

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

This week has seen students leading their Term 1 Conferences, and Year 12 and 13 students participating in their Learning Summits, with Year 13 student leaders undertaking much of the organisation as well as leading sessions for the Year 12 programme. From Life Hacks including How Do I Sew That Button On and Changing Tyres to Understanding Finance and Women in the Legal World and Women in the Health Sciences, Year 13 students had a wide range of workshops from which to choose. In the Year 12 programme Growing Leadership, Global Citizenship, sessions including AI, Identity, Cancel Culture, Success vs Wealth, Performative Activism and Freedom of Speech made up a morning of reflection, participation and challenge.

Congratulations to everyone who performed at Polyfest, and in this edition of EGGSNEWS you can see more of the wide range of co-curricular activities and competitions that have taken place recently. We wish Kapa Haka well as they go to competition 4 April. The level and amount of talent shown by students through the co-curricular programme is humbling and something to really celebrate.

In the top level of curriculum learning you may find the following New Zealand Scholarship results interesting. Well done again to Hellen Ding and Hailey Kwak.

2022 Outstanding Scholar Award winners (51 nationwide) – NZ girls schools

Diocesan School for Girls, Auckland
Epsom Girls Grammar School
Iona College, Hawkes Bay
St Hilda's Collegiate School, Dunedin

2022 Top Subject Scholarship Award winners – NZ girls' schools

Epsom Girls Grammar School – Painting
St Cuthbert's College, Auckland – Latin

We also have final results from NZQA from 2022 – congratulations again to the cohorts of 2022:

NCEA Level 2 – 92%

NCEA Level 3 – 90%

University Entrance – 81%

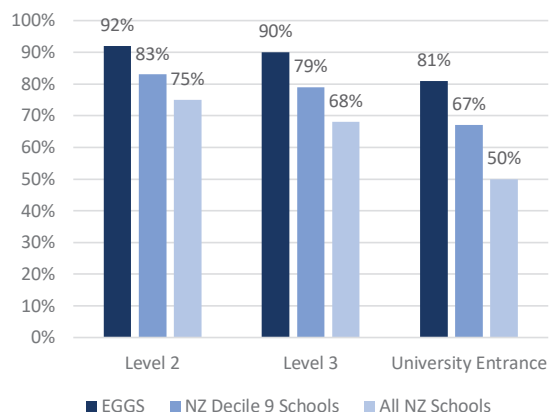
Coming up in Week 9....

Mon 27 - 2 Apr	MAADI Cup
Tue 28 - 29	Year 12 Market Day
Wed 29	Basketball Nationals
Thur 30 Mar	Silent Art Auction closes

Coming up in Week 10....

Mon 3 - 5 Apr	Polyfest Māori Stage
Tue 4 Apr	Music Showcase, RFAC 6.30pm
Wed 5 Apr	Open Day
Thu 6 Apr	End of Term
Fri 7 Apr	Good Friday

EGGS compared with Decile 9 and all NZ Schools



With so much to celebrate lately, it is a shame to have to mention things that need attention by students, relating to caring for our environment:

- All litter must go in the bins provided
- Toilet blocks are to be kept in good condition – no litter.



Lastly, senior students have a number of assessment deadlines in the next two weeks and should have found extra time over these last two days useful towards these. Making sure that internal assessments are finished and submitted right from the Term 1 assessments is very important in gaining enough credits for the NCEA qualification.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound - Principal

Assessment and NCEA Information

Thank you to those who sent in their questions ahead of the Year 11 Curriculum, Assessment and NCEA Information and the Year 12 and 13 NCEA Information sessions, held on Wednesday evening. Please follow these links to view the information presented during both sessions:

- [Year 11 Learning, Assessment and Qualifications Journey](#)
- [Year 12 and 13 Learning, Assessment and Qualifications Journey](#)

Epsom Flood Drive

Kia Ora! Last week we delivered all the donated items to support those in need affected by the flooding to the Kindness Collective. The Kindness collective is a New Zealand charity that directs donations to those in need to spread kindness and provide equal opportunities. We collected items in Week 5, receiving a range of food, toiletry and sanitary products. We wanted to thank everyone who donated items and contributed to helping support families during this tough time.



