

# EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls  
Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

Term 3 is underway and in this edition of EGGNEWS you can see the amazing variety of activity that has been happening and awards gained. Congratulations to everyone who features in this newsletter. Also to former EGG students who continue to excel in their chosen sports: Ella Wyllie (leaver 2020) for her successes in the Tour d'France, Annalie Longo (leaver 2009) Football Fern World Cup team 2023 and Anna Green (leaver 2008) Womens Football World Cup commentator.

This term a number of sport teams will be getting ready for North Island and National Tournaments later this term, while the bands and orchestras will be preparing for the KBB Competition next week. The annual Incubate Art Exhibition showed an outstanding collection of art from both student and staff contributors.

In Term 3 the focus on the early part of the term for senior students is finishing last internal assessments and then switching to preparation for the School Examinations near the end of the term. The process of choosing Options for 2024 has started for Years 9-12, this is now 'live' on schoolpoint. You will need to sit down with your student and approve their subject choices. We endeavour to accommodate as many subject combinations as possible – the option lines are not pre-determined, but do take note of any course costs associated with a subject.

As the winter draws to a close we are still seeing some very cold and frosty mornings, but it remains important that your student wears the correct uniform. Just a reminder that non-uniform items such as hoodies and trackpants are not to be worn with the uniform at any time. The uniform shop has ample stock of uniform jerseys, soft shell jackets and trousers if your student needs additional items to keep warm.

Ngā mihi  
Michele Heywood - Acting Principal

## Coming up in Week 4

Mon 7-11 Aug KBB Music Festival

## Coming up in Week 5

Mon 14 Aug Course Selection completed

Tue 15 Aug Road Race Championships

Wed 16-17 Aug Year 12 Production

Fri 18 Aug Mid-term Break



Course Selection to be completed by 8am Monday 14 August

# THE EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO)

The Education Review Office (ERO) has shifted to a more developmental approach to evaluation that supports each school's improvement over time. Key features of the new approach, Te Ara Huarau, are that ERO will:

- work with all schools in an ongoing way rather than as a one-off event
- connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of their improvement journey
- work in partnership with schools, collaborating in support of equitable and excellent outcomes for all learners

As a result, each school will:

- have a dedicated ERO Evaluation Partner who works alongside the school
- have a different experience depending on needs, strengths, and their school's specific evaluation focus
- be on a three-year evaluation cycle

## What will public reporting on ERO's website look like?

As schools' transition into the approach, ERO will work with schools to publish a one-off **Profile Report**. This will focus on the strategic goals schools have in place to improve learner outcomes and what the school is seeking to achieve through the evaluation.

Within a three year cycle all schools will then have a **Te Ara Huarau | School Evaluation Report**. This report includes information about the school's improvement journey, what the school has achieved for learners and their future priorities.

All schools will receive a **Board Assurance with Regulatory and Legislative Requirements Report** about their board's attestation to meeting those requirements. **Provision for International Students** and **Hostel Reports** will be published where applicable.

## Other reporting

**Progress Reports** - These reports are not published on ERO's website. Progress reports will provide specific information for specific audiences such as your board, the community or the Ministry of Education.



