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Hot kai after the hikiu up Maungawhau on Wednesday 6 July
- see the video below

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Here we are at the last day of Term 2. It has been a term full of co-curricular activities and events, which has been a welcome contrast to the previous two years when we were in extended lockdowns at home.

Students being able to participate again in Arts and Cultural, Community, Learning and Sport activities has been wonderful, right up to last night's sports fixtures and Showquest. On Page 8 you can see what a great day of manaakitanga and learning Wednesday was with the annual hikiu up Maungawhau to view the Matariki cluster, and with the lunchtime hāngi.

Next term is Option choice time for 2023 – see Page 3 for details. Classroom teachers and the contact person named in the SchoolPoint information on each course can answer any questions students have and students and parents can also make appointments with the Careers Advisers, in addition to families attending the Options Evening. By mid-August Option choices will be submitted and this then informs what teaching staffing we need for next year.

I am on a Ministry of Education sabbatical for Term 3 and Ms Karyn Dempsey will be Acting Principal in my absence. Mr Steve Nowell will step into the Acting Deputy Principal role for Ms Dempsey, and Mrs Vaughan will take up the Qualifications Manager role for Mr Nowell.

Thank-you to everyone – staff, students and families for navigating the difficulties of illness, including Covid-19, and its associated disruption. Knowing that winter continues well into next term we will need to continue with rostering home and some days may have an early finish time in Term 3 so that we can staff the school.



Wishing everyone a really good break over the holidays, and looking forward to seeing everyone again in Term 4.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 1....

Mon 25 July	Term 1 begins
Wed 27 July	Pathways Information Evening
Thur 28 July	Year 10 Options Assembly

Coming up in Week 2....

Mon 1 Aug	Course Selection available on the Portal
	Year 11 & 12 Options Assembly
	Year 9 Option presentation
Wed 3 Aug	Course Information and Option Selection Evening (10, 11, 12)
Thur 4 Aug	Band and Orchestra Showcase

Matariki Hikoi 2022



Mānawatia
a Matariki

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BOARD NEWS

School Board Elections: Nominations from 15 July

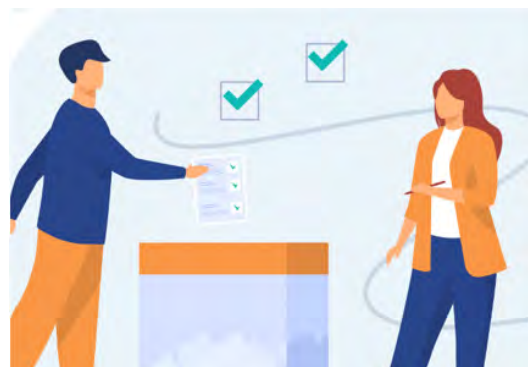
It's board election time again. Next term we will be electing board members for the next three years.

Nominations will open for the election of five parent representatives to the school board no later than 15 July. NOTE: This starts during the school holidays.

The returning officer for the triennial board election is Bernardine Vester. She can be contacted at returningofficer@myschoolelection.nz.

The timetable for the election is:

Main Roll closes:	Wednesday 13 July
Call for Nominations:	No later than 15 July.
Supplementary Roll closes:	Monday 1 August
Nominations close:	Wednesday 3 August



If there are more nominations than vacancies, then parents and caregivers will receive an invitation to vote either electronically or by post.

Voting starts:	Wednesday 10 August
Election day is September 7.	
Voting count:	Tuesday 13 September
New board in place:	Wednesday 14 September.

Nominations can be made online through an email link provided in the Call for Nominations. However, a hard copy nomination form can also be obtained from the school office.

If you wish to stand for the board, it is recommended that you provide a candidate statement and photograph.

The electoral roll will be held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

ENROLMENT FOR 2023

Applications are invited for Years 9 - 13

HOME ZONE PLACES

Year 9 applicants who live in the home zone should submit their applications by 7 September 2022.

Years 10-13 applicants who live in the home zone should contact the school.

OUT OF ZONE PLACES

Applications are invited for Ballots for Out of Zone places (only students currently enrolled at other schools are eligible).