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Principal Mrs Lorraine Pound with (from left) Deputy Head Prefects Andrea Ape-Paia and Mikaya Kaipo, Head Prefect Arina Chapatyova and Deputy Head Prefect Cindy Kim

OPEN DAY

We welcome prospective students and their parents/caregivers

Wednesday, 5 April 2023

Sessions at 9.15am and 1.30pm

To attend please register [here](#)

2024 Online application forms will open in June. Enquiries phone 630 5963.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Year 12 Education for Sustainability



The Year 12 Education for Sustainability students went on a lovely day trip to Te Hāwera-a-Maki/Goat Island Marine Reserve to collect data for their internal standard on sustainability in marine ecosystems. It was a great success with absolutely perfect weather. The students loved being in the water and saw many fish – for some of them it was their first time snorkelling!

French Department - Tahiti Exchange

In 2022, the French Department established a School-to-School Ministry of Education exchange programme with Lycée Paul Gauguin in Tahiti, French Polynesia. Every year, two students in Years 11 or 12 studying French at EGGs can now spend up to six weeks studying in a French high school and staying in a Tahitian family. EGGs will then host two Tahitian students for up to six weeks. Tania Liu was the first student to participate in this exchange programme. Here is her summary of her experience:

"At the beginning of this year I went on a 6 week-long exchange to Tahiti. I stayed with my exchange partner Manon and attended 5 weeks of Tahitian school! It was really cool being fully immersed in a French speaking environment and it was incredibly beneficial to my French learning. I was very lucky to have had the opportunity to interact with French speaking people, make new friends, and engage in French/Tahitian media. This exchange was very fulfilling for my eagerness of the French subject, and I can't wait to host my exchange partner as an EGGs student in June! Living an everyday life in a French speaking country was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I am very grateful to have made memories for life!"



Biology Olympiad

The biology Olympiad is a competition where students learn a lot of extra biology in their own time supported by people in universities. They then all sit an extra to try to make it through to a fun biology camp. Only 22 in NZ are chosen and this year EGGs has two successful students. They will attend field trips, do a lot of cool things at Uni, have fun and sit some tests hoping to be one of the four students that will be chosen to attend the world biology Olympiad in Astana, Kazakhstan.

We wish our EGGs students well, Rachael Rajkumar Year 13 and April Li Year 10.



Rachael Rajkumar and April Li

From the Drama Department

Auckland Arts Festival - *Revisor*



As part of the Auckland Arts Festival the Drama Department met senior Drama students at the Aotea Centre for an evening performance of *Revisor*, a Canadian production by Kidd Pivot, created by Crystal Pite and Jonathon Young. This was a skilful and superb performance that intersects dance, drama, political satire and physical theatre. It was a memorable evening that will enhance the learning of student studying the arts.

Year 12 Drama performance

On Tuesday 7th March at interval, Year 12 Drama students performed outside the Library in a Physical Theatre movement piece to Rihanna's "Lift Me Up". Students leaving their classes were surprised to see a performance already in progress in the courtyard. This work reflects an ongoing unit of work on Physical Theatre form.



Year 12 Business Market Day



Very proud Year 12 Business Studies teachers Mr Rohinish Shankar, Mr Mohammed Tasneem and Mrs St Clair look on as students sell the produce they have designed/made. Such an exciting event and one that is repeated in week 9. Stalls sold crocheted animals, dog bandanas, tote bags, candles, photos and much much more.