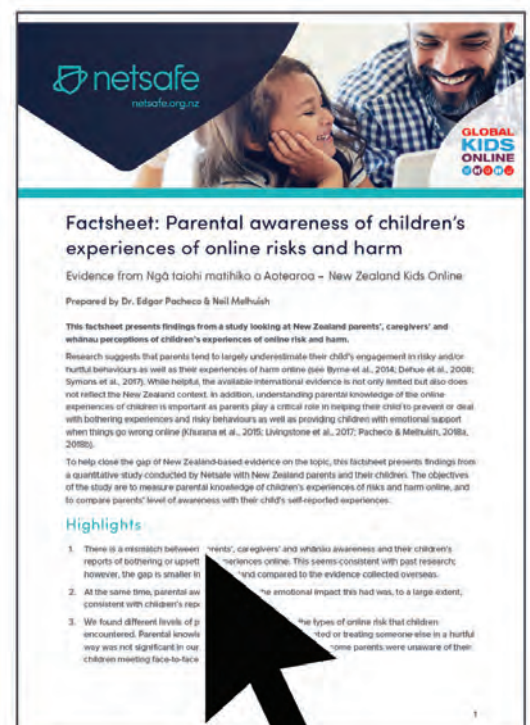
## Awareness of Online Harm

- Many parents didn't grow up with the internet, so it can be hard to imagine how tamariki may use it. But these days, digital technology is a key part of our young people's lives. They use it for learning, communicating and entertainment.
- Netsafe has released research that looked [into Parental awareness of children's experiences of online risks and harm](#). The research found a mismatch between parents' awareness and their children's experiences of upsetting online content.
- To check out the research, and other Netsafe resources, visit this link.

### Links:

<https://netsafe.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Factsheet-Parentalawareness-of-childrens-experiences-of-onlinerisks-and-harm.pdf>

<https://netsafe.org.nz/parent-awareness-childonline-risk-harm/>



# ENROLMENT FOR 2024

## Applications are invited for Years 9 - 13

### HOME ZONE PLACES

Year 9 applicants who live in the home zone can submit their application at any time.

Years 10-13 applicants who live in the home zone should contact the school.

### OUT OF ZONE PLACES

Applications are invited for Ballots for Out of Zone places (only students currently enrolled at other schools are eligible).

**The deadline for the receipt of applications is Wednesday 30 August 2023.**

Available places will be allocated in the following priority order: siblings of current students, siblings of past students, children of past students, children of School Board members and employees, all other applicants.

**Ballots** for each year level will be held on **Wednesday 6 September 2023.**

**Year 9:** The Board will decide on the number of available places just before the ballot. This will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the School's home zone.

**Years 10, 11, 12 & 13:** We will ballot for waiting lists only and any places becoming available will be filled from those lists.

Application forms are available online at [www.eggs.school.nz](http://www.eggs.school.nz). Enquiries ph 630 5963, [enrolments@eggs.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@eggs.school.nz)

## Message from the Albert-Eden Local Board

The Albert-Eden Local Board has drafted its three year plan, which is now ready for feedback by the wider community.

The draft plan sets out five key focus areas and goals for the board to strive towards. These areas are Our People, Our Environment, Our Community, Our Places and Our Economy. There are also two broad themes that are included across everything, Māori Outcomes and Climate Action, which reflect the ongoing efforts on these significant topics.

There are a number of ways in which feedback can be provided:

1. Information and printed forms are available at local libraries
2. More information and online forms can be found on the AK Have Your Say website
3. You can email the local board directly by replying to this email or at [albertedenlocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:albertedenlocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)
4. Come and discuss directly with elected members at our Have Your Say event, Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, Monday 7 August 5.00 - 6:30pm. You are welcome to pop-in at any time.



*Trainee teacher Mr Smith with three students (Charlotte, Evie and Madi) from Year 11 Biology examining the great bacterial colonies they have grown on nutrient agar.*

# CURRICULUM NEWS

## English Shakespeare



Last term, Year 13 English Shakespeare classes had the pleasure of watching *King Lear* performed live by the Auckland Theatre Company. Director and lead Michael Hurst embraced a contemporary vision, reimagining costuming and recasting traditionally male characters as female. Actors gave a dynamic performance on a traverse stage, giving separate audiences a unique experience of the play. Seeing *King Lear* live on stage breathed new life into the characters and themes to life and made them recognisable to our modern world. The play and the Q & A session with the cast that followed made for a valuable and exciting afternoon at the ASB Waterfront Theatre. The trip was a definite highlight for the course!

