

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

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Peer Support - details on page 3



2023 Founders Award recipients
(left to right) Dr Jane Calderwood Norton, Dr Eve de Castro-Robinson
and Michelle Hooper, MNZM - details on page 15

Dear parents, caregivers and students

With the end of the term today, in this edition of EGGNEWS you can see the amazing variety of activity that has been happening over the last weeks as well as events coming up at the beginning of Term 3. Congratulations to everyone on completing what has been a challenging term.

Next term a number of sport teams will be getting ready for North Island and National Tournaments and the bands and orchestras will be preparing for the KBB Competition. We have a number of students involved in Art and Photography Awards as well as students in Science and Mathematics Competitions. This is just an indication of the variety – not a complete list.

This week and last, the Subject Teacher Conferences have been a good opportunity for quality conversations about student learning, following on from the Mid-Year Reports. In Term 3 the focus on the early part of the term for senior students is finishing last internal assessments and then switching to a strong focus on preparation for the School Examinations near the end of the term.

The process of choosing Options for 2024 starts for Years 9-12 next term. Assemblies and slideshows in the first weeks of the term help students to understand the process. A key element is that we take all option choices and then form up the timetable in the hope of accommodating as many combinations as possible – the option lines are not pre-determined. We are pleased to be able to offer a wide range of curriculum subjects – and yes – this is an advertisement for the School Donation – the Donation supports our broad curriculum and the staffing of it. Thank-you to those who have paid it – and a special thanks to those who have chosen to pay more than the level itemised. If you have not paid it, please consider the very real impact it makes on the learning for Epsom students.



I hope everyone has a really good break over the next two weeks, and we look forward to Term 3.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 1, Term 3

Mon 17 Jul	Term 3 begins
Tue 18 Jul	Year 9 Options presentation
Thu 20 Jul	Year 10 Options Assembly
Fri 21 Jul	Year 12 Ball
Sat 22 Jul	Chinese Extravaganza
Sun 23 Jul	Chinese Extravaganza

Coming up in Week 2

Mon 24 Jul	Languages Week
	Year 11 and 12 Options Assembly
Wed 26 Jul	Pathways Information Evening
Thu 27 Jul	Band and Orchestra Showcase
Fri 28 Jul	Matariki - Sunrise Hikoi & Hāngī



Monday 31st July - 2024 Course Selection available on the web portal

STOP PRESS: Showquest 2023

Congratulations to everyone involved in Showquest - first place on Wednesday night at the Aotea Centre Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre in the Auckland Regional Final!

Big shout out to TIC Sarah Brooks and the rest of her team through the months of rehearsal and on the day.

Pathways and 2024 Course Information Evening

This exciting event is aimed at students in Years 10, 11 and 12 though Year 9 are welcome to attend should they wish to start looking ahead. This is a self-guided event where students are the 'tour guide' and can use the map to guide parents around the areas that interest them or that they have questions about between 4.30-7.00pm.

What's on and where:

4.30-7.00pm	Tertiary pathways providers, University representatives, Women in Trades representatives and information about exchange programmes on display in the hall
5.30-7.00pm	2024 Course Information displays and Heads of Department available at various locations around the school to answer any questions and give clarification about courses.
4.30pm	Session 1: Optional presentation on the Women in Health Network in the staffroom for those interested in a career in the Health industry including Medicine, Nursing, medical Images as well as many others. (*This session is repeated at 5.45)
5.45 pm	Session 2: Optional presentation on the Women in Health Network in the staffroom for those interested in a career in the Health industry including Medicine, Nursing, medical Images as well as many others.

COURSE SELECTION - IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday 18 July	Year 9 Option presentation in tutor rooms about Year 10 courses in 2024
Thursday 20 July	Year 10 Options Assembly about Year 11 courses in 2024
Monday 24 July	Year 11 & 12 Options Assembly about Year 12 and 13 courses in 2024
Wednesday 26 July	Pathways Information Evening - displays from tertiary providers and course information from Learning Areas
Monday 31 July	2024 Course Selection available on the Web Portal
Monday 14 August	8am Completion of online Course selection

Te Ara a Kupe Beaton Scholarship

Congratulations to Epsom Girls Grammar School, Year 13 Student Anika Lomax. Anika has been awarded one of five Te Ara a Kupe Beaton Scholarships for 2023.

