

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

We are now half way through the third term. A big thank-you to the prefects who organised events in each of the first four weeks to celebrate the School Values – Courage, Compassion, Curiosity and Community. Highlights last week were the Cultural dress mufti day and the staff vs prefects football game. On the mufti day it was wonderful to see the rich diversity of the school community and in the football game it was a close contest, with the staff just edging out 5:4 for the win.

Key reminders:

- Traffic is always a difficulty in Auckland – please make sure that student travel arrangements allow for traffic so that everyone is on time to school each morning.
- Parents – please log into the KAMAR portal and check your finance page to ensure that all charges are fully paid.

Year 13 students are at the exciting stage of applying for tertiary hostels, tertiary courses and a range of scholarships. They are now in the last eight weeks of their secondary education and need to take full advantage of the support offered in the lead-up to the School Examinations later this term, and then the NCEA Examinations in November.

In this edition of EGGNEWS you can see results from a range of competitions and events – congratulations to everyone involved. This year has been the first year since 2019 when the full programme of competitions and events has been able to happen and I have really enjoyed being able to be at a number of events to see the talents, hard work and skill of so many students.

A number of sports teams will be representing the School at Winter Tournament events, and we all wish them the very best, and a big thank-you in advance to all of the adults – staff and parents - who will be there in support of those teams.

I know that I have often said how proud we are of the way in which EGG student cohorts persevere and achieve at a consistently high level. You may be interested in this 2023 Metro Auckland schools article and data: <https://www.metromag.co.nz/society/school-results-2021>

I am sure nobody needs the reminder that tomorrow, Friday, is our EGG mid-term break – I hope everyone really enjoys the long weekend.

Ngā mihi
Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 6

Mon 21 Aug	Arts & Cultural Photos
Tue 22 Aug	Year 12 Leadership Expo
Tue 22-23 Aug	Year 13 Drama Production
Wed 23 Aug	Pasifika Fono, 6pm Writer's Night, 6.30pm
Thu 24 Aug	Finale Showcase Concert, RFAC
Fri 25-27 Aug	Big Sing National Finale

Coming up in Week 7

Mon 28 Aug - 3 Sep Winter Tournament Week



Year 10 Crowns Exhibition
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Cultural Mufti Day



Photos by Michele Martin

NETSAFE NEWS

At the end of July Netsafe held their annual Netsafety Week. They created some valuable resources and tools and a recording of the webinar is available here <https://youtu.be/LQ7o3lybCMY>.

The following is available at these intervals:

04:25 Understand some of our children's activities online

14:50 Learning about our children's activities online

18:45 Exploring technologies

22:45 Agreeing and setting expectations

28:43 Teaching online safety essentials

33:14 Modelling online safety

37:10 Making a safety plan

42:23 How Netsafe can support



Uniform/Stationery Shop

The Shop will be closed in Term 3 on the following Wednesdays:

- August 30
- September 6
- September 13
- September 20

Click [here](#) for the regular term time Shop hours

LIBRARY NEWS



School libraries transform - local and international research shows that access to a school library and reading for pleasure have only positive outcomes - academically and socially for teenagers. Alongside the obvious gains in literacy, reading for the sake of reading (rather than for an assessment) results in an increase in empathy as well as other cognitive benefits.



With all that in mind we celebrated the unique place the school library has in the school environment during Week 4.



There were daily competitions for small prizes, a range of bookish related activities and another competition that ran all week. Students and staff have been sending us their best bookface and we are about to pick a winner. Members of the Library Committee and the Sustainability ran a book swop during the week with a large number of books finding a new home. It is always exciting to see so many people and things happening in the Library and we are already thinking about next year.

