

# EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls  
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitāmāhine o Maungawhau

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Winter Tournament Week ([article on page 13](#))



Amita Ram and Prisha Kadakia with Associate Professor Fiona Ell and Dr Brent Clothier from The Royal Society Te Apārangi at the Gold Crest Seminar and Prize Giving Evening ([article on page 6](#))

Tēnā koutou parents, caregivers and students,

The Spring weather arrived in time to shine on students participating in Winter Tournament week. EGGS are playing MAGS in the final as I write this newsletter - wishing them all the very best of luck in what will be a tight game. See the Sport section of this newsletter for results.

Virginia Le Cren, Rachael Mannering, Deborah Orr and Takerei Komene accompanied Paradisum down to perform in Otautahi Christchurch last weekend. The Big Sing Finale is a national competition and Paradisum were one of 24 choirs selected from more than 270 throughout the country to participate. At the Gala concert, Virginia was acknowledged for being an inspirational teacher. Takerei Komene also received a Silver Award for their composition. Paradisum were awarded a Silver Award for their recital performances. Congratulations and thank you for doing us proud.

The Teacher Only Day on the 24th of August was spent getting more familiar with the [NCEA Change package](#), reviewing programmes and planning for 2023-2024. There are two more [teacher accord](#) days provided by the Ministry of Education on the 25th and 28th of November. On the Friday, staff will spend the day at Ōrakei Marae to deepen their understanding of Te Ao Māori, a big component of the NCEA change package and Curriculum refresh. Please note that Friday the 23rd of September is a Teacher Only Day for the purposes of marking and returning senior exam papers. No school for Years 9-13.

Finally, parents and caregivers will be aware that School Board voting closes on the 7th of September. If you haven't already, please complete your voting papers received in the mail, and either post or drop in the mail Freepost. Please note that postal votes must also be received by the 7th of September.

I would like to thank the current School Board for their service to the school. Many of the departing members have served the

## Coming up in Week 7....

Wed 7 Sept	Out of Zone applications close
	School Board voting closes
Thur 8 Sept	Meet the Local Candidates & sausage sizzle

## Coming up in Week 8....

Mon 12-16 Sept	Te wiki o te reo Māori
Wed 14 Sept	2023 Out of Zone ballot
Thur 15 Sept	School exams begin

## Coming up in Week 9....

Fri 23 Sept	Teacher Only Day
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School Board

(L-R) Philip Bradley, Tui Kaumoana, Arina Chaptynova (Student rep), Julie Goodyer, Wendy Kerr, Zoe Hoult (Board Chair), Karyn Dempsey (Acting Principal), Rebecca Swinson, Michael Chen, Catherine Readhead (Board Secretary)

school for several terms and tirelessly supported the strategic vision at EGG5. Arina Chaptynova has also served the student body well in her role as Student Representative on the School Board and we thank her for her service. Ngā mihi nui to our departing School Board members: Board Chair Zoe Hoult, Virginia Bishop, Philip Bradly, Julie Goodyer, Wendy Kerr, Tui Kaumoana, Michael Chen, Rebecca Swinson, Rachel Heeney, Tovia Va'aelua

Ngā mihi / Regards

*Karyn Dempsey – Acting Principal*



**Pink Ribbon Walk**  
Breast Cancer Foundation NZ

**6 NOVEMBER 2022**  
**AUCKLAND DOMAIN**

SIGN UP AT  
**[pinkribbonwalk.co.nz](https://pinkribbonwalk.co.nz)**





## Learning EGG - Meet the Councillor Candidates

Student leaders from the Learning Egg have been working with Auckland Council on a Meet the Candidates event to encourage students, whānau and the school community to engage with the local body elections and the current issues facing Auckland. On Thursday 8 September, at least 5 of the candidates standing for Council in Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa will be interviewed by students at an early evening event in the school hall. Please see the poster below for details – all are welcome. We begin at 5:30pm with a free sausage sizzle.

