

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

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Fia Fia Night - for more pictures see pages 12-13



Congratulations to Bailey Tomokino selected as an individual Auckland rep for the 2022 NZ Gymnastic Championships - details page 14

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Matariki atua ka eke i te rangi e roa, ē. Whāngainga iho ki te mata o te tau roa, ē.
To Matariki the stars that herald the return of light bringing life, new growth.

Tomorrow marks the first public holiday for Matariki in Aotearoa New Zealand and in this edition of EGGSNEWS you can see information about two upcoming school Matariki events. Three main aspects of Matariki:

Reflection: remembering loved ones who have passed on, especially within the past lunar year

Celebration: celebrating the bounty and blessings of the present

Aspiration: setting aspirations to ensure that that bounty can continue long into the future with a focus on environmental protection and regeneration.

It has been wonderful that so many activities and events have been able to go ahead this term – many highlighted in each EGGSNEWS. Students have stepped up in challenging times – congratulations to everyone who has helped to make things possible.

As we head into the last two weeks of the term we are looking forward to the online subject teacher conferences – a reminder that bookings close on Monday (27 June) at noon.

You will have received an email yesterday regarding rostering home over the next two weeks – please find a reminder of the details, below.

Week 9 - Thursday 30 June

- Year 9 rostered home
- Year 10 will go home at 10.15am for the rest of the day after the Numeracy CAT

Week 10

Tuesday 5 July

- Year 13 rostered home (Year 13 Business and Year 13 ESL will get instructions)

Wednesday 6 July

- Year 11 rostered home.

I hope everyone enjoys the Matariki holiday and the opportunity to join in the range of events on.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 9....

Tue 28 June

Online Conferences

Thur 30 June

Year 10 Numeracy Pilot
Pasifika Fono, 6pm
Matariki Hikoi, 5.30am

Fri 1 July

Coming up in Week 10....

Mon 4 July

School Council Mufti Day

Thur 7 July

Online Conferences

Fri 8 July

End of Term 2

BOARD NEWS

Board update – farewell to Kate Smith

Kate Smith has finished her Board term, with the May Board meeting being her last one. Kate is an old girl of EGGS and was the Co-deputy Board Chair. Kate was also the Chair of the Enrolment and Personnel Committees. Thank you Kate for your service to EGGS.

Tui Kaumoana will continue as Deputy Board Chair in a sole capacity.

School triennial elections

Triennial Elections for school boards have been moved from May 2022 to September 2022. All current board members have extended their current term to September 2022, with the exception of Kate as mentioned above. The EGGS Board opted for an election date of 7 September.

For any parents considering an EGGS Board role, please read information available on schoolboardelections.org.nz and note the following dates:

Epsom Girls Grammar School election timeline:

Main Roll Closes..... 13 July
Nominations Called by 15 July
Supplementary Roll Closes..... 1 August
Nominations Close..... 3 August
Invitation to Vote 10 August
Election Day..... 7 September
Declaration of Result..... 13 September
New board in place..... 14 September

ACCOS NZSTA workshops - Governance 1

Pre-election training for those thinking of standing for their School Board.

Date: **Wednesday 3rd August**. Time **6pm**. Venue: **Newmarket Primary School**
More on this at a later date.

Parent donations

A huge thank you for the amazing support EGGS has received from school donations to date. Government funding is not, on its own, sufficient to sustain a high performing school such as EGGS and we remain indebted to our community for their ongoing support. Many of our normal streams of locally raised funds and international student income have been severely affected due to COVID, yet students' needs continue to be complex and complicated.

We do not anticipate the level of locally raised funds and international student income to reach pre-COVID levels for some years yet.

If you have not paid your school donation this year, I would encourage you to do so. We also welcome additional school donations.

If you have paid this year's donation and are interested in donating the tax rebate back to EGGS, you can do this via TaxGift. [Click here](#) to donate your School donation tax rebate back to EGGS by following a few simple steps.



Thank you again for your support.

Zoe Hoult - Board Chair

GENERAL NEWS

2022 Subject Teacher Conferences

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. Please note that **bookings close on Monday 27th of June at 12.00 noon**. There will be an opportunity to book for Thursday 7th July from Wednesday 29th June until Wednesday 6th July for those who have not yet made bookings.

