

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitāmāhine o Maungawhau

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*EGGS Premier Football Team - 2022 National Champions
(see more results from Winter Tournament Week in the Sports section)*



*Kōrero Māori Café
(see more photos on page 2)*

Ngā mihi o te wā nei, arā, i Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. Greetings to you all at this time, being Māori Language Week 2022. This week is extra special because the 14th of September marks the 50th anniversary of the Māori Language Petition, an event that led to many of the kaupapa we have today, including Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. What kupu (words) did you learn this week? Below are some that are widely used in our school. See how many you know. Tune in next week for the answers!

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| Whānau | Maunga | Kaupapa | Ngā mihi |
| Kia ora | Kōhine | Kaumātua | Powhiri |
| Kura | Wiki | Pukapuka | Whenua |
| Whare | Aroha | Taonga | Rorohiko |
| Mana | Kaiako | Wahine | Wananga |
| Ākonga | Mahi | Waiata | |

A big shout out to our Kotahitanga and Kapa Haka leaders who have worked so hard to put together a week of activities to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. Ngā mihi nui to Mia Bullivant, Mikaya Kaipo, Amiria Wiki. Ngā mihi to the teachers who supported all of the activities too by baking, singing, dancing and competing.

From the gate to the staffroom, a school should be about learning. The last few weeks have shown us how enriching life is as we grow to understand more about the beliefs, customs and values of our diverse school community. There are lessons all around us if we are willing and who better for us to learn from as adults, than from our students. Thank you for your understanding while we have navigated this difficult learning as a kura and thank you for respecting our wishes for privacy as we worked towards solutions.

In another example of our differing beliefs and values, the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last Friday marked a time of grief and loss for some and a time of reflection and questioning for others. Regardless of your own views about our constitutional future, we can all acknowledge the Queen's service and leadership in her 70 years as our longest-reigning monarch. Our thoughts are with her whānau at this time. The Government has announced that Monday 26 September will be a national public holiday to commemorate the passing of the Queen and the school will be closed.

Coming up in Week 9....

Mon 19-22 Sept School Exams

Fri 23 Sept Teacher Only Day - Exam marking

Coming up in Week 10....

Mon 26 Sept

Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day

Fri 30 Sept

End of Term 3

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This week the Government moved Aotearoa New Zealand into a new long-term approach to managing COVID-19. The shift away from the traffic light framework has been made based on public health advice and reflects high levels of immunity in our communities and declining case numbers, which in turn has seen declining demand on the health system from COVID-19. It is important that all members of our community continue to do the right thing if they are unwell and stay home. It is also important that we continue to treat each other with kindness and respect should we wish to continue to wear a mask, as many of our staff and students are still doing.

I would like to wish Years 11, 12 and 13 all the very best for their school practice examinations that continue on into next week.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Karyn Dempsey – Acting Principal

MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK - Kōrero Māori Cafē



'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!"

Model United Nations National Youth Conference 2022



*Amiria Wiki seated on the right looking at the photograph
(Te Aupōuri, Patuharakeke, Ngāti Porou)*

For four days at the end of last term I attended the Model United Nations National Youth Conference in Wellington, held at Victoria University. The purpose of this 4 day conference was to discuss, debate, and find resolutions to current political issues affecting the world. There were 200 participants from secondary schools all around Aotearoa. Out of the 200 delegates there were approximately 8 Māori. This meant the whanaungatanga made between myself and the other 7 Māori delegates was strong, and involved making light of the ignorant remarks often made to us in political spaces like this and turning it into humour.

The scarce number of indigenous voices at this conference was intimidating but made my perspective all the more valuable on topics like "The Question of Indigenous Sovereignty" and Climate Change discussions. Though these conversations can be uncomfortable, it was extremely fulfilling to have the opportunity to have these courageous conversations.

The most outstanding benefit for me from attending this conference has been the whanaungatanga (connections) I made with other students and being exposed to the many perspectives people have, although many of us came from very different backgrounds. I would encourage anyone to apply to attend this conference because exposure to different perspectives and views helps further one's critical thinking and broaden their ideas!