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM:**  
5:30 – 6.00 PM

**When?**  
Thursday, 8 September  
Event begins at 6 pm

**Where?**  
Epsom Girls Grammar  
School, 14 Silver Road  
Marjory Adams Hall

**VOTE 2022**  
LOCAL ELECTIONS

**MEET THE COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES**

Join us as we get to know candidates wanting to become a councillor for the Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa ward

Everyone is welcome!  
Please wear a face mask at the event

## 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](http://www.eggs.school.nz). Enquiries ph 630 5963, [enrolments@eggs.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@eggs.school.nz)

## 'Can for a Cookie'

Last week on Wednesday and Thursday the Community EGG held the annual 'Can for a Cookie' event! This took place outside the hall during lunch time. Posters and videos were made to promote this event.

'Can for a Cookie' is an event where students donate cans in exchange for a delicious cookie made by the 2022 prefects and community committee. The proceeds of this event were donated to the City Mission where the cans will be packed in food baskets and given out to those in need. 'Can for a Cookie' is a great way of supporting and giving back to our wider community.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who donated to this event! It was awesome to see many students getting involved and donating to such a great cause!



## Pasifika Big Sister and Little Sister Initiative 2022

In Week 4, the Pasifika committee members (the Big Sisters) organised a fun multisport game with all their little sisters (Year 9 students). This event was one of the many peer support activities to build a connection amongst the Pasifika students.





# CURRICULUM NEWS

## New Zealand Schools Culinary Challenge

Big congratulations to Anneliese Coltman and Sophia Purdon for placing 2nd in Auckland for their Beetroot Entree. They narrowly missed out on the national final by 3.5 points to Botany Downs Secondary School and achieved a gold award 87 out of 100 marks. Anneliese and Sophia won Southern Hospitality German steel chef knives for coming second. Their final dish was a Beetroot and Goats cheese napolean with balsamic glaze, orange dressing, beetroot leaves, micro herbs and pistachios to garnish.

Eight other students in the Year 13 Hospitality class competed in this competition. They came away with some pleasing results with 3 silver awards and a 1 gold award. These students were Pepper Hall and Sahara Hood, Persaiahs Sauaga and Praery Sanawatanakul, Olivia Troy and Rosanna Whyte, Noelani Jessop and Halleyah Young-Williams, Laiba Kahn and Winnie Xiao.



## 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 [vlvnskey@eggs.school.nz](mailto:vlvnskey@eggs.school.nz)

## Gold Crest Seminar and Prize Giving evening



On Tuesday night we had a lovely celebration in the staff room, celebrating the success of Amita Ram and Prisha Kadakia in completing their journey with Emotional Intelligence research over the last 3 years. The guests from the Royal Society of NZ performed a waiata in response to the waiata performed by EGGs rōpū Kapa Haka students led by TIC Kapa Haka Jacqueline Carter and Kaiāwhina / Kapa Haka Co-leader and Deputy Head Girl Waikamania Seve. Our Deputy Principal Kate Slattery and Associate Professor Dr Fiona Ell both gave a speech.

The Royal Society guests were Dr. Brent Clothier (President of Royal Society Te Apārangi), Dr. Heidi de Ronde (Royal Society Assessor), Kahu Hotere (Kaitautoko, Society Kaumātua), Tarah Nikora (Kaitautoko, Director Communications and Outreach), Laura Dobson (Kaitautoko, Event Support), Selina Young (Kaiārahi Hapori Outreach Programme Advisor), Gerry Le Roux and Wouna Le Roux (Society Photographers).

Thank you to Shagufta Khan who took the photos above.

*Mayada Ghanim - CREST TIC*



# Duān Wǔ Jié, Kūng Fū, Yum Cha, FóGuāngShān Temple and Mooncake making @ Learning Languages

Our Mandarin Chinese learners have been really busy experiencing many aspects of Chinese culture in the last few months, from **Duān Wǔ (Dragon Boat Festival)** to **Chinese Martial Arts** and from **visiting a Buddhist Temple** to sampling **scrumptious Chinese tapas (Yum Cha)**, every year level had insights into what these celebrations are about and the food and rituals associated with them. Last week, we also learned how to make mooncake while appreciating a Chinese poem about how “things in life that happen in a cycle just like the cycle of the moon” (人有悲欢离合，月有阴晴圆缺) by 苏轼 Sūshì dated 1076.