Homestay Families Required

The Epsom Girls Grammar School International Department are looking for host 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 and to 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 jbostock@eggs.school.nz**

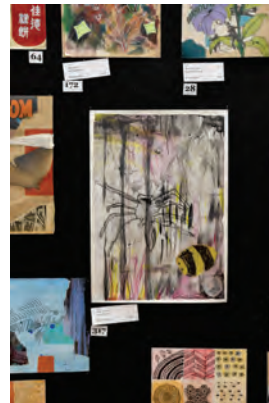
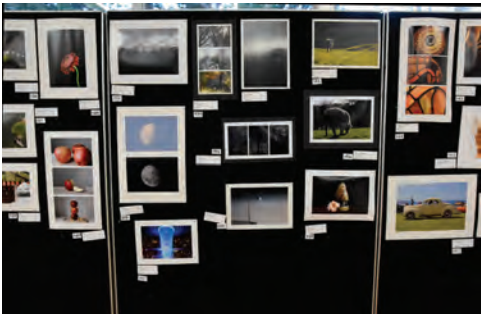


CURRICULUM NEWS

Incubate Art Exhibition



In Week 3, the EGGS Visual Arts Department held their annual art exhibition, Incubate, alongside the Year 10 crowns exhibition. We were so pleased with all of the wonderful student and staff artwork on display, much of which was sold! Thank you to everyone who contributed to or attended the event. A special thank you to all of the Visual Arts teachers and Visual Arts Leaders, Moet Imai, Shaima Oumer, Elena Suhren, and Audrey Goggin, for organising and running the exhibition, as well as Drayton Colson for photographing the event!



Year 10 Crowns Exhibition

A snapshot of some of the Year 10 work that was on display.



World Scholar's Cup

On the 15th and 16th of August, 12 students participated in the World Scholar's Cup at Kelston Boys' High School. Teams participated in debating, writing and quiz challenges in addition to a talent show. Of the 20 teams (over 60 students) that participated, Epsom Girls performed phenomenally well!

- Notably:
- 2nd in the Junior Scholars Challenge
 - 1st Trophy in the Senior Scholars Challenge
 - 2nd in Senior Debating
 - 2nd in Junior Scholar's Bowl
 - 1st Trophy in Senior Scholar's Bowl
 - 3rd and 1st in the individual Junior Writing Challenge
 - Heranna Gu 5th in the Senior Writing Challenge
 - Chloe Chong 1st in Art & Music Junior Individual Scholar's Challenge
 - Isabel Fonoti 1st in Lit & Media Junior Individual Scholar's Challenge
 - Aanya Vaishnav 1st in Science & Tech Junior Individual Scholar's Challenge
 - Chloe Chong won the Jac Khor Award for the Highest overall Score in the Junior Scholar's Challenge
 - Paige Young 1st in Social Studies, History, Lit & Media in the Senior Scholar's Challenge
 - Paige Young also won the Jac Khor Award for the Highest overall Score in the Senior Scholar's Challenge
 - 1st in the Junior Team Debate
 - 3rd in the Senior Team Debate
 - 1st in Junior Team Writing
 - 2nd in Senior Team writing
 - Chloe Chong 3rd Junior division Individual Overall
 - Isabel Fonoti 1st Junior Division individual overall
 - Rachael Rajkumar 4th Senior Division individual Overall
 - Paige Young 3rd Senior Division individual Overall
 - 2nd place Overall Junior Team
 - 1st place Overall Senior Team

EGGS French Exchange



During my summerbreak, I stayed for 4 weeks in New Zealand for an exchange. Charlotte and her family welcomed me so well I can not thank them enough. Considering the fact that Charlotte went to Tahiti in April, I already knew her and it was easier for me to become part of their daily lives. It was such a great experience, it helped me so much improving my English and I would not change a thing. Thanks to this experience, I was able to discover a new culture even if the Maori culture is quite similar to the Tahitian's, to meet new people, to discover how the school system works in New Zealand. I am so grateful to have had this incredible opportunity and the words can not express what I've experienced. So if you want to experience an exchange don't be afraid and go for it because you will not regret it.

Téa Morelle - Tahitian Exchange Student

Year 13 French Debate

Last term, the Year 13 French students were learning to talk about environmental issues in French. The topic culminated in a debate all in French that lasted two periods. Students were randomly allocated a form of energy that could be used to generate electricity: wind power, solar power, biofuel, nuclear power or hydropower. They had to argue in French that their form of energy should be used to fully power a newly discovered island. The debate was a great opportunity for students to use their French in a skilful and complex way as well as to expand their knowledge about the topic. Before the debate, the majority of students thought that hydropower would be the best for the island, but after the debate, the votes for the best form of energy were spread across all five different types.

