

EGGS NEWS



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Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitanāhine o Maungawhau

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Hellen Ding - 2022 Dux



Archi Patel - 2022 Proxime Accessit



Tēnā koutou parents, caregivers and students,

On Wednesday afternoon we held the Senior Prizegiving in the Marjory Adams Hall. This occasion celebrates academic excellence in Years 11, 12 and 13, and each year it is wonderful to see the high number of students who qualify for awards. In addition to subject awards a large number of school based benefactor awards and Entrance Scholarships to Universities in New Zealand and overseas are also celebrated at this occasion. Students can be very proud of the more than 40 university scholarships earned this year. Congratulations to all prizewinners for 2022 and to Proxime Accessit to the Dux Archi Patel and the Dux of the School, Hellen Ding (*pictured above, more pictures on page 2*).

At the Senior Prizegiving the current Head Prefect Team reflected on their time at EGGs and what it is to be a student leader. I want to thank Dharshna, Hanna, Sarah and Waikamania again for their leadership this year and for providing their insights on Wednesday. As announced last week to Year 12 on their final day before study leave, and again on Wednesday as the current team handed the mantle over, it is my pleasure to announce here the Head Prefect Team for 2023:

Head Prefect - Arina Chaptynova

Deputy Head Prefects - Andrea Ape-Paia, Mikaya Kaipō and Cindy Kim.

These students will lead the wider Prefect Team:

Arts and Culture Prefects - Mia Bullivant, Angari Isara, Ruby Naufahu, Libby Yee

Community Prefects - Elizabeth Buchanan, Katherine Fulton, Coeun Ham, Anika Lomax

- Ka Hikitia Prefect - Amiria Wiki

Peer Support Prefects - Freida Joiner and Carlotta Ward

Student Council Prefects - Dinithi Bamunusinghe and Hailey Griffiths

Learning Prefects - Mia Booy, Ashley Lee, Yoonie Park, Teuila Va'aelua

Sports Prefects - Lara Colpi, Maya Fowler, Sarah Manu, Tessa Swinson

This year we are delighted to announce a new prefect role within the Community EGG – the Ka Hikitia Prefect. Whakamihi nui kia koe. Congratulations to Amiria Wiki who is Epsom Girls Grammar School's inaugural Ka Hikitia Prefect. The aim of this role is to provide advice,

Coming up in Week 4....

Mon 7 Nov NCEA Exams begin
Fri 11 Nov Pre-enrolment Day

Coming up in Week 5...

Mon 14 Nov NCEA EXAMS continue
Mon 14 Nov Year 10 Camp (14-16 Nov)
Tue 15 Nov Year 11 Art Exhibition
Wed 16 Nov Year 10 Camp (16-18 Nov)
Fri 18 Nov Last day for Year 11

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EXHIBITION 2022

tuesday november 15

3.15 - 5.30pm



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knowledge, guidance and support to the shape of events within our kura in order to support the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and uphold the unique place that Māori have in Aotearoa New Zealand and this kura as tangata whenua. This new role will be supported by other ākonga Māori leaders, Community EGG leaders and the wider Ka Hikitia team.

Year 12 and 13 students are on study leave this week, with NCEA Examinations beginning this coming Monday. Once again, best wishes to all students for these examinations. Giving the time and effort needed for good preparation and revision is really important, and means that you will have no regrets, knowing that you have put your best effort in. Just a reminder that when Year 12 or 13 students are coming in to tutorials or appointments with teachers during the examination period, remember to wear uniform and to sign in at Reception as a visitor. This is important for health and safety reasons.

Year 9 and 10 are busy getting ready for the Performance Challenge and Year 10 Camp, and thank-you ahead for making sure that during the NCEA Examinations you are moving quietly around the School, and when leaving at the end of each day.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound – Principal

School Board

Annual Parent Donation

Recently you will have received a letter from me about the 2023 Annual Parent Donation. In that letter I outlined the valuable resourcing that the parent donation provides. Thinking about the 2022 parent donation, as at the end of October we are short on receiving this.

Whilst it is a donation, it is a necessary part of our school budget, without which our school would be unable to operate at the standard we currently enjoy. The necessity is even greater after having sustained the effects of the Covid and post-Covid economic climate.

The value for money your child receives for the education experience offered at Epsom is excellent and if we all contribute, we all benefit. At only \$875 per student, it means we can operate the school for the year responsibly. Every payment counts, and may be eligible for a tax rebate.

If the donation is not manageable at this time, or if you are in a position to give more, please contact the Principal, Mrs Lorraine Pound. If you have any questions about payment options, please contact the Finance Manager (970 6797) or email accounts@eggs.school.nz.

Ngā Mihi / Regards
Tahei Simpson - Board Chair

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OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Year 13 Graduation Dinner 2023

Plans for this year's Grad Dinner are well under way and, after not being able to run this (or any) event last year due to Covid restrictions, we are excited to be able to go ahead this year. This will again be held at Ellerslie Events Centre, on Tuesday 6th December, and it's always such a special occasion.

The OGA works with the Year 13 Deans and it's a wonderful opportunity for congratulations, farewells and the cementing of special friendships. The OGA awards three Scholarships of \$600 each which are presented on the night – the girls do not know who will receive them until the end.

We are pleased to have the new Potentiality platform up and running and this has made ticket purchase and table selection much easier to administer. Thanks to Annise Raea on the OGA Committee who oversees all the organisation for the event. We look forward to a successful and memorable Grad Dinner 2023!

Epsom House Scholarship Recipient for 2023

Every year the OGA awards a Scholarship to a Year 9 student accepted into Epsom House for the following year. We are thrilled to announce the recipient for 2023 is **Isla Tiley Smith** who is currently at Pukekohe Intermediate School. The scholarship is for \$3,000 and is applied towards the Epsom House Development Levy. The recipient also receives a Certificate and her name is engraved on the Epsom House Scholarship Honours Board in the dining room at the House.