Prior to each event or school trip, students learned about its history and the key language that goes with the occasion. Our learners further benefited from seeing our guest speakers in action (a kung-fu master and two Chinese pastry bakers). The students also had the opportunity to learn the etiquette around eating at a Chinese table and how and what the locals do.



*Duān Wǔ (Dragon Boat Festival) - sampling rice dumplings*



*Kūng Fū workshop - learning self-defence from a Chinese Kūng Fū instructor*



*FóGuāngShān Temple- immersing ourselves in Chinese Buddhist philosophy*



*Making mooncakes*



*Yum Cha - mastering chopsticks*



## Year 13 Drama “Love and Information”

Year 13 Drama performed “Love & Information” by Caryl Churchill on 17th & 18th August. This is a modern play that explores how we communicate with one another and how we process all the information we currently have access to. It is made up of a series of short scenes that are not connected by character or situation. Themes start to emerge; the play explores mental health, relationships, connections with others and modern communication.





## Year 13 Sports Studies

Last week the Year 13 Sports Studies class went on a 14km hikoi from Huia to Whatipu in the Waitakere Ranges. The hikoi was part of the learning attached to a unit of work around safety in the outdoors. Prior to the walk, students learnt skills such as map reading, understanding weather conditions and learning about essential equipment to ensure safety.

The day was a bit wet and windy but the students enjoyed the challenge the hikoi gave them. They were incredible at supporting each other and had a lot of laughs along the way. Many thanks to Miss Carlton for creating this awesome opportunity for our students and to Miss McLaren and Ms McCool from the PE Department for supporting the students on the day.





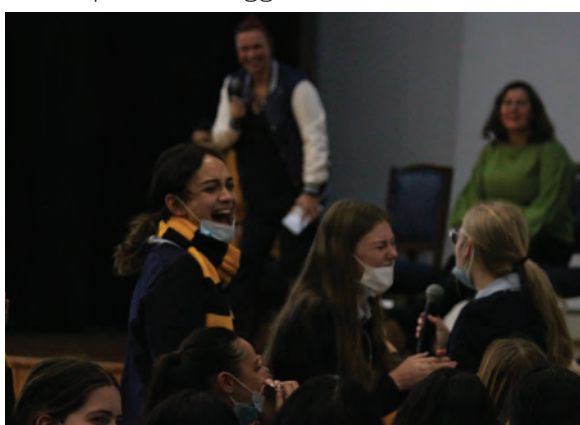
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# CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

## YEAR 11 CAREER TALKS

The Career Centre ran the Year 11 Career Talks event on August 23rd. Have a look at some photos and some feedback we received. Thank you so much to all of our speakers. If you are interested in coming to talk to EGGS students about your career journey at future events, please email Lila Pulsford at [lpulsford@eggs.school.nz](mailto:lpulsford@eggs.school.nz). We are always looking to showcase a diverse range of career options.



## FEEDBACK

- "Diverse mix of speakers with very engaging personalities and experiences. Well chosen!"
- "The speakers made a huge impact on what I want to become in the future"
- "Interactive, fun and informative!"
- "It was interesting to hear about their lives and what they do. It was wonderful to have so many options to hear from and I loved that although there was the basic, popular jobs that everyone goes for, there was also interesting jobs that I hadn't heard much about. It opened new pathways."

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



# ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

## Epsom Debating

Since Term 1, more than 70 debaters from Epsom Girls Grammar took part in Auckland Schools Debating's inter-school competition. The teams ranged from Junior and Senior Open teams to the more competitive Advanced Open, Premier Junior and Premier Advanced teams. Throughout the year these teams competed in 5-8 rounds each which came to an end last term on the 6th of July. From there, three of our teams went on to compete in the Octofinals (2nd of August) and we would now like to take the opportunity to congratulate the following teams who did very well this season.

### Epsom Girls 3 - 3rd in Advanced Open break

Sabine Edmonds  
Nina Albert  
Racheal Rajkumar  
Alix Lawlor - Mendez

### Epsom Girls 1 - 9th in Senior Open break

Natalia Eady  
Genevieve Cartmell  
Lea Huh  
Adeeba Shaik

### Epsom Girls 1 - 10th in Advanced Open break

Fiona Ng  
Tauveve Tiatia  
Reethi Ranasinghe  
Amelie Llm  
Renee Liao  
Ashley Lee

Well done to all these debaters, and special thanks to Hannah Chen, Arina Chaptynova, Mrs Mahy, Mr Raffles, Ms Van der Wende, Ms McKenna, Ms McKenzie-Downey, Mrs Kerr and our TIC Ms Meade for coaching and guiding these debaters throughout the season!

