

EGGSNEWS



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Grammar School

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

Thank-you to all who participated in the online Student Led Conferences, and to all the organisers - staff and students - of the Year 13 Unicorns and Vacuum Cleaners Summit. We are very grateful to the volunteer experts who made up the online panels and feedback shows that students really appreciated these sessions. Thank-you also to Lila Pulsford from the Careers Department for the Year 12 Knowing Your Strengths Workshop.

Last week also saw Summer Tournament competitions – see pages 7 - 9 for details. Congratulations to all who participated.

This has been Kindness Week and the prefect team have run a great range of activities over the week.

Term long Year 9 rotation options finish next week and new timetables will be on KAMAR for the start of Term 2. Congratulations to Year 9 on settling into secondary school in a term that has been a very Omicron term. Thank-you also to the Year 13 Peer Supporters, Year 9 Tutors, Deans and Deputy Principal team for all the work that has gone into helping these new students feel part of the School and adapt to secondary school routines. As the next term begins there will be more co-curricular activities underway and I encourage students to try something new if they do not already have co-curricular commitments.

As the temperatures in Auckland finally begin to be more in line with Autumn, please make sure, over the next three weeks, that students have the school jersey and either a blazer or the softshell jacket to keep them warm and dry from the beginning of Term 2. I received a message from a member of the public last week, complimenting EGGs students on wearing their uniform well. People do notice and it is important that the uniform is worn correctly.

To parents and caregivers – in the third year of the pandemic affecting us it is more important than ever to us to receive the parent donation. We can offer a broad and deep curriculum with rich learning experiences at this school only because the Board is able to support that through locally raised funds, and the parent donation is a vital part of that. We need your help now to be able to sustain this.



Finally, we will be finishing the term at the end of next Thursday, 14 April. I hope everyone has a wonderful break.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound - Principal



Maadi Cup 2022 on Lake Ruataniwha (details on page 7)



EGGS 1st XI Cricket (details on page 9)



Coming up in Week 11....

Mon 11 Apr	School Council Mufti Day
Thur 14 Apr	End of Term 1
Fri 15 Apr	Good Friday
Mon 2 May	Term 2 begins

Reminder: Take home and enhanced learning components applicable to some courses are now loaded into the Finance section of the KAMAR portal for parents to view. The take home payments are due by Friday 22 April at the latest. The enhanced learning component is voluntary but highly recommended as an enhanced programme cannot be delivered without this vital support. Receiving this component by Friday 22 April means planning can proceed accordingly before the new term starts.

Student Led Conferences

Thank you to Year 9, 10 and 11 Parents and Caregivers for supporting the Student Led Conferences last week. Tutor teachers enjoyed meeting whānau online and seeing students leading conversations about how they have settled into learning and school this year. Should you wish to provide any feedback, [please feel free to leave comments here](#).

Gateway @ Epsom Girls Grammar School

Epsom Girls Grammar School is fortunate to be able to offer the Gateway programme to a select group of Year 12 and 13 students. Gateway is an initiative funded by the Tertiary Education Commission and designed to support school students' transition into the workforce by offering them workplace learning while at secondary school.

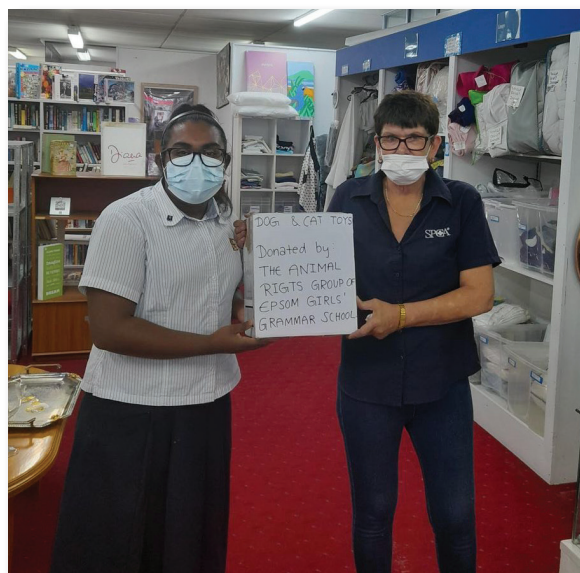
We work with our selected students to find them work placements (generally about 5 days) in workplaces that align with their career interests. In the past we have had students placed in a broad range of business sectors including construction, agriculture, equine, legal, marketing, finance, retail, hospitality, travel, early childhood, and engineering.

