

EGGS NEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitanāhine o Maungawhau

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EGGS wins national final of ShowQuest 2022
(read article on page 8) Photo credit to Mad Love Media



Get to Go Challenge - Mixed Premier team heading to the finals in December
(read article on page 11)

Dear parents, caregivers and students

This week we received the exciting news that our ShowQuest performance won the National Final. We are very proud of this achievement as it is the first time that our group has won both the regional and national competition. The student leaders have done an exceptional job planning and organising the group. We also thank the large group of staff who supported them and helped them to reach this level of success.

Last weekend's Chinese Extravaganza was a wonderful showcase of the talents of students from EGGS and AGS. Congratulations to everyone involved and their Teachers in Charge. Next week our bands and orchestras will be competing at the KBB Competition – see Page 9 for details for parents to attend the relevant sessions. Last night the Band and Orchestra Showcase was a pre-competition performance opportunity and we wish all groups the very best in the competition.

It was good to see so many students and parents taking advantage of the Pathways Information Evening and the Options Evening. The deadline for option choices of 8am Monday 15 August is crucial.

Key reminders:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- All students must wear masks on public transport – parents – please support this by making sure that your student has a mask with them.
- We expect students to have good manners and to be considerate when interacting with staff and with each other – stop, pause and think is a useful reminder.
- We expect students to be in the correct school uniform at all times. This includes when they are travelling to and from school. Students are not to wear tracksuit pants under their uniforms nor are they able to wear hoodies to school. This includes Epsom sports hoodies. Only additional items that are unable to be seen, such as thermals or singlets for warmth, may be worn under the school uniform.
- If a student has to be away from school due to isolation requirements but is well enough to be learning at home, they should be accessing and completing work on their Google Classroom page. Students should also communicate with their teachers around assessments.

Coming up in Week 3....

Mon 8-13 Aug	KBB Music Festival
Wed 10-11 Aug	Year 12 Drama Production
Thur 11 Aug	Incubate Art Show & Crowns exhibition
Fri 12 Aug	Year 12 Ball

Coming up in Week 4....

Tue 16 Aug	Writers' Night
Wed 17-18 Aug	Year 13 Drama Production
Fri 19	Mid-Term Break
Sun 21	Big Sing Cadenza

**Monday 15th
August**

**Course selection
due by 8am**

Congratulations to students highlighted in this edition of EGGSNEWS over a range of cocurricular activities.

A quick reminder to parents to please log in to the KAMAR web portal and clear any current finance outstanding balances (everyone received a reminder of login details near the end of last term when Reports were posted).



Lastly, we are looking forward to the Year 12 Ball next week and thank the community for their support of this.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Catherine Knowles- Acting Principal

BOARD NEWS

The school board election is coming up.

The closing date for nominations was midday on 3 August.

Here is [more information for parents and caregivers](#).

You can check that you are on the electoral roll at the school office.

The timeline for the election is:

- Supplementary roll closes 1 August
- Nominations close 3 August, midday.
- Voting papers issued by 10 August
- Election Day 7 September, 4pm.
- Declaration of Result 13 September
- New board in place 14 September.



Come and celebrate the inaugural Aotearoa NZ School Library week in the Gae Griffiths Library from 8 - 12 August. We have a week of activities and events planned in the Library, each day we will have a new activity to compete for a prize as well as a couple of week long competitions.

Come and "check it out"!!

CURRICULUM NEWS

World Scholar's Cup

On the 4th and 5th of July, EGGs sent five teams to the annual Auckland Round of the World Scholar's Cup. The World Scholar's Cup is an international team academic competition in which teams participate in four different events: team debating, collaborative writing, the scholar's bowl (a team quiz bowl), and the scholar's challenge (a multiple choice trivia quiz). Special mention to Vivian To, Hellen Ding, and Elizabeth Reeve (Year 13) whose team won the senior division of the team debates, as well as Paige Young (Year 12) who received the Asimov Award, an award given to the student who received the highest score in the scholar's challenge. Finally, thank you to Mr Dell, Ms Muschamp, and Ms Gunput for training the teams and helping out at the event.