*Nā Amiria Wiki (nō Te Aupōuri, Patuharakeke mē
Ngāti Porou), Year 12*

CURRICULUM NEWS

Sustainability - Lilybee Wraps



The Sustainability Committee and Conservation Club worked together this week in a forum to make Lilybee beeswax wraps led by Ms Sherratt. This initiative promotes sustainable living and an increased awareness of what waste free can look like in our homes without using plastic wrap or plastic bags. We made the wraps and took them home. Next week we are launching a fundraiser using a LilyBee Wrap product, the sandwich bag. The money raised will go towards Solar Panels to be installed in the school. This will enhance the Sustainability standing of the school and cut costs spent on electricity by using a renewable resource - the Sun.



Junior French Competition

On Thursday 1st September, 6 Year 9s and 3 Year 10s participated in the Junior French Speech Competition at Auckland Normal Intermediate.

While none of our Year 9s placed, they were incredibly impressive and spoke confidently giving detailed, funny and passionate speeches all in French. We are very proud of Lucy Graham, Chandulee Jayawardena, Lily Ross, Saanvi Sabharwal, Zoe Stock and Carolyn Yang.

The Year 10s entered different categories:

- Alyssa Mailei was in the open category. She spoke about student mental health struggles and what students can do to improve their mental health. Despite a very eloquent and impassioned speech, Alyssa was not eligible for a prize as she was the only participant in the open category.
- Lehansa Jayatilake performed "Je veux" by Zaz beautifully a cappella and won 1st place.
- Clara Adams won 1st place in the general Year 10 speech category. She spoke about how teenagers in France live.



Congratulations to all 9 students for making themselves and the school proud and for speaking French so impressively!

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Year 12 Drama Production "This Changes Everything"

The play "This Changes Everything" was directed by Miss Jane Wills and performed by Year 12 Drama. It explores the relevant themes of community, leadership and hope. A group of young women form a community on a remote oil rig when they try to escape the modern problems of their world. They hope to create change but forming a new community comes with challenges.



Breakfast with Karen Walker



On Wednesday the 7th of September a group of Year 12 and 13 students had the privilege of having breakfast and a chat with Karen Walker in her Newmarket store. They gained valuable knowledge and asked some great questions regarding fashion, business, leadership and more. Thank you Karen for your time and amazing presents to everyone. It was a great experience for everyone involved!



ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Arts Market Day

Last week on Friday the Visual Arts Committee held its first ever Arts Market Day! This took place in the hall during lunchtime and posters were made to promote this event, as well as assembly slots. The Visual Arts leaders Ella McGill, Gabriella Chanwai, Sanjukta Dey and Cara Chan, worked closely with the visual arts community to bring this exciting event to life. Arts Market Day is an event where students throughout the school can sell their work and art pieces to the rest of the school. It gave the students a chance to showcase their hard work and bring attention to the incredible talent that we have in our school community. All proceeds made at this event went directly to the students who sold their work.



This event is just one of many 'Art' events that have taken place throughout this term, and each one has provided a unique chance to really show the incredible dedication, hard work, time, and creativity that the students, and teachers, put into their creations. We would also like to say a huge thank you to everybody who participated in the setting up, selling and process of this event! It was awesome to see so many students getting involved and coming along to support our local artists! It was an absolute pleasure to create this Market Day, and we hope that future Visual Arts leaders also have a wonderful time continuing this amazing and fun event!

Ella McGill, on behalf of the Visual Arts Leaders

Football Nationals

On Sunday 28th August, our EGGS Premier Football Team travelled to Taupo to compete in the New Zealand Secondary School Premier Football Tournament. After finishing the season in 3rd place in the Auckland Premier Competition, the team were well prepared to take on the high level of competition that Nationals brought on.

We are now fortunate enough for Nationals to finally go ahead, after a two year hiatus due to Covid-19. For most of the team this was their first National school competition, but those Year 13 veterans were sure to lead them along the way. The tournament saw the team go through every game unbeaten, and only conceding two goals throughout the tournament. The Semi Finals saw us compete against a strong St Kentigern's side, however two outstanding goals for Alyssa Wong saw us through to the finals! MAGS were sure to come out firing in the final game, however EGGS held their own and came through with a whopping 3-0 victory to take out the TOP SPOT. The last time EGGS won this competition was in 2008, so another win was a long time coming.

