



Year 9 - Community Aroha Day

Last Thursday was the Graduation Dinner where students, parents, and staff celebrated the Year 13 leavers. This event is hosted by the Old Girls Association and it was a wonderful occasion. Friday was the Year 9 Community Aroha Day and the Year 10 Careers Day; today the Year 10 Ki o Rahi Tournament and the Year 9 Pop-up Globe Trip to Taming of the Shrew. As well as a busy Junior School programme we have also had the Senior Student Leadership Training Days running.

It has been a big year for Epsom Girls Grammar School. I recently sent out the link to the ERO Report, and you can find that link again at the end of the Board Chair's message in this edition of EGGSNEWS. The following small section of the Report provides a good overview summary of ERO's findings:

*The school's vision is to develop young women as confident and resilient learners, actively contributing to their communities. The school fosters courage, compassion, curiosity and community. It aims to build students' agency and critical engagement in learning ..... The school successfully supports its students to achieve equitable outcomes. Students continue to achieve high levels of success in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA). Most students stay at school until Year 13.*

*...A broad view of student success and wellbeing is at the heart of the school's curriculum. The school's responsive curriculum enables students' individual strengths and talents to flourish, and helps them to excel in a range of learning areas. Collaborative learning is promoted through problem solving and critical thinking opportunities in real-life contexts.*

*The school's inclusive learning culture supports all students to participate confidently in a wide variety of learning experiences. A holistic, wrap-around approach to pastoral care successfully supports student wellbeing and achievement. Effective coordination between pastoral and curriculum leaders and teachers, parents and outside agencies contributes significantly to this positive feature of the school.*

*The principal and teachers actively foster learning-focused partnerships with parents and prioritise close relationships with families. Support for tuakana/teina relationships among students helps to enhance their learning and wellbeing. Well-planned, multi-layered learning support approaches enable students to access personalised and flexible learning opportunities and pathways.*

## Coming up in Week 9....

Wed 12 Dec	Late start
Thur 13 Dec	Junior Prizegiving - 10.00am
	End of Term 4

## Starting Dates for 2019

Wed 30 Jan	Powhiri - 10.30am (all new students)
Thur 31 Jan	All year levels - 10.30am
Fri 1 Feb	Normal times for the whole school - 8.30am



Year 12 Leadership training

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... A professional learning environment promotes and supports effective teaching practices. It includes flexibility and openness to new learning and blended e-learning approaches. Teachers' participation in professional learning groups contributes to enhanced practices through collaborative action and research. Teachers and leaders have a positive influence in the local and wider education community, including the ACCOS Kāhui Ako.

## Next steps

For sustained improvement and future learner success, priorities for further development are in:

- continuing to promote effective acceleration approaches that support all learners to be successful
- continuing to respond to emerging shifts and trends in 21st Century secondary education.

As part of these next steps, something we have been concerned about relating to student learning is the stress that can be caused by three full years of constant assessment in the national qualification system – the National Certificate of Educational Achievement or NCEA. As you know a New Zealand wide review echoes this concern. In their Year 11 year a student faces a full programme of internal assessments and also external examinations at the end of the year. This constant programme of assessment means that learning can suffer by being hurried; by learning being at risk sometimes of not being at the depth that we foster here, in order to meet assessment deadlines that keep coming from across the curriculum throughout the year. We are looking at ways that we can maximise time for learning in Years 9 to 11 and reduce the pressure of constant assessment in the Year 11 year. Next year the Year 11 programme will be the same as it has been, but we will be looking ahead to 2020 and in Term 1 of next year there will be an Information Evening for students who are currently finishing Year 9, and their parents, to plan ahead for Year 11 in 2020.

Next week we look forward to seeing families at the Junior Prizegiving on Thursday the 13th at 10.00am. Students will be dismissed for the year following the Prizegiving - usually before noon.