We are currently looking for placements for students in:

- Retail/Fashion
- Floristry
- Digital design/Advertising
- Interior Design
- Law
- General Business/Office roles
- Hospitality
- Allied Health

If you would like to find out more or think you may be able to offer one of our Epsom Gateway students an opportunity to experience a work placement during 2022, please contact Mrs Sonya Sleigh at ssleigh@eggs.school.nz

From the Learning Egg Animal Rights Group



On Friday 25th March, the Animal Rights Club Leaders held a dog toy making session with the club members. With the help of more than 50 students, we were able to make more than 100 dog toys that have been donated to the SPCA. These toys will help the animals with their mental and physical well-being as they wait for their forever homes! We want to thank each and every one of you who contributed to this donation. Much appreciated!

Megan Qi - Animal Rights Group Leader

Photolife orders

A reminder that only individual student photos are able to be ordered this year as there were no class photos taken due to Health and Safety reasons.



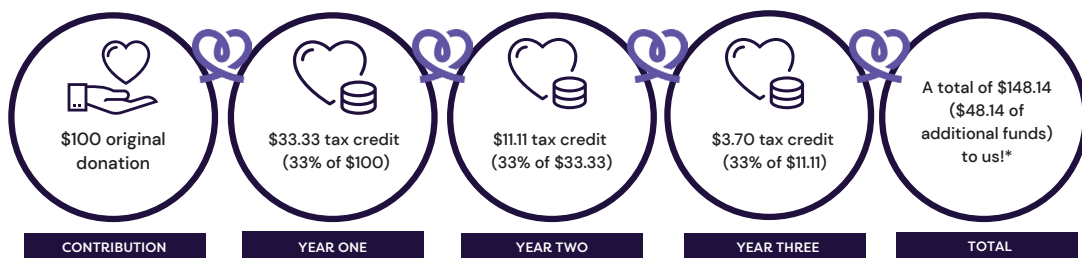
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Unicorns and Vacuum Cleaners

On Thursday 31st the annual Unicorns and Vacuum Cleaners, Year 13 summit, was held a little bit differently than usual and was instead on Zoom this year. Nevertheless it was a huge success with great turnouts and students hearing from a range of speakers in various workshops. These included Women in Law, BNZ learning how to manage money, Women in Health and Medicine, Living Sustainably, Following your dreams, Getting ready for Tertiary Study (managing acadr APA to zotero) and Sports nutrition and fitness for life. The idea behind these various workshops, is to help Year 13's ease anxiety around the finality of Year 13 and to enable thinking and planning life beyond the Epsom gates. Every student left having learnt something new from the incredibly talented women in each panel!

Simultaneously, all Year 12 students attended a very worthwhile zoom workshop with Lila Pulsford from the Careers Department on: Knowing Your Strengths. This is a foundational step in career choice and will also assist them in their applications for school leadership roles later in the year.

Teyogan Cloete - Community Prefect

International Committee

Hello!! We are the EGGs International Committee for 2022.

The committee's purpose is to warmly welcome all international students and aid them in developing their sense of belonging and confidence at Epsom Girls and New Zealand. We are passionate and reliable role models to our junior students. With our buddy system, we act as an 'older sibling' to our younger students and support them through their journey at EGGs. Our primary vision for this year is to be inclusive and form meaningful bonds with each other and the rest of our community. As events are inevitably affected by Covid, as soon as the time allows, we are planning various exciting events for students to enjoy.

Our committee members are: Allie (leader), Josephine (leader), Heidi, Akshi, Chammy, Amber, Makarika, Praery, and Chloe. Our Teacher in Charge is Miss Ho, who is also the International Dean. We look forward to an exciting 2022.

CURRICULUM NEWS

From the Art Department

Art Exhibition by Rebecca Hazard

Click on the link to see the work being exhibited by our Art Technician and Old Girl Rebecca Hazard. She started this theme here in Year 13.

<https://www.scottlawrie.com/artists/58-rebecca-hazard/works/>

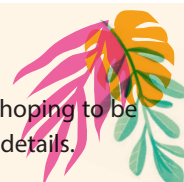
Congratulations Ellie McAllister

Ellie entered a Movie of the month competition with Body FX NZ that was themed around the new Fantastic Beasts movie. Ellie created a phoenix piece and which was chosen as one of two finalists and then won following an online vote. Ellie started Her makeup and special effects journey about 2 years ago on Halloween and she has been painting and creating make up themes ever since. Congratulations Ellie.



Pasifika Homework Centre - Samoan Language Tutor

The Pasifika Homework Centre is looking for a Samoan Language tutor to help out with our senior students who are hoping to be able to enrol in Samoan Language standards. If you would like to help please contact amirti@eggs.school.nz for more details.



ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Kapa Haka roopu - Polyfest

Tēna Koutou Katoa!

