



*Epsoms full orchestra and choirs ready for the finale at the fundraising concert held on Tuesday 2 April*

Dear parents, caregivers and students

This is the last EGGSNEWS for Term 1. Summer Tournament Week results can be found on pages 11-14. I had the pleasure of being at the Maadi Cup late Friday and on the Saturday and felt very proud of the rowing squad. Congratulations to everyone who competed at Summer Tournament and this weekend we wish the Dragonboaters well for their nationals. The support of coaches, managers TICs and parents is crucial in any sports season, and I know that many teams have already shown their appreciation of these people.

A new EGGS website launched yesterday. We have tried to incorporate the valuable feedback about our web presence that was given in the 2017 Communications Survey, and we see the website very much as a dynamic platform where student and staff voice also play an important role. I would like to thank Najira Khanam, Communications, Events, Marketing and Development Manager, who has spearheaded and led the website development project, and Michele Martin and Jonathan Cameron from the Photography Department who have done a superb job in website photography. Thanks also to Comms Team members Deputy Principals Sarah Dwan and Karyn Dempsey, and all the willing photography shoot participants. Web copy involved a team effort across the School and our appreciation goes to Words for Breakfast, for copy editing and to alumna Emma Chisholm, and Jo Page for their skill and facility uploading content to the website. Working with web developers Gladeye has been a very positive partnership, which has also included student input.

Both the Board of Trustees and the School have made submissions to the Tomorrow's Review. As I said earlier we have concerns that we have expressed and we are seeking clarification on a number of unclear elements in the review. I look forward to seeing a re-written, clearer set of proposals with sufficient detail on which to make a judgement.

It is a busy week this week - thank you to the Music Department for the concert on Tuesday in aid of the Christchurch victims and their families - details are on page 4; to the Head Prefect Team and Muslim Group for arranging the lunchtime concert yesterday; to the Learning EGG for Chats in DSO with the speaker from the Zoo, and to the Student Council for the Inspiring Women Mufti Day today.

We are looking forward to the Student Run Production next week and next Friday we will be holding gumboot day - the national date of today clashed with the already planned mufti day, so we have a week to hunt out the gumboots and show solidarity with #GUMBOOTUP <https://www.iamhope.org.nz/>

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

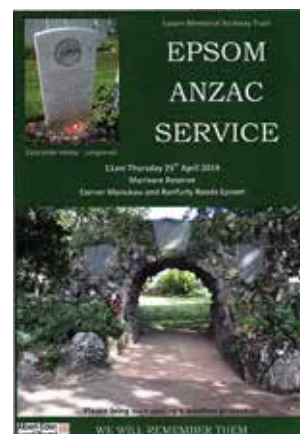
## Coming up in Week 11....

Tues 9 April	Open Morning
Tues 9-11 April	Student Led Production
Fri 12 April	Gumboot Day

## Coming up in Week 1, Term 2

Wed 1 May	NCEA Info Evening, Hall
Fri 3-11 May	EGGS/AGS Major Production, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Centennial Theatre, AGS

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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thank you to those parents that have supported the school by way of your donation. These funds go directly towards supporting the teaching resources to allow the school to provide the full curriculum we offer currently. For those still thinking about it your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

It has been a busy start to 2019 and for the board there has been a lot of energy focused on the 'Tomorrows Schools report' and the subsequent recommendations the taskforce believe will solve all ills with the education sector. The debate has clearly created divide and this will be expressed in the many submissions that will be forwarded to the taskforce. There is a degree of protectionism, a fear of change, but also a passion within the education sector that the inequalities that have developed under the current system have created an imbalance that needs sound solutions to resolve. However the taskforce report creates a level of scepticism and ambiguity that needs to be addressed before their final submission to cabinet.