*Cindy Kim and Kyubeen Kim (Debating Leaders 2022)*

## EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

### The Big Sing National Finale - Paradisum

Last week our auditioned choir Paradisum was preparing for The Big Sing National Finale on the 24th - 27th of August. The event was held in Christchurch, and in it Paradisum was joined alongside 23 other choirs from around the country. Over the past few weeks, Paradisum has been practising hard to learn two new pieces to add to the two that they already had from regionals. One of our new pieces was a very special one that was composed for and dedicated to us called 'He Kihi o te Rā' (link below). This piece was written especially for Paradisum and our director Virginia Le Cren by Takerei Komene. Mx Komene is a valued staff member of the Epsom Music Department and a talented young composer.

Before Paradisum left on their trip, they had also been preparing for our farewell concert in collaboration with Auckland Grammar School's *Grammerphonics* and Diocesan School for Girls' *St Cecilia Singers*, which was held in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre. It was a wonderful night hearing other choirs before we flew down to the Finale.

Overall The Big Sing National Finale was a huge success for Paradisum and they came away with a Silver Award for their efforts. Each choir member returned with some very wonderful memories.

You can watch our performances by clicking the links below:

- ▶ [Jaakobin Pojat](#)
- ▶ [The Lake Isle of Innisfree](#)
- ▶ [He Kihi o te Rā](#)
- ▶ [I've Got You Under my Skin](#)

*Elyshia Bedwell & Grace Bartholomew  
(Choral Leaders)*



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## Year 9 Music Lessons Available this term

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](#)

## FOUNDATION NEWS

### Apply now for the Foundation Fund Round 3

This will be the final round for 2022.

The Foundation 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 Foundation Fund.

Some of the successful applicants include:

- Funding towards transport to ShowQuest
- Funding towards International Languages week
- Map boards for Adventure Racing
- Contribution towards vertical garden
- Purchasing of visors for the cycling team
- Funding towards purchasing Wearable Arts framed photographs for A-Block stairwell
- Funding towards purchasing a design technology display case
- Funding towards the purchase of new ukuleles for the Cook Island Cultural Group
- Funding towards the purchase of garden plants and equipment

Applications are submitted to the Foundation for funding consideration three times a year.

**The Foundation Fund Round 3 closing date is 5pm Friday 9 September.**

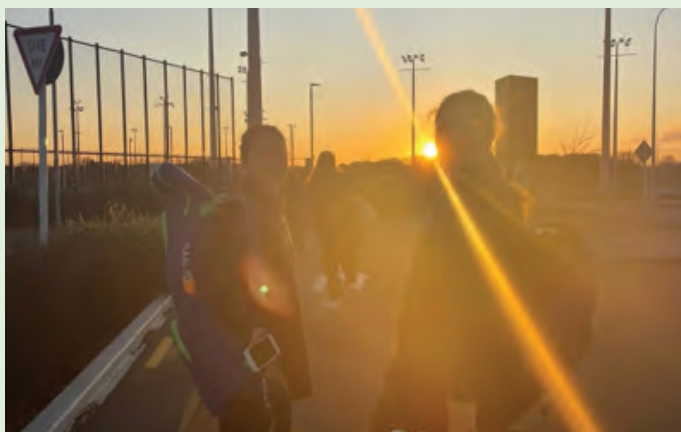
For the application form please click [here](#).

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## Winter Tournament Week

- EGGS Premier Football are in the GRAND FINAL vs MAGS today at 1.00pm. EGGS had an outstanding game v St Kentigern's College in the Semi Final, winning 2-1.
- EGGS 1st XI Hockey are playing for 5th/6th place against James Hargest College at 11.15am today.
- EGGS Junior Basketball- placed 4th overall in their Regional Tournament.
- (Local: Pakuranga) EGGS Premier Netball have their next game v St Paul's. If they win, they play their last game for 9th/10th place in the Upper North Island Tournament. Unfortunately to qualify for Nationals, teams need to place in the top 6. We wish EGGS Netball the very best in their last two games!!
- (Local: EGGS Premier Basketball are into their 5th pool game vs Whangarei College, followed by a cross-over vs TBC.
- EGGS Lacrosse and EGGS Underwater Hockey start their pool games today.