The deadline for the receipt of applications is Wednesday 7 September 2022.

This includes applications from priority applicants ie. sisters of current students, sisters of past students, daughters of past students, daughters of Board of Trustee members and employees.

Ballots for each year level will be held on **Wednesday 14 September 2022.**

Year 9: The Board expects to be able to offer out of zone places at Year 9 to priority groups and a limited number of general applicants, however, at this time it is unable to confirm the actual number that will be available.

Years 10, 11, 12 & 13: We will ballot for waiting lists only and any places becoming available will be filled from those lists. The Board expects to decide whether any places are available by November.

Application forms are available online at www.eggs.school.nz. Enquiries ph 630 5963, enrolments@eggs.school.nz

GENERAL NEWS

2023 Course Information and Options Selection Evening

On **Wednesday 3 August 5.30 - 7.00pm**, we invite students and families to attend the **Course Information and Options Selection Evening**. Course information, examples of learning and curriculum displays will be available around the school in the various Learning Areas and staff will be on hand to answer questions. There will be 2 presentations in the Staffroom for the Women in Health Network. WiHN will give an insight into many areas of the health industry in NZ, including Medicine, Nursing and Medical Imaging, as well as many other. Sessions will be at 5.50pm and 6.20pm. The Senior Deans, year level Deputy Principals and Qualifications Manager will be available to help with any queries. Please note that if you are unwell you must not attend this evening. There is plenty of information available via the portal and staff can respond to questions via email or speak directly to students in class. We ask that you do wear a mask and that you observe appropriate distancing by not overcrowding classrooms. If a classroom is very full, simply come back later in the evening or wait outside.

Course selection for 2023 will be available to students in Years 10, 11 and 12 on the Web Portal from **Monday 1 August** and they must have made their selections by **8am on Monday 15 August**. More details to come.

COURSE SELECTION - IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday 27 July	Pathways Information Evening - displays from tertiary providers
Thursday 28 July	Year 10 Options Assembly about Year 11 courses in 2023
Monday 1 August	Course selection available on the Web Portal
	Year 9 Option presentation in tutor rooms about Year 10 courses in 2023
	Year 11 & 12 Options Assembly about Year 12 and 13 courses in 2023
Wednesday 3 August	Course Information and Option Selection Evening (Years 10, 11, and 12)
Monday 15 August	8am Completion of online Course selection

Uniform

At Epsom, we take pride in our school uniform and members of our local community notice how the uniform is worn correctly. We expect all students to be in full and correct uniform when they are in school and travelling to and from school. These photos should remind you of our uniform options and the holidays might be a good time to review this and purchase any uniform items needed. Please note that sandals are not part of the uniform and we expect all students to be in closed toe shoes. Correct footwear is crucial for students to be able to access practical lessons, in particular in our science and technology learning areas. A reminder - the co-curricular hoodie is not part of the uniform and is not to be worn at school.



Uniform Years 9 - 11



Uniform Years 12 - 13

Uniform Shop Hours

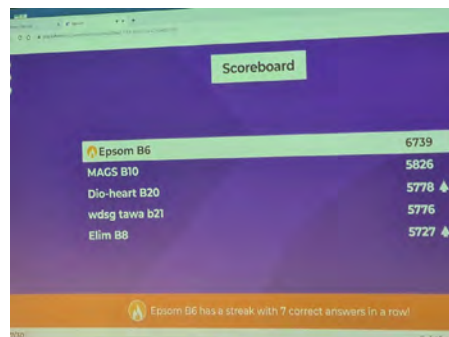
The Uniform Shop will be open in the School Holidays at the following times:

Wednesday 20th July	10.30am – 2.30pm
Thursday 21st July	11.00am – 2.30pm

Brain Bee trip to Medical School

Last Wednesday fourteen Year 11 students, and our two Brain Bee leaders visited the University of Auckland Medical School. These students had been selected by scoring highly in Round 1 of Brain Bee NZ. Students participated in a range of activities including the final round of the competition, a visit to the AMRF Learning Centre, lab tours, a brain quiz and meet the scientists session. They also had the opportunity to hear about the triumphs and challenges of a career in scientific research, by both graduates and professors.