The concept of Education Hubs to take on certain governance functions and general support for schools is full of uncertainty on which the education fraternity is seeking further clarity. The costs associated with these hubs will be significant yet the funding requirements have not been determined or communicated. Further uncertainty exists in regards to where the expert resources to run these 'hubs' will come from. Our concern is that many teachers and senior school leaders will be lured away from schools therefore adding greater pressure on a profession that is desperately short of resources.

The priority, in my view, is not to create another bureaucratic level at significant cost but to re-deploy these resources into teaching salaries and professional development. Teachers are seriously underpaid and have been for a long time. The career pathways are limited, teachers are leaving the profession for financial reasons and the profession is not enticing new graduates in the numbers that are required. My message to the politicians in Wellington is to prioritise teacher salaries and pathways before rolling out an unproven change model.

The tri-annual board election process is in June this year. The board currently has 7 parent representatives, 6 of whom will be standing for re-election. The core skills that a successful board requires under the current governance model include, legal, financial, strategic, property and governance expertise. Equally as important are the skills to make sound judgement decisions, have values that align with the school and the ability to listen and contribute to the ethos to continually strive to improve on the high levels of achievement that EGGS is proud of. If you are keen to be part of the governance structure of EGGS I encourage you to firstly come along to the 'pre-election workshop' being held at EGGS which will provide a better understanding of what the role of a trustees entails. Also, nomination forms will be sent to all parents/ caregivers that are on the school role so if interested in becoming a trustee please complete this process.

## Further details for the 2019 Board of Trustee elections:

In May nominations will be called to become members of our Board of Trustees. Key dates are as follows.

Tuesday 30 April	Pre-election workshop for those interested in standing for their school board. EGGS staffroom: 7.00-9.00pm (please rsvp to <a href="mailto:principalspa@eggs.school.nz">principalspa@eggs.school.nz</a> )
By Friday 10th May	Nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll.
<b>Friday 24th May</b>	<b>NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 24th May at noon.</b> An election will be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. For our school, the number of vacancies is 1.
Wednesday 29th May	Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.
Friday 7th June	Voting closes at 12 noon
Thursday 13th June	Votes are counted, and our school advised of the results.
Friday 14th June	New board takes office.



I look forward to all our parent/caregivers being involved in the process.

Term 1 very quickly draws to a close. I wish the community a relaxing and reflective Easter and term break after what has been a very traumatic period in our country's history. Please look after each other and stay safe.

*Chris Iles - Board Chair*

# GENERAL NEWS

## NCEA Information Evening – Wednesday 1 May at 7.00pm in the School Hall

This evening is designed for anyone new to the NCEA framework. If you have any questions about NCEA that you would like included in the information evening please submit them here:

► [NCEA questions for Information Evening](#)

## Learning EGG

The Learning Egg leaders and committee have been hard at work organising two new initiatives to promote learning within and outside the school. Firstly, we will be reprising the successful stationery drive where EGGS students and families are asked to donate any unused stationery they have at home (in new or near new condition) or to buy an item of stationery and donate it. This year’s recipient school is Clendon Park School, a decile 1 primary school in South Auckland, who have said they would welcome any and every stationery item that might help relieve the financial burden on their parent community. Exercise books, pencils, pens, rubbers, rulers and sharpeners would all be great places to start. Boxes will be available around the school for drop off in weeks 10 and 11 this term. Contact Rebecca (15044) or Ally (15022) if you can’t find one.

Our second initiative is the Chats in DSO series where we will host a different guest speaker at lunchtime on the first Thursday of every month, in the hope of providing a space for stimulating ideas and multiple perspectives. We began on Thursday 4 April with a zookeeper from the Auckland Zoo, and are soon to confirm an IT industry speaker for May. All are welcome.



# UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

We would like to remind you that the winter uniform and sports uniforms are now available in the shop. Students may change to winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2. **Full winter uniform** is to be worn from **Monday 13th May** (Week 3).

*To avoid long queues during the first 2 weeks of term please consider taking advantage of the extra opening hours.*

Blazers are available for Year 11-13 students.

