

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

The Athletics Days last week were the first since 2020, and participation rates were high. The prefect dance and the parade are highlights for the whole school community, and all tutor groups as well as the prefect team are to be congratulated on a wonderful start to the Finals Day. You can see photos on Page 7.

Last Saturday night was Fia Fia Night and what an evening of celebration it was. This event showcased twelve cultural groups – demonstrating the rich diversity of this school community and the talents and skills of every student who participated. Thank-you to everyone involved in organising this event and to the wonderful audience. The Po Siva event on Wednesday was also very well attended and a most successful evening. Today and tomorrow some of these groups are at the Polyfest Competition – we wish them the very best. Photos of Fia Fia Night are on Page 6.

This week Year 10 students have been at Camp and although there was some rain it has mainly been a settled weather week for them. Each tent group planning their own menu and doing their own cooking for two and a half days, and each tutor group working as a team in the programme of activities, shows real student agency and team building.

On Wednesday it was International Women's Day and two of our students, Joanna Pan and Yoonie Park, attended an event organised by United Nations Women Aotearoa NZ, especially for students interested in Digital Technologies, Innovation & the Creative Industries from within the Auckland region.

Key reminders:

- No drop off or collection of students in Silver Road
- Students need to arrive at school by 8.30am each day except Wednesdays (9.25am)

Coming up in Week 7....

Mon 13 Mar	PTA New Parents' Evening
Wed 15 Mar	NCEA Evening 6.30 & 7.45pm
Thur 16 Mar	PPTA national one day strike
Sat 18 Mar	Senior Waka Ama Regatta

Coming up in Week 8....

Thu 23 Mar	Student Led Conferences
Fri 24 Mar	Student Led Conferences
Fri 24-26 Mar	Choir Camp
Fri 24 Mar-1 Apr	MAADI Cup



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES & LEARNING SUMMIT

23rd and 24th March, 2023

Finally, the RSA and the School are partnering in a fundraising project that will benefit both veterans and the School. You can see details on Page 10. Oversize poppies will be available for purchase next week through the Online shop and by the end of the term we would like to be able to report to the RSA that we sold out. Twelve student leaders will be part of the Official Party at the Dawn Service in the Domain, having a part to play in the proceedings. We are delighted to be partnering with the RSA - let's get behind the Poppy Project in support of this wonderful service organisation.



Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound - Principal

Assessment and NCEA Information Evening

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend either of the coming Assessment and NCEA information evenings to be held on the 15th of March.

Year 11 Learning, Assessment and NCEA Qualifications Journey

The **6.30-7.30pm** will be a presentation about the Year 11 Learning, Assessment and NCEA programme and may be of interest to families with students in years Year 11. *Year 9 and 10 families are welcome to attend though the Numeracy programme is in a transition year this year and will be different in 2024.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82787560039?pwd=OXc4QUNHG03OVdtUUkrZVZ1dnJ1dz09>

Year 12 and 13 NCEA and University Entrance Information Evening

The **7.45-8.30pm** will be a presentation about Year 12 and 13 NCEA and University Entrance and may be of interest to families with students in years 12 and 13. *Year 11 families are welcome to attend though the Numeracy information in this presentation is specific to the current Year 12 and 13 only.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82945764792?pwd=Q0orUUU4ZmxSalF3a0VtWC9tQyt0QT09>

Parents are welcome to attend either or both of these evenings as relevant to the information that they require about their students next steps. We are always open to hearing questions or content that you would like covered at these two information evenings so please feel free to [ask questions here](#).

Student Led Conferences and Learning Summit

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th March

Epsom Girls Grammar School Year 9, 10 and 11 Student-led, Tutor, Parent Learning Conferences will be held on Thursday 23rd of March and Friday 24th of March. You will be provided with booking instructions prior to bookings opening on Tuesday 14th March. Please note that bookings close at 4pm on Monday 20th March.

Year 9-11 Conferences:

Thursday 23rd March 10.00am - 4.00pm

Friday 24th March 9.00am - 2.20pm

Year 12 and 13 Student Led Conferences and Leadership Workshops

Thursday 23rd March Leadership workshops in the morning and conferences in the afternoon

Friday 24th March Continuation of Student Led conferences.

These student-tutor-whanau conferences are student-led and focus on how the student is settling in to the demands of their new year level and it is an opportunity to plan ahead for the rest of the year. We know that student agency and a positive working relationship with families has an important impact on student progress and achievement and these conferences are a valuable part of that.

