

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

In this edition of EGGSNEWS you can see a number of wonderful student achievements, including the convincing 47-10 rugby win against Mt Albert Grammar School. Congratulations to all students featured.

Key reminders:

- ❖ If sick – remain at home
- ❖ Colder weather – school jersey and either the softshell jacket or the blazer are needed – no non-uniform items
- ❖ In public Epsom students represent the good name of the School – appropriate high standards of behaviour are important

Last night the first student music concert of the year was held in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre. Congratulations to all the performers, who will be participating in competitions later in the term.

The next two weeks are four day weeks with the Teacher Only Day on Friday 3 June and the Queen's Birthday holiday on Monday 6 June.

With greater levels of all kinds of winter illness, as well as Covid-19, there is a possibility that, looking ahead, we may need to roster home year levels in order to meet staffing needs. Next week a possible schedule from Week 6 will be made available, for forward planning, in case we need to turn to it.

Appropriate behaviour in public places, courtesy and consideration are noticed by members of the public and people take the trouble to contact me complimenting Epsom students on being considerate on public transport, helping someone in need or moving out of the way for others on the footpath when everyone leaves at the end of the day. This is part of a long legacy for Epsom Girls Grammar School and all students are expected to display compassion – kindness and consideration of others – and a sense of community – important School Values.



Thank-you to the students and staff who represented the School at Ōrākei on Wednesday, recognising and mourning the passing of Joe Hawke. Moe mai rā e te Rangatira.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 5....

Fri 3 June Teacher only day

Coming up in Week 6....

Mon 6 June	Queen's Birthday
Wed 8 June	Combined Choirs Concert
Thur 9 - 11 June	Chamber Music Contest
Sat 11 June	Smokefree Rockquest finals

FIA FIA NIGHT SATURDAY 11TH JUNE

FOOD STALLS: 3:30PM

PERFORMANCES: 5:00PM

ENTRY: TICKETS TO BE PURCHASED OUTSIDE
THE HALL AT LUNCHTIMES (7 - 10 JUNE)
WITH GOLD COIN DONATION

VENUE: MARJORIE ADAMS HALL,
EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ONLINE SUBJECT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tuesday 28 June & Thursday 7 July

2022 Subject Teacher Conferences and Mid year reports

Mid-year Subject Teacher Conferences for Years 9 – 13 are being held online on **Tuesday 28th June** and **Thursday 7th July**. This is an ideal opportunity for students and parents to meet online with subject teachers and discuss progress and achievement at this half-year point and to look ahead. You will receive an email on 14th June with instructions on making bookings. Please note that bookings close on Monday 26th of June at 12.00 noon. Junior reports will be available on the web portal in week seven and Senior reports in week eight.

CURRICULUM NEWS

National Latin Exam Results

In Term 1 our Years 10-12 Latin students sat the National Latin Exam, an international exam run by the American Classical League in the US and sat by over 100,000 Latin learners around the world. It tests students on both their Latin language knowledge and their familiarity with Roman history, culture and mythology. This year we have had 3 students gain certificates and medals in this exam: that they have achieved so highly is a testament to their broad learning and understanding of the ancient world.

A Gold Summa Cum Laude ("with the highest praise") medal was awarded to Abbie Mackay in Year 11, a Silver Maxima Cum Laude ("with greatest praise") medal was awarded to Ansonia Chen, also in Year 11, and a Magna Cum Laude ("with great praise") certificate was awarded to Chloe Latimer in Year 10.

Congratulations to all these students!



left to right: Chloe Latimer, Abbie Mackay, Ansonia Chen

NZ's Women in Engineering Course



In the second week of the school holidays 50 Year 11 female students from across New Zealand were invited to participate in a Women in Engineering course. We really enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about Physics and Math in the real world and loved hearing from lots of incredible female engineers and engineering students. We got to participate in lots of awesome activities across three days including making biofuel cars fueled by hydrogen gas that we retrieved from water. We got to explore the University City and Newmarket campus and learnt

all about the amazing 3D printing work some of which includes 3D printing food! We got to see the formula SAE (the student led, run, and created electric formula cars), we got to hear from some inspiring speakers including Eva Hakansson who made and raced the world's fastest electric motorcycle, Eva has also started her very own business KiwiFil where she and her husband make 3D printing filament (the first in NZ). We got to talk to a panel of some incredible female engineering university students and hear all about their experiences as well as lots of other amazing things. The whole event was free (including food) and we highly recommend next year's Year 11s to give this amazing opportunity a go.

Helene and Adeeba - Year 11

Year 11 Drama

On Wednesday 25th May, Year 11 Drama students viewed and participated in a performance by Anders Falstie-Jensen called "Back to Square One". The play was interactive and was made by Anders in response to the first lockdown. He initially made the play for his neighbours and performed it in his driveway, before touring neighbourhoods and schools. The story is about his 95 year old grandmother who lives in an apartment in Denmark. Through chalk drawn on the concrete, Anders invites us to consider how lockdown affected his grandmother's day to day life. This personal family story was woven together with Nordic folklore in the form of a story told to Anders as a child by his grandmother.