Congratulations to all the players on their achievement, and to those wider 1st XI players who were unable to attend. Your contribution throughout the season has played a big part in this achievement. Thank you to all the coaches, managers, parent support, and volunteers for all your help throughout the season and at Nationals. We couldn't have done it without you all!



Hockey Nationals



On Sunday 28th of August, our 1XI Hockey Team travelled to Christchurch to compete in the 2022 Audrey Timlin Memorial Cup Nationals Tournament. Throughout the week our team showed great skill, determination and grit! The 1XI Hockey Team went undefeated their entire Auckland season, winning their grade and qualifying for Promotion into the Premier Grade in 2023. Across the week, the team won four out of their six games, losing only two games (for the entire year!!) to the two teams who played in the final!! The team lost only to St Hilda's (the championship winning team) and finished second after their pool matches.



Our crossover playoff was against Marlborough who came out strong and were 2-0 up with around 3 minutes remaining, we then scored to come to 2-1 and were awarded a penalty corner at the final siren. Unfortunately we couldn't convert this to a goal and finished 2-1, losing our hopes of playing in the final. On Friday, we played off for 5th place, we showed incredible resilience, teamwork and enjoyment for the game to pick ourselves up after a devastating loss to convincingly win our last game 3-1... the last ever game for our eight amazing Year 13's!!

A BIG congratulations to our incredible team, who were described in one word as 'family' who represented Epsom with pride, respect and excellent sportsmanship! We should all be so proud of ourselves and our performances over the week!

Netball 2022 Lucca Trailers Secondary School Competition



Although a rocky start to our season, our teams, parents and coaches and umpires have come together to contribute to the success of our Netball players. Congratulations to the following teams on winning their grade Epsom Senior Withiel, Epsom Senior Owens, Epsom Senior Libby, Epsom Year 10 Manuopangai, Epsom Year 9 Nagaiya, Epsom Year 9 Prasad, Epsom Year 9 Manu and to the runners up in their grades:

Epsom Year 10 Morey, Epsom Year 9 Bristow.

Premier 1 finished 7th in Premier 1 Grade

Premier 2 finished 12th Premier 2 Grade

A special congratulations to Team Manuopangai for winning the Year 10 F grade Championship round!!

ZERO Losses all year and only drew ONE game against EGGS Prasad!

Thank you for all the hard work that has gone into making it possible for our players to take the court every Saturday.

UNISS

Our Premier netball team was very excited to have the opportunity to attend UNISS this year as 2019 was the last time the UNISS tournament was held, and how lucky were we to have Waana come along for the week imparting all her knowledge and experience of UNISS to our team .



Day one started off great with two convincing wins. Day 2 followed suit. Day three we unfortunately had our first loss for the week. Day 4 presented many learning opportunities which unfortunately, put us out of contention for top 6 qualifying for Nationals.

Overall finishing in 10th place in A Grade, which is a great achievement for our young and developing team. With many gains throughout the week, team bonding, comradery, improving both our mental and physical strength throughout the week. It was great to see our team uphold Epsom values and displayed beautiful sportsmanship throughout.

Junior Basketball Premier

The Junior Premier Basketball team competed in the Auckland and Northland Regional Premiership (Junior Premier Grade) from 27th August to 30th September. The team came 4th in their pool after beating Takapuna Grammar, Rangitoto College and Northcote College. In their final playoff for 3rd place they came up against Mt Albert Grammar which they had lost to during pool play, unfortunately the team weren't able to get a different result the second time and finished 4th in the overall competition. Well done team!