These will be online via a link that will be sent to you when you make your booking. There will be some face-to-face meetings available between certain times on the Thursday and Friday (this will be detailed in the booking instructions).



University of Otago nationwide Research

Later school start times research: have your say.

We'd like to hear your opinions about later starts for Year 12 and 13 students.

Click the link below to access short University of Otago research surveys for students (age 16+), parents, teachers and principals, and Board of Trustee members of NZ high schools.

The research is funded by CureKids and the study has been approved by the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee approval #22/105.

<https://blogs.otago.ac.nz/teensleep/>

Welcome to the Library



We have been busy with orientations for Year 9s in the first few weeks of Term 1 and it is always fantastic to see lots of keen new readers in the library spaces.

We are open from 7.30am to 4.00pm weekdays and the experienced staff are always available to help. Students can take out as many books as they want to carry and books are issued for 3 weeks at a time.

After 3 weeks the student will get an email reminder to either return the books or renew them. The next email reminder is sent to both the students and their caregivers. If we don't hear back after that, a 3rd and final notice is sent in the mail. If the books aren't returned after that 3rd notice the replacement cost of the book is then charged to the Kamar portal.

If you have any queries at any time about this then please do not hesitate to contact us at library@eggs.school.nz

2023 Student ID Cards - Printed or Digital

Student ID cards are now available to order via a link on [elearn](#) (a charge of \$5.50 will be loaded to the portal). There is also an option to order a [Digital ID card](#) (no charge).

Homestay Families Required

The Epsom Girls Grammar School International Department is delighted to welcome back International Students to our school.

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, 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 accommodation@eggs.school.nz



CURRICULUM NEWS

Drama - Physical Theatre workshops with Beth Kayes

Year 12 & 13 Drama students have been participating in Physical Theatre workshops with Beth Kayes, actress and teacher. She has been encouraging students to develop characters, make and accept dramatic offers and to work spontaneously in front of others. The emphasis has been on being bold and physical in order to create stories.

Senior Drama students were also given the opportunity to see the live performance of "YES YES YES", created in collaboration with EGGS students, by Eleanor Bishop and Karin McCracken and performed at the ASB Waterfront Theatre. This was an interactive performance, where three of our students contributed to the performance by reading for characters on stage. The play explores the issue of consent and what constitutes a health relationship. Health & Drama students attended this performance.



Kickstarter 2023 – Young Enterprise Programme



On the 24th February our Year 13 Business Enterprise Class attended the Young Enterprise Kickstarter Day for 2023. This event was held at The Victory Convention Centre in Freemans Bay. Over 800 students from across Auckland came together to hear from presenters from The Lion Foundations' Young Enterprise Scheme. It was a great opportunity for our Year 13 students to hear from past participants and mentors as well as network with other students participating in the programme. The keynote presentation was from Stanley Henry the founder of The Attention Seeker (Branding Agency). The students have now formed their businesses and are beginning to work on prototypes for their products that they will be selling later in the year.



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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

UNIVERSITY VISITS

IF YOUR YEAR 13 STUDENT IS CONSIDERING UNI IN 2024, BE SURE THEY CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING INTRODUCTORY TALKS FROM UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES. ALL TALKS HAPPEN IN DSO OR THE HALL ON MONDAYS FROM 11:25-12:25

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY
UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

13 MARCH
20 MARCH
27 MARCH
03 APRIL

HOLIDAY COURSES

EACH YEAR, DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS OFFER A RANGE OF SHORT HOLIDAY COURSES SO STUDENTS CAN HAVE A 'TASTE' OF DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES. FOR EXAMPLE:

GAME DESIGN | CYBER SECURITY
CODE PROGRAMMING | HAIRDRESSING
BARISTA | FLIGHT ATTENDING

INTERESTED STUDENTS NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE NOTICES, EMAIL AND OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS



GATEWAY PROGRAMME

Epsom Girls Grammar School is fortunate to be able to offer the Gateway work experience programme to a select group of year 12 and 13 students. We work with our selected students to find them work placements (approximately 3-5 days) in workplaces that align with their career interests. We would love to hear from parents or care givers who may be able to offer one of our Epsom Gateway students an opportunity to experience a work placement in any industry during 2023.