I would like to thank everyone for their support of Epsom Girls Grammar School this year, and wish everyone the very best for the holiday season.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As 2018 draws to an end it is timely to reflect on achievements and the contributions made by so many to another hugely successful year for EGGs. The final few weeks have seen many events celebrating the wonderful achievements during 2018 and congratulations to all the students, teachers, support staff and parents who have contributed to this success. The Old Girls Association put on a fantastic Graduation Dinner for the Year 13s last week and it was a great send off for our 2018 leaders.

To the Board, thank you for all your support this year. The recently received ERO Report highlighted the strong stewardship and governance at EGGs and I thank you all for your input and additional hours this year as we completed the masterplan, our new strategic plan and the ERO audit.

The triennial elections take place next year and this is an opportunity for the community to become involved in the governance function of the school. The election is in early June with the new board sitting for the first time in late June 2019. An effective board is required to be very strategically focused with clear governance understanding and bringing a wide range of skills such as legal, property, finance, community, cultural, communication and importantly very strong judgement skills. For those interested in becoming a trustee there will be more information available in the new year and we also welcome observers at our monthly board meetings.

The Tomorrows Schools review report is due out very soon and is currently under review by the minister of education. I am expecting some recommendations that will directly impact the current BOT structure and we await if this will coincide with next year's elections.

As noted above the recently received ERO report was a very positive reflection of a high performing school. The link to this report is now available to the community which I encourage you all to review. I would like to acknowledge the school leaders for their drive to continually improve the EGGs experience and the commitment from the staff to strive every day to provide a high quality learning experience for the EGGs students.



To the 2018 leavers thank you for your contributions to EGGs and I wish you all the very best in your new endeavours. To the leaders of 2019, good luck and enjoy the experience.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Xmas and a prosperous 2019.

Chris Iles, Board Chair

► [2018 ERO Review](#)



## Epsom Girls Grammar School Kaumatua

We are delighted to announce that Richard Nahi will support our school as Kaumatua from 2019. Richard has had a long connection with EGGS. Husband of Pearl Hill who works at Epsom House, Richard has officiated many events at the hostel such as Powhiri and the blessing of the new pods. Richard has tribal affiliation to Ngāti Whatua and has lived in the southern reaches of the Kaipara Harbour for the last 20 years and has tribal connections to the Hokianga and to Ngāti Paoa in the south of Hauraki. Richard is currently a Senior Cultural Advisor for the Auckland Council where he has previously worked in supporting Governance, northern and west local boards and working to build better relationships through engaging and working with mana whenua of Tāmaki Makaurau. His current position is working in Parks Sport & Recreation and he is often involved monthly with iwi engagement on projects, facilitating treaty workshops and organising self-development training programs on Tikanga Māori with council management and staff through the year. We welcome Richard into the school community and we look forward to working with him.



Richard Nahi - EGGS Kaumatua

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### Eat My Lunch



Cara and Amy at Eat My Lunch headquarters

Amy Chen and Cara Lockhart have been volunteers at Eat My Lunch this year finding out about how the company operates and joining the morning shift. It's an early start - 6.30am and the work is constant until all lunches are ready to go.

*"I would definitely recommend volunteering at Eat My Lunch. It was good for me because it helped me to help hungry kids out by making their lunches. It also helped me gain confidence to work in new places with people I haven't met before. The people there are kind and the work isn't that hard. The best part of all is that it is fun!"*

Cara Lockhart - Year 12

### EGGS 2018 Poetry and Prose Awards

Each year, prizes are awarded for the best prose and poetry writing at each year level. For the first time, we are sharing this work with the wider audience it deserves. Please click on the link below to read the students' writing.

