

EGGSNEWS



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Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

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Celebrating EGGs Senior student success at the annual Prizegiving (from left) Phoebe Liu (joint Proxime Accessit), Lida Bao (Dux) and Coeun Ham (joint Proxime Accessit)



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Dear parents, caregivers and students

We have had a number of celebration events recently – from the Arts and Cultural Awards at the end of Term 3, followed by Community and Learning Awards, the Sports Awards Dinner and the inaugural Ākonga Māori Awards Evening. On Wednesday the Senior Prizegiving celebrated academic achievement for Years 11, 12 and 13. What a wonderful occasion to see so many students cross the stage for prizes, awards and scholarships. Congratulations again to all students involved in all of these recent events and you can find details about some of them in this edition of EGGsNEWS.

Today we farewell Year 12 and 13 students as they go on study leave. They have all of next week at home and the NCEA Examinations start on Monday 6 November. Students – please remember that if you are coming to school for a tutorial session, wear full uniform and sign in at Reception. The signing in is important for health and safety needs. Very best wishes to all students sitting these NCEA Examinations.

We look forward to seeing Year 13 students and whānau at the Graduation Dinner on Tuesday 5 December, once the examinations are over, and current Year 12 students involved in the Leadership Training Days will be onsite on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 December.

At the Senior Prizegiving we announced the Head Prefect team for 2024 and today at their final assembly before going on study leave the whole team was presented to the Year 12 students. You can find a complete Prefect team list on Page 2. All Year 12 students chosen for leadership positions for 2024 have impressed us with their fine qualities, skills and commitment to service leadership and the School Values of Courage, Compassion, Curiosity and Community. Congratulations to all of these students.

On a personal note, I was very touched when the Seniors had a special assembly for me on Tuesday morning. I want to thank them for their kind words and lovely gifts, including my very own Leaver's Jersey - I guess it has taken me a while to get the hang of Year 13 and at the end of this year I will finally be able to graduate!

Ngā mihi

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 4

Wed 1 Nov Year 9-11 Philosophy Day
Sat 4 Nov Junior Waka Ama Regatta

Coming up in Week 5

Mon 6 Nov NCEA Exams begin
Fri 10 Nov Teacher only day
Sun 12 Nov Ultimate Frisbee - Junior Outdoor Champs



2024 Prefects

Congratulations to the 2024 Prefect team:

Head Prefect and Ka Hikitia Prefect

Stevie Mabey

Deputy Head Prefects

Alexis Chu

Leila Daniels

Abbie Mackay

Arts and Culture Prefects

Lea Huh

Lucy Kate McCullum

Nova Nepia

Veda Upadhyay

Community Prefects

Rushni De Silva

Emma Johnson

Dihini Thantrige

Areetha Unnikrishnan

Kotahitanga Prefects

Rei Garisau

Mihirangi Harris Tipoki

Learning Prefects

Omomola Akindeju

Keira Ng

Anika Rai

Zoe Zhu

Peer Support Prefects

Ansonia Chen

Talia Vea

Sport Prefects

Ruby Brathwaite

Iris Feng

LaBelle Kumeroa

Alyssa Wong

Student Council Prefects

Talilotu Kaifa

Angele Ouk

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Samara Greig offered a place at Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance in London

Alongside her schooling at EGGs, Year 13 student Samara has attended MEBA Future Dancers at Mt Eden Ballet Academy, aiming towards a dance career. With limited tertiary full time training options in New Zealand, Samara auditioned for Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance in London and is one of just 50 students worldwide who were successful in being offered a place. Samara leaves for London in January to begin her Foundation Degree in Ballet and Contemporary Dance at Rambert School (in association with the University of Kent) which she hopes will lead her to a performance career.