EGGS Philosophy Workshop



On Wednesday 22 June, Year 9 to Year 11 students gathered in the hall to participate in our EGGs Philosophy Workshop. Our guest speaker Dr Vanya Kovack facilitated a thought provoking discussion on The Justice of Punishment and the role of making assumptions. A relay of fun interactive activities were delivered by Year 9, 10 and 11 philosophy students to their peers. A lively mix of pseudoscience stalls, questioning activities and thought experiments were run for the enjoyment of all. Thank you to the philosophy students who moved between running activities and participating in them with huge enthusiasm. A modern agora of community, curiosity and participation. Thanks to Dr Kovach, Ms Gunput, Mr Dell and Ms Gill for their support and especially to Dr Gavin, for generating this opportunity for leadership and communication across year levels.



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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

CAREER EVENTS

The Career Centre team has seen a flurry of activity in the end of Term 2 and the beginning of Term 3: we took more students to PILOT, held our annual Pathways Information Evening and are fielding questions galore from students about option choices, accommodation and scholarships. Have a look at some photos of recent events and do not forget that we have our annual **Year 11 Careers Sessions** coming up on **Tuesday August 23rd** - thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have volunteered to come in to the school to talk to students about your career journeys - you are a very impressive bunch!



UPCOMING EVENT

On **Tuesday Aug. 23rd** over 20 professionals will be speaking to our Year 11 students about opportunities, information and advice about various career pathways. We have aimed to cover a range of industries and we want to challenge assumptions and introduce students to career options they may not have considered. Very few schools in Aotearoa run events like these and we are able to hold this event because of the support of our parent speakers, the Old Girls' Association and the support of our community. Thank you all so much.

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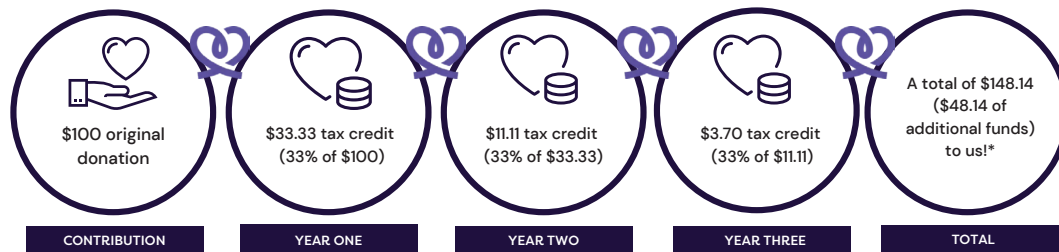


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From the Art Department

Two exciting events coming up in the Art Department: **Incubate** – our annual student and staff exhibition, held in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre on August 11. All works are for sale, exhibition is open 4-7pm, event opens with nibbles, bar opens at 5pm for drink purchases.



Epsom Girls Grammar School Visual Arts presents: **the INCUBATE art show**

Thursday, 11 August, 4-7pm, Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Silver Road

Running at the same time is our Year 10 Sculpture exhibition: **Crowns** – our Year 10's worked through Term 2 on making a sculptural representation of a 'crown'. These are stunning finished artworks and will be on exhibition in F2, the adjacent classroom to the Incubate exhibition.



CROWNS

Your crowns will be on exhibition
AUGUST 11 _ 4-7PM F2 drama room

Please come!! bring friends and family,
and enjoy your work on display

Year 12 Drama Production

The first of our Year 12 Drama productions is all set for opening night, next Wednesday 10th August at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre with a second performance on the 11th.