Harriet Gane - Year 9 Prose

Mishaarni Aravinthan - Year 9 Poetry

Rhea Sabnis - Year 10 Prose

Rosy Cory Darroch - Year 10 Poetry

Zoe Roche - Year 11 Prize for Prose

Lucy Neutze - Year 12 Prize for Prose

Charlotte Leigh - Year 13 Prize for Prose

Eva de Jong - Year 13 Prize for Poetry

Brooklyn Richardson - Charlotte Gibbs Memorial Prize for Formal Writing

► [2018 Poetry and Prose Award winning writing](#)

### Year 9 Community Aroha Day



## Year 10 Careers Day

Last Friday we held our inaugural Year 10 Careers Day. The rationale for the day was to allow students to hear about careers they may not have previously considered, expand their awareness of different industries and begin to question how they might fit into the world of work.

We had representatives from Art and Design, Trades, Law, Health, Business, IT and Technology, Engineering, Communications and Hospitality.

The stories we heard of decision making and career pathways were fascinating, and hopefully impacted our Year 10 students.

If you know of anyone who has a great career story and would be willing to speak to our students next year, please get in touch with either Philippa Leask, [pleask@eggs.school.nz](mailto:pleask@eggs.school.nz) or Lila Pulsford [lpulsford@eggs.school.nz](mailto:lpulsford@eggs.school.nz).





# OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

## Graduation Dinner, Thursday 29th November 2018

This was the 23rd Graduation Dinner organised by the Old Girls Association, and the biggest in recent years with 730+ attendees. The students looked wonderful and the Epsom spirit was alive and well inside the Ellerslie Function Centre. Deputy Principal Sarah Dwan welcomed the students and their families, Co-President Sally Blyth and Principal Lorraine Pound addressed the audience and presentations were made to each graduate. Head Prefect Ruby Murray gave a wonderful speech and the Year 13 Deans Roxanne Walker and Rochelle Quedley took everyone on a light-hearted and poignant journey of the Class of 2018.

Our guest speaker was Dr Erica Whineray. A surgeon, health advocate, entrepreneur and mentor, Erica has trained all around the world and now works on the North Shore focussing on breast cancer surgery. Erica was an OGA Founders Award recipient in 2017 for Outstanding Achievement in Medicine. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the special Awards Assembly in June last year as she was at a conference in Italy, so we were very thrilled that she could join us on this special evening as guest speaker.

Erica's speech was inspiring and heartfelt, her message striking a chord with girls and parents alike.

*"My message is two-fold. Firstly, that your elders do have some wise words from time to time, so you should listen. Secondly, that life is for living – don't be so blinkered in focusing on your goals that you miss out on opportunities, relationships and adventure because you are in such a rush. Take some risks, laugh loudly and make some mistakes, because there isn't, nor should there be, such a thing as the perfect run.*

*No matter what you choose to do from here, just do it like you mean it; laugh, and live your life with purpose. The rest will follow. I am so excited to imagine the adventures that lie ahead for you."*

Each year, the OGA awards special Scholarships of \$600 each to girls who have shown the following qualities:

- Kindness and consideration for others
- Honesty and reliability
- Ability at a range of activities such as sports, or art and cultural activities, as well as academic work.

This year's deserving recipients, selected by the Deans, are:

- Summer Bradley
- Shoal Makata
- Claudia Lawrence
- Imogen Sutton

Congratulations!



2018 Head Prefects



Head Prefect Ruby Murray



OGA Scholarship recipients



Singing the School Song....

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After thank-yous and farewells, the School Song was proudly sung, led by the Head Prefects. Another wonderful evening came to a close and a new group of Alumnae headed off for the next phase of their lives.

Special thanks to the sub-committee – Lynley Sheweiry, Rachael Banbury and Annise Raea – and to the Year 13 Deans and Sarah Dwan for organising such a special and memorable evening.

The OGA Committee was extremely heartened to hear from new Old Girl Claudia Chaney who has put her hand up to join the Committee. Getting involved in the OGA is rewarding and a great way to keep lifelong School connections alive. Thanks Claudia, we welcome you as a recent Alumna.

Wishing everyone a happy Festive Season and relaxing break.

*Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry,*  
*OGA Co-Presidents*

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# FOUNDATION NEWS

## L Block Fundraising



As you know EGGs is upgrading L Block into a flexible learning environment to keep pace with the needs of students, families and teachers. Learning is at the heart of this redevelopment.