The play asked us to consider the connections we have with others around the world, the impact change has on us and the condensing and confusion of time when our routine is taken away. It was a poignant and reflective story which concluded with shared kai (homemade Danish pastries and salty liquorish).



Homestay Families Required

The Epsom Girls Grammar School International Department is delighted to welcome back International Students from this July.

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.

NZ\$325 per week is paid to cover full board.

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

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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

CAREER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Nau mai, Haere mai , Afio Mai. There is a great panel event happening on **June 2nd 2022 at 6pm at 9 Fanshawe Street**. Register [here](#). This is a panel of Pasifika and Māori Engineers working in the Technology Industry, answering questions about how they got into tech, the realities of getting into tech and what it's like to be the few Pasifika working in technical roles. Speakers include:

Eli Faamatau: Director Of Learning at Techorium

Tash Bettridge : Cloud Solution Architect at Microsoft.

Ron Amosa: Senior Platform Security Engineer at Salesforce

Eteroa Lafaele: Developer Evangelist at Xero.

SCHOLARSHIPS

TE HERENGA WAKA—VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON WANTS TO ENCOURAGE MĀORI TO THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT THEIR FUTURE. HIWA IS A WEEK-LONG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME PROVIDING MĀORI STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF THE WELLINGTON REGION WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE STUDENT LIFE. THE UNIVERSITY WILL PAY FOR TRAVEL COSTS, ACCOMMODATION, AND KAI.

APPLY [HERE](#)
APPLICATIONS CLOSE JULY 1

CV FEEDBACK

IS YOUR TEENAGER INTERESTED IN FINDING PART TIME WORK BUT NOT GETTING ANY INTERVIEWS? THEIR CV MIGHT BE THE CULPRIT. STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND 2 CV FEEDBACK DROP IN SESSIONS:

MAY 30 P3 DSO
JUNE 13 P3 DSO

GIRLBOSS EDGE

10 DAY ONLINE CAREER PROGRAMME
FOR WOMEN AGED 15 - 18 WITH
INTEREST IN:

- STEM
- SUSTAINABILITY
- PROTECTING NEW ZEALAND'S NATURAL RESOURCES
- FEEDING AOTEAROA AND THE WORLD
- BIOSECURITY, FARMING, FISHING, FORESTRY, AND MORE!

THE PROGRAMME IS FULLY-FUNDED.

APPLY [HERE](#)
APPLICATIONS CLOSE JULY 4

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

ARTS AND CULTURAL NEWS

Choral



On the 14th of May, we were fortunate enough to be able to hold a choir workshop for both our junior and senior all-comers choirs. The workshop allowed us as a group to catch up on all the learning that we would have done at our annual choir camp, which had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 Red Traffic Light setting.

*Group leaders - Elyshia Bedwell and
Grace Bartholomew*

Filipino Group



Filipino Group is celebrating its 3rd year being a part of the EGGGS cultural community by once again appearing at Fia Fia Night, this time putting a modern twist on the traditional dances we know and love! The group are currently preparing their performance that will include the national dance 'Tinikling', a new dance called 'Itik Itik', and a grand finale which will be a mashup of the national dance and a famously adored children's song called 'Pamela' by Vhong Navarro!

Co-Leader - Zöe Tantrum



Gymnastics

Year 12 student Georgia Dale was 2nd overall winner at the NZ Secondary Schools Gymnastic Sports Championships, competition on Friday 20th May. Congratulations Georgia on your achievement!

Rugby

On Monday 16th May our EGGs Rugby Team competed at the Secondary Schools Girls Rugby Festival hosted by Auckland Rugby. The team came away with an awesome result against MAGS.

Special mentions to our outstanding players of the game;

1. Carla Priest
2. Liana Brown
3. Delilah Tuihalangie

Our Rugby Season begins soon, with the first game on Monday 30th May. Come along and support our Rugby team this season!



Tonga Relief

EGGS was part of the Blues campaign to help bring normality back to those affected by the Tongan volcanic eruption and tsunami in early 2022.

The aim was to collect as many pairs of pre-loved sports shoes from all participating schools, and staff and students here at EGGs have done an awesome job to get the Blues Bin full. The bin will be outside the sports office for a few more days- come along and drop off any shoes you'd like to donate.



Swimming



Congratulations to Olivia Bates who received an invitation to the British Swimming Summer Championships, to compete in the 400m, 800m, and 1500m Freestyle!

The British Swimming Summer Championships is an invitation only event that the top 18 in each age group receive based on results!!

What a fantastic achievement and opportunity- Congratulations Olivia!

Cross Country



On Thursday 19th May, our EGGs Cross Country Team competed at the Distance Running Cross Country Zones! Congratulations to all who competed. Despite the rain, the team displayed the EGGs Spirit and gave it their all, and had a great time!

Thank you to all the parent/caregiver helpers and Carly Williamson for your support on the day.