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Dear parents, caregivers and students

Year 11 students had their final day on Wednesday, finishing with a special assembly and the presentation of Good EGG Awards. Well done Year 11 on a successful year, and congratulations also to all the Year 11 Photography and Visual Arts students – the exhibition this week was stunning.

We are pleased that NZQA's Assessment Master digital platform delivered for the Level 2 English examination this week amidst nationwide nervousness. Senior students I have spoken with are mostly finding the exams to be fair and that they are glad that they are preparing well for each exam so that they feel confident on the day.

Last night it was a privilege to be a guest at the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards presentation at Government House, with the Duke of Edinburgh in attendance. Congratulations again to Arina Chaptynova and Ashley Lee on attaining their Gold Award.

You can find a range of sports news in this edition of EGGNEWS, and we are looking forward to the Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards next week. EGGGS has a proud tradition of excellence in sporting achievement and this year has been an outstanding example of this.

Key reminders for Year 9 and 10 students:

- Students need to be on time each day. We all have to contend with traffic and we ask that parents support students in getting to school at the right time
- Keep up the good work on moving around the School quietly while the NCEA exams continue for seniors. A quick reminder that this includes leaving quietly at the end of each day as the afternoon exams go through to 5.00pm

We all look forward to the Year 10 Ki o Rahi Tournament and the Year 9 Dance-Off Competition coming up over the next two weeks.

Ngā mihi

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 7

Mon 20 Nov NCEA Exams continue

Wed 23 Nov Year 9 Dance Off Competition

Coming up in Week 8

Mon 27 Nov NCEA Exams continue

Fri 1 Dec Year 10 Ki o Rahi Tournament

Year 13 Sign Out, 11am-1pm



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Joyce Fisher Charitable Trust - Spirit of Adventure Scholarships



Byron Bentley and Adrianna Boyce, who are representatives from the Joyce Fisher Charitable Trust, came to the Year 11 Assembly on Tuesday 7 November to present Spirit of Adventure Scholarships to Year 11 students Lenna Asiata, Keilah Pati, Gabriella Toalepai, and Teija-Lee Jones. These students will be sailing on 10 day voyages over the summer break. Congratulations to the recipients and a special thank you to the Joyce Fisher Charitable Trust for their ongoing support of the School.

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CURRICULUM NEWS

Philosophy Day



On Wednesday the 1st of November, EGGs held the annual Philosophy Day. Over 100 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 participated in and ran a range of activities designed to extend each other's critical thinking skills, encourage collaboration and creative thinking. Guest speakers from Effective Altruism provided students with thought provoking discussion around charities and compassion in the wider community. As the popularity of the subject grows, Philosophy day has become increasingly popular. Students can look forward to participating in this again in 2024!

Year 11 Sports Science



This term the 11PSS (Year 11 Sports Science) students have been completing a group assessment focused on using kotahitanga strategies through playing Handball. The students have spent time learning about different kotahitanga strategies and how to implement these, practising their Handball skills in their teams, competing in their own class tournaments and then finishing off with an inter-class tournament. After some intense and entertaining games, ALI came out on top as the 2023 Handball Champions! An awesome way to finish of the year for our 11PSS students!

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Indian Group - Diwali Festival

On Sunday 28 October our talented dancers from the Indian group lit up the stage at the Waitakere Diwali Festival with a captivating Bollywood dance performance. The group spent weeks preparing a carefully crafted dance that rocked the stage of Waitakere Diwali. The energetic and colourful presentation brought the spirit of Diwali to life, delighting the audience and adding a touch of India's rich culture that we are grateful to share here at EGGs.

Veda Upadhyay (Indian Group co-leader)



MUSIC NEWS

Music Workshop for incoming Year 8 students



On Wednesday 8 November, we welcomed 70 Year 8 students to attend a workshop with Year 9-11 musicians from the Music Department. Students were given an introduction to the department and how they can get involved in 2024 including music lessons and co-curricular music groups.

Students were split into three groups depending on their interests: Orchestra, Choir and a guitar/ukulele group. We had a lot of fun rehearsing and then performing for one another in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre.

It was a wonderful morning and we are looking forward to 2024 with our new Year 9 students! We know that there will be many students who are interested in getting involved next year. You do not need to have attended the workshop! Please find further information and sign up forms open now on the school website:

[Music information and Sign Up forms 2024](#)



EPSOM HOUSE NEWS

Term 4 at Epsom House has been jam-packed with fun activities and lots of Christmas cheer! With all that's been going on in the House, the atmosphere is full of joy. From Halloween-themed dinners to Christmas preparation, we have it all checked out!