1st XI Hockey - Nga Puna Wai, Christchurch



## Table Tennis

Congratulations to our A grade table tennis team, who managed to place first in the College Sport Auckland Team Championships. The girls played extremely well and won 6-1 in the finales against the Westlake girls team.

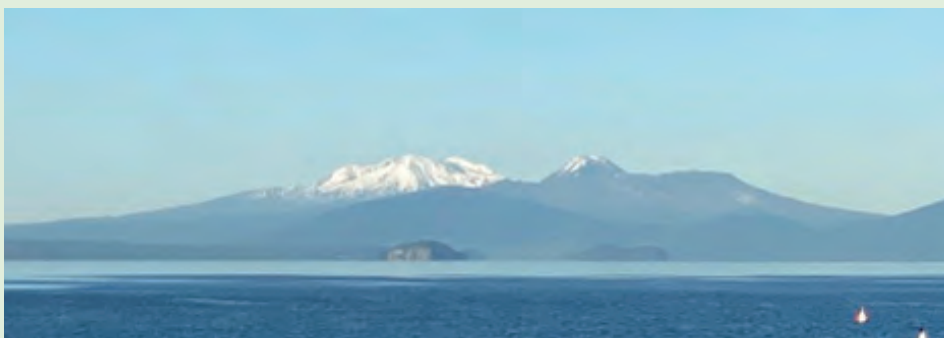
Well done to the D2 team as well for qualifying and competing in this competition. A big thank you to the parents helping with transport and supervision, our students had a blast!



Epsom A Team from left to right: Nicole Wong, Michelle Ngan, Cathy Ning, So Jeong Seo and Jessie Young

## 1st XI Football - Taupo

Our EGGS Premier Football Team are unbeaten in all their pool games, won the round of 16 v St Peter's Cambridge, and won the Quarter Final v St Andrew's College. They had an outstanding game against St Kentigern's College in the semi final on 1 September, winning 2 - 1. Congratulations! They are now in the Grand Final vs Mt Albert Grammar School on the 2 September at 1.00pm. Let's go EGGS FOOTBALL!!





## UNISS Netball - Senior Prems

The Senior Prems went unbeaten in their first round pool games to make top 16. They finished third in their pool after the second round, and are now battling for a spot in the 9th/10th playoff game tomorrow afternoon. Go Team!





## Basketball Premiership - Senior Prems



## Curling Competition - NISS



## Wrestling Competition - NZSS



Ana Shaumkel-Vea



Ana Shaumkel-Vea competed at the NZSS Wrestling Championships last Sunday at Rutherford College and she won her weight/division! She also won the overall fair play for female award! Well done Ana!

## Hockey 2nd XI

This year I have had the privilege of captaining Epsom Girls' Grammar School's 2XI Field Hockey team. Two weeks ago we played our final game and the team achieved second place in the Auckland B grade championships against Western Springs 1st XI. We have all come a long way and had to conquer a big journey to get to this stage. If this meant playing with 10 players and no goalie, or being soaking wet before our game even started then so be it. Throughout the whole season the girls showed immense effort, giving it their all every week at training and at games, especially as we were playing against many experienced 1st XI teams.

I would like to say a big, big BIG thank you to our coach Miss Wentz. Even though she sometimes arrived to our games late coming straight from school, she was determined to turn up and coach us from the sideline, making sure we gave it our all. I would also like to thank Carly for being our step-in coach and supporting us from the sidelines at both training and at games. Your expertise and experience of the game was greatly appreciated and was key to helping the girls individual skills improve. Also thank you to our team manager Michael Alofa who provided team snacks and encouragement throughout the season.

It has been very special to be a part of this group. Not only to watch how much we have developed as a collective, but the goals we have achieved independently. I am very proud of the 2XI's efforts! I wish nothing but the best for everyone in the upcoming seasons!

Sasha Marchant - 12RAF