The Te Ara a Kupe Beaton Scholarship was set up in 2017 by Jamie Beaton of Crimson Education to help young Māori high school students access high-quality university education. Each winning student receives personalised mentoring and education services worth up to \$25,000 to help them apply for and get accepted into a university in New Zealand or overseas. Past winners have been admitted to the US top 10 universities, including two to Harvard and one to Duke University.



Anika Lomax - Year 13

Term Two Peer Support Activities



This is a yearly event, organised by the Peer Support Committee, which sees each Year 9 tutor class put themselves forward in the hopes of becoming this year's champions. The Peer Supporters and Year 9 students brought so much energy and team spirit to this tournament which resulted in enjoyable and at times fiercely competitive games. Each class is to be congratulated on how they got into the spirit of the event. There was bucket loads of fair play, class spirit and enthusiasm. The energy in the stadium was infectious.

This year's supreme champions were 9LEE and are to be congratulated on the win. They had the most people from their class turning up to play and support that we have ever seen. They were passionate right from the start and were able to carry this through beating 9SHE in the finals. There was only 1 point in it!

Congratulations also goes to 9ROX who won the class spirit award, coming dressed up to every game, proudly reciting their chant and being supportive of one another. Ms Roxburgh could always be seen on the sideline supporting her class, which was much appreciated.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who played or came along to support the tournament. I would also like to thank all the Peer Supporters and Sports Captains for their outstanding organisation and support of the Year 9's.

The committee has also managed to open the "Common Space" this term on Fridays at lunchtime. This is held in D1 and is a welcoming space for any Year 9 students to drop-in and engage with peer supporters or other Year 9's who attend. Anyone is welcome, so drop in and say hi. It will remain open until the end of this term.



Library News

Term 2 in the Library is always busy and 2023 was no different. We love it when teachers book their classes into the Library and use it as a teaching and research space. This term we have been busy with a number of junior social studies classes and a Year 12 history internal assessment. The librarians are always on hand to assist with a range of queries from helping students locate sources to showing them how the photocopiers work.

May was NZ Music Month and we held a competition to match the teachers with their favourite NZ band - there were a number of entries and no one got all of them right - but there were a couple of matches that all the entries got correct!



The Positivity Wall set up in the Library during Embrace Week



Over the last few years we have built up a small selection of card and board games - you can check out what we have here: [Board Games](#)

Occasionally, during the winter we get all the games out onto a table in the library entrance so students can see what is available. Any of the games can be borrowed for use in the Library whenever the Library is open. Uno and playing cards are always favourites but other games like Exploding Kittens and Jenga are also popular.

During Embrace week earlier in the term the Embrace Committee set up an activity to create a positivity wall - students were given hearts to write positive messages on and then they were displayed on the wall.

The purpose of our school library is to help every member of our school community - students, staff, families and whānau - gain new knowledge, skills, and dispositions for learning and personal development that they will use throughout their lives.

Libraries are more than just books.

Interact EGGS/AGS Trivia Night

The 6th annual EGGS x AGS Interact Trivia Night was held on the 9th of June at the school hall. Once again, the tickets sold out fast with over 200 students attending this enjoyable evening. This fundraiser event was a success and raised over \$1700 for the charity BeyondWater. Topics such as current events, sports and pop culture put the teams to the challenge as they pitted their wits against each other. After seven rounds, the team that came out on top was an AGS team.

Special mention to the teams who won prizes for Best Dressed too - The Williest Wonkas and the Crayola Box.

A special thank you to the EGGS Interact Committee: Arina Chaptynova, Olivia Sheriff, Charlotte Bratley, Areetha Unnikrishnan and Anahera Rangī for organising and running this enjoyable event along with the AGS Committee.