This year the Foundation Office has been raising funds to extend the flexible learning environment to a multi-purpose outdoor space too. A space that will be used for breakout learning, meetings, individual and group work and covered recreational space for lunchtimes. With your generous support we are on target build the whole package. As the year comes to a close, we are so pleased to announce we have raised almost \$80,000 in donations from the EGGs community, sponsors and suppliers and events. Another major fundraising event is planned for 2019, our very own **Paradise Garden Party**, and we hope to see you all there. Keep an eye out for more details in the new year.

To make a donation to the L Block project, please see details below.

A huge thanks from the Foundation Office for your support. Enjoy the festive season and we look forward to connecting with you again next year.

## Donor Wall of Honour

### What is the Donor Wall of Honour?

The Donor Wall of Honour will be a permanent exhibit of individual or family names featured on a dedicated wall inside L Block. While honouring your family, an individual, friends or lost loved ones, you will at the same time help us transform L Block into an innovative learning space.



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## How can I place a name on the Donor Wall of Honour?

The names of individuals and families will be inscribed on the Wall of Honour for posterity as gifts of remembrance through donations made to advance learning at EGGs. You can place a name on the Wall of Honour by completing an [online donation form](#). For each contribution of \$500, your name will go on in perpetuity allowing future generations to benefit from your kindness.

[Click here to become a permanent part of EGGs history](#)

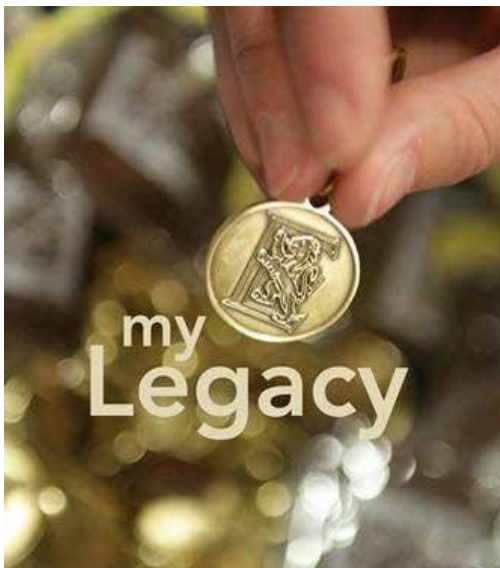
Alternatively, you can contribute any amount you choose, small or large.

## Raye Blumenthal Freedman Trust



A special thanks to the Raye Blumenthal Freedman Trust for supporting the ongoing development and maintenance of the Raye Freedman Arts Centre, through grant funding this year. The Trust has played a key role in the advancement of EGGs students and our facilities over the years for which the school is very grateful.

## Discover tomorrow together



Creating a charitable legacy can be one of the most lasting and impactful acts you can do, and the EGGs Foundation would love to partner with committed individuals who are ready to take that step. You can create a bequest for the future that supports the causes you care about the most including education, sports, teaching, and the arts and culture, or you can leave a gift that meets the most critical needs of the school over time. With your generosity, we can advance learning at EGGs.

Making a gift in your will is a unique way of reflecting your own interests, passion and vision. Whether you wish your gift to be made in memory of someone close to you, to carry on your own name in perpetuity or to be given anonymously, it is a gift with value that will make a difference to thousands of young women every year.

Speak in confidence with the Foundation Office by phone 09 970 6753 or by email [foundation@eggs.school.nz](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz)

For more information [click here](#).

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## Underwater Hockey

Congratulations to the following Epsom Girls Grammar School students who have been selected into the NZ Womens U20 Underwater Hockey team: Brooklyn Richardson, Rosa Watson (if released from U24 squad) and Terri Warner! Best of Luck for your games!

## Softball

EGGS Junior Softball had a tough season losing their last game on Wednesday 8-4 but they have made huge improvements throughout the term in both their hitting and fielding! Thanks to Auckland Softball Association for your help with coaching.



