

Dear parents, caregivers and students

At the end of Week 4 it is good to see learning and co-curricular activities happening all around the School. We have a gazebo style very open Music 'room' in Paradise for voice and wind instrument students. Chamber groups, complete with harp, can be seen sometimes on the front steps of the RFAC – much to the delight and interest of Gillies Avenue traffic. Sport has started for the year and it is good to see so many participating.

I want to congratulate students on their mask wearing and emphasise again how important it is, on public transport, indoors, when moving around the School and once people have finished eating and drinking at break times. Keep up the good work.

Students not at school know to go into their google classroom and Microsoft teams spaces to access their learning. They should also email their teachers with any queries. Parents – you don't need to email the dean to ask for teachers to be aware that the student is away as that is monitored through the attendance system.

You will have received an email on Wednesday afternoon with a plan for rostering home year levels if we need to turn to that. You can find the roster for the next two weeks on Page 7 of this edition of EGGSNEWS.

Next Tuesday we will be presenting Scholars' Awards to Year 12 and 13 students. For full details please see Page 2 and 3. These students represent the top 5% of their cohort and should feel justly proud of their achievements in 2021. Some of these students have also undertaken NZ Scholarship Examinations from Year 11 or 12, competing against Year 13 candidates for all over the country. Congratulations to all Scholar Award recipients.

On Tuesday the first Board meeting for the year was held and it is a pleasure to welcome to the Chair Zoe Hoult, and to the Co-Deputy Chair position Kate Dobbie and Tui Kaumoana. You can find a message from Zoe on Page 2.



NZ Sailing Trust - 45 Year 11 students were fortunate to participate in an incredible sailing experience on Steinlager and Lion last week. (more details Page 4)



Safety – we still have parents coming into Silver Road dropping off or collecting students. Silver Road is not a collection or drop-off zone. Please make sure that you arrange a drop-off and collection point in a nearby street. This is a health and safety matter.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound - Principal

Covid 19 Phase 3: Self-management is a key aspect of Phase 3 - [Detailed information here](#)

Parents in the medical and pharmaceutical world – if you have access to RATs to help ensure our ability to staff the School, we would like to hear from you – office@eggs.school.nz

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

A big welcome to the new students and staff at Epsom Girls Grammar School. We are thrilled to see many deep connections within our community but also acknowledge that for some Whanau this will be your first experience of EGGs. The partnership between home and school is a critical component in your daughter's journey to achieving her full potential in all aspects of her school life.

"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini" - my success is not mine alone, but it is the strength of many

The Board would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of staff in preparing the school for the new school year, especially in the current uncertain covid climate.

The primary objectives of the School Board is to ensure that:

- every student at the school is able to attain their highest possible standard in education achievement;
- the school:
 - is a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff
 - gives effect to relevant student rights
 - takes all reasonable steps to eliminate racism, stigma, bullying, and any other forms of discrimination within the school
- the school is inclusive of and caters for students with differing needs
- the school gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi including by:
 - working to ensure its plans, policies and local curriculum reflect local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori and te ao Māori
 - taking all reasonable steps to make instruction available in tikanga Māori and te reo Māori
 - achieving equitable outcomes for Māori students

The School Board meets on a monthly basis and these meetings are open to the community. The engagement with the school community is important and last year we received valuable input from our community into the Strategic Plan. This has now been formalised and can be found on the [School website](#).



We have some changes to the composition of the School Board. As you know after 9 years serving the EGGs community on the Board (6 of these as Board Chair), Chris Iles stepped down at the end of 2021. Also a reminder that three new members were co-opted: Rebecca Swinson, Michael Chen and Zoe Hoult. The Board also welcomed Tui Kaumoana as the Whanau Representative.

At the February 2022 Board meeting, the Board elected Zoe Hoult as Board Chair, and Kate Dobbie and Tui Kaumoana as Board Co-Deputy Chairs.

The profiles of each Board member are in the process of being updated and will be uploaded to the School website shortly.

Zoe Hoult – Board Chair

Recognising Academic Achievement from 2021

In 2021 EGGs students gained a total of 71 NZ Scholarships. Scholarships are awarded to approximately 3% of all students studying each subject. These Scholarships were spread across 20 Subjects. Outstanding Scholarships recognise the top 0.3% and in 2021 9 were gained in Accounting, Biology, Visual Art Design, Design and Visual Communication, Chemistry, Health and Physical Education, Painting (2), and Statistics. Also of note, several students in Year 11 and Year 12 gained NZ Scholarships.

2021 Epsom Girls Grammar School Dux Hannah Huddleston achieved Scholarships in; Accounting at Outstanding level, Chemistry, Physics and Statistics at Outstanding level. NZQA has also recognised Hannah's incredible achievement by awarding her a 2021 Outstanding Scholar Award. In 2021 this prestigious award went to fifty three students nationally.