The students voted for the best team during the debate, and this was won by the team defending hydropower: Monique Lewis, Boshra Rahnamaee, Anna Stebbings and Meryl Gogolashvili.



EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR, YEAR 13 DRAMA PRESENTS

THE VISIT

Friedrich Dürrenmatt

Raye Freedman Arts Centre
7pm, 22 & 23 August 2023. \$10

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ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Arts and Culture Scholarships 2023: Applications close Friday 1st September (Nadine Levitt Music Scholarship now added)



Applications for Arts and Cultural Scholarships are now open to students across all year levels. These will be awarded at the Arts and Cultural Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, 20 September. The scholarships recognise outstanding contributions to Arts and Culture within Epsom Girls. Successful applicants will receive money to help further their studies. Application forms are available from the Arts and Cultural office or on [ELearn-Co-curricular - Arts and Culture-Scholarships](#) and close on Friday, 1 September. If you have any questions, please email Ms Liang at sliang@apps.eggs.school.nz.

Chinese Extravaganza



This year's annual combined EGGS X AGS Chinese Extravaganza, held at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre, proved once again to be a great success, featuring two sell-out shows out of three that took place over the first weekend of Term 3. The array of wonderfully talented performing groups included Dragon and Lion Dance, Traditional Dance, Modern Dance, Chamber, Diabolo, Mixed Choir, Band, Drama, Rap and a new addition this year - C-Idol. The audience experienced a visual show of entrancingly beautiful performances, which showcased the high calibre of our performers, and the countless time and dedication they have put into this project, two terms in the making.

We would like to acknowledge the organisation, leadership, and support from all respective subgroup leaders, our Backstage crew, our Media team, the Tech team (lead by director Libby Yee), Stage Manager (Phoebe Liu), our Secretary (Melanie Xiao), our Committee girls (Minji Yang, Tania Liu, Yanice Yue, Zoe Zhu & Katie Han) and all supporting teachers, especially Miss Brown, Ms Liang, Mr Tomlinson, Miss Hu, Ms Mahy & Miss van der Wende. Thank you to you all for your involvement and hard work in making this year's show possible. A massive congratulations to all the students who put in their time and effort, the show is only made possible by each and everyone of you. See you again soon for Chinese Extravaganza 2024!

Serena Trinh, Sophie Yuan, Jeffrey Lin, Phong Nguyen

Chinese Extravaganza

photos by the Chinese Media Group



EPSOM MUSIC

KBB Music Festival

All of our instrumental ensembles played at the annual KBB Music Festival last week. It was a busy week of performances and listening to some amazing music from students all over Tāmaki Makaurau. We are incredibly proud of our students and delighted that they were recognised with awards at the end of the festival.

Symphonia, Chamber Orchestra, Concert Band and Intermediate Concert Band were all awarded with Silver awards and our String Ensemble were Highly Commended. Congratulations to all of our musicians on your performances and such a fabulous week.

Josheta Subramanian (Violin), Alice Gill (French Horn), Teresa Cheung (Viola), and Sophie Koh (Viola) were all selected to play in the Honours Orchestra on Friday afternoon and evening when they rehearsed and performed the wonderful New Zealand work by Gareth Farr, *From the Depths Sound the Great Sea Gongs*.