We are eagerly anticipating hostel's famous Christmas week! In which we do Secret Santa, watch Christmas movies, decorate the Reception and watch the tree lights sparkle at dinner time. Epsom House is just buzzing with excitement.

As the year comes to an end, we say farewell to our Year 11 students for the rest of the term and wish them all a happy holiday! We hope they can get a well-deserved rest.



On Tuesday the 31st of October all students within Epsom House had the opportunity to skip prep time for a night of dressing up and eating candy. We saw some spooky costumes which many girls had put a lot of effort into making. Costumes ranged from fairies, Thing 1 + Thing 2, killer clowns, and we even had a visit from Steve Irwin - cool! There were prizes for individual best dressed and group best dressed, and we had enough prizes left over for the winner of musical statues. Everyone then had lots of fun scavenging the common areas throughout Epsom House to find as many lollies as they could within 10 minutes. However, much to nobody's surprise the search was over after 5 minutes. To finish off the evening, some students stayed behind to watch a spooky movie with yummy popcorn.

We would also like to send a massive shout-out to all of the senior students participating in exams this year. Dedicated, focused, and determined are just some of the ways we can describe the studying observed within Epsom House. We are very proud of how well the students have managed the stress of exams. To those of you who have already finished exams, have a well-deserved summer break. To those of you who have just a few exams left, hold on! You are almost at the end! And to those of you who have packed up your room for the last time, we wish you all the best in your journey to come. You will go far with the values and lessons you have learned through your time in Epsom House, we know you all will grow to do great things.

Lillian and Honey - Year 10, Epsom House

Homestay Families Urgently Required for January 2024

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 6757/021 193 6049 for further information
or email jbostock@eggs.school.nz**



FOUNDATION NEWS

Last chance to order before Christmas....

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)

Checked Pattern
(embroidered example)



Khaki

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 weekly 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 3 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

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Netball Representative Players and other achievements this year

The following players have also represented their selected centre at a representative level this year. Congratulations on your achievements.

Papakura U14s - Talia Parkes

Pukekohe U14s - Tiana Chatfield

Tāmaki Mākaurau U13s - Alexandria Bell-McFarland

Tāmaki Mākaurau U17s - Mya Kingi

Auckland Cook Island U14s - Alexandria Bell-McFarland, Talia Parkes and Payton Makoare-Moon

Cycling



We have a series of rides for those keen on Cycling in 2024. These will be each Saturday in November.

Meet at the school cycling shed at 7am (behind the pool opposite the Sports Centre). Bring your bike (road or mountain bike), helmet and water bottle. There are school bikes available to use should you not have a bike. Bring a parent too if they ride a bike.

Come and join some of the EGGs Cycling Team and Coach Cath for a fun ride learning some basic road safety and bike skills along the way. We will ride to Cornwall Park and back.

For more information please email cnathaniel@eggs.school.nz



Rugby News

A few weeks ago our Epsom Condor 7s Rugby team competed at the Auckland Secondary School 7s Rugby tournament. They finished within the top 4 Auckland girls schools to secure their spot in the championship grade at the Condor 7s Rugby Nationals tournament being held in Mount Maunganui from December 2nd - 3rd. Congratulations to these students and their management team, and we can't wait to see how they go at nationals!

In other Rugby related news, two of our current and one of our former students have been invited to the FIRST ever U20 New Zealand rugby camp. They are Milahn Ieremia, Mikaya and Samaria Kaipo. The camp is held at the end of the month in Wellington, so if you see the girls around, please congratulate them on this massive achievement!



Junior Waka Ama Regatta



On Saturday 4 November, our Junior students had an awesome day out on the water at the College Sport Junior Waka Ama Regatta. Despite the Waitemata rāhui disrupting preparation, the students went out there and gave it their best! In conjunction with Westlake Boys, they had a number of great results:

- 1st in the Division 1 W12 mixed plate final
- 4th in the Division 2 W6 mixed plate final
- 2nd in the Division 1 W6 mixed semi final, but they did not progress to the final
- 4th in the Division 1 W6 girls champ final
- 3rd in the Division 2 W6 girls plate final

We are incredibly proud of their efforts, and resilience shown during a turbulent season!