Also of note, Hellen Ding (Year 12 in 2021) was awarded Scholarships in Calculus, Physics and Statistics. Chelly Lee was awarded an Outstanding Scholarship in Chemistry and Scholarships in Calculus and Physics.

Lydia Tucker was awarded Scholarships in Biology, Classical Studies and Printmaking.



*Hannah Huddleston
School Dux, 2021*

“New Zealand Scholarship is our most prestigious secondary school award, assessing students’ ability to demonstrate high-level critical thinking, abstraction and generalisation,” says NZQA Deputy Chief Executive Assessment, Andrea Gray.

The following students achieved 2 scholarships:

Sophie Brown was awarded an Outstanding Scholarship in two subjects; Design and Painting

Hannah Bautista was awarded Scholarships in Accounting and Economics

Azura Iqbal was awarded Scholarships in Latin and Statistics

Sarah Keam (Year 12 in 2021) was awarded Scholarships in English and Painting

Cherie Liu was awarded Scholarships in Accounting and Biology

Caitlin Mansfield was awarded Scholarships in English and History
Kyungyeon Oh was awarded Scholarships in Design and Visual Communication and Painting

Daniela Pagtakhan was awarded Scholarships in Design and Design and Visual Communication

Phoebe Qian was awarded Scholarships in Physics and Statistics

Peace Yin was awarded Scholarships in Biology and Statistics

Academic Scholars from 2021

At the start of each year in the senior school we recognise the Scholars from the previous year with an assembly and the presentation of a badge. This is to acknowledge the mahi and effort that these students applied to their learning and to encourage all students to strive for their very best. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this will be an online event on **Tuesday the 1st of March (next week) at 8.30am.**

► [click here on Tuesday to watch this live](#)

This year we congratulate the following students:

LEVEL ONE SCHOLARS	LEVEL TWO SCHOLARS	LEVEL THREE SCHOLARS
Abia Asma Shah	Isobel Allan	Zainab Bandukwala
Dinithi Bamunusinghe	Grace Baik	Hannah Bautista
Lida Bao	Hanna Brathwaite	Laura Beagley
Angela Bi	Corliss Chu	Stella Beckmann
Elizabeth Buchanan	Raisa Chugh	Lucia Calleja
Sophia Chan	Hellen Ding	Hanna Chan
Arina Chaptynova	Sejal Dongre	Chloe Cheung
Alexandra Dickens	Mayley Gao	Natalie Gane
Hailey Griffiths	Stella Holloway	Hannah Huddleston
Coeun Ham	Sabrina Katamat	Azura Iqbal
Kacey Huang	Sarah Keam	Jessica Jiang
Zainab Kazmi	Kyubeen Kim	Joanna Jiang
Samikssa Kesavan	Eshana Kumar	Sarra Kha
Cindy Kim	Tianling Lu	Chelly Lee
Ashley Lee	Lydia Ma	Cherie Liu
Chloe Lee	Cathy Ning	Molly-Love Louise
Monique Lewis	Archi Patel	Phoebe Qian
Renee Liao	Grace Qin	Neo Sangkaew
Anika Lomax	Elizabeth Reeve	Lily-Belle Sawyer
Joanna Pan	Maja Robertshawe	Lydia Tucker
Yoonie Park	Joyce Shen	Peace Yin
Rithu Pillai	Pearl Tucker	Angie Zhu
Boshra Rahnamaee	Joni Watson	
Ella Simons	Sophia Webb	
Samantha So	Miranda Zhang	
Chloe Wallace	Lily Zou	
Anabel Wu		
Libby Yee		
Alicia Yong		
Sophie Yuan		
Amelia Zhang		

New Zealand Sailing Trust

45 Year 11 Students were fortunate enough to participate in an incredible sailing experience on Steinlager and Lion last week.

The crew have made new friends and memories for life as well as growing in confidence, self-esteem, team work, communication and an appreciation for the natural environment.

In addition to taking the helm, students saw kiwi in the wild, built rafts, completed a beach clean-up, saw the full moon and several sunsets, jumped off the boat using a rope swing, went hiking, learned to tie knots, learned about navigation, did all the cooking and cleaning (toilets!), lots of grinding and had countless swims off the boat every day starting at 7.00am. A poignant moment was watching 'Maiden' while on the boats.

A huge thank you to the crew, students and teachers; Molly Barsdell, Rosie Gunn and Victoria Gaskell. You only get out what you put in and this team gave it everything.



Get to Go Adventure Racing

In January our Get to Go Adventure racing team travelled to Tongariro to compete in the Get to Go National Finals.

This year we combined with Rosmini boys to make up our mixed team of four girls and four boys. The Epsom half of the team consisted of Leila Daniels, Ruby Brathwaite, Elena Worrall and Olivia Brown. The competition consisted of five days of rogaines, orienteering, rafting, kayaking, paddle boarding, rock-climbing, high ropes and problem solving. Special shout out to Leila Daniels who made the Dream Team line up of 8 athletes at the event as an all rounder.



