

EGGS NEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitanāhine o Maungawhau

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KBB Music Festival
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Tēnā koutou and Mālō e lelei parents, caregivers and students

The vibrant hum of term three co-curricular events has almost felt like a return to school life as it used to be. In recent weeks we have celebrated the Chinese Extravaganza, the Year 12 and 13 Drama curriculum productions, the KBB Music Festival, as well as the return of Incubate. This Visual Art showcase was made all the more delightful by the inclusion of the Year 10 Crowns exhibition. Congratulations to all performers, participants, artists, teachers, student helpers and thank you to those who came along to support these events.

This term has also been an outstanding one for Sport and we wish our Hockey and Football teams all the very best for their finals this week. Congratulations to the students who placed at the New Zealand Duathlon Championships this week - see details in Sport. What an experience for the EGGS Ultimate team who represented New Zealand at the World Junior Ultimate Championships in Wroclaw, Poland. Best of luck to our Junior Premier Basketball team who have made it into the semi finals at the Auckland Championships.

Earlier in the week the Associate Minister of Education announced changes to NCEA for 2022 in recognition of the impact that COVID-19 and other winter illnesses have had on teaching, learning and assessment this year. Students will be entitled to 1 Learning Recognition Credit (LRC) for every 5 credits earned (with a maximum of 10 at Level 1 and a maximum of 8 at Levels 2 and 3). Certificate endorsements have been reduced to 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50. To be awarded University Entrance, students will need 14 credits in each of two UE Approved Subjects, and 12 credits in a third UE Approved Subject (they will also need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet the regular literacy and numeracy requirements). The submission dates for some externally assessed portfolios have also been extended by one week.

It is important to note that there is no mention of the 2021 Unexpected Event Grade strategy as that tool was fit for the 2021 context. We do not anticipate the reinstatement of UEGs and urge students to make every effort to demonstrate what they know in our School Examinations. As always, this is the opportunity for students to generate a result should they be unable to sit their NZQA examinations in November. School examinations for Year 12 and 13 start on Thursday 15th of September. Year 11 will also have some examinations in the exam period - see the year level email for details.

Coming up in Week 5....

Mon 22 Aug	Big Sing Cadenza
Tue 23 Aug	Year 12 Leadership Expo
	Year 11 Careers Day
Wed 24 Aug	Accord Teacher Only Day
Wed 24-28 Aug	Big Sing Finale

Coming up in Week 6....

Mon 29 Aug	Winter Tournament Week
Wed 31 Aug-1 Sep	Year 12 Drama Production

Monday 22nd August
6:00pm

Raye Freedman Arts Centre
Silver Road

FINALE FAREWELL CONCERT

A choral showcase featuring:

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(TONGAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS)

GRAMMARPONICS
(AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL)

PARADISUM
(EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL)

In preparation for the Big Sing National Finale, Christchurch, 24-28 August
Tickets \$5 each, children 12 years and under free.
Book through Ticket.

RAYE FREEDMAN
ARTS CENTRE

TICKET

Learning from our students, as much as they learn from us, is a key component of Learning at EGGs. The concept of Ako was beautifully demonstrated when our Tongan cultural group shared with staff last week the intricacies of making, wearing, preserving, communicating and celebrating through Ta'ovala. Thank you to Ms. Helen Tu'itavake, students and families for supporting this event.

We were honoured to have Showquest Relationship and Event Coordinator Sarah Karika and Partnership and Projects Manager Kelsey Moller with us at a special assembly last week. We were treated to a live performance of a section of the 2022 Showquest entry which, as we know, went on to win the National title. Congratulations once again to all of the staff, students, parents, helpers and performers. This is a colossal event and one that will live on as a defining memory for all who were involved.



Kia pai tō rā whakatā Have a great weekend!