2023 Brain Bee

On Wednesday 21 June, five Year 11 students visited the medical school. These students had been selected by scoring highly in Round 1 of Brain Bee NZ. Students participated in a range of activities including the final round of the competition, a visit to the AMRF Learning Centre, lab tours, a brain quiz and meet the scientists session. They also had the opportunity to hear about the triumphs and challenges of a career in scientific research, by both graduates and professors.

It was an inspiring and competitive day, and these students represented the school impressively. Special congratulations to Ananya Rai 11SMI, for being our top placed student.



'KA HIKITIA - CELEBRATING OUR KŌHINE'

*Ka hikitia i tana iwi, ka hikitia i tana waka
The waka uplifts us as a people, just as we uplift the waka*

Ngā Manu Kōrero



On Tuesday the 27th June EGGs students took part in the Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition. This year we had entrants in three of the four sections - Junior English, Senior English, and Senior Te Reo Māori. This is the 54th year of the competition.

I'd like to acknowledge Cypress Crump and Mihirangi Harris-Tipoki for also entering our school competition - it was a close competition and they were both excellent competitors. Mihirangi entered the Senior English section and Cypress entered Senior Māori initially and then switched to Senior English instead. The Senior sections involve both prepared and impromptu speeches and all of these students were excellent at both. We could only select one representative in each section though and they were as follows:



Isabella Sherwin - Senior Te Reo Māori (involving a 10-12 minute prepare speech as well as up to 3 minutes of impromptu)

Ivy Tino - Senior English (a 6-8 minute prepared speech and up to 3 minutes impromptu)

Keakealani Seve - Junior English (4-6 minutes prepared and no impromptu)

At the regional competition - Te Whaitua a Uenuku - all of these students represented us to the best of their ability and made their whānau and I'm sure they're tūpuna proud. Two of them also achieved the following placings, of which we as their Kaiako and our whānau Māori, Te Whānau Āwhina, are very very proud:

Keakealani Seve - 3rd Overall and Best Female Speaker in the Sir Turi Carroll Junior English section

Isabella Sherwin - 2nd Overall in the Pei Te Hurinui Jones Senior Māori

Nō reira rā, e ngā māngai mō tō tātou Kura, ka nui ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa i tū Rangatira rawa atu, i eke hoki ki te taumata, i te whakataetae rā - poho kereru mātou katoa!

Congratulations to all of these students - we are so so proud of the chiefly way in which they represented us, and for their successes, and for the way in which their supporters supported them also.

The 2023 MATARIKI

SUNRISE HIKOI & HĀNGĪ



*You're invited to join the
EGGS 2023 Matariki sunrise
hikoi and hāngī*

July 28, meeting on Silver Road at 5.30am, walking up to the summit of Māugnawhau (Mt Eden) to watch the Matariki constellation as it rises in the dawn sky. We will share in waiata and karakia on the summit then walk back to school together for breakfast followed by the hāngī later in the day.

Hikoi sign up [here](#)

Indicate your kai preference here: [Hāngī order for 28th July](#)



EGGS PATHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING

26TH OF JULY 2023

PATHWAYS INFORMATION^x

Tertiary providers, universities, and exchange programs will be available to answer your questions,.

WHERE- HALL

TIME- 4:30PM TO 7.00PM

Options Evening ^x

Information and advice from teachers about their subjects to help you with course selection.

WHERE- D BLOCK

TIME- 5.00PM TO 7.00PM

Women in Health talk ^x

Hear from a panel of women talking about their career pathways in health.

WHERE- Staffroom

TIME- 4.30PM & 5.45PM





EGGS X AGS 2023

CHINESE EXTRAVAGANZA!

