

EGGSNEWS



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Grammar School

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2019 Year 11 Top Scholars



2019 Year 12 Top Scholars

Dear parents, caregivers and students

All new students and staff were welcomed at the Powhiri at the start of the year. It is always good to be able to connect with families at this occasion and welcome you to the School. The year has also started with a wonderful new look for many year levels with the introduction of the new School Uniform.

Swimming Sports have been held this week and next week we have the Prelims and Finals days for Athletics Sports. On Wednesday next week we are looking forward to meeting Year 9 families and families of new students at other year levels at the New Family Barbecue. It is a good opportunity to meet other parents from your daughter's tutor group, the tutor teacher, the deans and the deputy principal of the year level. There is also time to visit displays in the Marjory Adams Hall of co-curricular activities and ask the senior student leaders any questions you may have.

At the beginning of the year, a few key reminders:

- Students are to be at school on time for the start of the day – 8.30am for an 8.35am start each day except Wednesday when they are to arrive by 9.25am for class at 9.30am
- Correct uniform is to be worn, including on the way to and from school
- In public and on public transport students are expected to be courteous and considerate of other people, in accordance with the School Values of Community and Compassion.

A PPTA Paid Union Meeting will be held on the afternoon of **Friday 28 February**. Accordingly, there will be no classes that afternoon. Students will be dismissed for the day at **12.50pm**.

If a student needs to remain at the School, supervision will be available in the Library.

Coming up in Week 4....

Tue 18 Feb	Athletics Day Prelims
Wed 19 Feb	New Family Barbeque
Fri 21 Feb	Athletics Day Parade & finals

Coming up in Week 5....

Tue 25 Feb	ID Photo catch up - Hall
Thu 27 Feb	Judith Potter Centre Opening
Fri 28 Feb	School finishes 12.50pm

[TO VIEW MORE EVENTS CLICK HERE >](#)

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Barfoot & Thompson

Important notice:

No entry to any part of Silver Road when dropping off or collecting students 7.35am - 8.35am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm.

Please make dropping and collecting your daughter from a nearby street a permanent habit.



Covid-19

We have no further updates at this time. The main points currently are:

- Any student arriving straight back from Mainland China is to remain at home for period of 14 days from the time of arrival back in New Zealand. If the return to New Zealand from Mainland China has involved a period in other places on the way, students are to remain at home for a period of 14 days from the day after leaving Mainland China. If everyone in the household is symptom free at the end of the 14 day period, the student should come to school. This also applies to anyone who has transited through Mainland China.
- If a student or member of their family has been in close contact with a confirmed Covid-19 case in any part of the world the student is to remain at home for 14 days. If you develops symptoms including fever, coughing and difficulty breathing, ring the Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or your doctor. The Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages.

If you have any specific questions, please contact your daughter's dean.

As usual, if a student is unwell for any reason, they should not come to school.

2019 NZQA Results

Full details can be found on Page 3. Congratulations to all students on their achievements in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) and in NZ Scholarship. You should feel justly proud.



Lastly, thank-you to the Year 13 Peer Supporters who are working with Year 9, and we are looking forward to seeing all tutor groups performing in the annual Athletics Day Parade.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound - Principal



2020 Head Prefect Team

(left to right) Deputy Head Prefect Tschan Hagai,
Head Prefect Promise Akindeju,
and Deputy Head Prefects Emma Larsen and Lucy Gestro

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees welcome the start of a new year with a special welcome to all new staff and students and your families. EGGS is a leading educational institution and we look forward to sharing this new and exciting journey with you all.

Starting at a large school like EGGS can be daunting but the work the school leadership team, all staff, and student leaders have done to support this transition has proven to be a very successful model and new friendships soon blossom and it's not long before the school gets into full swing for what will be another busy and successful year.

The Board is keen to meet the new members of our community and will have a presence at the New Family BBQ on the 19th February. This will be a good opportunity to meet and greet and listen to our community.

2020 is very much about embedding key changes. The Judith Potter Centre is fully operational and we be officially opened on the 27th February. This is a fabulous example of how we can utilise existing buildings to create a modern learning space to support our students. The new Year 11 programme enters its first year with the addition of 10 extra weeks of learning to prepare the students for NCEA Level 2 in the following year. The new uniform is a welcome addition and a smart new look as we enter the new decade.

As I re-emphasised at the 2019 prizegivings the Board is extremely grateful to those whom support the school via the annual parent donation and thank you to those who have already paid your 2020 donation. These funds support additional teaching and support staff to allow EGGS to offer the wide range of educational opportunities that exist today and that are simply not possible under the current government funding model. Changes are afoot to this model but sadly I think schools like EGGS will continue to be under funded and the support from the community will remain a vital resource to ensure EGGS continues to deliver a high quality and all-round educational experience for all students. We need you to help us to raise the donation rate from the current level of 65% in order to deliver the educational experience our community expects and our students deserve.