On the 14th and 15th March Year 12 Business Studies students held their first market day. It is part of their Community Business Project Internal. Students have been working hard in their business groups to create a product and bring it to 'market'. There was a range of products including candles, photo prints, bracelets, key chains, earrings, slime and handmade pet accessories. As part of this internal students must develop a comprehensive business plan which they then refine and adapt based on their experiences selling their products. They learn to problem solve and overcome many challenges you might expect when starting a business. The market will run again in Week 9 on the 28th and 29th March. At the end of the project each business group donates 40% of their profit to charity, this year we are supporting the Red Cross and Child Cancer.



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



ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

2023 Polyfest



From the 8th-11th of March Epsom Girls Grammar competed in the Polyfest festival. The students had been working extremely hard from the beginning of the year to make this happen. We came away with some fantastic results.

On Thursday 9th of March, we had Mele Fa'anunu compete in the Tongan Speech Competition and she came 2nd. Then on Friday 10th of March we had the Chinese and Sri Lankan groups perform in the Diversity section. They both did amazingly and Sri Lankan came away with 2nd Place.

On Saturday 11th of March, we had both the Tongan and Samoan groups perform and they were our biggest groups to perform to date. They did incredibly well and the Samoan group came away with the following results.

Ulufale 2nd Place Epsom Girls Grammar
Ulufafo 2nd Place Epsom Girls Grammar
Togiga 3rd Place Epsom Girls Grammar
Mauluulu 2nd Place Epsom Girls Grammar
Sasa 2nd Place Epsom Girls Grammar

Fuataimi 2nd place to Peniel Swanney
Pese ol le ASO 2nd Place Epsom Girls Grammar
Taupou/ Manaia 2nd place to Angari Isara
Tualuga 2nd place Epsom Girls Grammar
Tu'ufatasiga o Togi 2nd place Epsom Girls Grammar



Tongan Cultural Group



Left to right- Cassandra Liku, Ilisapeti Makoni, Pasepa Tupou, Lavinia Uhila, Lupelota Opeti-Finau, Sarah Manu, Lata Siasau, Vanika 'Aho'atu, Jamie Allen, Mele Fa'anunu, Paige Ramanlal Vallabh and Ofa Taufu'i



Close up photo of student dancing - Pasepa Tupou

Mälö e lelei Epsom Girls Grammar School community!

This year we had the amazing opportunity to perform at the ASB Polyfest competition. We presented a Tongan Ma'ulu'ulu that had 72 students singing an original composition by our punake (tutor) Puluno Moala. Our group was by far the largest we have had in while, but it still made the students mafana to perform. The second item we presented was the Tau'olunga. We had 12 girls gracefully dance to one of Tonga's oldest compositions while our junior students along with family members sang for them. The group had been practising since week 2 of this term and were finally able to showcase their efforts to the wider Tongan community and their families. This experience has been exhilarating and grounding as the group have formed a bond that is untouchable.

Many thanks to the student leaders, Ilisapeti Makoni and Sarah Manu as well as our Teacher in charge, Ms. Helen Tu'itavake.

Malo Aupito!





SILENT ART AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Kia ora koutou, e ngā whānau o tō tātou nei kura,

Warm autumn greetings to all our families and the wider community.

As some of you may know the rōpū kapa haka have yet to perform on the Māori Stage at this year's Polyfest as this was delayed due to Te Matatini. They perform on Tuesday the 4th of April at 11am – please register here to be able to watch the livestream or feel free to come in person to support the rōpū!

To raise funds for this year's Polyfest Kapa Haka campaign we've organised a Silent Art Auction for Ngā Kōhine o Maungawhau, our rōpū kapa haka.

In doing so we've been supported by some wonderful artists, including some of our students and artists from the Hokianga, who have kindly donated beautiful pieces from paintings to jewellery to raranga or weaving. Please see [here](#) for photos of the artworks and artist details etc.

If you or anyone you know would like to bid on anything please get your daughter to come to Hinemāia (P2) where they can write the details on a bidding slip and drop it in the box provided or contact Stacey Noel on staceynoe172@gmail.com or Whaea Jacqs (Jacqueline Carter) on jcarter@eggs.school.nz.

