

# EGGS NEWS



Epsom Girls  
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

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Year 10 Te Reo Māori trip to Rangitoto (article on page 5)



Spirit Week - Talent Quest (article on page 8)

Dear parents, caregivers and students

From now until the end of the term there is a large number of activities and events happening. We are fortunate to have Sir Wayne "Buck" Shelford, KNZM MBE, as the Guest Speaker at the Father Daughter Breakfast (22 June). Sir Wayne was Captain of the All Blacks from 1987 to 1990 - a period when the team did not lose a game, only drawing once against Australia in 1988. Tickets for this event are selling fast - [School Online Shop](#)

Friday 23 June is the Foundation Quiz Night – a great chance for parents to channel their competitive streak, and if you are new to the EGGs community it is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents. Ticket sales - [Quiz Night](#)

Thank-you to the prefects for Spirit Week – from the Talent Quest to the annual EGGs vs AGS Netball Game, it was a real week of student participation. The score at the Netball went in EGGs' favour – congratulations!

The Friday of Spirit Week was also Pink Shirt Day - wonderful to see so much support for this.

Key reminders:

- Students need to arrive at school by 8.30am (9.25am on Wednesdays)
- With winter illness now present, please make sure students who are unwell stay at home



The sunshine has been welcome this week - especially for outdoor winter sports fixtures in the Auckland competition round.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Ngā mihi / Regards  
Lorraine Pound - Principal

## Coming up in Week 6, Term 2..

Mon 29-31 May Year 12 Sports Science Camp  
Thu 1 Jun Akld Cross Country Champs

## Coming up in Week 7, Term 2..

Mon 5 Jun King's Birthday  
Tue 6 Jun Teacher Only Day  
Wed 7-9 Jun Chamber Music Regionals  
Fri 9 Jun Interact Trivia Quiz Night  
Sat 10 Jun Rockquest Finals

Epsom Girls Grammar School  
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QUIZ  
NIGHT

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Friday 23 June  
6.00 - 11.00pm

Save the Date: 22 June 2023 Father Daughter Breakfast

## Annual Parent Donation - Reminder

It has been an unusual year already with so many pressures felt acutely by our community such as unforeseen weather events and strike action affecting whether schools can open, as well as the ongoing effects of the current economic climate hitting home hard for so many of us.

The financial impact on Epsom Girls Grammar School continues to be managed well, although we continue to operate with a reduced income stream. We rely more than ever on the Annual Parent Donation to continue to provide the depth of student learning that the school and the parent community expects.

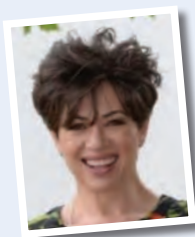
As a large school, we are disadvantaged by the present staffing formula. If the Board did not supplement the staffing provision to the significant extent that it does at present, our class sizes would be larger at all year levels and we would also be unable to offer the breadth of curriculum subjects that we currently offer.

The School Board is committed to developing a sense of inclusion and local and global connectedness through providing a broad range of learning and leadership opportunities. Respecting the mana of all is reflected in our values of compassion, courage, curiosity and community. Consequently, each year the Board invites parents and caregivers to make the Annual Parent Donation to cover all costs associated with the delivery of the Epsom curriculum.

Your donation enables us to do this by providing:

- additional teaching staff to allow smaller class sizes and a wide range of subjects
- additional support staff in learning areas to allow teachers to focus on teaching and learning
- additional support staff in co-curricular areas to provide support for sports, arts and culture, learning and community activities
- additional counsellors to provide pastoral support
- state of art facilities such as the Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Aquatic Centre, Joyce Fisher Sports Centre
- extensive infrastructure and a professional support network for eLearning

We are almost halfway through the year, so in order for us to effectively provide our daughters with the standard of education our community expects, we ask that you make the donation as soon as possible, as well as other costs associated with courses and those that enhance learning and participation in their broader education and positive experience at Epsom Girls Grammar School.



If you have any questions about payment options, please contact the Finance Manager (970 6797) or email [accounts@eggs.school.nz](mailto:accounts@eggs.school.nz).

Thank you again for your support.

Tahei Simpson  
*School Board Presiding Member*



*Pink Shirt Day - Year 11*



*Pink Shirt Day - Year 12 Talking Ethics coming to Year 11 to get results for a psychology topic they are learning about.*



**2023**

# **Father Daughter Breakfast**

**Thurs 22nd June**



**With Guest Speaker:**

**Sir Wayne “Buck” Shelford**

**Eden Park Tickets: \$78.00**

**6:45am -**

**8:45am**

Save the date: **22nd June 2023**

Don't miss out on this annual event for the significant adult in your life.