From the Learning Prefects

On Friday morning last week the Learning Prefects had the pleasure of awarding the members of the seven Learning Egg committees with their badges to recognise their involvement in the school community. It was incredible seeing committee leaders and members from our groups acknowledged for their efforts and dedication to facilitating learning at Epsom Girls'. These committees are: Careers Ambassadors, Challenge, IT Crowd, Library, Sustainability, Peer Tutoring and Pasifika. We're so excited to support these groups and kick start the year with events such as the Pens and Pads Drive and Global Citizenship Workshops as Covid restrictions ease! - Archi, Mayley, Hellen, and Hannah



Sustainability Committee leaders for 2022 with their TiCs

OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

ARE YOU AN OLD GIRL WITH A PASSION FOR THE COMMUNITY?

WE NEED YOU!

The OGA is looking to fill upcoming roles on our OGA Committee.

The OGA's Purpose is "To Grow Lifelong School Connections"

If you've been looking for an opportunity to:

- utilise your skills and experience;
- volunteer your time and develop new skills along the way;
- give back to your School and community;
- gain an insight into how EGGS operates today;
- reconnect with Old Girls in a "behind-the-scenes" way;
- step into an opportunity that can enhance your networks;
- contribute to the next Century of a thriving Old Girls Association;

we'd love to hear from you!

Come join our Old Girls Association Committee!

Being involved with the OGA is a valuable way to be a part of a 100-year legacy that began in 1921.

In 2022 a main focus will be considering how to take the OGA, with its long and proud history, into the future.

The Committee generally meets every second month. We've been meeting on Zoom since lockdown, so even if you're out of Auckland, it's possible to get involved.

oga@eggs.school.nz or call Co-President Sally Blyth on 021 480323

STUDENT SUPPORT

As Student Support spends time with students settling into the year counsellors and deans are aware of growing stress related to anxiety for young people. This is understandable and normal, particularly as we are at a time of the year when adapting to a new school, a new year level, a new set of teachers is a focus. Uncertainty that undermines our sense of control over current covid conditions is also a factor right now. We encourage families to normalise stress and anxiety and look at developing ways to recognise when becoming overwhelmed might be happening. Look for the support available at school or in the community. Good resources to look at for tips and techniques:

- Youthline: <https://www.youthline.co.nz/good2great.html>
- Our Elearn page for students has a lot of links. <https://elearn.apps.eggs.school.nz/student-support/counselling>
- Talk to your dean or your tutor about what you need.
- Aunty Dee: <https://www.leva.co.nz/youth/>

It's also good to encourage seeking support, kanohi ki te kanohi, face to face. Check out the counselling services at school on our elearn page. We are really pleased to introduce two new members of our team:)



Tiera Foy

Kia ora and Hello. My name is Tiera (she/her) and I am feeling grateful to be part of the counselling team. I am originally from Canada, and I used to teach senior English on the Coromandel. My counselling training was through the University of Auckland, and I am finishing my Masters in 2022. I love being outside, animals, trying new foods, and making things. Thank you for the warm welcome so far!



Salome Ioane

Salome will focus on providing support for Pacifica and Maori students.

Talofa lava

O a'u o Sr Salome Ioane rsm. Ua 36 nei tausaga talu ona o'u ulufale atu ile tofiga faa Tapousa ile Ituaiga o Sisters of Mercy I Niu Sila nei ma Samoa. Sa o'u galue I Samoa o se faiaoga ile aoga o Pope Paulo VI I Leulumoeaga, ma taitaia le aoga mo ni tausaga. Sa o'u talu mai I Niu Sila nei ma galue o se faiaoga I McAuley High School. After teaching for more than 10 years in New Zealand I trained as a counsellor at Auckland university. The Sisters of Mercy Congregation that I belong to has HOSPITALITY, COMPASSION and WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA as some of their main Mercy Values. I experienced these Mercy Values on the first day I set foot on the grounds of Epsom Girls

Grammar school. I look forward to offering my service and energy to serve my EGGS community. Faafetai tele lava, Faamanuia le Atua ia te outou ma outou aiga. May God bless your families and protect you from the pandemic we are now facing.

Sr Salome Ioane rsm

ROSTERING HOME YEAR LEVELS IF INSUFFICIENT STAFFING

Week 5	
Monday 28 February	Year 9
Tuesday 1 March	Year 10
Wednesday 2 March	Year 11
Thursday 3 March	Year 12
Friday 4 March	Year 13

Week 6	
Monday 7 March	Year 10
Tuesday 8 March	Year 11
Wednesday 9 March	Year 12
Thursday 10 March	Year 13
Friday 11 March	Year 9