

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

You will have received an email yesterday from Tahei Simpson, Board Chairperson, announcing that this is my final year as Principal at Epsom Girls Grammar School. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the role over the last eight years and will carry very fond memories of all the people I have known from the EGGs community. I know that I say it often – this is a fine school – and it is the people who are at the heart of making it a fine school. Every staff member makes their unique contribution in service of student learning, progress and achievement. Strong working relationships with whanau are key. Strong, professional learning relationships between teachers and students in the classroom, and students being active partners in the learning, bring positive outcomes. Student agency is so important and it is our aim that curricular and co-curricular learning is supported by the School Values of Courage, Compassion, Curiosity and Community – in an environment where young women develop agency within each of these values to be active, positive participants in the school community and in the wider community. This has been a legacy for more than 100 years – alumnae abound in service to their communities through their working lives, often leading modestly, under the radar and making a real difference. It has been a pleasure and privilege to have been part of the Epsom Girls Grammar School community.

Senior students are busy with internal assessments in this latter part of the term. The two days of Subject Teacher Conferences are an excellent opportunity for sustained periods of work on these, and junior students will have a mixture of class and assessment work set for those two days.



Stop press – Father Daughter Breakfast – book next week to secure your spot. The prefects have organised a special morning at Eden Park.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 8, Term 2..

Thu 15 Jun Choir Showcase Concert, RFAC

Fri 16 Jun Philosophy Day

Fri 16-18 Jun Cross Country Nationals

Coming up in Week 9, Term 2..

Tue 20 Jun Online Subject Teacher Conferences

Thu 22 Jun Father Daughter Breakfast

Thu 22 Jun Big Sing Regionals

Fri 23 Jun Foundation Quiz Night, 6.00pm

Epsom Girls Grammar School
Foundation

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

Proudly sponsored by **BARFOOT THOMPSON &**

Friday 23 June
6.00 - 11.00pm

Subject Teacher Conferences (online) - Tuesday 20th June and Thursday 29th June

2023 Subject Teacher Conferences

Mid-year Subject Teacher Conferences for Years 9 – 13 are being held online on Tuesday 20th June and Thursday 29th June. You will receive an email this week with instructions on making bookings. Bookings are now open. This is an ideal opportunity for students and parents to meet online with subject teachers and discuss progress and achievement at this half-year point and to look ahead. Please note that bookings close on Tuesday 20th June at 7.00am. There will be an opportunity to book for Thursday 29th June from Wednesday 21st June until Wednesday 28th June. Year 11-13 reports will be available on the portal shortly and Year 9 and 10 later next week.



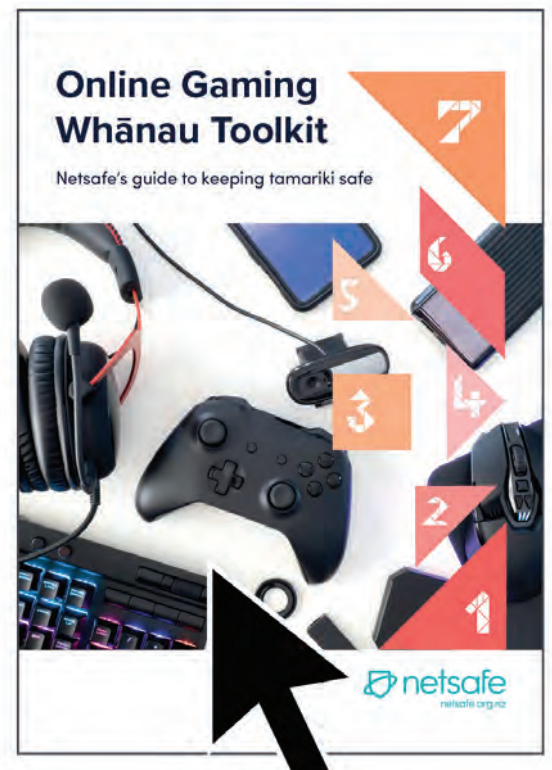
Online Safety: Gaming

- Eighty percent of tamariki in New Zealand aged 8-17 have played games online. Games can have many benefits: entertainment, social opportunities, coordination development, problem-solving and multitasking skills. But, most of all, gaming is popular because it's fun.
- But games can be tough for parents and whānau to navigate. How much gaming is too much? How do I make sure my tamariki aren't seeing inappropriate content or chatting in-game with strangers?
- Today we're sharing [Netsafe's Online Gaming Whānau Toolkit](https://netsafe.org.nz/online-gaming-whānautoolkit-accessible/) so you have all the resources you need to keep your kids safe.