Tickets available now via the [School Online Shop](#)



Some of the EGGs Staff on Pink Shirt Day



## All You Need to Know About Tik Tok

- Tiktok is one of the fastest growing social media apps. It's a platform for creating, sharing and discovering short videos – and many young people love it! From new dance crazes to funny clips to animal videos, Tiktok can inspire creativity and bring joy.
- But it's important that parents and whānau help their tamariki navigate Tiktok safely. Today we're sharing the Netsafe Tiktok Family Safety Toolkit so you can help guide your whānau to a fun and safe digital experience.

Link: <https://netsafe.org.nz/tiktokfamilysafetytoolkit>

## TikTok Family Safety Toolkit



## REGISTERED NURSE

Are you a Registered Nurse? Are you interested in being a relief nurse for our Health Centre, on call or on a temporary basis?

If so, please email [nurse@eggs.school.nz](mailto:nurse@eggs.school.nz) or call 09 9706739 for more details.

Remuneration aligned with MECA rates.



# CURRICULUM NEWS

## Te Rangi-i-totonga ai Te Ihu a Tamatekapua (Rangitoto)

*“Hoki ki tōu maunga kia purea ai koe ki ngā hau o Tāwhirimātea”  
Return to your mountain so you can be cleansed by the four winds of Tawhirimatea*



E ngā mātāwaka o te motu, nei rā te mihi e rere ana ki runga i ngā hau e whā tēnā koutou katoa. This term, our Year 10 Te Reo Māori students began our kauapapa (subject) of learning about Ngā Maunga Tapu o Tāmaki or the Sacred Mountains of Auckland. The goal is for each student to gain a connection and an understanding of the rich, deep cultural history of the mountains that reside within the boundary of Tāmaki, through a Māori lense. To initiate this huge undertaking we embarked on a journey of climbing Auckland's youngest mountain Rangitoto.

Students had been learning about the mountain in the leadup to our ascension. One fact they learnt was one of the true names of Rangitoto which is, Te Rangi-i-totonga ai Te Ihu a Tamatekapua or the day Tamatekapua's blood was shed.

Rangitoto stands 260m high, 2/3 of the sky tower, with the return walking track taking around 2 hours. It was definitely an arduous, and at times, treacherous journey crossing mounds of sharp ancient scoria and a pathway of slippery slopes, due to the recent rains. There were times where students were faced with tiredness, fatigue and some reached a point of giving up but all persevered, making it to the tihi (peak) of the mountain with smiles from ear to ear and a sense of accomplishment.



At the summit students enjoyed lunch and were regaled with pūrākau of how the maunga came to be. They played māori orientated games like pūkana and pakō with onlookers clapping while listening to the laughter, and pure joy resounding all around the top of the mountain.

When we carefully descended the mountain we were fortunate enough to meet one of the tangata whenua from Ngāi Tai (the iwi who lives on the mountain) who shared his knowledge with the students, they thanked him by singing a waiata to acknowledge his ancestry and the connections made with the mountain known as Rangitoto.

Some comments from the students:

**He aha tētahi mea i ako koe e pā ana ki a Rangitoto?** What is something that you learnt about Rangitoto?

*I learnt that when you walk in through the waharoa (entrance) that you are being blessed.*

*How the giant threw a rock (Rangitoto) to show the other giants that he was strong*

**He aha tētahi mea tino pai māu?** What was the best thing for you?

*Playing pūkana and bonding with others that I didn't know too well.*

*When we got to the top of the mountain, we were pointing out where our mountains were.*

**He aha tētahi wero māu?** What was the most challenging for you?

*The most challenging part was trying to find the mountain i am doing my mahi on in class.*

*The most challenging thing for me was the last few steps up to the top.*



## Student Run Production - "The Last Gasp Cafe"



The student-run production was directed by Year 13 Drama Leaders, Jessica Roulston and Mariana Nascimento Cavalcanti, with support from Jove Cheung & a fabulous group of Year 9 to 13 students. "The Last Gasp Café" by Sarah Delahunty was performed in the Drama studio and all technical and acting roles were held by students. The play is a comedy about small town NZ and what happens when a developer tries to take over. Thanks to the Drama Department for supporting this wonderful learning opportunity for students.