Senior Basketball Premier

EGGS Senior Basketball Premier competed in the Auckland/Northern Regional Premiership. The team did well to move onto top 8 playoffs after 3 wins against Manurewa High, Northcote College and Rangitoto College and losing to Whangarei Girls High and Auckland powerhouse Westlake Girls. In the quarter finals Epsom walked away with a fantastic result, beating Baradene 59 - 44 to secure a top 4 finish and qualifying for Nationals! After a tough game against Westlake Girls losing 84 - 41, the team moved on and focused on their final game against Takapuna. After a long 4 days of competing and already qualified for Nationals, the team finished off strong beating Takapuna Grammar 49 - 76 and finished 3rd! Now the team are training hard and preparing for Nationals.

NZSS Weightlifting Championships

EGGS had two students travel to Porirua, Wellington for the NZSS Weightlifting Championships. Amongst high calibre competition, both of these students; Jaelyn Su'a and Gabriella Napper, placed 1st in their respective weight and age category.

EGGS CYCLING FUNDRAISER

TRADEME

**The EGGS Cycling Committee fundraiser online auctions
are all live today Friday 16 September.**



Our auction for an extremely rare Southern Spars Rear Track Wheel is here:

► <https://www.trademe.co.nz/sports/cycling/other/auction-3769785543.htm>

From this listing you can get to all the items we have listed (under Seller's Other Listings).

Our other amazing items range from cycling jerseys signed by the likes of the NZ Olympic track squad, a Yakima bike rack, and a pair of Challenge Strata Clinchers tyres 25mm from RushVelo- to non cycling items such as a Nu 2 U recycle boutique voucher, books from Time Out bookstore and a Ripe cookbook.

Please visit and bid for one of our fabulous items! All proceeds to the EGGS Cycling Committee.

A huge thank you to our amazing parent donors and sponsors.



Netball, Saturday 3 September - Year 9 Missen team



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KIDS LEARN CHINESE 趣味学中文 [AGE 5-10]

Saturday, 1st October 2022, from 11am - 12pm [Booking Essential]

Join Karen from Kumara Squad to learn Chinese characters through play.

KNITTING FOR KIDS [AGE 9-18]

Monday, 3rd & 10th October 2022, from 10:30am - 11:30 am [Booking Essential]

An aspiring Nau mai Haere mai Tamariki ma. Learn to finger knit a snake and knit a mouse. Bring your own thick cotton yarn and needles size 4. Materials can be supplied. Adult supervision recommended.

WASTEWISE DIY BEESWAX WRAP [AGE 5+]

Tuesday, 4th October 2022 at 10:30am [Booking Essential]

This time we are learning how to make beeswax wraps. Bring along any scrap cotton fabric that you would like to make into a beeswax wrap.

YOUTH TABLE TENNIS [AGE 11-17]

Wednesday, 5th October 2022 at 2pm [Booking Essential]

Compete in our seekapong shootout tournament and win awesome prizes!

POTIONS WORKSHOP [AGE 5+]

Friday, 7th October 2022 at 10am [Booking Essential]

Explore the world of potion making ... get creative and enjoy learning about the magical world of chemical reactions.

NATURE PRINT MAKING [AGE 5+]

Friday, 7th October 2022 at 2pm [Booking Essential]

Come and join this printmaking workshop learn how to draw upon the natural environment to create prints inspired by and using nature.

KAHOOT TRIVIA DAY [AGE 5-14]

Sunday, 9th October 2022, from 1pm - 2:30pm

Join us for a fun kahoot trivia event! Whether you are playing by yourself or as a team with whanau or friends

SOAP-POWERED BOAT RACING [AGE 5+]

Tuesday, 11th October 2022 at 2pm

Did you know you can power a boat without a motor? Get together with us to make a whole fleet of boats and have races.

ACRYLIC PAINTING AND CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY FOR KIDS [AGE 6-12]

Wednesday, 12th October 2022, from 2:30pm - 3:30pm [Booking Essential]

Learn acrylic painting and Chinese calligraphy with Tina - an experienced former school teacher.

ANIMATION BASICS [AGE 9-18]

Thursday, 13th October 2022, from 2pm - 3pm [Booking Essential]

An aspiring animator? Illustrator? Take your first step into the animation world. Learn the basics of 2D and 3D animation.