Epsom String Ensemble



Epsom String Ensemble



Concert Band



Intermediate Concert Band



Epsom Symphonia

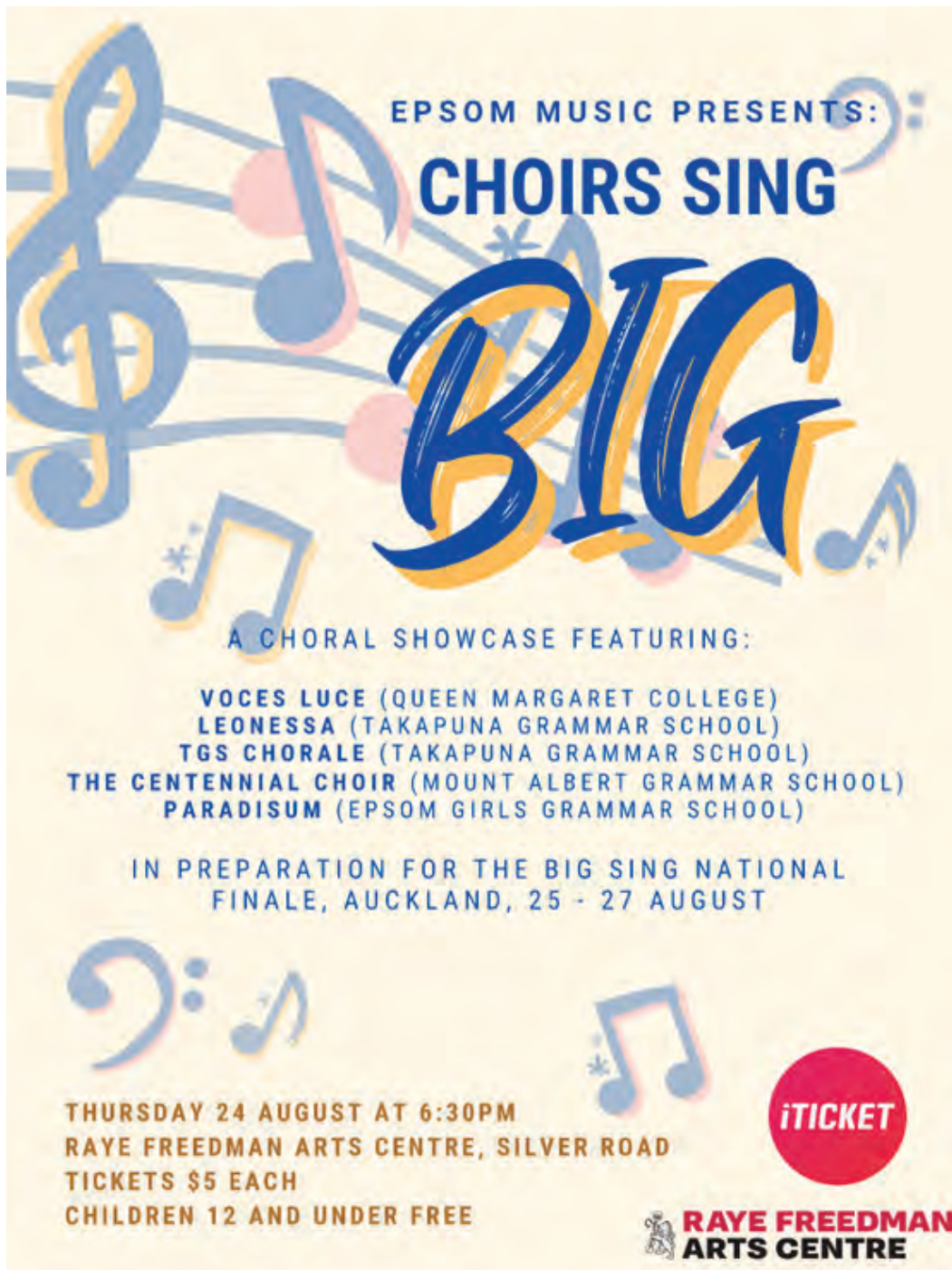
Big Sing National Finale

Paradisum have been working hard to prepare new repertoire ahead of the Big Sing National Finale next week. They were selected as one of 24 choirs from across Aotearoa for the National Finale after the regional festivals in June.

Paradisum will perform two recitals over three days, from Friday 25 to Sunday 27 August. We begin our Finale journey with a concert at school on Thursday 24 August at 6.30 pm. Paradisum will be joined by invited guests and fellow Finale choirs, Chorale and Leonessa from Takapuna Grammar School, Centennial Choir from Mount Albert Grammar School and Voces Luce from Queen Margaret College in Wellington.

There are still tickets available through iTicket linked here: <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2023/aug/choirs-sing-big>

The Finale will also be live streamed throughout the event. We will update the school Facebook page with the link when it comes available.