Thursday 30th of June:

- Year 9 rostered home
- Year 10 will go home at 10.15am after the Numeracy pilot
- Years 11, 12 and 13 arrive in time for period 2 at 10.45am

The use of digital platforms for teaching, learning and assessment is part of the daily life at EGGS in many subjects. Many students will also experience school practice examinations and NCEA examinations using a digital platform rather than paper and pens. To be at the forefront of these assessment developments, EGGS has always made a commitment to participating in NCEA pilots. The Numeracy Pilot is part of the NCEA change package programme which you can find out more about [here](#) and affects Year 10. In order for us to run the pilot we need to make staff and classrooms available on the 30th of June for 90 minutes. This means that for all Year 11, 12 and 13 students school will start with an interval from 10.15-10.45 and that there will be no period 1. Students will go directly to their normal period 2 subject at 10.45am and follow the schedule as outlined below.

Year 10 students are involved with the pilot and must be at school with their fully charged device by 8.30am and waiting outside the room that they will sit the pilot in. Students will be advised of their rooming and pilot protocols by their Maths teacher in the coming days. It is important that students stay home if they are unwell. Following the conclusion of the Numeracy pilot, Year 10 will be released for the day to return home to resume learning online. Year 9 will be rostered home on Thursday the 30th of June to alleviate pressures on staffing shortages due to illness and after the Numeracy Pilot, Year 10 will be rostered home.

Schedule and school bell times for 30th June

* There is no period 1

* Year 9 are rostered home

8.30am	Year 10 students arrive
8.35am	Year 10 students login
8.45-10.15	Numeracy Pilot
10.15-10.45	Year 10 go home Years 11, 12 and 13 arrive
Period * 2	10.45-11.35
Period 3	11.35-12.25
Lunchtime	12.25-1.15
Period 4	1.15-2.15
Period 5	2.15-3.15

Sustainability Committee - Waste Free Wednesdays

The sustainability committee is promoting reducing waste brought into school everyday by promoting this campaign through our Waste Free Wednesdays this term. This is an opportunity for the whole community to thoughtfully pack their food and drinks on a late start Wednesday and get in the draw to win some exciting sustainable prizes. It is a good opportunity as a school wide practice to cultivate some green decision making.

Waste Free Wednesdays

Think bigger! Can you do this every day of the week? Can you make a difference elsewhere by composting leftover lunch scraps?

Use containers! Using containers or beeswax wraps instead of plastic/ glad wrap -reduces plastic consumption and littering

Bring a reusable lunch box. Bring a bag or box you can clean and reuse each day that is guaranteed to last

Bring a bottle that you can refill, wash and reuse every day

Buy in bulk. Choose to buy large packs of snacks in better packaging to put in containers instead of small snack packs with more plastic



Send us a photo of your waste free lunch
@eggssustainability. Every time you send a photo, you
will go into the draw to win a cool prize at the end of
every week!



By: Sustainability Reps

From the Learning EGG

The past few weeks have been filled with wicked events from the Learning EGG! We ended Week 6 with the Amazing Race - inspired by the iconic TV show - where 12 teams went head to head on a thrilling race during Friday lunchtime, receiving clues at each leg of the race after completing a diverse range of activities found all around the school. From stimulating coding puzzles to book hunts in the library, these exciting challenges not only called on the individuals' problem solving skills, but also on their ability to work in a team and think on their feet. The winning teams are pictured below with their well earned donuts!

Following this awesome event was the school-wide Spirit Week in which we brought in a smoothie bike. The aim of the bike was to provide students with a memorable experience learning different ways in which energy transformations occur when they use common household appliances such as hair dryers or lamps. It was incredible seeing so many students participate in our activity and we hope that this event was enjoyable to students and perhaps encouraged them to consider more sustainable and eco friendly energy options in the future!



Pasifika Committee - Young Free & Pacific event

The Pasifika committee members and prefects attended the Young Free & Pacific event at Mangere Arts Centre on Tuesday, the 14th of June. It was a very enriching experience for the students to connect with other young women from across Auckland secondary schools and local community, listen and aspire to Pasifika role models and get involved in creative workshops such as dance, drama, music and spoken word.



*Pasifika Committee with Sister Salome
at the Young Free and Pacific event*



PASIFIKA WEEK - Week 8

During week 8, the EGGS community celebrated Pasifika week and here are the exciting activities that were run by the Pasifika Committee for each day of the week.