It was an inspiring and competitive day, and these students represented the school impressively.



Scoreboard	
Epsom B6	6739
MAGS B10	5826
Dio-heart B20	5778 ▲
wdsg tawa b21	5776
Elim B8	5727 ▼

Epsom B6 has a streak with 7 correct answers in a row!



Animal Rights Group

In Term 2, the Animal Rights group focused on helping marine animals and organised a beach clean up event in cooperation with the Conservation Club which was held on the 25th of June at the Mission Bay Beach. It was a very successful day and we want to thank everyone who participated.



Year 13 Pasifika Students

On Wednesday 8th June some of our Year 13 Pasifika students were fortunate enough to spend a day at the Auckland offices of the Victoria University of Wellington Te Herenga Waka discussing their career plans and learning what University would be like.

Pictured are Shekinah, 'Uha, Noelani, Mary-Belle, Victoria, Eseta, Halleyah, Kolianita and Susana.



Barbie dolls wanted!

Textiles is wanting to collect any used/unwanted Barbie and/or Ken dolls (or any similar type doll) for a project we will be doing later in the year.

If you have any please contact me or they can be dropped off to Reception or the Textiles Room at school. They are welcome in any preloved condition! Please email vlynskey@eggs.school.nz

Peer Support Multisport Competition

After many canceled or modified events this year, due to Covid restrictions, it was fantastic to invite all the Year 9 tutor classes to our Multisport tournament. This is a yearly event, organised by the Peer Support team, which sees each tutor class put themselves forward in the hopes of becoming this year's champions. Each class is to be congratulated on how they got into the spirit of the event. There was bucket loads of fairplay, class spirit and enthusiasm. The energy in the stadium was infectious.



Congratulations goes to 9CHL who won the class spirit award, demonstrating their amazing artistic skills with their Smurf banner, their costumes and their supportiveness for one another. There was even a guest appearance from Smurfette too!

This year's supreme champions were 9WAD. They were passionate right from the start and were able to carry this through beating 9HEE in the finals.

Congratulations to everyone who played or came along to support the tournament. I would also like to thank all the Peer Supporters and Sports Captains for their outstanding organisation and support of the Year 9 students.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Poetry in Action



The people are protesting! A massive crowd is waiting outside and only you have the power to unite them. What will you say?

Last month, Year 11 English students had the pleasure of welcoming Poetry in Action, a touring theatre company from Sydney. The performance was titled 'Riots and Revolutions' and it examined great speeches and poetry from world history, film and theatre to enlighten students on the techniques used to construct an inspiring piece and to communicate effectively and persuasively. The actors recreated speeches from inspiring leaders like Greta Thunberg, Malala Yousafzai and Jacinda Ardern.

This was an engaging and enjoyable performance and it was great to have an opportunity for this Year level to be enriched through this external provider. This will also inform next term's Year 11 theme, 'Start Me Up', where students learn the art of persuasion and to communicate their opinions effectively both verbally and in writing.

More than ever, young people are using their voices to change the world and this show gave students a clear understanding of how words have had the power to change the world in the past and how they can change the world today.

'KA HIKITIA - CELEBRATING OUR KŌHINE'

Ka hikitia i tana iwi, ka hikitia i tana waka

The waka uplifts us as a people, just as we uplift the waka

Welcome to 'Ka Hikitia – Celebrating our Kōhine', a new section in our newsletter where we celebrate the successes of our ākonga Māori both within and outside the kura. Ka Hikitia is the name of the Ministry of Education's strategy for success as Māori, as well as the name of a rūpū of staff within the kura who work to achieve this for our ākonga here at EGGS. For more information about the strategy please see [here](#). If you have any kōrero you'd like to share about our ākonga, pls send the details, their names, iwi affiliations, and any photos or videos to kahikitia@eggs.school.nz.

"He mana tō te tāne, he mana tō te wahine." Anei ā tātou ākonga me ō rātou pūkenga whakahirahira, ka whakanuia ka tika! "Me aro koe ki te hā o Hineahuone!"