This year the Kapa Haka roopu were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to perform at this year's Polyfest. We started our campaign with a muster/sign up day at lunchtime inviting all students to come learn about the Kapa Haka roopu and performing at Polyfest. We started our practices daily at lunchtime and after school maintaining the COVID-19 protocols, which at times was quite tedious when organising formations. Due to the circumstances of COVID-19 and many members of our group isolating we made the decision to perform a previous bracket from both 2021 and 2019. Our leaders taught the kupu and actions of all 7 items in our bracket.

Waiata Tira (choral item) - Whakarongo mai kia tātou Nā Sherkquoia Tepana

Whakaeke (entrance item) - Kia Hiwa Rā/Mokori Anō Nā Jani Wilson rāua ko Cydel Peters

Moteatea (chant / statement item) - Whakaipuipu mai rā Nā Sir Timoti Karetū

Poi (ball on a string item) - Kohine Mā Nā Jani Wilson

Waiata-ā-ringa (action song) - I te timatanga Nā Sherkquoia Tepana

Haka Taparahi (female haka) - Tōku Reo Rangatira Nā Kauri Williams

Whakawātea (ending item) - Tēnei Rā Nā Kauri Williams

We are very grateful to be able to perform items that were composed by Whaea Cydel and her whanaunga Matua Kauri, Sir Timoti Karetū, Whaea Jani Wilson (Māma of Manaaki Fletcher) and Sherkquoia Tepana (2018 Kaiarahi and EGGS old girl). Sherkquoia tutored the group in our final weeks leading to our performance, travelling from Hamilton to guitar the roopu at Polyfest. The girls performed beautifully, taking 2nd place in the Haka Taparahi. This year's judging was different to previous years due to COVID, in the end it was a memorable campaign and one of our best performances yet! A huge mihi to all the kaiako, to Sherkquoia and to the whānau for their awhi and tautoko throughout our Polyfest journey.

Performance link for Polyfest: [Kapa Haka](#)

Ngā Mihi Nui!

Mia (Kaiārahi - Group leader) and Waikamania (Kaitātaki - On Stage Leader)

Tongan Group - Polyfest

Our journey to Polyfest was truly one of a kind especially here at EGGS and in such uncertain times. Patience was truly tested, sacrifices were made and trust had to be built within unsteady circumstances. The opportunity to display our culture and indulge in all its traditions was hard to pass for many of us girls and it was this exact reason that brought so many of us, Tongans and soon-to-be Tongans together. It was at these Polyfest practices where we built a level of trust with each other which created an atmosphere we weren't able to have from day to day. As a member of the Tongan group, I watched as shy, eager girls from the very beginning turn into confident, strong young women by the end. The sleepless nights, days spent learning the choreography and late school days resulted in a priceless outcome. Together as a group we stepped onto the Polyfest stage as one and remained as one even as we left. The Sisterhood that we had been lacking was finally filled and we connected ourselves to our ancestors in a way we couldn't have before. Polyfest might have ended but we each gained life-long friends and bonds that can't be touched. We went into this journey to Polyfest as strangers and left as sisters, making all these sacrifices worthwhile.





EGGS Result on Tongan Stage: 2nd in Tau'olunga (solo dance with senior students only) and 3rd in Ma'ulu'ulu (sitting dance with synchronised actions)

Performance link for Polyfest: [Tongan Group](#)

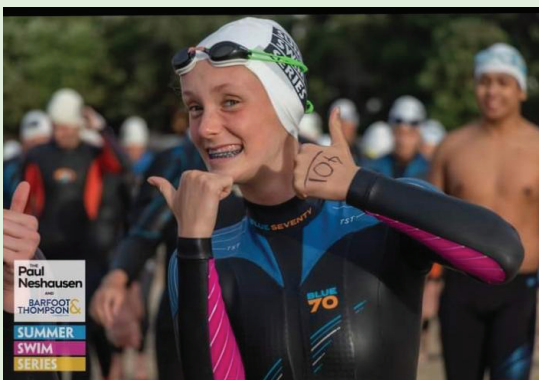
Tau'olunga Starting time - 0:52

Ma'ulu'ulu Starting time - 1:09

Mele Fa'anunu - Year 12

SPORT

Swimming - NZ Secondary Schools Open Water Championships



On Saturday (April 2nd) Olivia Bates and Bailee Phillips-Te Haara, both Year 10, competed in the Swimming New Zealand Secondary Schools Open Water Championships held in Mount Maunganui.



Olivia Bates



Bailee Phillips-Te Haara & Olivia Bates

Bailee finished a very respectable 63rd overall and 34th Female in a time of 54:42.