## Touch

Congratulations to Epsom Girls Gold who placed 2nd in the Central Zone College Sport Competition and qualified for the Auckland Champs. They went on to play in the Auckland Champs at Bruce Pulman Park last Tuesday and placed 6th overall.

Well done to the Epsom Girls Blue team who placed 4th in their grade at Central Zone competition as well.



## YSPOTY

College Sport Auckland hosted the YSPOTY (Young Sports Person of the Year) awards at Eden Park a couple of weeks ago. Congratulations to Harriette Overend who won the Lacrosse Girls award and Sarah Weekley who won the Tennis Girls award!



## Football



Congratulations to Maggie Jenkins and Laney Strachan who played in the FIFA U17 Womens World Cup and placed 3rd overall! Awesome achievement from these students and the New Zealand team!

## Sports Committee 2019

The Sports Committee had a great 2 days of leadership training and look forward to working with all students involved in Epsom Sport 2019!

## Sailing

Congratulations to Amelia Angus who competed in the Sir Peter Blake Regatta last weekend. In memory of one of our most famous NZ Sailors the "Sir Peter Blake Regatta" is held annually and celebrates the life of Sir Peter and his values including environment, leadership and fair play. It is a leading national event for centreboard classes and one of the most important and certainly the largest regatta of its type in NZ.

Entrants travel from all over the country as well as overseas to compete in this prestigious event. This year there were over 460 sailors competing for line honors across 3 race courses. The Optimist open class with 70 sailors, both boys and girls up to age 15, was the largest and most hotly contested and only 2 points separated the top 3 places in the final result. Amelia managed to hold off the rest of the fleet and took line honors.

This fantastic result follows on from Amelia's great season last year where she finished second at the NZ Nationals and went on to represent NZ at the World Championships in Cyprus.

Congratulations Amelia!



## A message from the Sports Department

Thank you to all of the coaches, managers, TIC's and parents who supported Epsom Sport this year. Without this support, Sport for Epsom students would not be possible.

Well done to all students who participated in Sport this year. We've had some great sporting achievements throughout the year as well as a 48% participation rate. We look forward to making 2019 an even better experience for all students.

Have a great Christmas and summer break. Stay safe and keep well!

*Krystal, Leah, Kaitlyn and Steph.*







Tuesday, 4 December 2018

Dear residents, businesses and local schools,

**Improving your water network - Hunua 4 watermain construction**

As part of the Hunua 4 watermain construction we will be starting four days of service investigation or 'potholing' at the intersection of Wapiti Avenue, Ranfurly and Market roads tomorrow.

**On Wednesday 5 December and Saturday 8 December from 9am to 3pm**, stop/go traffic management will be in place along Market Road as it will be reduced to one lane through this area. The Market Road entrance to **Wapiti Avenue will also be closed** to through traffic so please follow the detour signage in place.

**On Monday 10 December and Tuesday 11 December from 9am to 3pm** stop/go traffic management will be in place along Market Road as it will be reduced to one lane through this area. The Market Road entrance to **Ranfurly Road will be closed** to through traffic and signage on Manukau Road will indicate the local detours.

There may be some delays along Market Road while it is reduced to one lane so please avoid driving through this area wherever possible or using public transport.

Although we aren't working during peak school travel times you may be able to help reduce congestion by dropping off and picking up children outside the area where traffic management is in place if you are in the area after 9am and before 3pm.

We will maintain access to properties within the work area, but it will be managed by the Traffic Controller to ensure public safety.

We apologise for any inconvenience during this important work and thank you for your patience.

**Any questions?**

If you have any queries about the traffic management or the project, please contact the stakeholder advisor on 0508 MCD COMMS or (0508 623 266) or email the team at [hunua4@water.co.nz](mailto:hunua4@water.co.nz).

Yours faithfully,  
David Moore  
Project Manager  
Watercare