"Men have their own mana, as do women." Here are our students and their incredible talents, which we rightly celebrate and acknowledge. "Pay heed to the strength that is woman!"

Ko Māui Hangarau

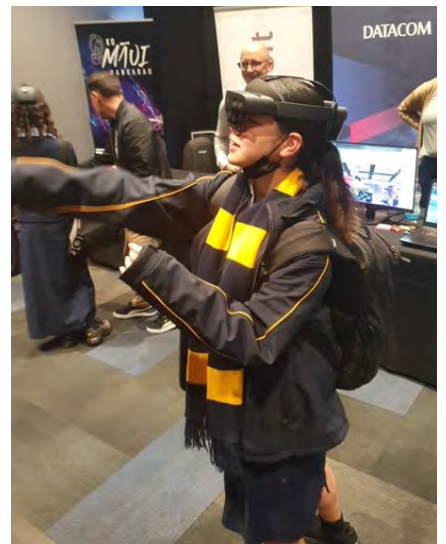
I te tekau mā ono o Pipiri ka haere ētahi kōtiro ki te Vodafone Event Centre mō te kaupapa Ko Māui Hangarau. Ko te whāinga o Ko Māui Hangarau te whakaatu ki te hunga Rangatahi ētahi o ngā kaihanganga hangarau me ngā kaupakihi rongonui o te motu. Ka akiaki hoki rātou i a mātou kia āta whakaaro mō ngā wero me ngā wheako ka puta mai i tēnei mea te oranga. Ko te whāinga he whakahihiko i te Rangatahi ki te whai i ngā huarahi e hāngai ana ki te hangarau, te mahi hou me te ngira tuitui. I ako mātou tērā he mea angitu me he huarahi mahi mo mātou te hunga Rangatahi, ā, he nui ake o mātou pūmanawatanga i tā mātou i mōhio ai. I te mutunga he rangi tino pai. Ngā mihi nunui ki a Whaea Philippa Leask rātou ko Matua Vinny ko ngā kaiwhakarite katoa o tō mātou nā haerenga:

"Te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngāhere,
Te manu e kai ana i te mātāuranga, nōna te ao."

On the 16th of June some of our students girls went to Ko Māui Hangarau at the Vodafone Event Centre. Ko Māui Hangarau is about showing Rangatahi some of the best Māori Tech Innovators and Entrepreneurs in the country. It also encouraged us to learn about our challenges and experiences in life. The aim is to inspire Rangatahi into pathways in tech, innovation and entrepreneurship. Something we have learnt from Ko Maui Hangarau was that there are always opportunities and career pathways for young rangatahi and we have more potential than we know. Overall the day was fun and a good experience.

"The forest belongs to the bird that feasts on the miro berry,
The world belongs to the bird that feasts on knowledge."

Nā Breize rāua ko Legacy Rawiri (Ngāti Raukawa,
Ngāti Paoa hoki)



Ngā Whakataetae Manu Kōrero mō Te Whaitua o Uenuku



“Mōwai ana ngā nehenehe nui i te korenga o ngā manu tioriori, o ngā tōtara haetara. Nei tētahi ara e pōi mai anō ai ngā manu, e tū ake anō ai ngā tōtara haetara. Takatū ake rā, e ngā kaiwhakahaere, kua takoto nei te mānuka, amohia ake rā!”

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Ngā Manu Kōrero it is a national speech competition with four divisions: the Pei Te Hurinui Contest or Senior Māori, for Tau 11-13 students speaking in Te Reo Māori; the Korimako Contest or Senior English for Tau 11-13 students speaking in Te Reo Pākehā; the Rāwhiti Ihaka Contest or Junior Māori for Tau 9-10 students speaking Te Reo Māori; and the Tā Turi Carroll Contest or Junior English for Tau 9-10 students speaking English. Kaihautū Māori Miriama Barton writes:

“Ngā Manu Kōrero is regarded as the most significant event on the Māori education calendar for nurturing the oratory skills and providing the stage for young people to express their views and to lay down their challenges to an admiring and critical audience of peers, parents, whānau and judges. The speech contests are intended to encourage the development of skills and confidence of Māori students in spoken English and te reo Māori. All secondary schools are invited to participate in this wonderful event, noting that the Māori section is open to all students as part of a strategy to support everyone to learn and to speak in te reo Māori.”