*Nina Albert, Year 13*

## 43rd Harry Messel International Science School

From the 2nd-15th of July, Year 13 student, Arina Chaptynova, was selected as one of five students in New Zealand to attend the 43rd Harry Messel International Science School held in Sydney, Australia. The International Science School is a two-week residential science camp for over 140 all-rounded science students across the world in Year 12-13. It was an occasion to meet other like-minded students from several countries including Australia, UK, China, Japan and USA. Held at the University of Sydney, every day was packed with amazing and inspiring science-speaking to leading researchers, exploring labs and getting hands-on with real experiments. From lectures on dark matter to lab experiments on genetic footprinting, the programme gave students the opportunity to explore various areas of science and make new connections.

*"The ISS2023 programme was an incredible and unforgettable two weeks. The talks, activities and tours were inspirational and I am beyond grateful to have had the opportunity to be one of the students selected to represent New Zealand. I gained new knowledge, made lasting friendships and amazing memories! - Arina Chaptynova"*



## French exchange trip to Tahiti

In April/May, I went to Tahiti on a four-week exchange. I stayed in Papeete and attended Lycée Paul Gauguin with Téa. The first week I was there it was the holidays, so I had a good time exploring Tahiti with Téa and getting to know her family. It was an amazing experience, and being immersed in a fully French-speaking environment really helped me with my French, especially with my fluency and understanding. Learning about how things work in Tahiti, especially the schooling, was very interesting. School is organised so differently there, it was cool to see how it worked. Later, Téa came to New Zealand to spend four weeks with us. We had three weeks at school and then spent a week together in Rotorua. It was so nice to see her again. She fit right in with our family!! Overall, this experience has been really cool, and I'm so glad I met Téa .



Charlotte Burt (Year 12)



Alliance Française  
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# Waikato Culinary Fare

We had a very successful Waikato Culinary Fare trip this year. We had a range of students from Years 10-13 in Food Technology and Hospitality courses compete in the static and live cooking events.

Congratulations to all students that took part and here are the students that gained a medal in their respected category:



## Dessert - Live Cook

Alexis Chu - Gold with Distinction (our first ever 100/100)  
Phoebe Rundle - Silver



## Creative Pizza - Live Cook

Sofia Levy - Gold  
Maia Shahab - Bronze

## Barista - Live

Charlotte George - Gold  
June Tamtan - Gold  
Silver Phillips Te-Haara - Gold  
Jamie Taylor - Bronze

## Cafe Cake - Static Cook

Phoebe Rundle and Amelia Campbell - Gold  
Isla Morison - Silver  
Silver Phillips Te-Haara - Silver  
Jamie Taylor - Silver  
Holly Roper and Hannah Mead - Silver  
Twinkle Mistry, Jia Xin Sim, Nick Van Rossum and Christy Tang - Bronze  
India Kedzile - Bronze  
Sasha Marchant - Bronze  
Sophia Tsang and Advika Tipparaju - Bronze  
June Tamtan - Bronze  
Charlotte George - Bronze

## Chicken Dish - Live Cook

Isla Morison - Gold

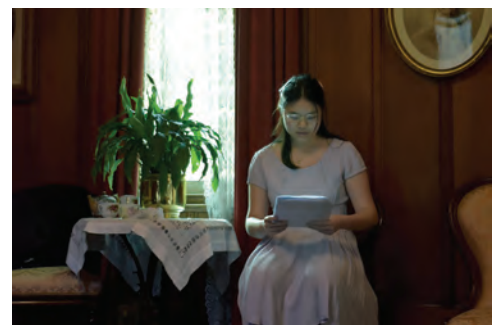
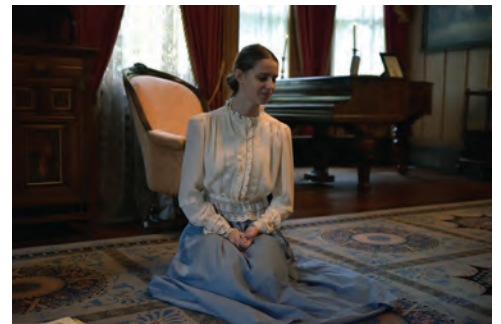
## Burger - Live Cook

Meg Wood - Bronze



## Year 11 Drama - Highwic House

On 1st and 2nd August, two Year 11 Drama classes performed original devised drama at the historic home, Highwic House. They researched and visited the history of the house and then wrote their own drama performances based on this research. The performances were witty, fast paced and enjoyable.



# ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS



## Showquest

Congratulations to the Showquest team on their amazing achievement placing 1st in the Auckland region.

Overall Student Leaders - Alisha Mohideen and Estella Patterson

Choreography Leaders - Briar Ardern, Samara Greig Hobday, Estella Patterson, Mia Booy, Siena Frost and Jasmine Longley

Backstage Leaders - Libby Yee, Alsiha Mohideen, Waka Takahashi, Drayton Colson and Ella Simons

Lead Dancers - Samara Greig Hobday, Annabelle Gasparich and Scarlett Poppleton

Congratulations to the core team made up of dancers, backstage members, choir and wearable arts models.

This show could not happen without the amazing teacher support team, thank you: Virginia Lynskey, Daniel Kenway, Julie Waddell, Deepika Chand, Courtney Wentz, Bridget Spencer, Rachael Mannering, Virginia Le Cren, Courtney Horler and Maria Walker.

Special mention to Julie Waddell for all her help with the theme this year and Briar Ardern for her determination and commitment (despite the knee injury and surgery).

Here is the video of the performance: ► [Showquest EGGGS 2023](#)

The Nationals Final will be streamed on the Showquest website on August 2nd at 3:30pm.





# EPSOM MUSIC

## Band and Orchestra Showcase

On Thursday 27 August, the Music Department held our annual Band and Orchestra Showcase. We were excited to see so many students of various levels of experience involved across a range of ensembles. String Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Symphonia, Intermediate Concert Band, Concert Band and the Jazz Combo all performed a programme of music.

This concert was a great opportunity to share our music with friends and whānau ahead of the KBB Music Festival at Holy Trinity Cathedral next week. The orchestras will all perform on Monday 7 August in the afternoon and evening. Intermediate Concert Band performs on Wednesday 9 August in the evening and Concert Band on Friday 11 August in the morning. Whānau are welcome to attend these sessions.



*Epsom Symphonia directed by Ms Virginia Le Cren*



*Concert Band directed by Chad Davenport*



*String Ensemble directed by Miss Rachael Mannering*



*Intermediate Concert Band directed by Mrs Debbie Orr*



*Chamber Orchestra directed by Miss Rachael Mannering*



*Jazz Combo directed by Mr Chad Davenport*

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## Meryl Gogolashvili

Following her success at a regional level, Meryl was required to record and submit two new songs. Last week, Meryl was announced in the nationwide Top 30 Smokefreerockquest acts for this year's live original music competition.

The competition began with over 800 acts entered throughout the regional live events, and then over 100 acts submitting videos for the Top 30 selection. Meryl was in fact one of 10 solo/duos in the top 30. The ten finalists have now been announced and we are thrilled that Meryl has been acknowledged with Highly Commended for her song writing and performance. The adjudicators made particular comment on her beautiful melody writing and how this will be a strength for her as she continues to develop her writing. We are looking forward to what comes next for Meryl in her musical journey.

## Playing for visitors

Last week, we welcomed some international student agents to the school. Three of our string players, Anna Sharma, Genesta Ham and Sierra Sharma, did a wonderful job of welcoming them with some Music in the reception as they gathered for their presentation.