We are also delighted to announce that **Montana Group** – the caterer at Epsom House – have generously agreed to sponsor this Scholarship programme going forward. Mike Prendergast, General Manager Education, has confirmed the sponsorship and, on behalf of Montana Group, has offered Montana Group's best wishes to Isla on her journey with Epsom Girls Grammar School and Epsom House. The OGA thanks Montana Group for this valued contribution towards the education of Isla as a new Year 9 Epsom House student next year and we look forward to our new partnership with Montana Group moving forward.



Franklin Branch Morning Tea



The OGA held its annual morning tea for Franklin based alumnae on Tuesday 6th of September at the Pukeko's Nest Cafe in Pukekohe. Ten Old Girls attended including two who travelled up from the Coromandel. It was also great to see some of our younger alumnae attending these events including from the '90s, and '80s.

Tauranga Branch Luncheon



On Thursday 13 October 2022, the Tauranga Bay of Plenty based Old Girls gathered for their annual luncheon. OGA Treasurer Julie Goodyer attended from Auckland and brought down some EGGs memorabilia and updated everyone on the OGA's activities this year. After an enjoyable lunch each person shared memories of their time at EGGs and life afterwards and the luncheon ended with an unaccompanied rendition of the school song.

We continue to share news of what Old Girls are up to through our Newsletters and on our Facebook page.

Every year we lose a number of our Old Girls. We recently farewelled Patricia Maud who served as OGA President 1965-1967, and Janet Irwin who was an Old Girl and also a music teacher and guidance counsellor at EGGs.

Meanwhile, the OGA meets once a month on Zoom. We are looking at hosting morning teas at retirement villages where Old Girls are residents, and work on the OGA History Book continues.

*Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry
OGA Co-Presidents, 2016-2023*



Dr Ashley Bloomfield with Principal Lorraine Pound, Head Prefect Dharshna Baskar and Deputy Head Prefects Sarah Keam and Waikmania Seve

Dr Ashley Bloomfield spoke at the Year 12 and 13 Assembly on Tuesday 1 November about some of the things he has learned about leadership.

Homestay Families Required – January 2023

In January, 2023, the Epsom Girls Grammar School International Department is delighted to welcome short and long term International Students from Asia, South America and Europe etc.

We are looking for families who can provide a caring and supportive home environment for an international student. If English is your first language, you have a spare room and live within close distance to school, we look forward to hearing from you.

Hosting an international student is an enriching experience and a wonderful opportunity to share your family life, Kiwi culture and hospitality, experience other cultures and learn more about the world.

In 2023, NZ\$335 per week is paid to cover full board.

Please call Jo Bostock on 970 6757 for further information or email accommodation@eggs.school.nz

Oceania Taekwondo Championships

A huge congratulations to Jin Jia Wu from 9WHE!!!

Jin Jia represented New Zealand as a member of the National Taekwondo Team during the holidays. The team competed in the Oceania Taekwondo Championships which were held in Tahiti.

Jin Jia had a very successful tournament, winning two gold medals for her age group.

In addition she gained the following open results:

4th - World Taekwondo President Cup, Gold Medal for Cadets Female under 48kg.

9th - Oceania Taekwondo Championships, Gold Medal for Cadets Female under 48kg.

It is wonderful to see that Jin Jia's hard work and dedication paid off with these wonderful results.



Looking back at more tournament results...

Basketball Nationals



On October 2nd, our Premier Basketball team travelled down to Palmerston North and competed in the New Zealand Secondary School Championship, which they qualified for during Winter Tournament week. This is the first nationals EGGs has competed at in 8 years which is a huge achievement in itself for our young team! Game play began on Oct 3rd where in a strong pool, EGGs finished 4th, winning important games against New Plymouth Girls' High School and Auckland-rivals, St Kentigern College. This secured their spot in the 9-16th playoffs to cross over with Napier Girls' High School. With a huge team effort, EGGs had a convincing win over Napier (91-71), securing top 12 and their initial tournament goal. The next game against Waimea; the team who finished 3rd in their pool, did not quite go in our favour, but after 5 days competing in the top level secondary schools basketball competition, the girls had one final game against Rangiora High School for 11/12th. The team fought hard throughout their final game, but weren't able to catch up having trailed since the 1st quarter with a final score of 81-67.

EGGS finished 12th in the country, 12 placers higher than the previous EGGs team! This is a HUGE achievement for a first time team and is a testament to their hard work and determination throughout the season. Congratulations to you all, we are so proud! A massive thank you to Wayne (Head Coach), Tania (Assistant Coach), Oralee (Manager) and Briana (Sports Coordinator) for their massive efforts and support.

Mountain Biking

On Sunday the 25th of September, the mountain biking team had their final race of the Auckland Schools Mountain Biking Series. Over the season, we had races at Hunua, Totara Park, Waitawa and Riverhead and we came away with great results in all the races. Tegan Feringa had an amazing season, coming away with second place overall in the U20 age group (after many 1st place and podium finishes over the season!). Maia Barclay also did very well, coming third overall in the U20 age group. As well as this, on Sunday our relay team made up of Tegan Feringa, Nina Worrall and Maia Barclay battled it out in tough conditions to place second in the senior girls relay race. We also got 3rd best Girls School due to our results across the year. We had great participation over the season with lots of girls giving racing a go and representing Epsom with excellent sportsmanship and an encouraging team spirit. A big congratulations to Rose Wilkinson, Elena Worrall, Anna Stebbings and Mayya Tyshetska who also competed in the race series and worked very hard to improve their skills.