The competition begins with several regional competitions, after schools have selected their competitors in each division. There can only be one speaker from each school in each division, although a student can speak in more than one division. Tāmaki Makaurau has been divided into two regions for the last ten years, due to the large number of students wanting to enter. EGGs falls into Ngā Manu Kōrero mō Te Whaitua o Uenuku (south and east Auckland), and this year's competition took place on the 23rd of June, 2022, at Te Kura Māori o Ngā Tapuwae.

This year we were represented by Ava Taiaroa (Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Tonga, Ngāti Pākehā) in the Korimako or Senior English section. Ava is Tau 11 and decided to speak on a topic of her own choice, which was #Land Back. Ava gave a heartfelt and moving prepared speech which moved one judge to tears and struck a chord with many of us. She did her kura, her whānau and her tūpuna proud and we look forward to hearing from her again in the future.



Ava Taiaroa

We'd also like to acknowledge Mihirangi Harris-Tipoki who also wanted to enter, necessitating our own mini speech comp here at the kura. We also look forward to hearing more from Mihirangi, and encourage our fluent Te Reo Māori speakers to also enter next year. Mānuka takoto, kawea ake!



Mihirangi Harris-Tipoki

Judging of the finals will be held in Wellington, without contestants present in person, on 28 – 30 September, and will be screened online. Nō reira rā, mātakitaki mai rā! Watch this space. He whakataetae kai te haere ka taea e tātou katoa te kite! The one advantage to the competition being online is that we can all watch, which doesn't usually happen!

Mānawatia a Matariki!

Matariki hunga nui
Matariki ahunga nui
Mānawatia a Matariki!

Nei rā te mihi ki a koutou katoa i hāpai i te kaupapa whakanui i ā Matariki ki te hāngi me te hīkoi ki te tihi o Maungawhau - “Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.”

A huge thank you to all of the EGGS whānau who came out in full force to either make, buy, sell, cook, peel, contribute or just enjoy the Matariki hīkoi and hāngi this year. We couldn't have done it without the generous support of Ursula Aitken and whānau (Waimaria Mark's whānau) who donated all of the vegetables for the hāngi this year, and everyone else who contributed time, energy, wood, equipment, koha, rēwena bread, fry bread, knowledge, expertise, joy, and a lot of laughter. Ngā mihi nunui ki a koutou katoa!

Papa Rihari and the other tāne arrived at 4am in the morning to light the fire and get the stones hot for the hāngi. Ngā mihi nunui ki a Matua Jamie McQueen (Manei and Koea's matua) for sourcing the wāhie and Matuakore Williams and whānau (Te Uruwhenua's whānau) for the generous koha. Cooking a hāngi is a delicate operation and artform, and even more so when it's raining. Tuesday afternoon it was looking a bit grim, but the rain stopped in time for a beautiful karakia by the fire thanks to Papa Rihari and Matua Mike Steedman (our Te Whānau Āwhina Board Rep Whaea Tui Kaumoana's husband and Mia's matua whakaangi) and then a hīkoi up Maungawhau followed by a hot breakfast. Everyone helped to clean up or put the kai down in the hāngi - the most crucial time - while others put the finishing touches on our massive and fabulous Mānawatia a Matariki sign. Then it was time to get everyone ready to serve and lift the hāngi so the kai was hot and ready when everyone collected their orders.