Karyn Dempsey – Acting Principal

A green event poster with yellow callouts. At the top left, a yellow circle contains the text 'FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM: 5:30 – 6.00 PM' and an illustration of a sausage on a bun. To its right, a yellow speech bubble contains 'When? Thursday, 8 September Event begins at 6 pm' and 'Where? Epsom Girls Grammar School, 14 Silver Road Marjory Adams Hall'. In the center is a cartoon illustration of a woman with dark curly hair wearing a white face mask and a blue dress. To her right is a 'VOTE 2022 LOCAL ELECTIONS' sign. At the bottom, a large yellow banner reads 'MEET THE COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES' and 'Join us as we get to know candidates wanting to become a councillor for the Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa ward'. Below this, a smaller yellow box says 'Everyone is welcome! Please wear a face mask at the event'.

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Interact Trivia Night

The 5th annual EGGs x AGS Interact Trivia Night was held on the 5th of August at the school hall. Once again, the tickets sold out fast with over 200 students attending this enjoyable evening. This fundraiser event was a success and raised over \$2000 for the charity BeyondWater. Topics such as current events, sports and pop culture put the teams to the challenge as they pitted their wits against each other. After seven rounds, the team that came out on top was 'Slow & Calm'.

A special thank you to the EGGs Interact committee: Arina Chaptynova, Lydia Ma, Olivia Sheriff and Charlotte Bratley for organising and running this enjoyable event along with the AGS committee.



LOCAL ELECTIONS 2022

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

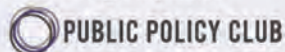
- If you turn 18 before the **8th of October**, you're eligible to vote in the 2022 Local Elections!
- To enrol, visit www.vote.nz and enter your details.
- If you do this when you're 17, you'll be enrolled by the time you turn 18!



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- **Local Board Members:** Look after a specific community by making decisions on local issues and communicating local views on regional policies.



WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE?

- Local board members, councillors, and the mayor shape our city and communities.
- If you want a say in how your city grows, **you should vote**.
- However: **Less than 30% of 18-20 year olds voted in 2019.**
- **Young Aucklanders aren't getting their voices heard.**
- The issues relevant to young Aucklanders **aren't getting the attention they deserve.**



TO GET THOSE ISSUES ADDRESSED AND HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD, **VOTE!**

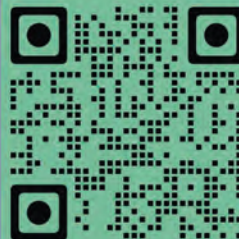


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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

WHAIA TE PAE TAWHITI



Last Wednesday the Career Department hosted the annual Māori Careers Day, Whaia te pae tawhiti, which loosely translates as Follow the Dream. We were so pleased to welcome our guests Junelle Kunin of Manamahi, a recruitment agency, and Jessica Tyson. Junelle spoke with our rangatahi about the importance of being Māori and standing strong, as well as negotiating a safe and rewarding place in whatever career they choose to pursue. Junelle is also a jazz singer and has collabed to produce music to accompany the teachings of the Dalai Lama. Junelle's honesty and transparency were much appreciated by our rangatira. Jessica Tyson is mostly known to us because of her Celebrity Treasure Island fame. Jess was also Miss World NZ in 2018, and started the charity Brave, which supports prevention of sexual violence. Jessica encouraged our young wahine to be proud of being Māori, and talked about the doors it can open for them in the future. Jess exemplifies courage and commitment as she juggles many roles in her life. This event was so well received by our rangatira. It was a special time for our students to come together and be celebrated, see what other wahine have accomplished, and hopefully gain some excitement about their own future career prospects. A huge thanks to Mia Bullivant and Mikaya Kaipo who were wonderful representatives and followed tikanga beautifully.



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CURRICULUM NEWS

International Languages Week

During International Languages Week (from 1st August to 5th August), we saw great levels of participation from our EGGS community, ranging from students in different year levels and even teachers! Activities from each language ran throughout the whole week from Monday to Friday including (but not limited to): diabolo, pétanque, classics cake competition, yukata try-on, movies, piñata, lantern-making, calligraphy, salsa dancing, baguette fighting and kimono colouring in. There was also a raffle ticket stall that ran throughout the week, so a huge congratulations to the winners that have been selected! Another congratulations to 12PRK and 9CHD for winning the flag and alphabet competition, and 11GHA for winning the Kahoot. It was wonderful to see the languages: Māori, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, French and Latin partaking in the Friday food festival, selling scrumptious delicacies! Finally, we would like to thank all those that have helped run ILW steadily and especially Crystal Li and Miss Clarke for their wonderful work! See you next year at ILW 2023!