SAT 22 JULY 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
SUN 23 JULY 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**RAYE FREEDMAN
ARTS CENTRE**
Epsom Girls
Grammar School

TICKETS \$15
Available via
iTicket from
26th June

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ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Korean Group



The annual EGGS x AGS Korean Night has had another highly successful showcase of sharing and celebrating Korean Culture on the 26th and 27th of May. Our members have been practising and working hard for five months to feature the many different aspects of traditional and modern Korea through performance and creativity, which finally came together on stage at the Centennial Theatre with three exciting and anticipated shows. The passion for Korean Night this year was demonstrated by the excellent quality of performances, promotional materials, and the enthusiastic cheers from the audience in each show. Even against time pressures, our hardworking members and leaders have created another unforgettable experience both for the participants and the audience members. We are proud to have created such a strong community within the Korean group in Epsom Girls Grammar and Auckland Grammar School.

We would like to say thank you to all our members, leaders, and teachers for making Korean Night possible with their endless effort and time, and thank you to our audience for coming to support friends and family and to enjoy the unique facets of Korean culture. We are looking forward to creating another spectacular performance in 2024!

Dora Yi & Suin Kim (Korean Group Leaders)



Photos by the Korean Night Media Group

EPSOM MUSIC

Choir Showcase Concert

On Thursday 15th June Epsom Music hosted their annual Choral Showcase with special guest choirs Grammarphonics and Grammar Voices from Auckland Grammar. This was in preparation for The Big Sing Regional happening Thursday 22nd June, and the choirs performed a wide range of songs in various languages. Congratulations to



our Epsom choirs Paradisum, Canto Vivo and Epsom Singers, and to the Auckland Grammar choirs for amazing performances.

Thank you to those who attended and supported us, and a big thank you to Ms Le Cren, Ms Orr, Mx Komene, Ms Mannering and all the Auckland Grammar School staff.

Larissa Mohd Azhar (Choral Leader)



Photos by Drayton Colson

Chamber Music

At the end of Week 7, six Chamber Music groups performed in the annual NZCT Chamber Music contest. Students from all year levels rehearsed independently from the beginning of the year to refine their performances. This was a huge effort resulting in wonderful performances by all ensembles. Congratulations to Anna Sharma, Genesta Hamm, Sierra Sharma, Yanice Yue, Josheta Subramanian, Hailey Zhou, Jasmine Longley, Lea Huh, Rushni De Silva, Ruxin Chen, Saye Kiuchi, Naomi Tiong, Mira Batten, Taylor Wee, Karmen Jiang, Lisa Anderson, Emily Zou, Melanie Xiao and Tania Liu on your successful performances. We are very proud of these student's outstanding work ethic and developing musicianship.



Students chosen for the KBB Music Festival Honours Orchestra

Five students have been chosen to play in the Honours orchestra for the upcoming KBB music festival. Congratulations and best wishes to these students, Josheta Subramanian, Yanice Yue, Sophie Koh, Teresa Cheung and Alice Gill.

Choirs perform at the Big Sing

On Thursday 22 June, our three choirs travelled to the Auckland Town Hall to participate in the NZCF Big Sing Auckland Regional Festival. The festival ran over three days, and saw more than 60 choirs from around Auckland sing a wide variety of music. Canto Vivo (junior choir), Epsom Singers (senior choir) and Paradisum (auditioned choir) performed, and were well received by the audiences of students from other schools. Paradisum has been selected from more than 200 choirs around Aotearoa as one of the top 24 choirs in New Zealand for the Big Sing National Finale later in August. Epsom Singers was also recognised and selected as a reserve choir for Big Sing Cadenza. We are very proud of all 204 students who worked hard to present a refined programme of work - singing in English, Te Reo, German, French and Latin.



Mrs Virginia Le Cren (HOD Music) and Mrs Debbie Orr (Year 10 Dean and Asst HOD Music) at the Big Sing



Canto Vivo (Junior Choir)



Epsom Singers & String Orchestra premiered Whakamaheatanga (Catharsis) a work written especially for them by Mx Takerei Komene



Paradisum accompanied by Alice Gill (EGGS student) and Ms Anita Austen (EGGS Horn teacher)