Links:

<https://netsafe.org.nz/online-gaming-whānautoolkit-accessible/>

https://youtu.be/rPN_ev1RSDQ



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



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](#)



**LEARNING AND COMMUNITY EGGS
PRESENT...**

PENS AND PENNIES DRIVE

**DONATE STATIONERY AND/OR GOLD COINS TO
THE BOXES PROVIDED IN FRONT OF THE HALL ON
TUE, WEDS, THU INTERVALS
DURING WEEK 8**

**THERE WILL ALSO BE A STATIONERY COLLECTION
BOX IN THE LIBRARY FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK!**

**WE ARE COLLECTING STATIONERY TO DONATE TO GLENAVON
SCHOOL (DECILE 1). WE WILL ACCEPT ALL STATIONERY IN NEW
OR CLOSE TO NEW CONDITION, AND WILL USE THE GOLD COINS
TO PURCHASE MORE.**

**DONATE AND HELP TO PROVIDE A BETTER
ENVIRONMENT FOR KIDS TO LEARN!**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TO GLENAVON SCHOOL
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.GLENAVON.SCHOOL.NZ/](https://www.glenavon.school.nz/)**

Year 13 Ball

On Friday 12 May the Year 13s held their ball and it was a huge success! Our theme was Une Nuit Étoilée or Starry Night and everyone was dressed brilliantly and there was great food, music, dancing and decorations. The Year 13 Committee had such a fun time planning this amazing event and it was another wonderful memory to add to our final year at EGG5. We'd like to extend extra-special thanks to Mrs St Clair, the Deans (Amanda Gill and Roxanne Walker), our tutor teachers/supervising staff, and everyone else who helped make the ball happen.

Year 13 Committee



CURRICULUM NEWS

Drama

"Castaway Airlines"



On Friday 2nd June, Drama students had the opportunity to see one of their own Drama Teachers performing in a comedy play at The Basement Theatre. They were highly entertained by Miss Jane Wills performing as a Flight Attendant on the very shaky "Castaway Airlines". The audience were the passengers on the bumpy ride and participation was encouraged. Students were able to see how Physical Theatre can be used to create character and situation with humour and impact.

Year 11 Drama - Highwic House

Year 11 Drama students are creating site-based drama to be performed at the historic home, Highwic House, on Gillies Ave. We had our first visit in week 6 to begin our research about the house and its occupants and likely visitors. Students will now prepare devised scenes to perform in the house in Victorian costume. The performances will take place at the end of the term and whanau will be invited to attend.



Philosophy Department

Year 12 Talking Ethics class

This class are doing the school's first Psychology standard. In it they conduct and evaluate an experiment on "The Stroop Effect". They are gaining valuable scientific literacy skills and finding out about the psychological theories that explain the effect. Collecting data from other students in the school has been useful for: collaborative learning, leadership skills, cross curricular and cross year level interactions.



The Senior Ethics Olympiad

The Ethics Olympiad is a vehicle for developing skills in communication, critical thinking and respectful discourse while dealing with important and interesting ethical issues. Unlike debating, students can take the position they want at an Ethics Olympiad. They work as a team, with teams from other schools to come up with the best possible answer to difficult ethical questions. It is run across schools in New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore and India. We were part of one of two North Island olympiads.

During the day our students were involved in a series of four heats where they were scored according to criteria that rewarded clear, concise, respectful discourse around interesting ethical cases. Our wonderful senior ethics olympiad team discussed cases with St Kents College, Scots College (Wellington), Pukekohe High and Macleans College.