## World Taekwondo Tournaments

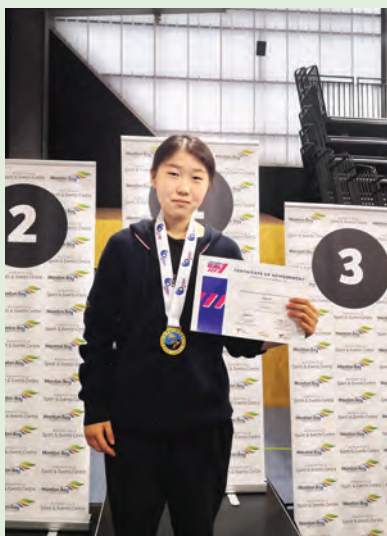
In the July school holidays, Jin Jia Wu from 10WHE participated in two World Taekwondo tournaments which were held in Brisbane, Australia. There were 45 countries and 1800 athletes in total attending this three-day event. She won one gold and one bronze medal in her junior category and was the only New Zealand athlete to win a gold medal in this large-scale international tournament.

Jin Jia's achieved these impressive results:

5th World Taekwondo President Cup - Gold Medal for Junior Female under 49kg.

2023 Australian Open - Bronze Medal for Junior Female under 52kg.

Congratulations Jin Jia! We know you have been working very hard in preparation for this event and your dedication and commitment have certainly paid off!



## College Sport Individual Swimming Champs

On Sunday 25th June, a number of our swimmers attended the College Sport Individual Swimming Champs held at Westwave Aquatic Centre. Our girls, Maya Botti, Emily Rope, Eliza Williams and Abby Davidson had a chance to compete in a range of different strokes, where they were given the chance to compete in their favoured events, ranging up to 200m events in breaststroke as well as freestyle.

We came away with some great results, and a couple of medals as well, with Emily Rope earning silver in the Girls 13/u 200m Breaststroke, Eliza Williams earning bronze in the Girls 13/u 200m Freestyle, and Abby Davidson coming away with 3 golds in the 100, 200 Breaststroke and 100 IM.

This competition was a great experience, leading up to the rest of our competitions for the rest of the year, and racing against competitors from other schools.

## Ultimate Frisbee Indoor Championships

### ~ Open and Girls Divisions

On Sunday the 25th of June Epsom Ultimate entered three teams into the AKSS Indoor Champs Tournament. We came away with some great results with Epsom A coming first after a well fought game against Takapuna Grammar. Epsom Purple and Red also did really well and it was a successful day overall. A big thanks to the coaches, managers, teachers and parents that made this tournament happen. Looking forward to the Junior tournament in November!



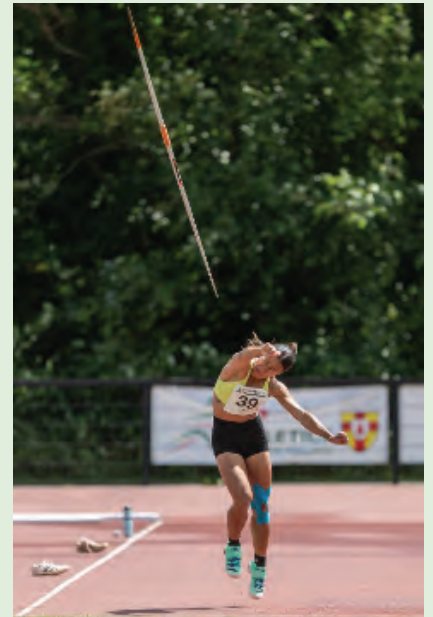
Five year 13 students also recently competed in the Opens Indoor champs on Sunday the 11th of June and came away with an impressive 4th place out of 17 boys and mixed teams after playing some tough and intense games. A big congrats to their amazing results and Josh How for coaching!

## Athletics - European Competitions

Last term, our Sports Coordinator Bri travelled to Europe to compete in various European Athletics competitions, representing New Zealand as an exhibition athlete. Bri set PB's in the 100m hurdles and 800m, and a season's best (SB) of 1.73m in the high jump to place 9th in the Swedish senior women's heptathlon champs versus top females from all over Europe and Canada. This competition was a big highlight of Bri's as she successfully battled through a knee tweak she suffered early on in the competition.