Over Labour weekend Samara was successful in winning the PACANZ National Young Performer Awards in Modern Dance from a field of 116 nominees, a significant achievement. This month she was also awarded Royal Academy of Dance Solo Seal for Ballet, which is extremely hard to achieve. Samara was a member of the MEBA Worlds team who received two Silver Medals at Dance Worlds in Florida in April and has contributed to the dance programme at EGGs having been heavily involved in Showquest for the last three years. She has also choreographed a dance for the NCEA curriculum being introduced next year.



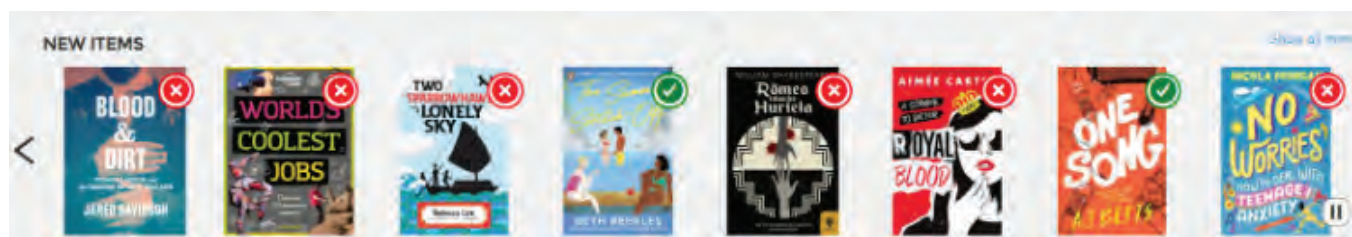
Why teens everyone should read regularly

You can find any number of articles about the benefits of reading - how it can increase language and social skills, reduce stress and anxiety, and improve employability. Reading can also help teens deal with their increasingly complex world and understand some of the adult issues they will have to grapple with.

Reading is a habit, and as long as you are picking up something to read regularly - what or how you are reading is less important. We have a range of formats available via the school library - books and magazines, graphic novels and ebooks and more...

We love helping match people to their next favourite book.

One of the first things we ask when someone comes looking for a book is - what else do you like doing? Using a favourite film, game or television show as a starting point to find a book is really useful. Books based on existing interests can really help reluctant readers identify what they might like to read and gain confidence in selecting books for themselves.



When choosing new books we consider all these points when deciding if a book should be added to the collection. We continue to aim to have a collection as diverse as the community we serve. New items can be found on the New Books display by the entrance to the Fiction Room and they also are displayed at the top of the library catalogue.

Further information on the benefits of reading

<https://theeducationhub.org.nz/how-to-encourage-teens-to-read/>

<https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/articles/how-reading-for-pleasure-can-tackle-poverty>

LEGO Drive

Whare Akoranga- The Learning Centre are starting a "Make and Break" club next year so that students especially new Year 9s have a safe space to engage with Lego and other likeminded students at lunch times. We will gratefully accept any leftover lego that you no longer need in your house. Lego can be dropped off to the box in reception before the end of the school year. Thank you for your support your lego will be loved and used and will support the progress of our students.



CURRICULUM NEWS

Mihi Aroha and Māori Awards



Last Thursday evening we celebrated the Academic, Sporting, Cultural, Leadership and Service achievements of ākonga Māori for 2023 with our Mihi Aroha and Māori Awards. The event was a showcase of the ways in which ākonga Māori have supported Kaupapa Māori at the kura this year and performed on the sports field and on the stage. We acknowledged the leadership of Amiria Wiki, our inaugural Ka Hikitia Prefect and the service of Mikaya Kaipo and Mia Bullivant with the presentation of a new Puhi Māreikura award.

EGGS Young Enterprise

Year 13 Commerce students in the EGGs Young Enterprise group, "The Body Coffee", won a "Highly Commended" award at a ceremony held on the evening of Tuesday, 24 September 2023 at the Victory Convention Centre. They designed a sustainable, low waste, eco-friendly body scrub using coffee grounds donated by Starbucks, and packaged in attractive, reusable and recyclable glass jars with metal lids. The future looks bright for these students.