Coming Up

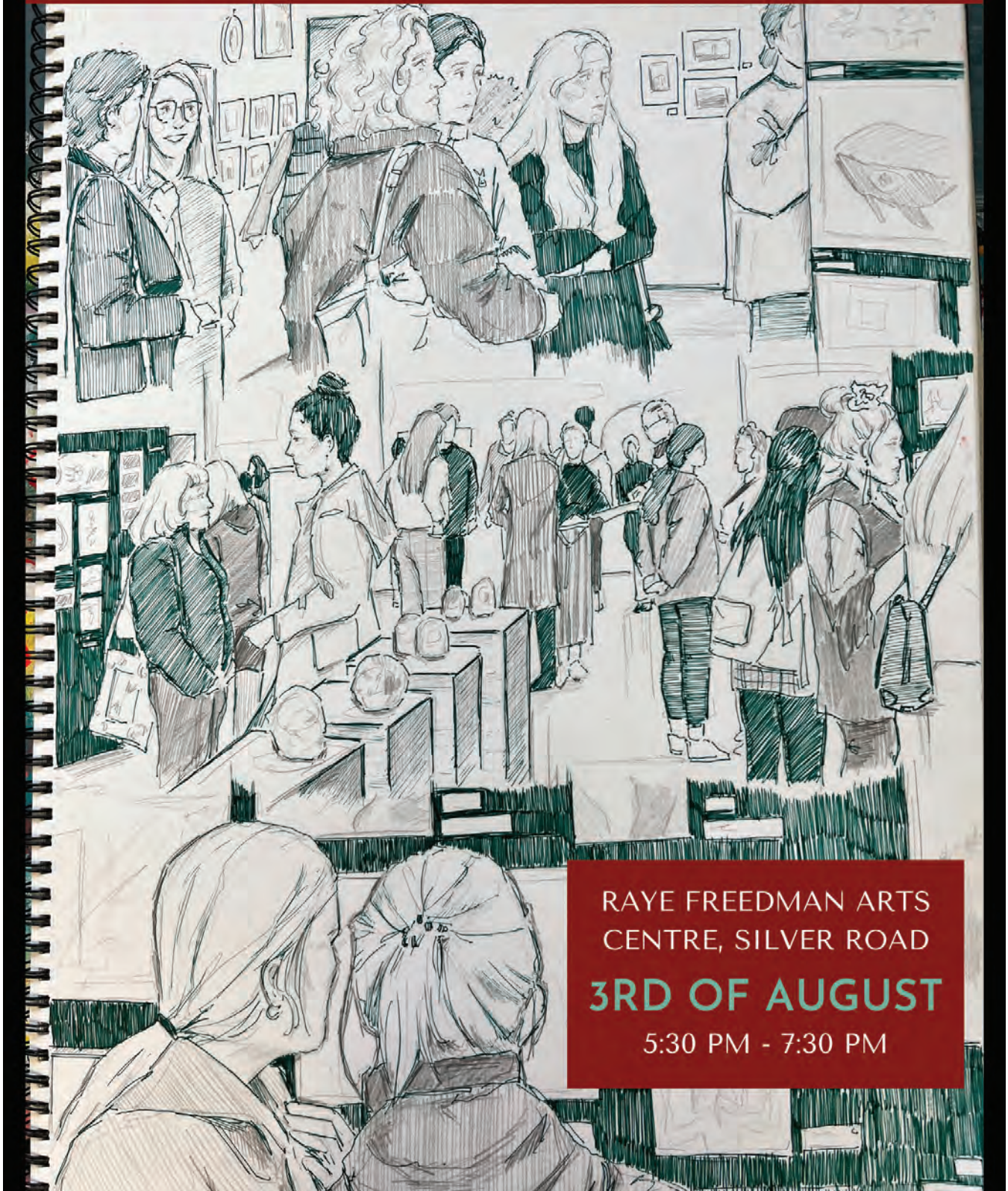
In Term 3, our instrumental ensembles will participate in the annual KBB Music Festival at Holy Trinity Cathedral. Join us for our Band and Orchestra Showcase on Thursday 27 July.