She then did individual events in Graz, Austria, and Cologne and Rhede, both in Germany. This included her first 100m sprint in 18 months since knee surgery; 12.15s in the 100m for 5th place, as well as a SB 200m time of 24.91s.

Her final competition was in Belfast, Northern Ireland, at its Combined Events National Champs. Low numbers and swirling winds made events difficult at times but Bri managed to win all seven of her heptathlon disciplines, winning overall and securing national gold in the process. Bri bettered her 100m hurdles PB again, running 14.53s, she jumped a SB in Long Jump off a short run up and did another PB in the 800m, decreasing this time by 16s this season! Well done Bri!



## Cycling

### Road Cycling North Islands 2023

Although we didn't quite roll St Kent's in the Seniors this year we gave it everything and put our best pedals forward. The Juniors did the same! We were super proud of the EGGs squad over the weekend. Always there for each other and enjoying the friendships and fun along side the serious racing.

#### Results:

- Senior girls 2nd in the Team Time Trial - (Ava Madison, Tegan Feringa, Tessa Swinson, Elena Worrall, Nina Worrall)
- Junior girls 2nd in the Team Time Trial - (Willow Pointon-Greenwood, Zoe Kivell, Immie Lamont and Emily Hammond)
- U15 Girls Road Race ..... Emily Hammond - 4th
- U16 Girls Road Race ..... Nina Worrall - 4th
- U20 Girls Road Race ..... Tegan Feringa - 3rd
- U15 Girls B Criterium ..... Willow Pointon-Greenwood - 3rd
- U16 Girls A Criterium ..... Nina Worrall - 3rd
- U16 Girls B Criterium ..... Zoe Kivell - 3rd
- U20 Girls A Criterium ..... Tegan Feringa - 2nd
- U20 Girls B Criterium ..... Tessa Swinson - 1st

Gutsy racing by everyone. A fun weekend with way too much mud rain and wind.

And a huge thank you to amazing Coach Cath Martin and all the parents support for the organisation.



## Track North Islands and Nationals 2023

A great few days for the EGGs Track cyclists with their usual great teamwork and good sporting spirit - and lots of podium time!



### Results:

- U16 Girls Omnium North Island - Nina Worrall 2nd, Immie Lamont 3rd
- U16 Girls Omnium National - Nina Worrall 2nd
- U20 Girls Omnium North Island - Ava Madison 1st, Elena Worrall 2nd, Tegan Feringa 3rd
- Tegan Feringa also won the commissaires trophy for U20 Girls North Island Scratch Race champion
- U20 Girls Omnium National - Ava Madison 2nd, Elena Worrall 3rd
- Junior Girls Team Sprint - (Nina Worrall and Immie Lamont) 2nd in both North Islands and Nationals
- Senior Girls Team Sprint - (Tegan Feringa, Ava Madison and Elena Worrall), 3rd both North Islands and Nationals
- Senior Girls Team Pursuit - (Tegan Feringa, Ava Madison, Elena Worrall and Nina Worrall), 1st in both North Islands and Nationals, lapping the team in second place and getting a new Nationals schools record of 3:42.7
- Ava Madison also won top female track cyclist for the competition.

And to top it off EGGs came third best school overall in the competition! Well done girls!

New riders for 2024 welcome to join for rides in Term 4.

## Orienteering

During the second week of the school holidays Year 12 student Charlotte Wood travelled down to Blenheim to compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships where she competed in the Senior Girls Championship grade against over 30 other girls from around New Zealand.



*Charlotte Wood pictured in the yellow and black top*



Over the course of three days Charlotte competed in different events ranging from the long event on the first day where the terrain was hilly farmland with cliffs to the sprint the next day through the Blenheim CBD and the last day the relay where she was in a composite team running through the Wither Hill MTB park.

Charlotte's results included 14th in the long event, 12th in the sprint event and an unofficial result of 5th in the relay as her team was non-competitive with her individual time of 8th and she was the 2nd first leg runner back.