A reminder that the Board meetings are open to the public and I do encourage anyone who is interested in the governance function to attend. The Board has as a key focus to ensure we engage with the community, to listen and be open to how our governance function can evolve as we enter the new decade.

I look forward to another successful year in the life of EGGS.

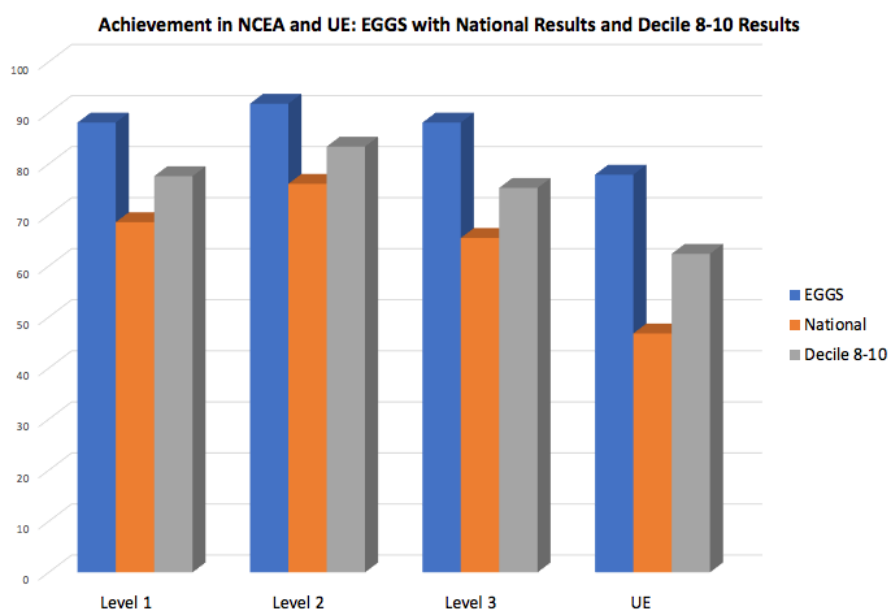
Chris Iles, Board Chair

2019 NCEA RESULTS

NCEA – 2019 Scholars

EGGS students have again achieved some outstanding NCEA results in 2019. 88.1% of Level One students achieved this qualification, 91.8% at Level Two and 88.1% of students at Level Three. 77.9% of Year 13 achieved University Entrance.

The graph illustrates Epsom Girls Grammar School student achievement (in blue) against the National Achievement rate (orange) and the decile 8-10 comparison group (grey). Epsom Girls Grammar School is of course a decile 9 school.



Scholarship:

In 2019 EGGS students gained a total of 84 NZ Scholarships including 6 awarded at Outstanding level. These Scholarships were spread across 23 Subjects.

Outstanding Scholarships were gained in Chemistry (2), Design and Visual Communication (2), English (1) and Statistics (1). Also of note, several students in Year 12 gained NZ Scholarships. Zoie McKenzie was recognised as the Top Scholar nationally for Design and Visual Communication and was awarded a total of 3 NZ Scholarships. 2019 Epsom Girls Grammar School Dux, Emily Varney, was awarded 6 Scholarships in Chemistry (Outstanding), Statistics (Outstanding), Biology, Calculus, Economics and Physics. Emily has also been recognised as a 2019 Outstanding Scholar Award Winner by The New Zealand Qualifications Authority. This is a prestigious award with only 58 students across the country recognised.

Congratulations to all of these students.

LEVEL ONE SCHOLARS	LEVEL TWO SCHOLARS	LEVEL THREE SCHOLARS
Zainab Bandukwala	Promise Akindeju	Sophie Brooks
Hannah Bautista	Sarah Bell	Poppy Buissink
Laura Beagley	Bethel Chiew	Cindy Chang
Stella Beckmann	Naomi Chin	Jennifer Chen
Scarlett Buissink	Yujeong Cho	Kelly Ding
Lucia Calleja	Yujin Cho	Phoebe Donaldson
Liwen Cook	Katie Jackways	Julia Feehan
Natalie Gane	Els Jermyn	Ariba Iqbal
Hannah Huddleston	Jasmine Kijpaisananurak	Sophie Larsen
Azura Iqbal	Megan Kuan	Destiny Li
Emma Kim	Erin Lau	Rachel Lin
Chelly Lee	Kyla Lee	Zoie McKenzie
Xin Xuan Lee	Athena Li	Sophia Parbhu
Cindy Leung	Chen Huan Liu	Mikayla Peak
Cherie Liu	Juliet MacDonald	Emily Siow
Molly-Love Louise	Sahana Pasupati	Sharon Susanto
Carina Lu	Devanshi Ranjan	Shirley Tea
Olivia Mabey	Jane Schellekens	Ashley Tolentino
Prakhya Mathur	Tufou Slade	Emily Varney
Phoebe Qian	Akshayaa Sribaskaran	Taylor-Grace Watt
Jasmine Smith	Victoria Sun	Courtney Wilson
Lydia Tucker	Rachel Varughese	Angeline Xiao
Naomi Wadhvani	Jenny Zhou	Yinuo Xue
Emma Whitlock		Bonna Yang
Amy Yeom		

GENERAL NEWS

PTA New Family BBQ - Wednesday 19 February

A reminder that the new family barbeque will be held on Wednesday 19 February. This is an opportunity to meet tutor teachers, see the opportunities from the Arts and Culture, Community, Learning and Sports EGGS and meet other new families.