Thank you to our kaumātua, rangatira, and tohunga Papa Richard Nahi for leading this kaupapa so beautifully and knowledgeably. Thank you Matua William Kaipo and whānau (Phoenix and Mikaya's whānau) for coming down from Whangārei – your mahi and expertise was also greatly appreciated. Thank you to Lucinda Sherratt, Sarah Brooks and Corlene Greenwood for making the most mouth-watering stuffing and fry bread and for sharing the Food Technology department and its resources and equipment with us - next year we'll put a few steamed puddings in too, hopefully! Thank you to the Kotahitanga team led so well by Matua Joel Hodgkinson and Whaea Kate Carlton. The hardest and hottest job is always on the end of the shovel handling the hot coals. This was led by Papa Richard and Matua William and ably assisted by Matua Anthony Barton, Matua Heyes Johnson (Erana's whanau) and Lyric (Whaea Corlene's son), nō reira rā, tēnā koutou katoa.



And last but by no means least – a huge thank you to all of our kōhine who worked so hard all day Tuesday peeling, chopping, cleaning, and doing dishes, and then all day Wednesday digging, lifting, cleaning, and doing dishes, as well as serving and selling the hāngi. We see many future rangatira, ringawera, and tohunga among you, and all of you are undoubtedly wāhine toa!

“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari taku toa he toa takitini!” - “My success doesn't come from me alone, but from working together with many others.”

EGGS Whānau Breakfast 2022

Parents, Aunties,
Grandparents and all other
Whānau are welcome!

Tickets \$65 per person

With special guest speaker
Hon. Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education,
Police and Public
Service

Wednesday
10th August

6:45-9:00 am

Eden Park

Introduce your whānau
to our school community
and have a great
morning together!

Tickets will be sold via
the online shop - ready to
purchase during the holidays.



More information on our instagram @epsomgirlsgrammarschool

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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS – WE NEED YOU!

So often, we hear from people in the working world say "I wish I had known about this career opportunity when I was in school." Here is your chance to showcase opportunities, information and advice about your career path. We are particularly interested in challenging assumptions and showcasing diversity. We warmly invite you to come and tell our students about your career path on **Tuesday, August 23rd** on our annual **Year 11 Careers Day**. If you are interested in having an impact on the future career choices of our students, please fill in this **short survey**. We have been so privileged in previous years to have a range of fantastic speakers who were kind enough to voluntarily offer their time and expertise. Thank you and we hope to hear from you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Air NZ Hangar Experience

Who: students interested in engines, aviation and aircraft

When: July school holidays

Register [here](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Who: Anyone considering studying **forestry science, forest engineering or forest management**

When: Apply by 15 Aug

More info [here](#)

Ministry for Pacific Peoples' Toloa Scholarship

When: open for application on **4 July**

More Info [here](#)

EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR

PATHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING

WED 27 JULY, 2022

CHOOSE ONE SESSION TO
ATTEND:

- 3:30PM - 5PM OR
- 5:30PM - 7:00 PM

MARJORY ADAMS
HALL & D BLOCK

Please tell us which session you will
be attending [here](#)

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

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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

CAREER EVENTS IN JUNE



Tamaki Makaurau Police Pathways Programme

A large group of students were interested in attending the Tamaki Makakaurau Police Pathways Programme. The aim of these events is to provide the opportunity for students to meet different NZ Police workgroups so they can understand the different career opportunities which exist within policework. Students learned about dog handlers, the armed offenders squad, students against drunk driving, the maritime unit and more. The day was action-packed and fast-paced!

Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow



Ilisapeti Makoni, Milahn Ieremia, Bernita Tapuvae, Kahlen To'ofoho and Hermione Seumanu were happy to attend the Year 12 PILOT Program. Students heard from inspirational speakers keen to attract more Pacific students into Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and then attended a workshop session which invited them to define leadership and examine different values associated with leadership. Overall, it was a fun and educational experience which the students highly recommend.

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Korean Group

EGGS x AGS Korean Night had another highly successful and entertaining showcase on the 18th and 19th of June 2022! Both nights were fully sold out within three days and this enthusiasm was seen in the posters, light sticks and cheers from the crowd as students from Epsom Girls and Auckland Grammar finally showed off the seven months of hard work and practice on the hot stage. It has been an incredible year for Korean Group with great success in sharing and celebrating Korean culture!

Esther Cho - Korean Group Co-leader



Kapa Haka Group



Kia Ora!