Year 11 French

Bonjour everyone! I hope you are all having a great term so far. In Year 11 French, we kicked off this term by having a French Gastronomic Meal together. The UNESCO intangible cultural heritage and undeniably mouthwatering aspect of French culture was a universally enjoyable experience for all of us. We were able to enjoy seven delicious courses which were beautifully complemented by a wonderful selection of drinks. Personally, I loved the canapés, éclairs, and chocolate mousse. It was a truly fantastic repast and was all the more impressive as it was planned, prepared and served by our very own Year 11s and our absolutely amazing teachers. There is no better way to bring people together than food and our nearly 2 hour long meal was a great way to get to know our little French community in EGGS and have fun. Whether it was setting up tables, serving food, washing dishes at breakneck speeds or pouring our brains out over packing up, the French Gastronomic meal was an incredible bonding experience and a highlight of our learning journey! Thank you so much to our French teachers for giving us this valuable opportunity!



Indulee Jayawardena

Classical Cake Competition

In Week 2 of this term our annual Classical Cake Competition was held as part of International Languages Week, and as usual the skill and creativity of this year's entries have not failed to delight us. A range of prizes were awarded to junior and senior students in three categories for Best Concept, Best Artistry and Most Creative. It's wonderful to see students showing their passion and interest in the Classical world in such playful and clever ways!



Sophie Clarke (Year 10) with her *Caecilius est in horto*



Paige Young and Athena Cheung (Year 12) with *Et tu, Brute?*



Stella Holloway, Olivia Whiteman and Alicy (Year 13) with their *Augustus, Son of a God, Coin*



Arielle Chaney (Year 11) with her *Greek Gods on a Column*



Ameena, Linna and Poppy (Year 9) - *The Frogs of the Hesperides Garden*



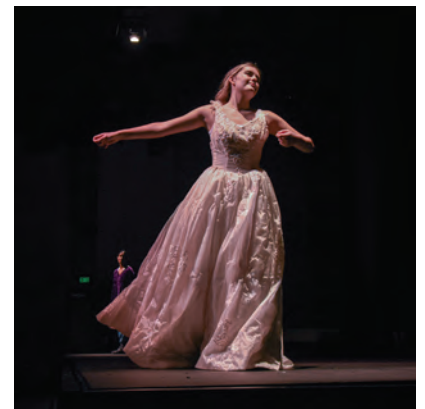
Frankie Booy (Year 10) with her *Lighthouse at Alexandria* - made with Mia Booy (Year 12)



Zipporah Parkinson (Year 9) - *Zeus, Poseidon and Hades*

Year 12 Drama Production "The Ash Girl"

Ms Hesketh's Year 12 Drama class performed Timberlake Wertenbaker's play "The Ash Girl". This is a whimsical, feminist version of Cinderella and combines beautiful language and wonderful creatures associated with the Seven Deadly Sins to explore a fresh version of this class fairy tale. Congratulations to Mrs Hesketh and 12 Drama for producing such a delightful and professional production. *Photographs courtesy of Amanda Billing www.amandabilling.co.nz*





EGGS Writing Group

The results for the school-wide writing competition run by the 2022 Writing Leaders have been announced.

We would like to give a big congratulations to Year 11 student Abby Mackay for taking 1st place in the senior competition and Year 10 student Ruby Waetford for taking 1st place in the junior competition. We received some amazing submissions making this choice very difficult, so these winners can be very proud of their achievements!

Mia Booy on behalf of the Writing Group

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Recognising Tongan Ta'ovala at Epsom Girls Grammar School

Ta'ovala in Tongan culture is a symbol of faka'apa'apa; respect. It is one of our main identifiers in the community which dictates our role in key events and in our families. On August 10th, our Tongan cultural group wanted to share this integral aspect with our staff members at a Professional Development session.