Please include the following details:

- name of the person placing a bid
- your phone number and email address
- the letter next to the piece
- the amount of \$ you'd like to bid

The auction will end on the 30th of March and winners will be revealed at a special event on Saturday the 1st of April starting at 6pm in Hinemāia (P2) opposite Reception (look out for the Tine Rangatiratanga flag if you don't know where this is). The rōpū will be performing as a final dress rehearsal and thank you to everyone who has supported them in their campaign this year. Please bring a kai to share. Many thanks to Stacey and all the other artists who have contributed their time and beautiful artwork to this exhibition! And watch out for a special pair of kamuputu or gumboots embellished by our tutor which we will raffle on the night.

WINNERS REVEALED SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

6.00PM @ HINEMĀIA (P2)





SAIL ON A LEGENDARY ROUND THE WORLD MAXI YACHT

Steinlager ②

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HINEMOANA

Our female-specific youth development programme is delivered over 5 days of sailing and kayaking.

Two nights sailing on the internationally renowned maxi yachts, Lion NZ or Steinlager2. Everybody on board has the opportunity to learn to sail the boats, help with the preparation of meals and sleep aboard.

Two nights are spent on the water with Auckland Sea Kayaks, where students learn how to kayak and camp in a safe, fun and supportive environment.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH (OPTIONAL)

The programme is structured in a way that allows the participants to participate and complete components of the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award (DOE). The programme components meet the requirements for the Adventurous Journey and as such, any participants who are interested in using this programme for DOE can do so.

For further information check out www.nzsailingtrust.com/hine-moana

Swimming

On Thursday 2nd March, our extended EGGS swim team competed in the Central Zones competition held at Diocesan School, where our girls excelled in all their events, and had a really positive outcome with a large number of girls getting involved in the sport which was great to see. Along with a selected number of them managing to qualify for the Auckland Champs of Champs event held at WestWave Aquatic Centre. This event took place on Monday 20th March, where our swimmers who excelled in the recent Central Zones Competition gave it their all against our top fellow competitors across Auckland and came away with some awesome results. With our first regional competition this year under wraps, we showed our positive team atmosphere and support, while gaining great race experience leading up to our school nationals in July. Going head to head with the other top schools in Auckland, our senior girls team (Louise Ecclestone, Rebecca Pitout, Olivia Bates and Abby Davidson) came away with a bronze medal in the 4x25 Freestyle Relay, and Abby Davidson also taking out third place in the 16-18 yrs 50m Breaststroke. We are super proud of our girls, with lots of exciting events and race experience to come!!



Auckland Champ of Champs team



Central Zone Swim team

Premier Golf Team

Across Term 1, our EGGS Premier Golf team has been travelling and competing across Tāmaki Makaurau at various golf clubs in the Auckland Premier 9-Hole Series. The competition allows for each team to field four players (with the best 3 scores counting for each match), having only three players it meant that the EGGS team's scores had to all count every week. The team played against Auckland's top schools, including King's College, St Kentigern's College, Macleans and Auckland Grammar School. Our all girls team competed against mixed teams and all-boy teams, and showed just how talented and experienced they are each week. The team consisting of Jackie Jang, Cherie Young and Hannah Murchison have had a solid season finishing 3rd in Division 1 of the Auckland Secondary Schools competition, ahead of Auckland Grammar School, St Kentigerns College and ACG.

Thankfully the EGGS team led by Code Captain Jackie Jang (on a +1.8) alongside Cherie Young (on a 2.2) and Hannah Murchison (on a 2.7) were able to all contribute. The highlight of the season was the convincing team win against MacLeans College (who were unbeaten in the competition up until then), winning by 5 shots and beating all of their opponents off the stick. This was impressive as their Opponents were able to field four players, who had the ability to take their top 3 combined scores, the EGGS team were all on fire and scored impressively. Well done team!



Olivia Bates Qualifies to Represent New Zealand !