Our Kapa Haka roopu has a busy term coming up with a variety of events to perform at. We were fortunate enough to have the opportunity of performing at Fia Fia: we performed a 3 item bracket which included the Waiata tira (choral), the Waiata-ā-ringa (action item) and the Whakawātea (exit item). We were dressed in full kakahū (traditional wear) and had an awesome ensemble to present at Fia Fia. We are now preparing for a performance for Matariki, which will be held towards the end of the term. We are excited to perform for our peers and whānau as well as celebrating the Māori new year. Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competitions are coming up and our roopu is preparing waiata tautoko (support songs) for the students who will stand to speak in both Te Reo and English. We are very excited to represent the school at this prestigious event.

Tēna Koutou Katoa!

Kaiahautu - Wakamania Seve

Chinese Extravaganza

Chinese Extravaganza is an annual show consisting of students from Epsom Girls Grammar school and Auckland Grammar School, with a history of outstanding performances from a diverse range of groups that have been dedicating their time and effort to deliver a variety of high quality, entertaining and exciting acts. Chinese Extravaganza is a celebration of Chinese culture with small insertions of Western elements interwoven into different aspects of the show.

Join us for a spectacular show exploring the vast history and future of Chinese culture through a combination of art, music and dance forms! Tickets are now available from [iTicket](#).

For more information, check out our instagram page ([@chineseextravaganza](#)) or our facebook page [EGGS X AGS Chinese Extravaganza](#).

An EGGS & AGS production



CHINESE EXTRAVAGANZA 2022

DATES	TIMES	LOCATION	TICKETS
Sat 30 July Sun 31 July	Sat 5:00 PM Sun 12:30 PM Sun 6:00 PM	Raye Freedman Art Centre	\$19 each - available on iTicket from Mon 4th July.

Logos of sponsors and partners: 3A, Gravity, Annie's, CIRQUE ELECTRIQ, [O], Acute of Life, WHITE, fity, grace and flow, 一座茶, TACO MEDIC, BEANEE, ROMA BLOOMS, CHA, P&R, and others.

Showquest



The EGGs Showquest team consisting of senior leaders and choreographers, dancers, backstage members, live musicians and wearable arts competed in their Regional event on Thursday 7th July at Aotea Centre.

All students showcased their exceptional skill, talent, story-telling and teamwork. This year our theme was Duality, celebrating the life of Frida Kahlo which was a visual feast of colour and movement. Their performance was outstanding and they should all be proud of their accomplishments.

The video and results will go live on Friday 15th July at 4pm. Here is the link to view, look for Auckland show 2. www.showquest.nz

Thanks to all the students, teachers and parents involved.

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

With the move to the orange setting of the Covid Protection framework at the beginning of Term 2, we were able to begin rehearsing our co-curricular music groups back indoors. It also marked the start of a very busy term with large numbers of students involved across a variety of events and competitions.

Chamber Music Contest

Seven Chamber Music groups began rehearsing at the beginning of the year, adapting to outdoor rehearsal spaces during this time. At the end of week 6, they took part in the Auckland regional New Zealand Chamber Music Contest. Their performances represented a variety of repertoire and instrumental groupings. We were delighted to see students from all year levels involved. Many thanks to Miss Mannering who spent many hours choosing repertoire and rehearsing with these groups.

'Strings and Amplifiers' Concert

In the lead up to the Chamber Music Concert we held our concert 'Strings and Amplifiers' to showcase the chamber music groups and students who were preparing for rockquest heats in the same week. 'Flatline' were one of 12 bands selected to go through to the online regional final. They have just submitted their recording for this next part of the competition.



Goossens Trio rehearsing at a weekend workshop (Cindy Kim, Tianling Lu, Corliss Chu)



Nga Manu (Naomi Tiong, Ruxin Chen, Angari Isara, Saye Kiuchi)



Strings of Glinka (Caroline Wang, Tiffany Lai, Sophie Koh)



Milhaud Trio (Yanice Yue, Sarah Zhang, Tania Liu)

Rockquest

We had a number of students performing in the Solo/Duo part of Rockquest. Meryl Gogolashvili (Innervision) received the Rockshop Best Use of Electronic Assistance Award for her backing track.