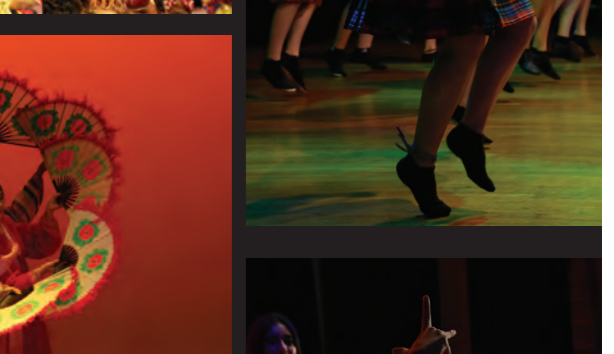
Please contact Sonya Sleigh at ssleigh@eggs.school.nz

CONTACT US :

<https://eggscareereducation.simplybook.me>



Fia Fia Night



Athletics Day 2023



OGA NEWS



Jill Mandeno at a gathering of Scholarship recipients at the School, 2017

Graduation Dinner 2022

The 2022 Grad Dinner was another lovely occasion as the Year 13 students were farewelled. It's a highlight of the OGA calendar and this one was especially wonderful given there had been no Grad Dinner in 2021 due to Covid, and very few events over past years. We love being part of this special evening.

Jill Mandeno

Sadly, we lost our dear friend and supporter, Old Girl Jill Mandeno, who passed away on 15th December 2022. Jill funds the Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship which she set up in 1993 in memory of her mother who was an Old Girl. Her trust will continue to fund this important Scholarship which is intended to encourage students to enter the science community and contribute to innovation and research. In collaboration with the School, we plan to honour Jill with a memorial event later in the year.

The Year Ahead

The OGA Committee held two Zoom meetings in February as there is much to be done. Meeting on Zoom enables people to attend from wherever they are based – we currently have Committee members in Wellington and Melbourne.

Along with items of general business, we discussed:

- Support for the Community Mural Project – we plan to contribute funds to this.
- Reunions for the 1980, 1988 and 1999 Third Form year groups, with School tours.
- Various events including a gathering for Old Girls based in Melbourne, a Morning Tea in springtime and a further Women in Law event.
- The OGA History book – nearing completion.
- A Student Committee is to be set up by our Student Rep Sharika Postoo to assist with Archives and enquiries.
- Succession planning.

We acknowledge all those who support the OGA with donations, time, energy, ideas, expertise etc – everything is gratefully received and benefits current students, Old Girls and the wider community.

After a few challenging years, we are excited about the coming year and wish all the students a happy and fulfilling year at EGGs.

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry - OGA Co-Presidents, 2016-2023



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ABOUT EGGS OGA

Established in 1921, the EGGs Old Girls Association has a long and proud history.

The OGA's Purpose is: "To grow lifelong School connections". Our Strategies are: Growth; Contribution; Engagement; Legacy; Wellbeing. Our Alumnae reside all around New Zealand the world and the OGA is a great way to keep in touch with classmates as well as remain connected to the School.

As active partners of Epsom Girls Grammar School, in addition to connecting and informing Alumnae, the OGA provides student Scholarships, organises the annual Graduation Dinner and Founders Awards Assembly, holds various fundraising and social events, maintains extensive Archives of the school and produces regular Newsletters and other communications. An OGA History book is currently being written to celebrate 100 years of existence. We enjoy giving back to the School, and regularly liaise with and support the Principal, staff and current students, as well as the local community.

The Scholarships the OGA is involved with, and funds, include the Graduation Scholarships, the Epsom House Scholarship, the Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship and special Scholarships (e.g. Centennial). We also donate a number of Special Prizes and Service Awards which are presented at the Junior and Senior Prizegiving occasions.

The Association is guided by a Committee made up of Old Girls and Honorary Old Girls as well as Staff and Student Representatives. Since 2015 the OGA has been led by two Co-Presidents – this enables a balance of skills and shares the workload. We work on a tight budget and are grateful for the support and donations received.

The OGA has grown and developed through the years and, although we were unable to hold an event to commemorate our Centenary in 2021 due to Covid, the OGA History Book will be a vital and enduring record of our first 100 years. We are confident that, with ongoing support, the OGA will continue to flourish and thrive into the future.

Per Angusta, Ad Augusta.