STAFF AND STUDENT ARTWORK FOR SALE AT THE

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ART EXHIBITION



RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS
CENTRE, SILVER ROAD

3RD OF AUGUST

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

FOUNDATION NEWS

Quiz Night

On Friday 23 June we were delighted to hold the EGGs Foundation Quiz Night at the Remuera Club. A massive thank you to our major sponsor, Barfoot & Thompson and the other sponsors who made this event possible. The sold out event saw 180 people from the EGGs community being tested on everything from general knowledge to Disney characters.

A special mention to Kieran Gleeson, our wonderful Quiz Master who kept the night fun and entertaining. A total of \$28,000 was raised from the event, with expenses still to be finalised. Thank you to our incredibly generous community who purchased auction items and raffle tickets. Proceeds will go toward the Solar Power Project.



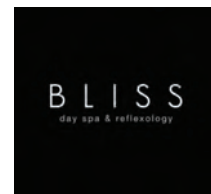
Below are all the sponsors who made this evening possible, thank you for your generosity.

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OGA NEWS

AGM

Our AGM was held via Zoom on Monday 12th June. Along with reports, financials and business matters, we were pleased to acknowledge four new Honorary Members – long-serving staff members Janet Davis, Susan John, Meg Macdonald and Philippa Wright. All the recipients have now been presented with their Certificates.



Janet Davis



Susan John



Meg Macdonald



Philippa Wright

Janet Davis gave 29 years of outstanding service to EGGs in her role as teacher of Mathematics and Statistics and as the numeracy teacher in the Learning Centre. Janet's two daughters also attended EGGs and she was the teacher representative on the PTA for many years.

Susan John was recognized for 15 years of outstanding leadership as Head of the Physics Department and then Learning Area Director of the Sciences.

Meg Macdonald has been a stalwart in the Commerce/Business department giving outstanding service as a teacher and as Head of Department for 29 years at EGGs. She also had three daughters attend EGGs.

Philippa Wright attended EGGs herself from 1983 – 1987 and her daughter and nieces also attended. She has also given over 15 years' service as Head of Latin and Classical Studies and more recently as Learning Area Director of Languages.

We thank all these long serving staff for their commitment and contribution to Epsom Girls Grammar School and are very pleased to honour them as Honorary Members of the OGA.

We were also thrilled to welcome Letitia Isa as the incoming President of the Old Girls Association at our virtual AGM last Monday evening. It was a pleasure to present Letitia with the Old Girls Association's President's Badge last Friday when she was in Auckland. Letitia was at EGGs from 1980 to 1984. After seven years at the helm, Lynley and Sally have retired as Co-Presidents but will remain on the Committee. Julie Goodyer remains Treasurer (assisted by Kirsty Cooper) and Rachael Banbury remains Secretary. Staff reps Tric Milner and Michele Heywood remain in this role on the Committee, as does Student rep Sharika Postoo. We have an active Committee and we look forward to Letitia guiding the OGA forward.

Founders Awards Assembly

On Tuesday 27th June at the Senior assembly we honoured three alumnae for their outstanding achievements.

- Dr Eve de Castro-Robinson for Outstanding Achievement in Music Composition.
- Michelle Hooper MNZM for Outstanding Achievement in Sports Leadership.
- Dr Jane Calderwood Norton for Outstanding Achievement in Law and Human Rights.

Congratulations to the 2023 distinguished alumnae and Founders Award recipients.

Message from New OGA President – Letitia Isa

I was honoured to be elected as the incoming President of the OGA last week. I was very fortunate to be given the opportunity to attend Epsom as an out-of-zone pupil and I am looking forward to the opportunity to give back to the School that did so much for me. I was able to visit Epsom earlier this year as part of our year group Reunion and was amazed at the facilities the School now has at its fingertips. From the music suites to the new gym and the now indoor swimming pools, my classmates and I were amazed at what is on offer. It was also nice to see a few remnants of our time – the tuck shop and the lectern being a couple of favourites!

I'm looking forward to reacquainting myself with the School and supporting the activities of the current pupils and the Old Girls, from the soon-to-be to the not-so-young. If you would like to get in touch for any reason (suggestions are always welcomed), please do so. My email is Letitia.Isa@outlook.com



Per Angusta, Ad Augusta.