Sarah Manu and Mele Fa'anunu, the leaders of the Tongan cultural group, prepared a lovely presentation showcasing the origins of Ta'ovala, the preparation of the mat, and how to wear it for several occasions. With the help of the members of the group, Telisa Ongoloka, Maata Tangilanu, Roxanne Tafolo, Lani Tuipulotu, Amelia Tuipulotu, Angari Isara, Ana Schaumkel-Vea, and Talilotu Kaifa, they highlighted the importance of wearing these garments and how they still are influential today.

Thank you to Ms. Helen Tu'itavake, Kaneisini Felela-Tui'tavake and Keleni Kamuka for their support and smiles on this day.

Chinese Extravaganza



At the end of July, the Chinese group held another successful combined EGGG X AGS Chinese Extravaganza in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre. Tickets were sold out for all 3 shows that were held on Saturday the 30th of July and Sunday the 31st of July. The performing subgroups included Dragon and Lion Dance, Traditional Dance, Modern Dance, Chamber, Diabolo, Mixed Choir, Band, Drama and the newest addition to the show - Martial Arts. All the groups showed an entrancing and vibrant performance which showcased the high calibre of our performers amidst the challenges of Covid-19.





We would like to acknowledge the dedication and support of all the Subgroup leaders, the Media team, Tech team (lead by director Tianling Lu), Backstage crew, Committee girls (Serena Trinh, Joyce Shen, Tania Liu and Katie Han), Stage Manager (Cathy Ning), Secretary (Jimin Han) and teachers, especially Ms Moore, Ms Liang, Ms Gaskell, Ms Kim, Ms Hu and Mr Tomlinson, who were involved in making the show possible. We also offer a massive congratulations to all the students who put in their time and effort in making the show a very successful one, and we are excited to bring Chinese Extravaganza back again for 2023!

Eyka Susanto, Georgina Zhou, Yonghua Zhu, Matthew Wang

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

Year 9 Music Lessons Available

Music lessons are available at school through our itinerant music programme. We have specialist instrumental and voice teachers who provide tuition on a variety of instruments at EGGs throughout the week, and have a number of vacancies available now.

Most interests are catered for through lessons on Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Bass Guitar, Drumkit, Percussion, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Bassoon, Oboe, Flute, Saxophone, Classical voice, Contemporary voice.

If students are in year 9 this year and curious about learning an instrument, now is the time. It is often a perfect opportunity for students who already play the piano, as it gives them an opportunity to then play in one of our many ensembles.

Please fill out this form as an expression of interest and we will get back to you with an opportunity to slot into a lesson and give it a go!

We have some instruments available for hire, but will otherwise help you source an instrument if needed.

► [Year 9 2022 Term 3 Music Lessons - Expression of Interest](#)

Co-Curricular Music

Smokefree Rockquest

Following on from her success in the Rockquest Regionals, winning the Rockshop Electronic Performance prize, **Meryl Gogolashvili** has won the APRA Lyric Writers' Award for her song "Alien".

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

Having been selected to record another song for the Regional Final, Flatline, won the ZM award for Best Song for their original song, 'Basically Your Girlfriend'.

Play it Strange

Kate Cronin was selected as a finalist to have her song recorded as part of the Youthtown Songwriting Competition run by Play it Strange. Her song *Butterfly Hutch* can be heard as part of the full album on Spotify.

<https://open.spotify.com/track/2u4tIs2O1RmGqu57PkXkRf?si=hcCPjEH6TQWPNBblsWCrbA&nd=1>

KBB Music Festival



Last week was a fabulous week with six of our bands and orchestras taking part in the KBB Music Festival at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

131 ensembles from Secondary schools across Tamaki Makaurau participated in the Festival. After a challenging year of Covid restrictions in the rehearsal space, with many taking place outdoors, we were excited to perform.

All ensembles performed at a high standard and we are thrilled with the following awards:

Commended

Epsom String Ensemble

Bronze

Epsom Concert Band

Epsom Stage Band

Epsom Intermediate Concert Band

Silver

Epsom Chamber Orchestra

Epsom Symphonia

Epsom Symphonia were also awarded the KBB 'Best Performance of a New Zealand work' by a Symphony Orchestra for their performance of *In the Lair of the Cave Weta* by Leonie Holmes.