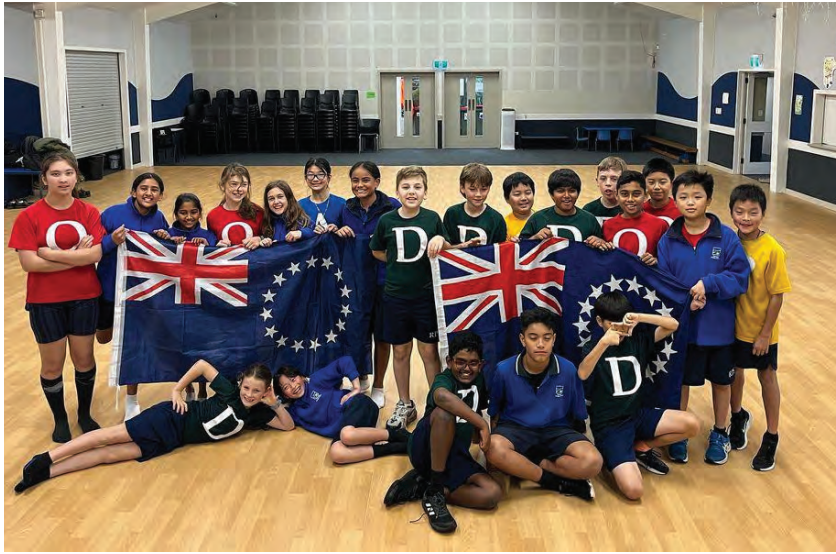


Philosophy Day!



Coming up on Friday June 16th is the annual Philosophy Day. This is open to all students interested in spending the morning doing: fun thinking activities, discussing ethics and listening to experts from the group "Effective Altruism". You don't have to have ever taken Philosophy. Permission slips will be available from student support.

Pacific Islands students visit Remuera Primary School



On the 2nd of June, a small group of Pacific Island students went to Remuera Primary School to teach Year 6 students about their culture and traditional dances. The girls spoke about the significance of the Islands they come from, the symbolism on their flags and their traditional attire. The primary school students enjoyed the learning opportunity and participated by asking questions and learning about the Ma'ulu'ulu and Ura. As it was also Samoan Language Week, the primary school students were also taught about the theme of this year's week as well as the marking of Samoa's Independence. A massive thank you to Miss Tu'itavake for taking time off teaching to take the girls to this amazing opportunity and being able to guide them through the process.

Well done to Fai'ana Taulangovaka, Trinity Atirai, Marie Breen (Cook Island students), Matafua Daniel, Dehnyse Falevalu Utumapu (Samoan students), Telisa Ongoloka, and Leah Finau (Tongan students) for doing an awesome job at teaching and sacrificing their time to be able to share their culture with others.

Pasifika Futures

The Pasifika Futures event was held on Wednesday the 24th of May in the afternoon for years 11, 12 and 13 Pasifika students. They enjoyed listening to some amazing role models in the event this year to be inspired to reach for higher goals in their education and careers.

The speakers were Dr Meilani Anae, the co-founder of Polynesian Panthers and a senior lecturer in Pacific Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Natasha Pati and her team from Pacific Health Wayfinders, University of Auckland. We thank these mentors in our local communities for this special talanoa session.



Young Free and Pacific Event 2023

On 30th of May, the Pasifika prefects and the Pasifika Year 13 Committee attended the annual the Young free and Pacific Event for young women. The theme for this event was 'Rangatira mō āpōpō? Rangatira i tēnei rā!' (Leaders of tomorrow? Leaders for today!)

It was an inspiring event with great speakers and a range of workshops designed for the students in terms of Spoken Word, Dance and Drama and it ended with the students performing in a grand showcase.



Eat Right Symposium

The Sustainability Committee attended the Eat Right Symposium at TAPAC (Western Springs) on June 7th 2023, as part of their learning inquiry. It was an amazing event with a wealth of knowledge and experience from a range of speakers.

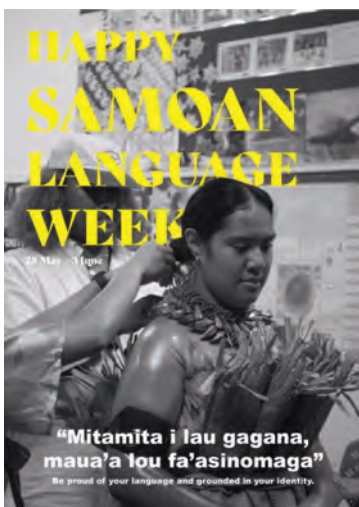
The event opened with a guest appearance by Steve Abel of Greenpeace followed by talks with

- Jason Shon-Bennet health researcher, inspirational speaker and author
- Samah and Pere Huriwai-Seger from Aotearoa Liberation League
- Alice Shopland of Angel Food; plant-based cheese manufacturer
- Irina Millar and Patricia Paynter of Daisy Lab; precision fermentation start up
- Michael Nelson Davis street activist
- Oli Allen ecologist



Samoan Language Week

Last week we celebrated Samoan Language week and here are the highlights of the week's celebrations.