Farewell from OGA Co-Presidents 2016-2023 – Sally & Lynley

With our final AGM complete, we now hand over the reins to Letitia Isa, and this is our final message as OGA Co-Presidents. Letitia was at EGGs 1980-1984 and is now based in Wellington. She is often in Auckland but with all our Committee meetings being held on Zoom since lockdown, she can be actively involved from afar.

It's been a bit of a rocky road over recent years with Covid and so many events cancelled and it was particularly disappointing not to be able to go ahead with our OGA Centenary events as planned. However, with that behind us, we look forward to new events in a new era with a new President.

It has been rewarding and a great privilege to lead the organisation over these past years. The OGA History Book, due out later in the year, will provide a comprehensive record of our first 100 years under the School's Headmistresses and Principals and the OGA's Presidents through the years.

We want to acknowledge Principal Lorraine Pound. We've worked alongside Lorraine and her team on a variety of events and initiatives including the School's Centenary in 2017. Lorraine took on the role of Principal around the same time we donned the Co-President mantle and has always been available to us and the OGA with advice and guidance. We've always appreciated the way she has blended tradition with a modern professional approach and the School has flourished under her wise leadership. Lorraine, we thank you and wish you all the best in your next phase.

We will be hosting the 2023 Founders Awards Assembly as our final duty before signing off, and we look forward to honouring three extraordinary Old Girls who we know will be an inspiration to our current students.

As the OGA transitions into its second Centenary, we know Letitia will bring enthusiasm, commitment and leadership to the role of President. Welcome Letitia, we will be beside you with our support and guidance, as will all our Committee members.

Per Angusta, Ad Augusta.

Ngā Mihi / Regards

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

LIST OF OGA PRESIDENTS

1921 – 1959 List from 1957 Reunion Book	1981 – 1983 Susan Moody	2004 – 2007 Gay Roberts
1959 – 1963 Margot Grant	1984 – 1986 Norma Buckland	2007 – 2010 Ro Bellamy
1963 – 1965 Kadia Barnard	1987 – 1989 Janice Naish	2010 – 2014 Julie Goodyer
1965 – 1967 Patricia Maud	1989 – 1992 Jan Bean	2014 – 2015 Kathryn Seagrave
1968 – 1971 Lois Edgar	1992 – 1994 Lesley Murgatroyd	2015 – 2016 ... Kathryn Seagrave & Sally Blyth (Co-Presidents)
1971 – 1973 Melva Hancock	1994 – 1997 Sue Rope	2016 – 2023 Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry (Co-Presidents)
1974 – 1975 Peggy Rollerson	1997 – 1999 Joslyn Goulter-Pearson	2023 - Letitia Isa
1975 – 1977 Lesley Martin	1999 – 2001 Sue Rope	
1978 – 1980 Margaret Brenton-Rule	2001 – 2004 Christine Black	

Cross Country Nationals



The NZSS Cross Country Championships is the toughest and most competitive race for any high school student involved in distance running. With well over 100 people in each race it is a showcase of a huge range of talent from across the country.

This year we had four students travel down to Palmerston North for the event. Emma Ward, junior, as well as Leila Daniels, Tessa Swinson and Kayo Findsen who made up our 3-person senior team. Emma finished an impressive 22nd in her race, and all three seniors finished strong and among many top runners.

On Sunday, Emma, Leila and Kayo raced and represented Auckland and North Harbour in the NZSS regional cross country relay championships. Their teams raced hard to finish 5th and 6th! A great weekend for our cross country team.

If you're keen to see what they're up to make sure to check out @eggstriathlon on Instagram for racing and training updates.

Epsom Snowboard Team - Auckland Champs

On Thursday the 8th of June our Snowboarding super-duo headed out to Snowplanet for a very early start at 7am. It was a great day for both Alicia Yan and Mayya Tyshetska, even after an early crash for Alicia in warmups who still powered through into the competition. After some initial nerves, Mayya hit the slope, and we are so glad she did as she managed to place first in the Junior Slopestyle and Junior Race!!