Big Sing Finale

Our auditioned choir Paradisum fly to Christchurch on Wednesday to take part in the Big Sing Finale. They are one of 24 choirs from around the country. They have been working hard on preparing two new pieces and will sing two recitals over three days. As part of the criteria, all choirs are to perform a NZ work. Paradisum are fortunate to be performing, He Kihi o te Ra, a work written for them by our Music administration assistant and young NZ composer, Takerei Komene.

As part of our preparation, Paradisum will perform alongside 'Grammarphonics' from Auckland Grammar School and 'St Cecilia Singers' from Diocesan School for Girls in a concert on Monday 22 August in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre at 6pm. Tickets for 'Finale Farewell' are available now on iTicket. <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2022/aug/finale-farewell-concert>

OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Founders Awards Event 2022

The OGA honoured the 2022 EGGS Founders Award recipient, Jan Beagle, on Tuesday 21st June 2022 for **Outstanding Achievement in Diplomacy and Multilateralism**.

The event was held online via Zoom for the first time – and, given Jan lives in Rome, after many years living in New York and Geneva, this was ideal. She was able to join us from overseas, along with her friends and family from around the world.

Jan's citation was read by Head Prefect Dharshna Baskar. Also, Jan's classmate from Epsom days, Dr Jane Skeen, shared her tribute to her lifelong friend. They have known each other for 60 years, having first met in Form 1 at Remuera Intermediate School.



Jan attended EGGS from 1964 to 1967. She gained a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in History with first class honours from the University of Auckland. Since then, she has forged an impressive diplomatic career, initially working for the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including as a delegate to the United Nations, and then holding a number of significant roles within the UN.

In January 2020 Jan took up her current position as the Director-General of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), having been elected by Member Parties in November 2019.

AGM 2022

We held our AGM, also via Zoom, on Monday 13th June 2022, with a good turnout. We welcomed new OGA Honorary Members Dr Sue Spencer (for Services to the School) and Chris Barnes (for Services to the School and Epsom House). We also welcomed several new Committee members, and we were elected for another (final) term as Co-Presidents. Julie Goodyer was re-elected as Treasurer and Rachael Banbury is our new Secretary.



Chris Barnes



Dr Sue Spencer

Events & Other News

We have held minimal events this year due to Orange light setting, but we are planning a Morning Tea for Franklin Branch members on 6th September and a Luncheon for Tauranga Branch members, date tbc. We also hope to run some morning tea events at local retirement village when possible.

Every year we lose a number of our Old Girls. We were saddened by the death of Old Girl and EGGS staff member Diana Mabin (nee Colgan) who died on 29th December 2021. Diana attended EGGS 1952-1956 and was Ro Bellamy's sister. She taught at EGGS 1966-74.

We also farewelled Ehlin Young (nee Hing) who died on 25th March 2022. Ehlin attended EGGS 1949-1952 and regularly attended OGA events. Work on the OGA History Book continues and we hope to complete this by the end of this year

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry
OGA Co-Presidents, 2016-2022

SPORT

NZSS Duathlon Champs

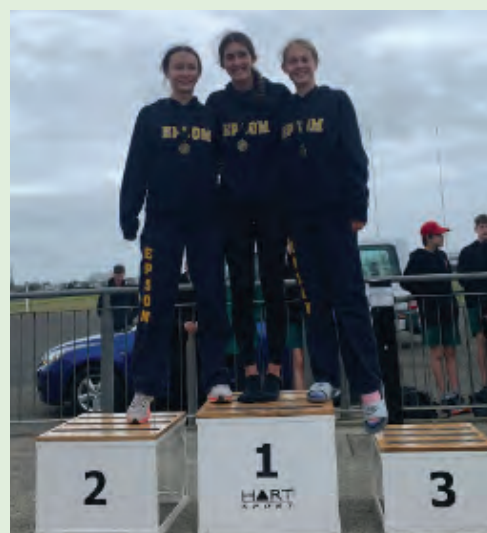
Congratulations to the 6 students that attended the NZSS Duathlon Age Group Championships in Pukekohe over the weekend.