PASIFIKA WEEK

HAPPY PASIFIKA WEEK EVERYONE! THIS WEEK WE HAVE PLANNED A FEW ACTIVITIES TO TRY OUT SO COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN!

Monday

CULTURAL DANCE LESSON! LUNCHTIME

G13-14



Tuesday

LOLLY LEIS!



Wednesday

PASIFIKA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

STADIUM LUNCH

PASIFIKA MUFT

DRESS UP IN PACIFIC ACCESSORIES



PASIFIKA DRESS DAY

23 June 2022

TO CELEBRATE PASIFIKA WEEK, ON THURSDAY 23 JUNE, THE PASIFIKA COMMITTEE IS HOLDING A PASIFIKA DRESS DAY FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL TO GET INVOLVED IN!

YOU ARE WELCOME TO WEAR CULTURAL PACIFIC ATTIRE OR /AND WEAR PACIFIC ACCESSORIES WITH YOUR UNIFORM.

ONLY PACIFIC CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES, NOT ANY MUFTI CLOTHING! THANK YOU

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR WHAT TO WEAR:

- LAVALAVA (SAMOAN CLOTH SKIRT)
- LEI'S (LOLLY LEI'S MADE ON TUESDAY!)(A GARLAND WORN AROUND THE NECK)
- TA'OVALA (TONGAN MAT SKIRT)
- SEI/EI (GARLAND WORN AROUND YOUR HEAD)



MATARIKI - Sunrise Hikoi

Matariki is approaching!! This is a significant festival on the Māori calendar which indicates the start of a new year. It is a time to gather together, to celebrate the unique place in which we live and give respect to the land on which we live. We can reflect on the previous year and consider new beginnings and aspirations. It is signalled by the appearance of a 9 star cluster, known in Aotearoa as Matariki and known elsewhere as the Pleiades or Subaru.

Since 2017 EGGS has been holding a sunrise Matariki hikoi, walk up our local mountain, Maungawhau / Mt Eden, followed by breakfast together before school to celebrate the rising of Matariki. This year our hikoi is July 1st, which all students and their whānau are invited to attend.

We will gather outside the Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Silver Road at 5.30am, leaving for the hikoi at 5.40am on the morning of **Friday 1 July**. Notification of cancellation will be via email the night before by 6pm). Students need to wear appropriate clothing and carry a torch.

Once we have returned to school we will continue the Matariki celebrations by having breakfast together in Hinemaia, a Māori languages classroom.

Below is a google doc link to let us know you're coming and so we can contact you if the hikoi is cancelled due to weather.

Hikoi sign up [here](#)

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome to Matariki 2022 at EGGS.



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**

Matariki

Hāngi

Wednesday 6th July

A large, bright hāngi fire is the central focus, burning intensely with orange and yellow flames. Thick white smoke rises from the fire, partially obscuring the night sky. Several people are standing around the fire, their silhouettes visible against the bright light. The scene is set outdoors at night.

**This amazing annual event is an opportunity for you to Mānawatia a Matariki
- celebrate this incredible time of year for Aotearoa.
When and where: Wednesday 6th of July (behind the languages block)
Indicate your kai preference via the link on eLearn**

Indicate your kai preference here: [Hāngi order for 6th July](#)

Congratulations Rosa

In lock down last year, my art teacher Ms Martin, set us some activities online. One of them was applying to ToiToi (a school journal publisher) to try to get some of my art published. I never thought I would hear from them, but in December I got an email from Toi Toi asking me to illustrate a story written by Nadia Pettersson. I had to create two large illustrations and one smaller one and submit them to ToiToi. In May 2022, I received in the mail, the Toi Toi journal with my illustrations accompanying Nadia's story. It's a great journal full of illustrations done by rangatahi from all across Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Rosa Joiner, Year 10.

Congratulations to Rosa, published Illustrator.



Rosa Joiner

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award Ceremony



Megan Qi and Vicki Chow

Epsom Girls Grammar School had the privilege to host a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Ceremony on Saturday 11th June. 60 students from all regions of New Zealand received their Gold Award from Sarah Hillary. Vicki Chow and Megan Qi were among the recipients of the prestigious Award. The Governor General, Dame Cindy Kiro, also spoke at the Ceremony and acknowledged the challenges that many of the students had faced in the previous 2 years to complete their Award.



Can you support an EGGS vegetable garden?