Olivia Bates has been called up to represent New Zealand at the New South Wales Open Water Champs in December 2023. This is an astonishing achievement for Olivia, who is just 15 years old!

Olivia took part in the New Zealand Open Water Championships held in January (before School started back) at Lake Taupo swimming in the 7.5km, 5km and 2.5km events over the 2-days.

Although Olivia has experience in Swimming in Open Water events, (being the Overall Female Champion at the Kohi Beach Series the last 2 seasons, taken part in the Banana Boat Ocean Swim Series Events which she leads her age group, and was her Age Group Champion – plus 3rd Overall Female – at the 2022 Secondary Schools Open Water Champs, the 2023 Champs is this coming weekend in Rotorua!) she had never swam 7.5km so this was an eye opener to say the least.

Going into the weekend Olivia, and her swim club, HPK, had a swim camp down at the new Hawkes Bay Aquatic Centre, so by the time we picked her up she was already tired having swam approximately 80km in the 6 days leading up to the Event.

However, Olivia took the 7.5km race in her stride, and incredibly took the Gold Medal as the 1st Female to cross the line in 1 hour 46 minutes and 07 seconds, beating the 2nd place Female by 2 minutes and 04 seconds, and in doing so became the first 13-14 year age grouper to place 1st in the Events history!

Just one and a half hours later she was back in the water, racing the 2.5km event where she placed 2nd in her age group (by just 14 seconds) and was 3rd Overall Female (by 39 seconds) – the two Women who finished in front of her where racing their first Event of the day!

Day 2 started and Olivia was feeling the effects of her efforts from Day 1, but still raced the 5km event coming in a very respectable 12th overall Female and 4th in her Age Group. This concluded an amazing weekend for Olivia with lots of learning for future events, but ultimately she hadn't done enough for direct selection.....However, the Athlete Development Manager was at the Event and has used one of his 'wildcard' picks to acknowledge the achievement and effort Olivia had done and has added her to the group.

To qualify and be called up to represent New Zealand is such an impressive feat, and we wish Olivia all the best at the Open Water Champs in NSW later this year!

Tennis Premier Team & Champion of Champions Tournament

The Tennis Champs were held on Thursday 9th and Tuesday 14th of March, all of the students who participated played exceptionally and demonstrated great teamwork, skill and determination to play some great matches of Tennis. Nikita Rakete and Alexandria Bell-Mcfarland played in the Junior Doubles and had an absolute blast out on the courts, with their positive attitudes noticed by others. Jacynta Rakete competed in the Intermediate Singles, and after her first match being a walkover, played an extremely tough match against Mahinarangi from Saint Kentigern College. Leah Patuwairua and Isla Morrison played some tough matches, winning all until they face Saint Kents in the semi finals. The senior pair finished 3rd in the Senior doubles. Leah Patuwairua also played singles, winning her matches until facing the number one seed in the tournament, and finished 5th overall. Outstanding efforts!

Our Premier Tennis team has been busy this term! A stellar Premier season saw them winning games against some of Auckland's top tennis schools including; Macleans, Kristin, Saint Kentigern, St Cuthbert's, Diocesan and King's College, placing 3rd in their pool, and playing against St Cuthbert's last week in a semi final. The team lost that game, but go on to play the 3v4 final this week against Macleans. Head to Macleans College at 4:00pm Wednesday to support! LET'S GO TEAM!!



Ultimate Senior Outdoor Championships

On Sunday, 19th of March, five Epsom Ultimate teams headed to Pulman Park to compete in the 2023 Ultimate Outdoor Championships. After a massive day of competing against each other, and other top schools from across Auckland, the teams had some great games and showed some incredible skills and determination to all achieve some really good results on the day!

All coaches, opposition and sideline support spoke very positively of the teams. Our Epsom A team, coached by Josh, finished 1st bringing the trophy home to Epsom Girls once again! Great work to all teams and students who participated on the day!