All of them finished in the top 4 of their age groups, with Leila Daniels taking out the NZ U16 Individual title and Kayo Findsen and Elena Worrall gaining 2nd in the NZ U16 teams race. Our U14 team consisting of Alice Rosie and Imogen Lamont finished a credible 4th in a tough field.

A massive congratulations to these students, and a huge thank you to the parents that helped out on the day!



Road Race Champs



A small, but mighty running team travelled to Takanini this week to compete in the Auckland Road Race Champs. Saye Kiuchi finished 36th in the Junior 3km and Leila Daniels had another dominant performance in the Intermediate 4km, finishing 2nd, closely followed by Ava Gatie in 6th, Kayo Findsen in 8th and Maneet Kaur in 15th. As a result of their strong performances, Leila, Ava and Kayo also placed first in the Intermediate 3 person team category.

Congrats Team! And a big thank you to Claudia and Mia (Year 12s) for coming to help marshall!

Tough Gal Challenge



On one of the foggiest mornings of the year, 36 of our students and 3 of our PE teachers geared up to run 6km through the mud in the annual Auckland Secondary Schools Tough Guy and Gal Challenge. This involved crawling through tunnels, running through ponds, jumping over barriers and a whole lot of mud! Everyone did really well to get involved and chase their sports science standards, and this combined effort meant that EGGs won the overall Secondary School Girls grade! Another congratulations goes out to Isabelle Welch and Tegan Feringa who placed 1st, and Freida Joiner who placed 3rd.

Good stuff everyone!

Basketball



Premier Basketball League

Our Premier team barely missed out on a top 4 finish in the Premier Basketball League, after a close loss to St Kentigern College last Thursday here at EGGs. Epsom lead the game for most of the match, but couldn't keep up the momentum and lost 57 - 61. Well done to the team on a 5th place finish, now they are preparing for the zone qualifiers for Nationals coming up in 2 weeks time.

U17 Nationals

Over the school holidays, Maya Fowler and Draun Hineapa Forbes competed in the U17 Nationals Championships. They were very significant contributors to the Harbour U17 team in winning Bronze!



Left: Maya Fowler
Right: Draun Hineapa Forbes

Underwater Hockey



Correction on the previous newsletter, pictured above is Eden Hogg, MVP for team Junior A Underwater Hockey team. Apologies for the mistake!

Netball

Congratulations to Mrinali Padiyar on achieving her Netball Umpire Centre Badge through Auckland Netball.

Mrinali has shown discipline and a thorough understanding of the intricacies of netball umpiring. Mrinali has become an integral part of the EGGs Netball Community, taking on not only umpiring, but also being a member of the Y10 A's team and coaching Year 9 netball.

Congratulations Mrinali! Well deserved!



Auckland Netball Combined Points Tournament

On Wednesday 3rd August our Premier 1, Year 9 A, and Year 10 A netball teams competed in the Auckland Netball Combined Points Tournament.

There were over 90 Secondary School teams from the wider Auckland region and beyond competing in the tournament. Our Premier 1s made it to the Quarter Final in a close defeat to St Peter's Cambridge, who went on to win the Premier division in the tournament.

Our Year 9 A and Year 10 A also played hard in their respective age groups!

Congratulations to all who attended, and to Angelique Bester, Tafu Maynard, Fale Malifa, and all other supporters for their hard work and efforts on the day.



Ultimate Frisbee



Epsom Girls Grammar School students Georgia Brown, Hannah Clark, Katherine Fulton, Mayley Gao, Georgia Lewis and Tessa Swinson, and EGGs Old Girls Lily-Belle Sawyer and Emma Whitlock spent the last two and a half weeks in Poland representing New Zealand in the World Junior Ultimate Champs in Wroclaw, Poland. The team did extremely well to place sixth in the U20 women's division; the best place a New Zealand women's team has ever achieved. The team had the time of their lives, and most of them are eligible to compete in the same event in two years' time. If you are interested in watching replays of some of their games, go on the WFDF (World Flying Disc Federation) YouTube, and look for NZL U20 Womens.