Even after a few hiccups with the timing/judging which resulted in a few re-runs, Alicia placed 2nd in both Senior Slopestyle and Dual Race!

Overall it was a great day with Alicia and Mayya getting 2nd place in the Overall School Scores for Epsom Girls, narrowly missing out on first as Westlake had more competitors.

We could have a shot at first overall school if we had more students participate so we would love to see more students competing next year!



Gymsports - Auckland Artistic, Rhythmic & Tumbling Championships

Amelia Hsu was unable to attend the Auckland Gymsports competition, but she has had a great Gymnastics season so far. At the Kerrin Bishop competition, Amelia placed 1st on Floor, 2nd on Balance Beam and placed 1st Overall in her Step 6 Division. In the Tri Star Senior Champs in May she placed 2nd on Balance Beam and Floor, 3rd on Vault and placed 2nd Overall. Finally, in the Auckland Manukau Championship, she placed 1st on Floor and Uneven Bars and 1st Overall. These fantastic results have meant she has been selected to compete in the Nationals Championship in Tauranga this July. Well done and good luck Amelia!



Underwater Hockey



Junior Northern Zone Championships

On the 10th & 11th of June, the Junior Underwater Hockey team competed in the Auckland Regional competition held at Westwave Pool and Leisure Centre in Henderson. We played 7 tough games across the weekend, competing against a number of other schools from around Auckland. The team played well and came away with 4th place overall and qualified for the National competition to be held later on in the year. Congratulations to Mila Lyon who was team MVP of the tournament, and to Eden Hogg and Alexa Harris, who were selected to trial for the Northern Zones U18 Squad for 2023.

Senior Northern Zone Championships

On the 17th and 18th of June, our Senior Underwater Hockey team traveled down to Tauranga to represent EGGs in the Northern Zone Championships. The team had some tough games against other Auckland teams and the Tauranga teams competing. Fortunately the team was resilient and driven to push through and place 4th out of the 9 teams that participated- this secured the team a spot at Nationals, held in Auckland from 31st August - 3rd September! A big congratulations to Summer, Bailey, Charlotte, Jasmine and Hailey that were selected to trial for the Auckland under 18 team this year. Thanks to all the parents that came down to support our team at this tournament.



Auckland Duathlon Championships

The Auckland Duathlon champs were held on Wednesday the 28th of June at Ambury Park. EGGs had a small but very successful team who competed in various age categories throughout the day. The event was a run-bike-run format with distances of 3.5kms-15kms-2.5kms for the under 16 category and 5km-21km-2.5km for the under 19 category.

Emma Ward (runner) and Emily Hammond (cyclist) came away with the win in the U16 teams event! Kayo Findsen (runner) and Tegan Feringa (cyclist) placed 2nd in the U19 teams event, and Leila Daniels came 3rd in the U19 individual event.



Turbo Touch Secondary School Championship



On June 23rd, Epsom Girls sent a team to the Turbo Touch Secondary School Championships, held at The Trusts Arena, Henderson. The team had a close first pool game against Tokoroa High School, drawing 1-1. The second game was against a fast paced Manurewa High School where the girls struggled to find their form and keep up, resulted in a loss. The team bounced back and won their final pool game against Southern Cross Campus.

The team played off for 7th/8th placing against Kelston Girls College, although tied at halftime 2-2, Kelston opened the gap and eventually won 7-2.

It was a great day for our team and we are looking forward to touch Nationals in Term 4!

Football

2023 saw a restructured start to the season for our Premier Football Team, who are made up of half new-to-Premier-football players. The team fought a challenging start to the season, but soon became the force to be reckoned with again. The seniors as our veterans paved the way for the new players to find their place in the team.

Towards the end of the term, EGGs were racing Westlake Girls on the ladder to the top of the league table- always side by side, with a point being the difference between 1st and 2nd place.

The Premier Team went on to face Baradene, former league winners, in their final game of the competition. EGGs came away with a 2-0 WIN over Baradene which crowned the Epsom Girls Grammar School Premier Football Team the College Sport Premier League Winners for 2023!!