Flatline (Rheya McCowan, Kate Walker, Franziska Klein, Olivia Hong and Hazel Griffiths)



Big Sing

During this time, our three choirs, Epsom Singers, Canto Vivo and Paradisum were preparing for the Auckland Regional festival of the national Big Sing. With the challenges of outdoor rehearsals and the cancellation of our choir camp, the choirs participated in a workshop day to help polish performances before the festival. All of the choirs then performed in our Choir Showcase in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre, joined by two choirs from Auckland Grammar, Grammar Voices and Grammarphonics as part of their preparation for The Big Sing.

The Auckland festival took place over three days with a gala concert each day.

We are delighted that Paradisum have been selected as one of 24 choir from throughout the country to participate in the National Finale of The Big Sing in August.



Canto Vivo at the Choir Workshop



Canto Vivo and Epsom Singers



Epsom Singers performing in the gala concert

Looking ahead to Term 3, our bands and orchestras are preparing for the KBB Music Festival in week 3. There will be an opportunity to hear these groups in our Band and Orchestra Showcase - Week 2 on Thursday 4 August, 6pm in the Raye Freedman Art Centre.

SPORT

Weightlifting

NZPF Powerlifting


Congratulations to Nainika Rai, Year 10 who participated in the NZPF Powerlifting in her first competition as a sub junior and scored second place. She lifted 197.5kg altogether.

67.5kg Squat

32.5kg Bench

97.5kg Deadlift



 Play video

FOUNDATION NEWS

Annual Giving Appeal – EGGS Solar Project [DONATE NOW](#)

We have launched our **Annual Giving Appeal - EGGS Solar Project** to raise funds to install solar panels on three major areas of the school (Joyce Fisher Sports Centre, the main Administration Building and the Aquatic Centre) for a sustainable future. We would like to sincerely thank everyone that has made a donation so far.

Epsom Girls Grammar School was the first organisation in New Zealand to gain the

ISO 50001 Certificate in Energy Management

and this project aims to continue to achieve our vision to become a carbon neutral school by 2030 and New Zealand's leading school in sustainability.

This initiative is in line with the [EGGS Board of Trustees Strategic Plan](#)

Joshna Baskar, former student at EGGS, helped obtain the ISO accreditation. She is always committed to help EGGS reach our sustainability goals and is a member of the Foundation sub-committee driving the **Annual Giving Appeal – EGGS Solar Project**.



Joshna Baskar



The Sustainability Committee

"The Sustainability Committee's mission is to encourage meaningful action for the environment and continue our EnviroSchool silver journey. The Sustainability Committee fully supports the EGGS Foundation Solar Project as a learning experience for students".

Please watch the video that our Sustainability Students created: [EGGS Solar Project](#)

If you would like further information about this project, please click [here](#).

What's On

The chilly weather might have arrived, but the arts are coming back hot! It is our absolute pleasure to tell you that the Raye Freedman Arts Centre is back in full swing. The last few months have been tough for the arts industry, but we are very excited to say that after months in and out of lockdowns, we are bursting with events for July and August. These include a number of events showcasing EGGs Students including Chinese Extravaganza, Incubate (Art Exhibition) and multiple Student Drama Shows.

Spotlight:



Horizon.ADP (AUT Dance and Performance) warmly welcomes you to their mid-year showcase, Dusk to Dawn. Dusk to Dawn seeks to start a discussion around the longing and missed opportunities one experiences throughout their life. Join us as our team performs and explores the meanings of these feelings, and what experiences it could entail for you, our audience.

July/August Events:

9th July	Dusk til Dawn
16th July	AUDA Fundraiser Dance Showcase
24th July	NZIMMA Piano Concerts
30th-31st July	Chinese Extravaganza
6th-7th	City of Sails Irish Dance Championship
11th August	Incubate (EGGS Art Exhibition)
August	EGGS Student Drama Shows

Head to rayefreedmanartscentre.co.nz for more info