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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

SCHOLARSHIPS

Check out these great opportunities:

Keystone Trust Study Awards

Who: students taking up studies in the property and construction sector

When to Apply: 1 June to 1 September 2023

What: \$5,500 per annum, mentoring and networking opportunities, introductions to industry sponsors and more

More details: [here](#)

Hiwa Scholarship

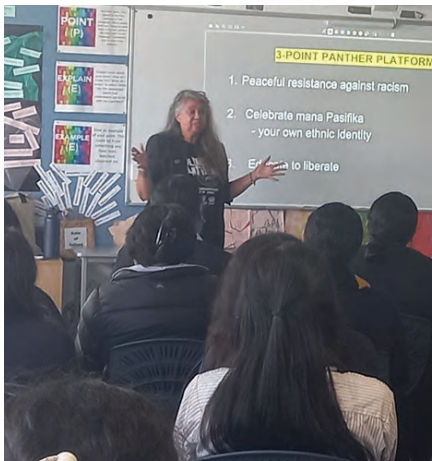
Who: Māori students who are in their final year of study at an NZ wharekura

When to Apply: now until 5 pm, Friday 7 July

What: Flights, accommodation and food covered for 5 nights to experience what life is like at Victoria University in Wellington

More details: [here](#)

PACIFIC FUTURES



Thank you to Ms. Mirti, Ms. Smith and the Pacific Student Leaders for helping organise Pacific Futures. This year students heard from Dr Melani Anae, who

is a senior lecturer in Pacific Studies at the University of Auckland, Waipapa Taumata Rau and from Natasha Pati, also from the University of Auckland, in the Pacific Health Wayfinders Pacific Women in Health panel. Their stories and advice were both inspirational and practical. Thank you so much to all involved.



Upcoming Events

- Mon June 12 **Psychology Careers** P3 in DSO
- Mon June 26 **Accommodation Talk** P3 in DSO
- Wed July 26 4:30pm-7pm **Pathways Information Evening, Options Evening and Women in Health Panel**

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EPSOM MUSIC PRESENTS:

EPSOM CHORAL SHOWCASE

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CANTO VIVO, EPSOM SINGERS AND
PARADISUM,

WITH SPECIAL GUEST CHOIRS
GRAMMAR VOICES AND
GRAMMARPHONICS
FROM AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

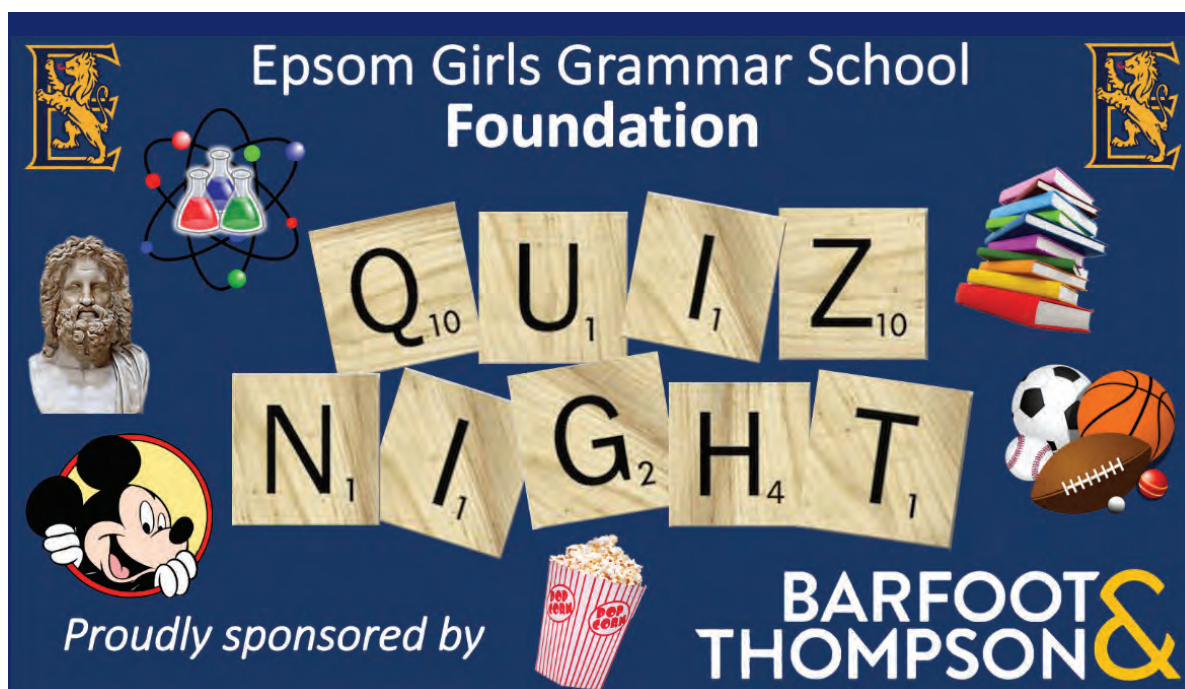
THURSDAY 15 JUNE, 2023
6:30PM
RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE

TICKET PRICE: \$5 / AVAILABLE FROM iTICKET



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FOUNDATION NEWS



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)

*** BUY TICKETS ***

[PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE](#)

**DON'T MISS OUT - LAST TWO
TABLES AVAILABLE NOW....**

Apply Now for the Foundation Fund Round 2

The Foundation Fund Round 2 closing date is 5pm Friday 23 June.

The Foundation Fund was established in 2006 by the Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation to provide grants to the School, students or staff for activities and items which will benefit Epsom Girls Grammar School and its school community.

These are items and activities that are not funded within the school budget and therefore contribute to maintaining high standards and opportunities for which EGGS is known. Grants from this fund are usually between \$100 and \$400 each.

Any current EGGS student, staff or EGGS student and staff groups can apply for the Foundation Fund.

Some of the successful applicants include:

- Funding towards transport to ShowQuest
- Funding towards International Languages week
- Map boards for Adventure Racing
- Contribution towards vertical garden
- Purchasing of visors for the cycling team
- Funding towards purchasing Wearable Arts framed photographs
- Funding towards purchasing a design technology display case
- Funding towards the purchase of new ukuleles for the Cook Island Cultural Group
- Funding towards the purchase of garden plants and equipment

Foundation Fund Round 2
Closing date is 5pm Friday 23 June.

For the application form please click [here](#)

Epsom Archery Club



Archery is at EGGs! With our newly funded gear and equipment in the new gym, we have been teaching around 35 students and introducing them to archery. We have 5 targets, 12 colourful, brand new bows and lots of arrows to be shot, so all gear is provided. We have two qualified instructors Mx Grant (counselling) and Nic (parent), and are always welcoming new people and looking forward to helping them develop their skills. EGGs also has two archery teams and we are excited to expand and enter more teams for upcoming competitions. If anyone is interested in seeing what archery has to offer or have any questions please email 20178@apps.eggs.school.nz and check out [@eggs_archery](#) on Instagram.

Rowing News - Learn to Row

Epsom Rowing is pleased to announce that the 'learn to row programme' for Term 2 has started. If you are keen to learn more about the sport of rowing please come along to any of the following:

Wednesday Lunchtimes

For the rest of Term 2, fitness sessions will be held every Wednesday at lunchtime in the Old Gym. Please come along with your gym gear/shoes and a water bottle!

Sundays - 11th, 18th & 25th June

Sunday sessions will be held at:

[Auckland Rowing Club](#), Ian Shaw Park (off Panama Rd, Mt Wellington) from 10am - 12pm (please arrive by 9:50am)

What you'll need:

- water bottle
- exercise gear - fitted exercise top/singlet, leggings or tight fitting shorts e.g. Nike Pros (no baggy clothes as they can get caught under the seat slide in the boat)
- light weight jacket in case of rain
- running shoes with socks
- because it is cooler, a fitted thermal top can be good
- cap or visor
- sunscreen
- sunglasses (if you have any)

Learn to Row Fees:

The cost for the learn to row programme is \$25 per week (this includes the gym session and on-water session). If you can only attend one week, that is okay. Just come along to have a go!!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the club on epsom.rowing.club@gmail.com or Maddy Bennie on 021-02931309 (Rowing Captain).

Cheerleading

Earlier this year, Holly Jannett from Year 10 and Scarlet Boxall-Hunt from Year 13 went to Orlando Florida, having qualified to compete at the UCA Cheerleading Competition at the ESPN World Wide Centre.

Their team 'Triple Threat' did an amazing job at representing their Cheer club 'Cheer Dynamix' from Papakura, performing their routine twice over two days.

They were announced as the silver medal winners. This is an incredible result for a New Zealand cheerleading team competing against tough competition from 7 top teams from around USA.

Another highlight was that the team were able to meet some of the top cheerleading teams from the USA who they would usually only get to see on YouTube!