Pictured from left at back: Bipasha Patel, Manasa Murali, Mahreen Dossa, Brooke Schaumkell, Sana Dhala (in front).

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Arts and Cultural Awards

The annual Arts and Cultural Awards Ceremony was held on the 20th of September in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre. It was an evening to celebrate students' achievement in Arts and Culture in 2023. I would like to thank all teachers in charge, assistants, student group leaders, Arts and Cultural prefects, performers and volunteers to make this awards evening happen.

Congratulations to all award winners and scholarship recipients.

For the full list of awards click [here](#)

Arts and Cultural Coordinator, Shuping Liang

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AGS / EGGS 2024 musical "School of Rock"

Auditions for the AGS / EGGS 2024 musical, "School of Rock". Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber; Lyrics by Glenn Slater; Script by Julian Fellowes. Auditions welcome from all students who will be at AGS or EGGS in 2024.

Click on the link below for information about the characters & audition information & sign-up form:
[AGS / EGGS musical "School of Rock" Info and Sign-up](#)



COMMUNITY & LEARNING NEWS

Community & Learning Awards

On Tuesday 17th of October, the awards ceremony for Community and Learning EGGs was held. This was to celebrate and recognise the leadership and service the students have provided to various different groups within the community and learning groups in our school. The Learning and Community prefects have presented the leadership awards to the student leaders of the committees and interest groups of each EGG commending and congratulating the leaders for their responsibility, commitment and leadership abilities. We have also awarded service awards to non-leader members of each committees and interest groups, recognising their commendable contributions to the atmosphere of the groups, their leadership which assisted the leaders and their time&effort. Congratulations once again, and also a huge thank you to all of the Leadership and Service Award recipients.

Community & Learning Awards concluded all events organised by Community and Learning prefects this year. At the end of the awards ceremony, the 4 learning prefects and 4 community prefects were awarded for the dedication and leadership they have shown throughout the year. We have also acknowledged Mrs Vaughan and Ms McCool, the TICs for Learning EGG and Community EGG respectively for their support and assistance, as well as their effort towards overseeing all various Community/Learning events.

Coenun Ham - Learning EGG Prefect

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 2024, NZ\$350 per week is paid to cover full board.

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



EPSOM HOUSE NEWS

Leavers' Dinner

On the 15th of October Epsom house held their annual Leavers' Dinner for Year 13 students. We celebrated their achievements and reminisced on their time spent at Epsom House. We were joined by many family, friends, the Epsom House staff, Ms Knowles and Mrs Pound who all shared many words of inspiration and encouragement to the leavers wishing us luck in our journey beyond Epsom House.

We were lucky to have a guest speaker, Emma Olsen, who was an ex-Epsom House student who is now a successful broadcaster for Newshub and the AMshow. We got the chance to hear about what her life is like after boarding school and also what her experiences were like while she was in Epsom House. It was a special night for all who attended. We got to hear of all the plans of the current Year 13s for what they will be doing once they leave high school/EH. We also heard a heartfelt speech from the Epsom House Head Prefect, Keely Sanderson, expressing her love for Epsom House and the people who have contributed to her experience, reminding everyone that this is not a final goodbye instead it's a see you later.

Another celebration that was held for the Year 13s of Epsom House was a buffet breakfast at the Rydges Hotel. We were joined by a few Epsom House staff as well as Ms Knowles. This was a lovely experience for the Year 13s to have a few final times spent together and sharing a meal.

The Year 13's are incredibly grateful for having these experiences together and for being celebrated for our accomplishments.

Arlliyah Priest (Board rep for EH) and Keely Sanderson (EH Head Prefect)



FOUNDATION NEWS

Personalised EGGS Branded Tote Bag Fundraiser

A number of you would have shopped online at SOPHIE and know that it is a popular brand selling quality jewellery, scarves, clothing, hats & vegan leather goods. The exciting news is that we have partnered with SOPHIE to launch a new fundraising initiative.