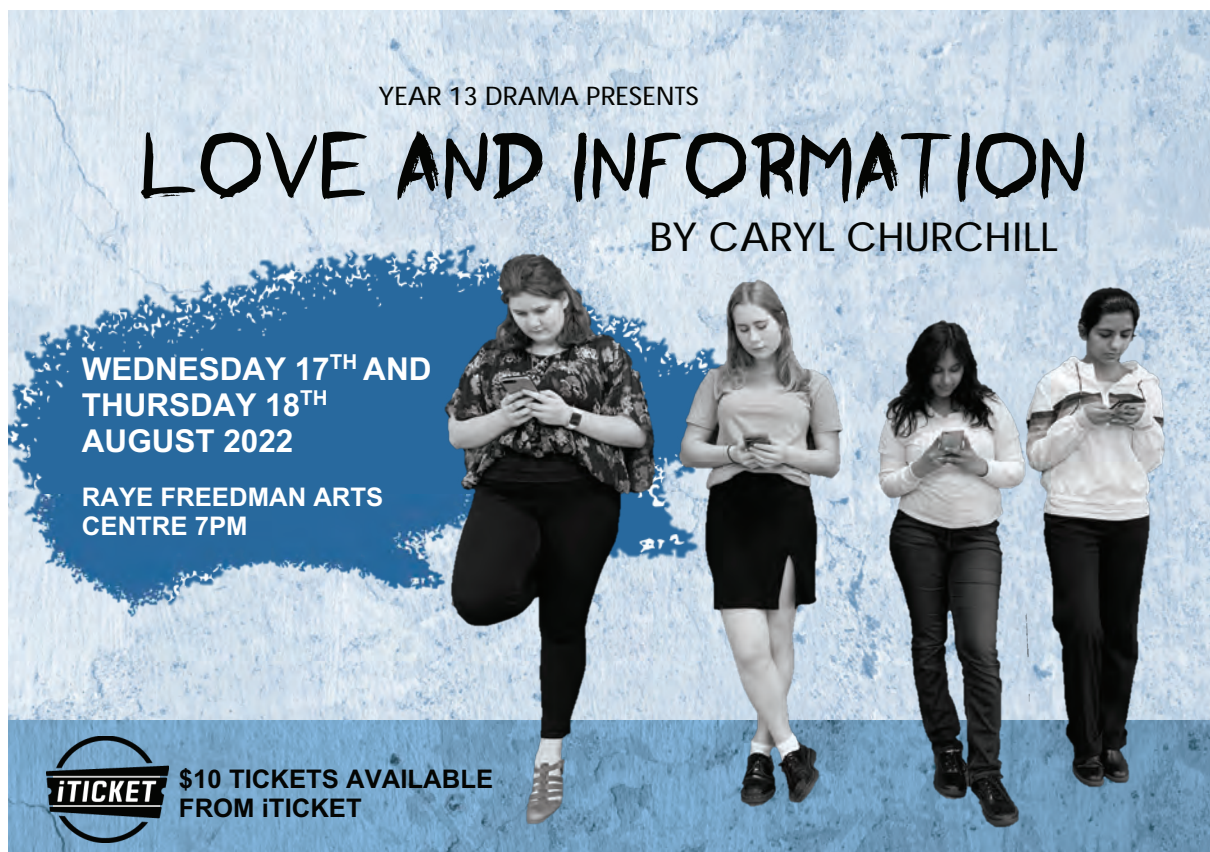
The Ash Girl by Timberlake Wertenbaker is a twist on the classic Cinderella story and Michelle Hesketh's Year 12's have been busy rehearsing and organising the technical aspects of the play.

Tickets are available from [iTICKET](#)

Year 13 Drama Production

Year 13 Drama presents Love and Information by Caryl Churchill on the 17th and 18th August at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre

Tickets are available from [iTICKET](#)



ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

EGGS wins national final of ShowQuest 2022



Photo credit to Mad Love Media

Our ShowQuest team are not only regional winners but now national winners with their performance on Frida Kahlo.

This is our first time winning ShowQuest regionally and nationally and we are very excited.

As well as placings ShowQuest acknowledge exceptional aspects of the performance. We have received awards in the following:

Regional Competition

- Best Use of Props
- Best Theme

National Competition

- Best Original Soundtrack
- Best Choreography.

You can watch the ShowQuest National Final [here](#) (EGGS is at 1:40:20 in the video).