A group of keen students and teachers want to create a vegetable garden at school for the purposes of learning about agriculture, sustainability, supporting community and supplying kai for school events. We seek your support with supplying any of the following: timber for creating garden beds, soil, plants, gardening equipment, labour, gardening expertise.

Please complete this link to let us know how you can help this amazing project.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Senior French Quiz Night

On Thursday night 16 June, St Mary's College hosted the first Senior French Quiz Night since 2018. 12 teams of 4-6 students in Years 12 and 13 competed in 9 rounds and various other competitions throughout the night.



Oh la vache!



Miss Clarke's chouchous



EGGS Crew

We had 2 teams of four compete:

Team "Oh la vache !": Boshra Rahnamaee (Y12), Agustina Salinas (Y12), Shaima Oumer (Y12), Beau Roche (Y13)

Team "Miss Clarke's Chouchous": Drayton Colson (Y12), Louisa Kane (Y12), Tyla Lawson (Y12), Monique Lewis (Y12)

Here are our results:

- "Oh la vache !" won 2nd overall missing out on 1st by just 1 point! Their total score was 74/90.
- "Miss Clarke's Chouchous" won best dressed. (Drayton made her own dress!)
- Drayton won an inter-round question about the maximum number of riders allowed to compete in the Tour de France each year. (The answer is 198.)
- I won a teacher question (because none of us knew the answer and I happened to be the closest)
- "Miss Clarke's Chouchous" got a very good 61.5 / 90 (placed somewhere between 7th and 12th).

Please congratulate the students because they did incredibly well and knew a lot of facts. They were also mostly Year 12s when other teams had more Year 13s.

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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS – WE NEED YOU!

So often, we hear from people in the working world say "I wish I had known about this career opportunity when I was in school." Here is your chance to showcase opportunities, information and advice about your career path. We are particularly interested in challenging assumptions and showcasing diversity. We warmly invite you to come and tell our students about your career path on **Tuesday, August 23rd** on our annual **Year 11 Careers Day**. If you are interested in having an impact on the future career choices of our students, please fill in this **short survey**. We have been so privileged in previous years to have a range of fantastic speakers - here are some selected photos of previous professionals who were kind enough to voluntarily offer their time and expertise. Thank you and we hope to hear from you!



SCHOLARSHIPS

Who: Anyone considering studying **forestry science, forest engineering or forest management**

When: Apply by 15 Aug
More info [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

University of Auckland

Information Evening:

28 June | 6.00pm

Online

Register [here](#)

Air NZ Hangar Experience

Who: students interested in engines, aviation and aircraft

When: July school holidays

Register [here](#)

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

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Big Sing Competition



Our choirs Canto Vivo, Epsom Singers and Paradisum have been preparing for the Big Sing competition that was held on June 16th. All the choirs managed to achieve successful performances despite a lack of performance experience due to the COVID-19 lockdown at the end of last year. However, we overcame all the challenges that were thrown our way to be fully prepared to compete in the Big Sing competition. Earlier, in Week 6 (June 8th), we were able to hold our annual Choral Showcase with Auckland Grammar School in the Raye Freedman Centre. Each and every choir member has contributed a tremendous amount of hard work since the start of the year.

In news just in Paradisum has been selected for the National Finale in Christchurch next term.

Elyshia Bedwell - Choral Group Leader

From the Arts & Culture prefects

This past month has been very busy for Arts & Culture, with lots of performances and concerts showcased. We have been overwhelmed with the talent coming out of our school and we are so glad we have been able to showcase these students! Most notably, Fia Fia Night was an incredible success with 10 groups performing traditional and modern cultural dances. We completely sold out of tickets prior to the show which gave the groups a full house to perform in front of and a compelling atmosphere. The show went down without a hitch, and we are so grateful that after all the uncertainty with Covid we were still able to put on a great night while abiding by precautions to ensure everyone was kept safe. We acknowledge all the helpers throughout the night, from the tech team to runners to ticket sellers, who enabled a cohesive

Fia Fia Night 2022





Gymsports

Gymnastics Nationals

Bailey Tomokino, one of the Year 9 residents at Epsom House has been selected as an **Individual Auckland rep** for the **2022 NZ Gymnastics Champs** for her Step 6 category.