Charcoal
(embroidered example)



Checkered Pattern
(embroidered example)



Khaki

(colour samples only)



Butterscotch

(colour samples only)



There are 4 colours to choose from and then you can choose from a selection of colours to embroider your initials, nickname, first or last name.

About the Bag

An oversized tote that you will take everywhere! Made from heavy duty washed canvas, with solid reinforced handles. Throw in books, laptops, drink bottles & more - round up the sports gear or pack for a night away. (Please note that the opening of the bag does not have a zip).

44cm wide x 50cm deep

pocket : 14.5cm x 19cm

100% cotton canvas

Cost

Cost of bags with embroidery:

EGGS logo only \$95

EGGS logo and 1-2 letters \$98

EGGS logo and 3-4 letters \$100

EGGS logo and 5-8 letters \$105

(Payment will be required at the time of placing your order)

Personalise Your Bag with Initials/Name

Please note that all letters will be in capitals and the maximum number is 8.

The embroidery of letters is restricted to a specific area of the bag due to machine set up. This means that the more letters you choose, the smaller they will appear. E.g if you choose 2 letters, the height will be 43cm and width 95cm; 3 letters will be a height of 35cm and width 14cm. Below is an example of what 8 letters would look like compared to 3, if you choose this option.

The EGGS logo will appear on one side of the bags and initials/name on the other side.



Colours of Tote Bags

Colours of bags to choose from:

- Charcoal
- Khaki
- Butterscotch
- Checkered pattern

Colours for Your Initials/Name

- Red (EGGS red)
- Blue (EGGS blue)
- Yellow (EGGS yellow)
- Black
- Ivory
- Green
- Pink

Colour Chart indicator: (colours will be brighter on the bags)



Ordering

Orders will be placed fortnightly and we will expect delivery within 2 weeks of placing the order. Depending on when you place your order, please allow for a maximum of 4 weeks for pick up. Once we receive the orders we will advise you of where they can be collected from at the School.

Terms and conditions

There is a strict no returns policy. Because of this, please be very careful when placing your order. Due to the washed nature of this fabric, differences in colour shades exist, this is normal and part of the beauty. Colour may rub off onto other surfaces and is designed to fade over time.

If you have any questions before placing your order please email Sue Morse on smore@eggs.school.nz

To order and pay for your personalised Tote Bag [CLICK HERE](#)

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SPORT

2023 Sports Awards Dinner

On Wednesday 18th October, Epsom Girls Grammar Sport hosted their annual Sports Dinner. Held at The Trusts Arena for the first time, it was a wonderful evening to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding achievements, hardwork and dedication displayed by our sporting students over the year. It was an exciting and memorable evening, with 214 awards presented, a handful of awards were newly presented this year which demonstrated the growth of Sport at Epsom Girls. A big thank you to Ex-Silver Fern Sulu Fitzpatrick for speaking at the Dinner, sharing her life experiences on and off the netball court and delivering some powerful messages to our students and guests.

Congratulations to those who received awards on the night! The 2023 Sports Dinner Special Awards winners are listed below.



Victor Macky Service to School Sport as the School Sports Captain- Lara Colpi, Tessa Swinson, Sarah Manu, Maya Fowler



Sport Acknowledgement of Service,
Volunteer of the Year- Graham Taylor
Graham Taylor Cup for Manager of the Year
(Donated by the 2023 1st XI Football Team)- Graham Taylor



Coach of the Year- Rosie Gunn



Overcoming Difficulty-
Tegan Feringa



Gary McCrystal Best International
Performance by an Individual- Lara Colpi



Best All Round Maori Sportsperson-
Mikaya Kaipo



Old Girls Association Cup for Best
All Round Sportsperson- Katherine Fulton



Tapu Willson Cup for Pasifika
Sportsperson of the Year- Milahn Ieremia



Maori Sportsperson of the Year- Tessa Swinson & Lois Dalley Memorial Cup- Sportsperson of the Year- Tessa Swinson



Rugby news!