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry, Co-Presidents 2016-2023

Find out more here: <https://oldgirls.eggs.school.nz>



RSA Car/Window Poppies to Support War Veterans and our School Community

At the start of the Term 1, I was visited by Mr Graham Gibson, President of the Auckland RSA, inviting our School to sell oversized poppies able to be attached to the front of cars as an effective means to support Poppy Day and Anzac Day in April 2023.

Our school has a tradition of students who have served in our Armed Forces, or with family connections, and I believe that this initiative is an appropriate way to acknowledge their service and to support war veterans in our community today.

How To Get Involved

The Auckland RSA Car Poppy is \$10.00 and will be available next week from the online shop

<https://eggs-shop.school.nz/>

Donations

The majority of donations will support veterans and their families in need through the extensive RSA support programmes.

However, the Auckland RSA also kindly expressed their wish to support our School community and so a smaller amount of the donations will support school projects and student opportunities — all part of the RSA's ethos of 'People Helping People'.

Let's support the Poppy Campaign for Veterans and the School in the lead-up to ANZAC Day.

Lorraine Pound

Principal

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



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SPORT

New Zealand Track & Field Nationals



Congratulations to our 2 amazing students who competed in their first New Zealand Track and Field Nationals in Wellington over the weekend! Yandri (left) won the National U16 3000m race walk title in a 1 minute PB, finishing the race in a faster time than both the U18 and U20 women! And Leila (right) finished 7th in the U18 800m final and 9th in the U18 timed 1500m final, with a close 2nd in her timed final and a 5 second PB.

Triathlon



Leila has been busy! Also finishing 3rd in the U19 Auckland Triathlon Champs, held a few weeks ago at Maraetai Beach. And the two that finished before her were both specialist triathletes! Well done Leila!

NZ Combined Events Track & Field Nationals

As some of you may or may not know, our Sports Coordinator, Bri trains and competes as a Track and Field Athlete where she recently competed in her first ever Heptathlon. This involves completing 7 events over 2 days; 100m hurdles, High Jump, Shot Put, 200m, Long Jump, Javelin, & 800m. Bri had knee surgery 1 year ago and had never tried 4 of the 7 events until last year, and she achieved a national 3rd place finish, 5127 points and 15th on the NZ women's all time list. She also placed 7th at the NZ track & field nationals in the Senior Women's Long Jump. Well done Bri!



Tennis Premier Team



A HUGE congratulations to our Epsom Girls Premier Tennis Team!! Two weeks ago they won their first game of the season against Kristin School, following it with a 4-2 win against King's College which qualified them for the quarter finals! Last Wednesday they played St Kentigern's, with a clean sheet win 6-0, the team progressed into the semi finals, which were played on Wednesday March 8. The girls lost 6-0, but demonstrated incredible skill, power, determination and teamwork on the courts to win against some talented teams throughout the season! Stay tuned for next week's game, it's going to be a big one!

Again, congratulations to the following players in our Premier Tennis Team:

- Leah Patuwairua
- Jade Edwards-Bell
- Isla Morison
- Jacynta Rakete

Rowing

On the 25th and 26th of February, the EGGs Rowing Squad travelled to Lake Karapiro to compete in the AON Junior Regatta. We were provided with some spectacular weather, which not only is ideal for rowing, but also allows for some awesome pictures. Our EGGs Rowing Squad came away with some amazing results, and a notable mention to our novice rowers who placed second in their race.





After being postponed due to Cyclone Gabrielle, the College Sport Head of the Harbour Regatta was able to take place on Saturday 4th March at Lake Pupuke. Again, amazing weather, awesome photos, and outstanding results.

If you are keen to be involved in Rowing @ EGGs, come see us at the Sports Department, and email me : cnathaniel@eggs.school.nz

Junior Regatta

- U17 4+ 1st place
- U15 4+ 3rd place
- U18 2- 1st place
- U18 4+ 2nd place
- U15 8+ 2nd place
- N18 4+ 2nd place

Head of the Harbour

- U17 4+ 1st place
- N18 8+ 2nd place
- U15 4+ 2nd place
- U18 4+ 3rd place
- U17 2- 2nd place
- U15 8+ 1st place
- U15 8+ 2nd place
- N18 4+ 2nd place
- U18 8+ 3rd place



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Conrad Blind

School Athletics Results

▶ [Click here to view the School Athletics Results](#)