All photos by [Amanda Billing Photography](#)





# Spirit Week - AGS X EGGS Prefect Netball

To end off a great week full of spirit we hosted the Auckland Grammar prefects for the annual netball game. The stadium was full of support from students and Epsom Spirit was highly showcased throughout the many school chants and cheering. Our prefects were able to get the job done and successfully defeated the Grammar prefects for the first time in a while with a score of 11-8.



All photos by Drayton Colson and Shivani Patel





# ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

## Talent Show - Spirit Week

On the 16th of May, the Arts and Cultural Prefects held the annual Talent Show during Spirit Week. Students were given the opportunity to exhibit their talents to the school. We saw a variety of musicians, singers, dancers, and performers who gave it their all. It was a lively atmosphere with a huge amount of support, and all of the students involved did a fantastic job. Thank you Miss Brooks, Ms Wills, Mr Williams and Mr Simpson for judging the show.

Congratulations to the overall winner, Raine Faigao, as well as Nalisa, Hannah, Zestine Sophie, Kara and Sara who also won prizes for their amazing performances.

*Photos by Drayton Colson*



## Dance World Championship Results

A big Congratulations to Scarlett Poppleton, Samara Greig and Tallulah Palmer-O'Brien for the stunning results at the world championships in Florida.

Between them the students achieved 2 Silver Globes, for Second in the World, in Senior Jazz and Open Jazz! (Missing out on one first place in the World by 0.1 of a point!)

Along with a further three 6th places in the World for their remaining three dances and 3 Nations Cups. We wish you all the best for your future dance endeavours.





# EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

## New Zealand Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra

In the April school holidays, the New Zealand Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra held their annual holiday course and concert at St Margaret's College, Christchurch. Top musicians from around the country are selected to play under the direction of an international guest conductor.

Year 12 student, Yanice Yue (Clarinet), was selected as one of eight students from Auckland for the 83 player strong orchestra. As an active member of our EGGs Music community we were delighted to see Yanice receive this opportunity and congratulate her on auditioning successfully for this prestigious event.

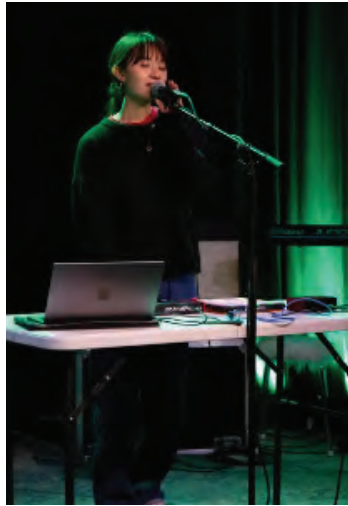


*Yanice Yue (left) - photo by Georgina Rees-Stevenson*

## SmokeFree Rockquest



*Eva Hall - photo Rockquest*



*Meryl Gogolashvili- photo Rockquest*

Last weekend, Year 13 students Meryl Gogolashvili and Eva Hall competed in the Auckland Solo/Duo section of SmokeFree Rockquest 2023. Meryl placed first in her session performing her song 'Home'. She also won the Rockshop Best Electronic Assist Award. Eva placed second in her session performing her song 'Rivers'. Both Meryl and Eva will compose two more original songs to be submitted for national selection. We are so proud of these talented writers and performers and wish them well for the next stage of the competition.

## Strings and Amplifiers

On Wednesday 17 May we held our first concert for the year 'Strings and Amplifiers'. The concert was an opportunity for our contemporary musicians and chamber music musicians to perform as they prepare for upcoming competitions. The evening was well received with a wide variety of repertoire and students performing on the night.

## Weekend Music Workshops

Over the last three weekends we have held workshops for some of our co-curricular music groups. Due to the fabulous interest there has been in singing in a choir at school, we were unable to take everyone to our annual choir camp. Instead, Paradisum (auditioned choir) and Canto Vivo (junior choir) participated in Saturday workshops, shared pizza and learned their repertoire for the upcoming Big Sing Festival in June. The senior Concert Band also had a day of rehearsing, honing their new repertoire ahead of performances next term.