Milahn Ieremia was selected for the NZ Barbarians U18 Girls squad (the first ever team) and Mikaya Kaipo was selected and Captained the NZ U18 Ngā Māreikura Girls squad (NZ Maori). They played the last weekend of the holidays with The Maori squad coming out victors. These teams consisted of the best U18 players in NZ at the moment and is a massive achievement for both of these two girls.

Yachting - NZ Youth Team announced

On Friday evening Yachting NZ announced the Youth Team that will be travelling to Brazil in December. Year 12 student Nicola Hume (with skipper Tessa Clinton from Carmel College) has been selected to represent NZ in the 420 class of yachts at the 2023 Youth Sailing World Championships to be held in Buzios, Brazil.

Nicola has also been awarded a Yachting NZ Youth Performance Award for her 2023 sailing achievements that include winning the National Champion title for women in both the 420 class and the 29er skiff class.

Nicola and her team mate Tessa will stay on in Brazil to compete in the South American National Champs and also in the 2024 420 Open World Championships in January in Rio De Janeiro.

Congratulations Nicola!



Nicola Hume

Junior Hockey Season



A late, but very well deserved congratulations to the U15A and U15B Hockey teams who won their respective A and B grade divisions in the Auckland Central College Sport competition! Guided by our 2 code captains, this is a fantastic achievement for both teams and we are so proud! The U15A Hockey team consisted of: Emme Arlidge, Jaya Atwal, Marie Boyle, Mia Breen, Petra Craddock, Megan Day, Yandri Fourie, Zoe Kivell, Amelia Paoli, Siena Philip, Stella Pritchard, Emily Rope, Alice Rosie, Emi Summers, Aarya Vaidya, who also received the hockey team of the year award at our inaugural sports dinner. Well done on a great season!

Basketball Nationals

On September 24th, our Premier Basketball team travelled down to Palmerston North and competed in the New Zealand Secondary School Championship, which they qualified for during winter tournament week.

They were accompanied by coaches Jelena Vucinic and Taylah Te Amo, managers Oralee Hetariki and Mel Vea, and our TIC for the tournament Rachel Heeny.

The team came away with a 20th place finish, and while the result may not be favourable, the qualification to the National tournament is testament to their hard work and determination throughout the season.





This year we say goodbye to three Year 13s, Andrea Ape-Paia, Leah Patuwairua, and Maya Fowler who have paved the way for the future generations of EGGs Basketball.

Cycling Nationals



On Thursday 21st September, 13 members of the EGGs Cycling team travelled to Fielding to compete in the SKODA National Road Cycling Championships. The squad came away with some outstanding results, getting a podium spot in multiple races.

Results:

Senior Team Time Trial - 3rd

Junior Team Time Trial - 3rd

Under 16 girls Road race - Nina Worrall placed 3rd
Under 20 Girls road race - Tegan Feringa placed 2nd
Under 20 girls Points race - Tegan Feringa placed 2nd

EGGS Cycling farewells five Year 13s this year: Freida Joiner, Hannah Mead, Tessa Swinson, and our Cycling Code Captains Tegan Feringa and Ava Maddison, who have been outstanding Cycling leaders over the years which has taken EGGs Cycling to new heights. Tegan and Ava leave behind a legacy!

Rowing

On Saturday 25th November, the EGGs Rowing Squad and Committee are hosting a 'Celebration of Rowing' event in Mount Eden. The event will include a speaker panel of EGGs Rowing Alumni.



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"CELEBRATION OF
ROWING"**



5 SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE:

- **HEWITT HARRISON - FOUNDING FATHER OF THE CLUB**
- **ANNA BURNS-FRANCIS - NEWS CORRESPONDENT**
- **LUCY JONAS - U23 WORLD CHAMPS SILVER MEDALLIST**
- **ANNA DELONG - ROWING NZ COACH**
- **COLETTE MUIR - PAEDIATRICIAN**

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