Well done to the leadership team for creating and performing this exceptional piece. This team consisted of:

Overall Leaders - Olivia Wright and Ashley Sutton

Choreography Leaders - Jay Cochrane, Samara Kake, Samara Greig-Hobday, Mia Booy

Backstage Leaders - Anessaa Medagamage, Amelie Lim and Alisha Mohideen

Special mention to our Lead dancers:

Briar Arden as Frida

Samara Greig-Hobday as Diego

Mia Boy as Frida's sister

Jay Cochrane as the Monkey

Congratulations to all the dancers and backstage crew involved in this performance you gave it your all and it paid off.

Well done to our live musicians - Meryl Gogolashvili and Ruby Naufahu on their beautiful piece. Credit to Meryl on her beautiful song she wrote for the performance.



Well done to Libby Yee and Vimica Kumar for their hard work on the Back-screen and Lighting in the performance.

Thank you Dharshna Baskar for your endless support, energy and leadership with our team.

Lastly all this hard work isn't possible without the awesome teacher support crew including - Alice Hunt, Virginia Lynskey, Bridget Spencer, Julie Waddell, Deepika Chand, Rachael Mannering, Virginia Le Cren, Emma Cotton, Courtney Wentz, Sophie Meade, Daniel Kenway, Jo Bidwell and Courtney Horler.



EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

KBB Music Festival

Epsom Symphonia, Epsom Chamber Orchestra, Epsom String Ensemble, Epsom Concert Band and Epsom Stage Band will be performing next week at the KBB Music Festival in the Holy Trinity Cathedral and St Mary's Church in Parnell. The KBB Music Festival showcases secondary school orchestras, concert bands and jazz bands in Auckland. Groups perform to an audience of their peers and the public. If you would like to come and support our groups the festival schedule is below. You can see the full schedule [here](#).

Monday 8th August	
Holy Trinity Cathedral	St Mary's Church
11.30am Epsom Symphonia	3.30pm Epsom String Ensemble
	7.00pm Epsom Chamber Orchestra
Thursday 11th August	
	St Mary's Church
	10.00am Epsom Stage Band
Friday 12th August	
Holy Trinity Cathedral	
11.30am Epsom Concert Band	

FOUNDATION NEWS

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

We have launched our **Annual Giving Appeal - EGGG 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 EGGG, helped obtain the ISO accreditation. She is always committed to help EGGG reach our sustainability goals and is a member of the Foundation sub-committee driving the **Annual Giving Appeal – EGGG 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 EGGG Foundation Solar Project as a learning experience for students”.

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

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

New Sports Coordinator

My name is Briana Stephenson, and I am a new sports coordinator here at Epsom. I come from a small town south of Napier, having grown up near the farm and playing almost every sport under the sun. I was a boarder at Napier Girls' High and have represented New Zealand in both Netball and Athletics with the hope to continue to do so as a specialist Long Jumper and Sprinter. I have a Science degree, specialising in Physiology, and I am really passionate about sport, health and wellbeing. I am super excited for my time here at Epsom and I can't wait to build positive relationships, enable success for our students and hopefully inspire taura in the process. Please come say hello or feel free to email me at any time - [@bstephenson@apps.eggs.school.nz](mailto:bstephenson@apps.eggs.school.nz)



EGGS sports: Athletics, Distance sports, Gymsports, Rugby, Touch rugby, Tri/Aqua/Duathlon, Waka ama and Weightlifting.

Adventure Racing - Get to Go Challenge

Well done to our three teams who competed in the Get to Go Challenge on Thursday 28th July. This year the Get to Go Challenge consisted of three parts - orienteering at Cornwall Park, paddle boarding and rafting at the Onehunga Basin and mountain biking at Arch Hill.

We came away with some incredible results as follows:

Mixed Premier Division

1st - Eggs/Rosmini 1 - Ava Gaité, Annabelle Gasparich, Gemma McCall and Frankie Booy

2nd - Eggs/Rosmini 2 - Sophie Walter, Nina Worrall, Brooke Griffiths, Emily Hammond

All Girls Division

3rd - Eggs All Girls - Amelia Li, Laura Watts, Maia Johnston, Dulakshi Polpitiya Acharige, Annabel Sigley, Addison Ledger, Stacie Fong and Kaylee Wong



As our mixed premier team one placed 1st this qualifies them for the grand final which is a week long adventure race on Great Barrier Island in December. Well done team!