Other PTA Events in Term 1:

PTA Welcome Evening - 11 March, 7pm in the Judith Potter Centre

The PTA is a great opportunity to be involved in the school, new members are always welcome.

Please contact cknowles@eggs.school.nz if you would like more information about joining the PTA.



Sunday Star Times Short Story Competition

Congratulations to Oscar Martel who achieved significant success at the end of 2019 as second runner up in the secondary school division of the Sunday Star Times short story competition. Oscar wrote the story, "Boys, Girls and Others" in the Year 11 Writing for Publication class last year. The judges lauded the story as a "heartfelt and humorous tale about a guy secretly in love with his best friend".

It was published on January 19 but if you missed it, a link to the story is provided here:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/118316779/sunday-startimes-short-story-competition-boys-girls-and-others>

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

Epsom Music Competition

Entries are now open for the 2020 Epsom Music Competition! This year's competition will be held on the 19th March.

There are three categories - Vocal, Piano & Instrumental. Students may only enter one category.

To enter, please fill in the form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqBum-fWCFYA5_njvhlWDOcQaZtnW5-EyquuNIMEXH2jHoA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

Entries close on Friday 28th February.

Choir Camp

On Friday 14th February, Epsom Choirs are heading to Willow Park Camp for an intensive weekend of singing and activities. Stay tuned for photos once they get back!

FACILITIES FOR HIRE

Epsom Girls Grammar School has a variety of venues and spaces for hire during evenings, weekends and school holidays.

For enquiries about the Marjory Adams Hall, Outdoor Courts, Gymnasiums, The Joyce Fisher Sports Centre, Dance Rooms, Field, Lecture Theatre and Classrooms, please contact :

Katie Holmes
Facilities Manager
kholmes@eggs.school.nz



•PASIFIKA COMMITTEE•

INVITES YOU TO

PASIFIKA FONO 2020

• BBQ - CHANCE FOR NEW STUDENTS TO BECOME
FAMILIAR WITH TEACHERS AND LEADERS •

FEBRUARY 19TH, 2020
7:30PM-8:00PM
SILVER RD, EPSOM, AUCKLAND
CLASSROOM L11.

NEW YORK WASHINGTON BUSINESS TRIP APRIL 2021

Are you in Year 11 or 12
taking either
Accounting, Business,
Economics or
Legal Studies?
Interested in finding
out more about this
opportunity?

INFORMATION
SESSION
THURSDAY
LUNCHTIME
WEEK 5 IN THE HALL



SORT OUT YOUR CAREER PLANS



TERM 1 EVENTS FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 17 EVENT IN HALL, ALL OTHER SESSIONS IN DSO

MONDAYS PERIOD 3

FEBRUARY 17

**INTRO TO CAREER
DEVELOPMENT**

the stuff you need to know

FEBRUARY 24

VALUES AWARENESS

what are the non-negotiable
things you want to have in your
life?

MARCH 2

SKILLS AND STRENGTHS

activities to help you work out
what you are good at and what
you enjoy

MARCH 9

GROWING YOUR CONFIDENCE

you will need it throughout your
life, and yes, you can grow it!

MARCH 16

JOB TITLES AND NETWORKING

how to cut confusion and
effectively find information

MARCH 30

CAREER CONSTRAINTS

how to handle roadblocks

APRIL 6

UNPLANNED EVENTS

how to welcome uncertainty

2020 Athletics Day

Tuesday 18th February (prelims) & Friday 21st February (finals)

Champ & Non Champ
Junior - Intermediate - Senior
Sprints - Hurdles - Relays - Long Jump - High Jump - Shot Put - Discus
Tug of War - Medium Distance Races - Gumboot Throw
Sign up via the Google Form sent to your school email!



2020 Sports Prefects: Phoebe Jones, Terri Warner,
Sarah Bell and Terewai Majurey

RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE



Over the summer holidays the Raye Freedman Arts Centre welcomed 15 works from the James Wallace Arts Trust, which have transformed the foyer walls into a french art installation.

We are very excited to have worked with the Trust, whose aim is to showcase both established and emerging New Zealand artists across the country. EGGS has had a longstanding relationship with the Trust and this change-over has seen the largest number of pieces ever installed at our school. This allows for a sensational diversity of works - including pieces by Judy Millar, Jess Johnson, Arie Hellendoorn and Rohan Wealleans.

The installation can be enjoyed by audiences and EGGS Art Department students alike as they are able to discuss and explore the works up close. So next time you're in the area, or coming for a show, feel free to take some time to look at our new French Art wall!