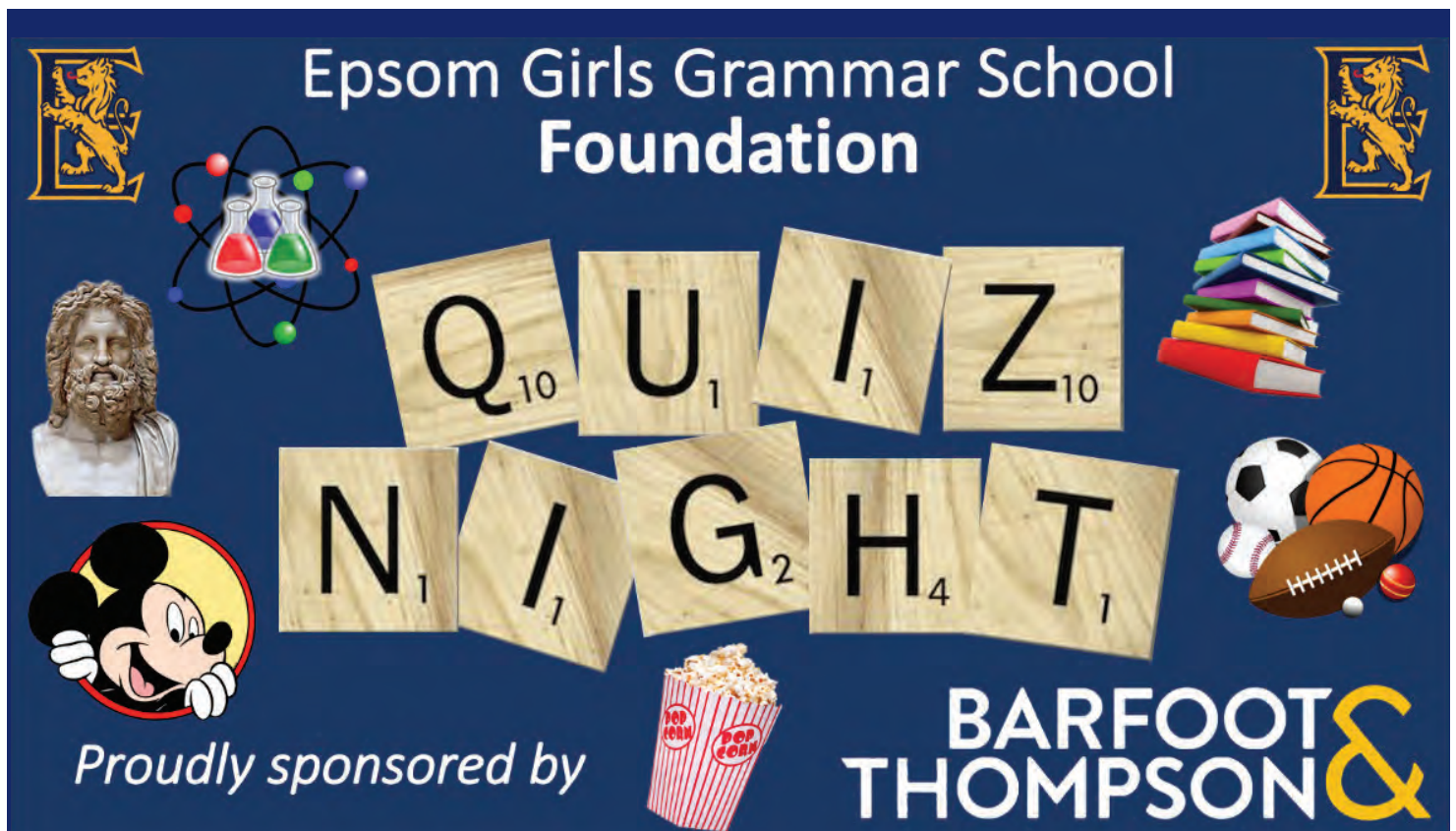
*Canto Vivo at their Weekend Workshop*

## Upcoming Concert

Choral Showcase, **Thursday 15th June**, 6.30 pm. This showcase will feature our three choirs and two guest choirs from Auckland Grammar School. Tickets available on iTicket soon.



# FOUNDATION NEWS



The poster features a dark blue background with the school's crest in the top corners. The title 'Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation' is centered at the top. Below the title, the words 'QUIZ NIGHT' are spelled out using wooden letter tiles. Surrounding the tiles are various icons: a chemistry flask, a stack of books, a soccer ball, a basketball, a football, a baseball, a Mickey Mouse head, a bust of a man, and a popcorn bucket. At the bottom, it says 'Proudly sponsored by BARFOOT THOMPSON &'.

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QUIZ NIGHT

Proudly sponsored by  
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EGGS Foundation warmly invites you to a Quiz Night with all proceeds going towards the Solar Power Project.

**When:** Friday 23 June, 6.00pm to 11.00pm

**Where:** Remuera Club  
27 Ohinerau Street  
Remuera

**Tickets:** \$35 per person (purchase as individuals or make up your table of 10)

We are also calling for any donations to support our raffle and auction prizes at the Quiz Night.