Big thanks to Kate Carlton and Courtney Wentz who lead the teams on the day.



Ultimate Frisbee



Epsom's frisbee teams had a great win last weekend at AKSS regional competition held at Bruce Pulman Park. We had an amazing five Epsom teams enter; Epsom A, Epsom B, Epsom Juniors, Epsom Senior, and a combined Epsom Selwyn team 'Eelwyn'. We all had a

great time and had awesome competition against friends as well as making new friends along the way!! Epsom A made it into the finals against Takapuna and was a great game, with Epsom pulling away with the win 11-2. The EGGs B team held out an equally competitive Baradene team in a very close last game to take their 5th slot.

A massive congratulations to everyone who participated, and a big thank you to the parents for transport and the biggest thank you to our coach Josh How for his amazing coaching and skills this year!!!!

Final standings for the tournament were:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. EGGs A | 7. Eelwyn |
| 2. Takapuna 1 | 8. Takapuna 2 |
| 3. Selwyn Black | 9. Avondale |
| 4. Birkenhead | 10. EGGs Juniors |
| 5. EGGs B | 11. Green Bay |
| 6. Baradene | |

Cycling

Our EGGs Cycling Squad attended the Skoda North Island School Road Championships on Saturday 9th July - Sunday 10th July, and the Skoda North Island School Track Championships on Monday 11th - Tuesday 12th July.

Road:

A strong team of 18 riders (9 seniors and 9 juniors) attended the 2022 North Islands Cycling Competition and performed at a very high level. We also had 6 riders attending the North Island Track Championships with amazing results.

EGGS finished a very credible 2nd in overall school points. Punching well above their weight with a small team.

Junior A placed a fantastic 4th place (2 seconds off a 3rd place podium)

Junior B placed 9th (all new riders) with a time of 32.13

Senior A won with a time of 24.22, winning by 30 seconds over St Kents and Baradene. Senior A is made up of Ava Maddison, Maia Barclay, Elena Worrall, Tegan Feringa, and Belle Judd.

Senior B placed 7th with a time of 28.16.

Track:

We had some awesome results in both the team and individual results, with the seniors winning the team pursuit and bronze in the team sprint.

1st - U20 Team Pursuit Final (Ava Maddison, Elena Worrall, Tegan Feringa, and Belle Judd). A fantastic result beating St Peters Cambridge in the final

4th - U16 Team Sprints Final

3rd - U20 Team Sprints Final

A huge congratulations to all our EGGs riders! A huge thank you to Cath Martin, our cycling coach, and to the parents committee and all other supporting parents for their tireless support towards the EGGs Cycling Program. We could not deliver a program of such calibre without you all.

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Underwater Hockey

Junior Regional Championships

Our Junior Underwater Hockey teams took part in the Northern Zone Secondary School Championships on 18-19 June. Our students had a fantastic time competing at Westwave with the A team grabbing 2nd place after a 4 - 2 loss to Mahurangi College and our B team grabbing 5th place. Well done to our Junior A and Junior B teams!



MVPs: Ruth Burge for team A



MVPs: Chelsea Leota for team B



Senior Regional Championships

The Senior A and Senior B Underwater Hockey teams travelled to Tauranga and competed in the Senior Northern Zone Championships on 2-3 July. The Senior A team won Silver after a close loss to Mahurangi College, the team were very close to scoring an equalising goal to push Mahurangi College to extra time however they just fell short. The Senior B team came 6th in the competition, having 2 players less than usual as the team worked extra hard with less subs available. Some exciting matches were played and both teams had fun and left exhausted.



Anjali Patel, Senior B MVP (left) and Alexandra Smith, Senior A MVP (right)



Senior A, Silver Medalists