EPSOM MUSIC PRESENTS:
CHOIRS SING
BIG

A CHORAL SHOWCASE FEATURING:

- VOCES LUCE (QUEEN MARGARET COLLEGE)
- LEONESSA (TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL)
- TGS CHORALE (TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL)
- THE CENTENNIAL CHOIR (MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL)
- PARADISUM (EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL)

IN PREPARATION FOR THE BIG SING NATIONAL FINALE, AUCKLAND, 25 - 27 AUGUST

THURSDAY 24 AUGUST AT 6:30PM
RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE, SILVER ROAD
TICKETS \$5 EACH
CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE

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RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE

EGGS Ski Team

In June, the College Sport Auckland Snowsports Championships were held at Snowplanet in Auckland. EGGS had students in the Girls Ski race, Girls slopestyle and Girls snowboarding where we had a lot of great results! Year 12, Alicia Yan finished 6th in the Senior Girls Snowboarding competition and Chloe Pratt in Year 9 won the Junior Girls Ski Race and she was also the overall champion which is incredible for her first year at EGGS! Congratulations to these 2 students, and everyone else involved! Unfortunately, their North Islands have been cancelled, but we wish them good luck for their future training and competitions!



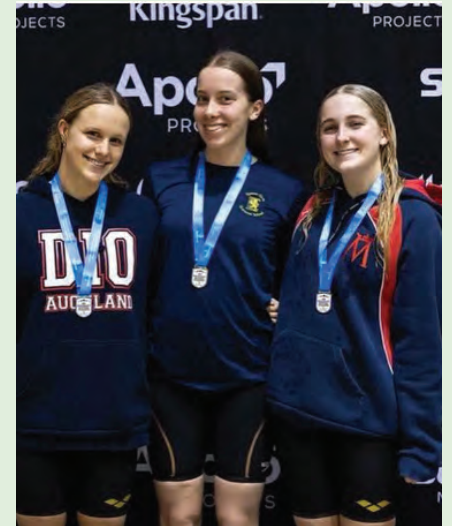
Lacrosse Season



Our Eggs lacrosse A team has had a very successful 2023 school season going the entire season undefeated. We've travelled all around Auckland and have also had multiple home games where we have continued to learn, grow, and adapt as a team. Our collective determination is what ultimately led us to win a tight final game against MAGS. We are now preparing and looking towards Auckland Tournament day and Nationals!

New Zealand Secondary Schools Swim Championships

A few weeks ago, a couple of swimmers from our school swim team travelled to Wellington for the NZSS Swim Champs. Our senior students did exceptionally well, continuing their season success with multiple medals on the national stage. Louise achieved bronze in the 100m individual medley 16 year girls, and Abby Davidson won gold in the 50m & 200m breaststroke 17-18 year girls and silver in the 100m breaststroke 17-18 year girls. Amazing results for our 2 senior swimmers and a testament to their hard work and commitment, well done!



Rugby 1XV Season



This year was the first year Epsom Girls Grammar School entered a team in the 1st XV Rugby Division in a long time. Whilst being fairly new to the grade, we worked hard throughout the season and found ourselves in the semi-finals against Auckland Girls Grammar School. Unfortunately, we fell short of points in our semi-final placing Epsom 4th in the Auckland Region. Although we weren't able to come away with the win, there were many smiles throughout the highs and lows of our season, however, it hasn't finished yet! With the Winter Tournament Week coming up, we've decided to give it a go which will give us another chance to interact with other schools and develop more learnings for Rugby.



Football

The EGGs Social Football season came to an end last week.

EGGS Senior Gold, Senior Blue, and Junior Supergold (a culmination of Junior Blue and Junior Gold), had an outstanding season. All teams made a massive effort to be involved in the football programme at EGGs, including our Junior team training at 7.45am on a Monday morning, at times in the rain and fog! What a feat.



Senior Gold



Senior Blue



Junior Super Gold



The EGGs Lion features as a special guest player for the last Junior Football game!

At EGGs we pride ourselves on providing opportunities for students to play sport at elite AND social levels, and having four social football teams this season has shown that these non-competitive opportunities are crucial to getting our young people active! Also, for social teams, the games were anything but!

Well done to all the teams, and thank you to Victoria Gaskell, Jo Rainey, Marie Lewis, Bria McKay, Maka Siafa, and Ally Patterson for managing these teams, and for your unwavering support throughout the season.