Ultimate Frisbee Junior Champs



On Sunday 12 November our Junior students travelled to Pulman Park to compete in the Auckland Secondary School Junior Ultimate Frisbee Championships. The team performed well coming out of pool games undefeated and advancing to the finals. Alongside winning their final 8 - 1 against Pakuranga, Epsom Girls were named the most spirited team of the tournament. Also a huge congratulations to Lilah Cooke who was named the most valuable player of the tournament.

Junior Softball Champs



Last Thursday, our Junior Epsom Softball Team took part in the annual tournament hosted by Auckland College Sport. For a team made up of only a handful of experienced softball players, they did exceptionally well! The girls were entered in the Fastpitch tournament against some tough players from Rosehill College, Auckland Girls' Grammar School and One Tree Hill College. 3 back to back games saw our Epsom team finish at the top of their pool leading them to semi-finals vs One Tree Hill. A win for our team saw us progress to the finals vs a strong Rosehill College, eventually losing by the smallest of margins to finish as Runners Up.

Highlights included Jasmine and Alee's pitcher/catcher combination, Sophie's strong infield skills, Val's powerful hits into the outfield, Zarita's speed around the bases and Shyla's sacrificing herself to bring home players! All players should be commended for their energy and ongoing support of each other on-off the diamond! Special thank you to our amazing coach KC Feng, who flew in from America Samoa (where our extremely talented Softball Captain/Coach Iris Feng, was playing for the NZ Junior White Sox) only hours beforehand to be there! Our team are currently playing their final games in the Auckland School Softball Module. Looking forward to continuing to grow the sport of Softball at Epsom and always welcome new players to register for the 2024 Senior/Junior school season! Good skills and well done girls!

Softball Oceania Championship

Iris Feng represented New Zealand at the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball Oceania Championship 2023 in American Samoa from November 5th to 7th. NZ Junior White Sox finished the tournament with a 4-0 undefeated record, 4:3 vs Australia, 18:3 vs American Samoa, 5:3 vs Australia, and 5:4 vs American Samoa. Great result for the team winning the Championship, and also punched their ticket to the U-18 World Cup Group Stage. Congratulations Iris for winning the Oceania Qualifier and wish you all the best at the U-18 Women's Softball World Cup!



ISA (International Softball Academy) New Zealand 2023 – Sydney, Australia

Jasmine Feng (Year 10), Sophie D'Arth and Alexandria Bell-McFarland (Year 9) were selected earlier this year for the ISA NZ Girls Youth Development Softball Team. From Saturday 23rd September to 30th September, the three Epsom girls travelled to compete in the Blue Blaze Tournament in Australia. There was 2 days of pre-competition games and training in the intense heat, before competing in the Girls Fully Loaded and Girls Fastpitch Tournaments against a number of representative teams from across New South Wales. The NZ Team were successful in their tour and finished as undefeated winners of both tournaments, playing 12 games in 4 days. Thunder, a change in weather and snakes on the diamond saw the final day of play cancelled but on countback NZ had gone undefeated. For all three players, being part of this team has seen great development in their softball skills and holds them in good stead for further representative selection in the future.

Also our 3 Epsom students were successfully selected for the 2023-2024 Representative Teams:

Alexandria Bell-McFarland (Metro) and Sophie D'Arth (Ramblers) – **AUCKLAND U15'S**

Jasmine Feng (Rhinos on loan to Metro) – **COUNTIES MANUKAU U15'S**

Both teams will compete in the Cameron Duncan Tournament in December and the North Island Classic Tournament, Hastings in January. Good skills and congratulations girls!



(from left) Alexandria Bell-McFarland, Jasmine Feng and Sophie D'Arth

Futsal



On Tuesday 7 November, our EGGs Futsal Team was part of a Futsal Coaching Course hosted by Northern Region Football and Sport Auckland.

Part of the course consisted of Futsal Coaching Theory, and a Practical Session where players were able to give coaching futsal a go! Supported by our futsal coaches Roland and Ritchie, and our manager Bria McKay, the EGGs Futsal players had a fun and enjoyable session, gave coaching futsal a go, and learned ways to develop their own futsal ability.

In March 2024, Epsom Girls Grammar School Sport will for the first time look to send a Junior and Senior Futsal Team to the New Zealand Secondary Schools National Futsal Competition in Wellington.

If you would like to be considered for Nationals, or want to give Futsal a go in 2024, please sign up with Clarissa in the Sports Department at the beginning of Term 1, 2024.