using low-cost electricity.

We will update you in our next article, until then stay safe and sustainable..

Pens & Pads

It's easy to give back to the community!

The annual Pens and Pads event is here to provide students with a passive yet effective means of service. Throughout weeks 7 and 8, we will be collecting stationery for a local low decile primary school, Glenbrae School, as well as sanitary products for the City Mission. This initiative - established at the intersection of our school's Learning and Community EGGs - works best if everyone brings a few things to donate. Who knows? You might even win a pizza lunch!

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P A D S

Donate in the boxes and bags provided during tutor time throughout weeks 7-8 (14th-25th June). The two tutor classes who donate the most **win a pizza lunch!!**

P E N S

The learning EGG is collecting usable secondhand and new stationery for a local low decile primary school (Glenbrae School).

P A D S

The community EGG is accepting whole packs of pads, singular or whole packs of tampons and any other packaged period products for The City Mission.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Year 12 Sports Science

12PSS (Year 12 Sports Science) enjoyed a fantastic trip to Motutapu Island staying at the Motutapu Outdoor Education Camp from Monday 24 – Wednesday 26 May in Week 4. With the current rahui on Motutapu Island, it was a privilege for this group to be able to have this outdoor experience. The students participated in a range of activities including kayaking, high ropes, confidence course, flying fox and the highly anticipated class vs class Survivor Challenge – congratulations to Miss Blackwell's class for taking out the win! Avana Hagai was voted the recipient of the 12PSS Mana Award, showing great leadership, respect and initiative across the 3-day trip. All of the students had a great time and it was wonderful trip! Thank you also to Miss Gunn and Miss Carlton for their help and support on this trip.



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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



EGGS is fortunate to be able to offer the Gateway Program to a select group of year 12 and 13 students. Gateway is designed to support students' transition into the workforce by offering them workplace learning while at secondary school. Term 2 has seen a flurry of activity with more than 20 students starting work placements across many industries including retail, childcare, hospitality, floristry, permaculture and automotive. There have been some valuable learnings and experiences already and these will continue as the work placements progress. We are fortunate to have the support of many local employers who are committed to providing these experiences for our students outside of the classroom. If you think you may be able to offer one of our students an opportunity to experience a work placement during 2021, please contact Mrs Sonya Sleigh at ssleigh@eggs.school.nz

Last week some of our Year 13 students attended Massey University's STEM Day 2021. STEM incorporates science, technology, engineering, and medicine. Students were able to select two workshops from options such as Biology and Genetics, Nursing, Health Sciences, Physiology, Psychology, Zoology, Food Science, and Speech and Language Therapy. The highlights were taking samples of their own DNA, and creating a new food in Food Science!



Seven Year 12 students attended KATTI at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. KATTI stands for Kei ā Tātou te Ihi (We Have The Power). It is a collaborative leadership and mentoring programme, and is organised by Māori Liaison staff at NZ tertiary organisations. The students said it was inspirational and incredibly interactive.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 14 **SCHOLARSHIPS**
EGGS DSO 11:30AM

JUNE 21 **PSYCHOLOGY CAREERS**
EGGS DSO 11:30AM

CONTACT US:

<https://eggscareereducation.simplybook.me>

EGGS X AGS

KOREAN NIGHT

TICKETS \$8

OFFLINE -

WEEK 6 LUNCHTIME

AGS: WED, THURS

EGGS: THURS, FRI

ONLINE -

PURCHASE


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THE LINK IN

OUR SOCIALS



 [kona.eggsexags](https://www.instagram.com/kona.eggsexags)

 [koreannight](https://www.facebook.com/koreannight)

JUNE 20TH-21ST

CENTENNIAL THEATRE

AUCKLAND GRAMMAR

6:30-9:00 P.M.

SPONSORS:



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MOBIE



EPSOM MUSIC

We were excited to host our first Epsom Music Concert on Thursday 27 May when the Intermediate Concert Band, Epsom Concert Band and Stage Band hosted a showcase of their music. We appreciated the support from a warm audience and are now preparing new music for the KBB Music Festival in August. Many thanks to all of our performers and Mr Chad Davenport and Mrs Deborah Orr for their musical direction on this fabulous evening.



Smokefree Rockquest

Students from EGGs participated in three bands for the Smokefree Rockquest Regional Heats. The Blank (with Ruby Naufahu and Meryl Gogolashvili), Peach Rings (Hazel Griffiths, Olivia Hong, Rheyra McCowan, Kate Walker) and The Dawns (with Imogen Pearce).

Huge congratulations to Imogen Pearce's band "The Dawns" for making it through to the Regional Finals on Saturday 12 June at the Dorothy Winstone Centre. They are also making a bid to win the People's Choice Award which will give them automatic entry to the national semi-finals. You can support them by texting thedawns to 3196. Texts cost 20c.

We also have 6 students preparing to perform in the solo and duet heats on Sunday 13 June, also at the Dorothy Winstone Centre.

Purchase tickets now at eventfinda via this link: ► [Smokefree Rockquest Auckland final](#)

New Zealand Chamber Music Contest

The New Zealand Chamber Music Contest begins in Auckland this week. Seven groups from EGGs will take part on Thursday through to Saturday. Groups featured include our senior percussion group, a piano trio, flute trio and many new students to chamber music. Many thanks to Miss Rachael Mannering who oversees and tutors the chamber music groups alongside itinerant music teachers Rebecca Celebuski (percussion) and Mary-Kate Thomson (Flute).

In preparation for both the Chamber Music Contest and Rockquest, students performed in a concert on Tuesday 8 June. Strings and Amplifiers featured a diverse programme and provided an important performance opportunity in the lead up to the competitions.

Epsom Choral Showcase

Our three Epsom choirs perform at **The Big Sing Regional Competition** on Wednesday 23 June.

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](#)

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



FOUNDATION NEWS

Apply now for the EGGs Foundation Fund

The EGGs Foundation Fund (previously the Heritage 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 Two closing date is 5pm Friday 25 June.

For more information and the application form please visit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NtlbCpVjmEgKrqy0D7TLe9xGpti6YULsYPPECNftcPg/edit>



The Raye Freedman Arts Centre is delighted to host the [Chamber Music New Zealand](#) Auckland Regional Finals this Sunday 13th June.

We wish all the performers the best of luck!



SPORT

Weight Lifting

Last weekend Jaelyn Su'a participated in the Secondary School Weight Lifting competition. Congratulations Jaelyn for placing 1st place in over 16s!



Cross Country Champs

A great effort from all our students who competed at Cross Country Auckland Championships last Thursday! Awesome seeing our school colours flying high. Congratulations to Ava Gatie taking out 6th place for Juniors, Tessa Swinson for taking out 2nd place for Intermediate and Hanna Braithwaite for taking out 16th place in the Seniors.

Well-done to everyone who competed.



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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