She had a fantastic season of competitions in the lead up to this achievement:

- Counties Manukau Comp: 4th Overall / 2nd Vault
- CSG Champs (CHCH): 2nd Day Apparatus Finalist and Vault champ
- Northland Champs: 2nd Overall / 1st Vault / 2nd Floor / 2nd Bar

Congratulations Bailey and all the very best for Nationals in Invercargill!



Bailey Tomokino

Gymsports Championships

Arielle Chaney competed across multiple events on the day. First up was the C Grade Women's Trampoline, where Arielle came 6th with a score of 48.20. Moving on to Tumbling B Grade Women's Arielle finished 6th scoring 33.53. Finally, came the Artistic events, where Arielle finished 2nd with an overall score of 56.10.

Frankie Booy competed in the A Grade Women's Trampoline, finishing 9th in her grade with a total score of 48.53.

Bailey Tomokino competed in the Step 6 Artistic events, placing 5th overall. An amazing result Bailey.

Amelia Hsu (Millie) also competed in the Artistic event, competing in Step 5, Millie placed 6th, an incredible achievement in quite a large pool of athletes!

With some great results on the day, all of the time and effort put into training each week is showing, well done team!



Cross Country

Cross Country Nationals

Over the weekend, June 18-19, Leila Daniels and Kayo Findsen travelled down to Nelson to compete in the 2022 NZSS Cross Country Nationals. The girls did very well and had a great time over the weekend.

The course was tough; muddy and technical on Saturday. Kayo had one of her best ever runs, finishing 19th overall with a quick time of 15:29 and Leila running strongly to finish 28th with a speedy time of 15:55. For Leila and Kayo to both finish in the top 30 of all NZ Secondary School's with 103 athletes running, was amazing in their first year in the senior girls category.

With such impressive results at the Cross Country Zones, Cross Country Champs and the Cross Country Nationals events, both Leila and Kayo were selected into Auckland's Relay Team, who were set to compete on Sunday. The team consists of five runners, completing 2000m each. Leila and Kayo's runs on the day pushed their team into 5th place, out of 17 Senior Girls Teams from around NZ. Again, as Year 11's, this is a huge accomplishment, and makes us very excited for what the future holds for Kayo and Leila!

Amazing running team!

Duathlon

Duathlon Championships

Thursday the 16th of June was the 2022 Duathlon Championships, with 11 Epsom Girls students competing, we were the school sending the largest number of team to the event.

Leila Daniels placed 1st in the Intermediate U16 Individual event, with an incredibly fast performance, finishing with a time of

With everyone finishing it smiles, it was an enjoyable and successful day out a Pukekohe Park Raceway. A special thank you to Mr Townsend who supported the team on the day!

Orienteering

Orienteering Individual Championships

A big congratulations to Maia Hecker, who finished 2nd in the Junior Girls Standard category at the Auckland Secondary Schools Orienteering Individual Championships with an outstanding time of 56:22.

NZ Team Announcement

The trials for the Southern Cross Schools Team, to compete in the Australian Schools Championship and the Australian Orienteering Carnival in Victoria in September, were held over the Queen's Birthday weekend. Four races were held over the 3 days, starting with a Sprint at Massey University in Palmerston North on the Saturday morning, approximately 30 girls from around the country were competing in the Junior Girls grade. Charlotte finished 7th in a time of 13:58.



The remaining events were in the coastal pine forest at Parewanui near Bulls, which consisted of 2 Middle and 1 Long. Charlotte finished 5th and 4th in the Middle distance races and 7th in the Long.

Charlotte performed extremely well, and has since been selected into the NZ Karahiwi team who will travel to Australia on the 22nd of September! The team also consists of only 5 members, and at just 15 years old, this is an incredible achievement for Charlotte!!

Ultimate Frisbee

NZ U20s Ultimate Frisbee Team

Good luck to Georgia Brown, Hannah Clark, Katherine Fulton, Mayley Gao, Georgia Lewis, and Tessa Swinson who are part of Kahu - the NZ U20s Ultimate Frisbee team travelling to Wrocław, Poland in August this year to compete in the World Junior Ultimate Championships.



Wrestling

Auckland Novice Championships

Ana Schaumkel-Vea competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Novice Championships on the 26th of May, winning this event Ana progressed into the Auckland Secondary Schools Open Wrestling Championships! At this event on June 9th, Ana won her division with some fantastic moves, lots of determination and a whole lot of skill!