Olivia only went and won her Age Group (14/15yr olds) and finished 3rd female overall!! In a time 42:09.

It was a 2.8km open water swim around Rabbit Island, and she did it in a fantastic time of 42:09. This event was on the back of her achieving 1st overall Female in the Kohimarama Beach Swim Series, a 10 week, 2km open water swim competition where she topped with the overall points for Females, totally amazing.

Welcome to the Sports Co-ordination Team at EGS.

Clarissa Leah Nathaniel - Director of Sport

"I have a passion for sport, and in particular, female sport participation. In my new role as DOS I'm looking forward to developing an inclusive and diverse sports programme, and creating opportunities for students to be involved in competitive and non-competitive sport. I have experience in and am currently playing and coaching football - I happen to be a massive football nerd. Mention the word 'football' or 'Liverpool', and you'll have me talking for hours."

Carly Williamson - Sports Co-ordinator

"I live and breathe all things Hockey, having represented Australia in U21s and I've had the incredible opportunity to play professionally in France for a year. Since moving to New Zealand in 2020 (yes that accent is Australian), I have worked in schools as a Sports Coordinator and a Physical Education Teacher. I have a passion for all things sport and believe that sports can provide so many opportunities for learning, growing and achieving, not only on the field, pool or court, but as a young adult. I am looking forward to getting to know our players and creating positive, enjoyable and successful sporting opportunities for our students this year. My door is always open, so please pop in and see me or send an email any time."

Ben Yu - Sports Co-ordinator

"Hey! I'm Ben. I come from a badminton background competing and coaching at NZ National level since I was 8 years old. However, I've got a very keen interest in all sorts of sports and hope to get involved as much as I can here at EGS! I believe that sport is a great form of exercise, but an amazing way to make new friends and have fun as most of my friends today are the ones I've met through badminton. Feel free to pop by the sports office to say hi and if you're brave enough, you can challenge me to a game of badminton!"



Carly Williamson, Clarissa Leah Nathaniel & Ben Yu

Our Sports Codes:

Clarissa	Ben	Carly
Football	Badminton	Hockey
Fencing	Basketball	Lacrosse
Futsal	Curling	Orienteering
Rugby	UWH	Skiing
Cheerleading	Table Tennis	Netball (assist)
Squash	Dragon Boating	Touch Rugby
Rowing	Tennis	Tri/Aqua/Duathlon
Cycling	Water Polo	Volleyball
Cricket	Yachting	Ultimate Frisbee
Mountain Biking	Athletics	Swimming
Waka Ama	Distance Squad	Golf
Lifesaving	Equestrian	Weightlifting

Summer Tournament Week

The last two weeks saw some of our top summer sports teams attend Summer Tournament week. There were some great results and an excellent display of the EGS spirit, and values of courage in the face of difficulty, compassion towards each other in challenging circumstances, curiosity to learn something new and develop on that, and further building and supporting their sport community.

Rowing

During summer tournament week the Rowing team travelled to Twizel to race in the Maadi Cup on Lake Ruataniwha. All the girls did exceptionally well over the 11 days they were down there, learning lots, rowing well and having fun. Our U18 4 came away with a bronze medal in the A final. Well done to Brianna Jolly, Stevie Mabey, Jessica Mabey, Cassidy Bradley and Hannah Stockman on this incredible achievement. The 18 8 also came away with an impressive result of 1st in the B final, earning themselves a top ten badge. A special congratulations to Jessica Mabey who was selected into the U19 Rowing NZ trialist squad for 2022. After a long and successful season, we would like to congratulate all the girls for their hard work. A massive thank you to the parents- Nicky and Chrissy, coaches- Paul, Nadia, and Brian, and TIC- Clarissa Nathaniel, for all their hard work over the tournament!

Maadi Cup 2022



Ultimate Frisbee

Last week on Thursday and Friday, Epsom had two teams compete at Ultimate Frisbee Nationals down in Taupō. This was the first time Epsom has sent two teams, and both did amazingly well. The B team came away with 4th place, after qualifying for the semi finals by beating Birkenhead College; a team who they had previously lost to in pool play. The A team was gutted to come home with the silver, after losing a fiercely fought final to Wellington's Hutt Valley High School 10-8. A huge shoutout to Mr Chignell our TIC for all his help, as well as Sam Lewis our manager and Joshua How and Emma Whitlock, our coaches. We all can't wait to smash it out again next year!



Cricket

Congratulations to our EGGS 1st XI Cricket Team who took out the double: Won the College Sport T20 competition and took out the win at the Gillette Venus Qualifier Tournament.

This means that our EGGS Squad will be the Auckland Representative at Nationals later on in the year. Well done on your achievement!!