Rowing North Island Secondary School Champs

The Epsom Rowing Squad had a wonderful regatta at the North Island Secondary Schools Championships. Our team came away with a gold in the girls u17 4+, a silver in the girls u15 8+ and a silver in the girls u18 2- special thanks to @rowing.pictureshow for these amazing photos!! Next stop Maadi.



North Island Secondary School Championship Regatta highlights





Rail Network Rebuild

KiwiRail is on schedule to complete RNR Stage 1 by Sunday 19 March 2023

Recent extreme weather damaged the rail network in multiple places. KiwiRail has repaired that damage, but that means they didn't have time to complete the ballast replacement that was planned as part of RNR Stage 1. (Ballast is the rocks the tracks and sleepers sit on.) Ballast replacement will be completed later this year, but until then some trains may need to go slower on some parts of the line. RNR, particularly work to improve drainage, will make the rail network more resilient to extreme weather.

It's been almost four months since AT's trains ran on the Onehunga Line and on the Southern Line between Ōtāhuhu and Newmarket. We would therefore appreciate it if you could remind students to stay safe around level crossings:

- Do not cross the tracks when lights are flashing and bells are ringing
- Always pay attention to your surroundings and look both ways for trains before crossing the tracks.

Southern Line to reopen on Monday 20 March

Work to prepare Auckland for more frequent commuter trains is now in its second stage – which will see stations on the Eastern Line closed between Ōtāhuhu and Britomart.

While for southern passengers, KiwiRail completes the Rail Network Rebuild Stage 1 on the Southern and Onehunga lines on Sunday, so services will be returning to the Southern Line and Onehunga Line on Monday 20 March 2023.

That day, work on Stage 2 will begin. It will see the Sylvia Park, Panmure, Glen Innes, Meadowbank and Ōrākei stations on the Eastern line closed from 20 March 2023 until early January 2024. The Eastern Line/Stage 2 is twice the physical length of Stage 1.

Auckland Transport (AT) will operate a range of alternative transport options to help get Aucklanders in that part of the city to where they need to go.

Changes to the Onehunga Line:

All Onehunga Line stations will reopen. Due to the Eastern Line closure requiring more trains to run through Newmarket, and fewer platforms at Britomart due to CRL works, services are limited on the Onehunga Line during peak hours.

However, additional platform space is now available at Britomart during off-peak hours. This means that trains can run to Britomart during Stage 2 of the Rail Network Rebuild.

Trains will run from:

- Between Onehunga and Penrose at peak times.
- Between Onehunga and Britomart at off-peak times, including weekends. During the day, trains will not stop at Remuera and Greenlane.
- During the evenings, Onehunga Line trains will travel between Onehunga and Britomart and will stop at all stations including Remuera and Greenlane.
- Peak times are 5:30am to 9:30am and 3pm to 7:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Britomart platform changes:

- Some platform changes will be happening on Monday as part of the CRL project. Platform One has been closed and on Monday it will reopen.
- Platform Five will close
- Western Line trains will move to Platform Four
- Southern Line trains will move to Platform One
- Eastern Line continues on Platform Three
- Onehunga Line on weekdays will operate from Platform Two, and on evenings and weekends it will operate from Platform Three.

What does this mean for students?

Students who currently use the stations and trains impacted by RNR Stage 2 will need to temporarily change the way they get to school.

Rail Replacement Bus Services and regularly scheduled public bus services will be provided. Buses can be slower than trains, so students may need to allow more time for their journey.

Timetables and help with travel planning

From 12 March students can use AT's Journey Planner (www.AT.govt.nz/JourneyPlanner) and AT Mobile app to plan their travel using the new Rail Replacement Bus Services.

Rail Replacement Bus timetables can be downloaded now from www.AT.govt.nz/RailRebuild

AT's regular bus timetables can be downloaded now from www.AT.govt.nz/Timetables

AT's Contact Centre is also ready to help now on **09 366 6400**.