Can you support us in any of the following ways:

**\* BUY TICKETS \***

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE**

- Have a bach for a holiday weekend away prize?
- Airbnb and Book a Bach properties would be ideal
- Like to donate any goods or an experience related to your business?
- Your donation may be a voucher that can be redeemed by the winner

In return we will acknowledge all supporters on our website.

We shall also thank you in the school newsletter, EGGNEWS, which is emailed to 2,178 current parents and the Old Girls' newsletter that is emailed to 3,300 Old Girls'.

Please contact Sue Morse at [foundation@eggs.school.nz](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz) if you can support us in any way.



# OGA NEWS

## Events

The OGA Committee is busy organising our upcoming events.

Our **AGM** is set for Monday 12th June 2023 and will be held via Zoom. We will cover off general business and also acknowledge four new Honorary Members. This will be our final AGM as Co-Presidents. It's been an interesting tenure, with Covid throwing a spanner in the works and many events unable to go ahead as planned. It's time for someone else to take the helm as the OGA embraces its second Century. We'll share more info after the event.

The **Founders Awards Assembly** is set for Tuesday 27th June and this year we will be honouring three new Founders Award recipients. Again, we'll share more info about these high-achieving women after the event.

## Newsletter

Our May Newsletter is about to go out via email to our members. This issue features Old Girls who have received honours, awards and accolades, and also profiles a number of Old Girls who have had interesting and diverse lives.

## Reunions



*We held an inaugural Tairua/Pauanui Morning Tea gathering in March 2023 and this was a great success. We have active branches in Franklin and Tauranga so it is great to have another corner of New Zealand with Old Girls who are keen to meet up.*



*The 1980 Third Formers held a Reunion in April and it was a huge success. Gae Griffiths, who was Headmistress for this cohort, also attended. Great fun was had and many memories shared.*

Plans are under way for a Reunion for the Class of 1971 Third Formers (September) and also the Class of 1973 (October). Anyone interested in attending can email us on [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz) and we can keep you informed.

Meanwhile, the Committee is working on various other initiatives, in collaboration with the School and it is great to be a part of the community spirit. We wish all students a happy Term 2.

Ngā Mihi / Regards  
Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry  
OGA Co-Presidents, 2016-2023



# SPORT

## Rugby League Tag

On Wednesday May 17th, a combination of Rugby, Tag and Touch players played in the inaugural Auckland Rugby League Tag competition. They went through the entire competition unbeaten with the highest number of overall points. Not only did they win the competition, but they also won a super valuable \$1000 worth of Dynasty uniform. Woohoo! Congratulations to everyone involved!



## Cross Country Zones

On Thursday the 18th of May we had 14 students travel to Lloyd Elsmore to Participate in the 2023 C.S.E. Cross Country Zones. The course was tough, consisting of wind, mud, tight corners and even a steeple jump! But everyone put in incredible effort and wore a big smile despite the challenges.

The team had some outstanding top-10 individual and podium team results; Ava Gatie 3rd and Emma Ward 4th in the intermediate girls category. Kayo Findsen 2nd, Leila Daniels 4th and Tessa Swinson 6th in the senior girls. These three seniors also came away with 2nd place in the 3-person team. We also had Ava, Emma and Maneet Kaur come out on top in the Intermediate Girls 3-person team, with Zoe Hammond, Saye Kiuchi and Laura Watts contributing to the intermediate girl's points to place 3rd in the 6-person team.

A big congratulations to our EGGs cross country team and best of luck to our athletes who are racing at Auckland Champs and NZSS next month!





## Hockey - Auckland U18 Selection

Two of our extremely talented Premier Hockey players from Epsom Girls have recently been selected in the Auckland U18 Hockey Teams set to play in Auckland from the 2nd - 8th of July.

Hannah Mead (Year 13) and Gemma Manning (Year 12) have been selected to represent Auckland, with another year in their age group next year, this is such a special achievement!

If you have a spare hour in the school holidays, I would highly recommend going and supporting Gemma and Hannah in their games, it is such an incredible achievement and should be celebrated and supported by our wonderful school community!



Gemma Manning #3



Hannah Mead GK



PE Department on Pink Shirt Day

## Homestay Families Required

The Epsom Girls Grammar School International Department is delighted to welcome new International Students arriving to start in Term 3.

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](mailto:accommodation@eggs.school.nz)**



10AM TO 1PM  
SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

Kingsland Trinity Methodist Church  
400 New North Road, Kingsland

Free Entry