### The Uniform Shop will be open in the School Holidays at the following times:

Tuesday 16th April	10.00am - 2.30pm
Wednesday 17th April	10.00am - 2.30pm
Saturday 27th April	10.00am - 3.00pm

### Normal hours during term time are:

Monday to Friday	11.05am - 11.25pm 12.00pm - 1.30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (Closed on Fridays in Term 3)	3.15pm - 4.00pm

### Winter Uniform Prices:

Tunic .....	\$155.00
Blouse .....	\$55.00
Jersey .....	\$100.00
Tights .....	\$10.00
Netball Top .....	\$62.00
Netball Skirt .....	\$58.00
Sports Tshirt.....	\$62.00
Shorts.....	\$58.00
Scarf .....	\$30.00
Softshell Jacket (new) .....	\$140.00
Raincoat (new) .....	\$70.00
Blazer .....	\$220.00



# CURRICULUM NEWS

## Apps for Learning Languages

Language Perfect and ImmerseMe are two exciting online resources that we use regularly in our language classes and for which you will find annual subscription charges on your daughter's EGGS account. We request that you pay these as soon as is possible.



(Language Perfect). We have been using this excellent programme for eight or nine years now. Our students tell us that they love learning their vocabulary and grammar using this programme, which has been found to increase retention over time. The annual subscription for Year 9, 10 and 11 students of Chinese, French, Japanese, Maori and Spanish is \$30.00. For Latin students it is \$20.00 (due to fewer resources). As we were inaugural users, by the time your daughter reaches Years 12 and 13, there will be no charge. Note that there is only one annual charge no matter how many languages your daughter learns but there is a separate charge for Maths and Science classes.



is a virtual reality (VR) language learning programme which we use to promote spontaneous communication in the target language. Our students tell us in annual surveys that speaking with others is their goal when language learning. This programme allows students to converse with native speakers in a fun and realistic VR environment. Again, as we were involved in the development of this programme, we have a reduced annual subscription of \$20.00 per student. At this stage, if your daughter is in Year 9, 10, 11 or 12 French, Year 10 or 11 Chinese, or Year 9, 10 or 11 Spanish, you will be charged for this app. Others will not be charged.

Please ask your daughter to show you how these programmes are helping her learn language. We hope you will be impressed.



## EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

On Tuesday 2nd April Epsom Music hosted a fundraising concert for Christchurch featuring bands, orchestras and choirs. It was a great event with a full house. Congratulations and thank you to all those involved.



*Band*



*Epsom Singers*



*Chamber Orchestra*



*Paradisum*



*Canto Vivo*

**EGGS STUDENT RUN PRODUCTION 2019 PRESENTS**

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## Polfest 2019





# OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

It's another busy year for the OGA. During March, we had an OGA Committee Meeting, we presented a significant award and we held a successful networking function for women working in law.

Coming up on 10th April we have our Annual Morning Tea at 10am, followed by School tours, and also the Reunion Luncheon for 1949 and 1959 third formers afterwards, from midday. Anyone interested in attending can email [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz) for more info.

## Founders Award presented to Ro Bellamy

On Monday 25th March 2019 Rosemary (Ro) Bellamy (née Colgan) was honoured as an EGGS Founder, for "Outstanding Service to the Old Girls Association and Epsom Girls Grammar School". Ro is battling ill health, so we presented her with the award at a private ceremony in advance of the usual Founders Assembly in held in June. We are very proud to honour Ro in this way and offer our congratulations and best wishes. Here's an abridged version of Ro's Citation.

*Ro, who attended EGGS as a student between 1954 and 1958, has taught at EGGS for many years over three stints (1963-1965, 1968-1972 and 1982-2001). She has served on the OGA Committee for 37 years and was President from 2007 to 2010. In addition, Ro served on the Board of Trustees when it was first established under Tomorrow's Schools.*

*Education and sport have always been Ro's principal focus. She spent time in New York and after finishing her teaching role at EGGS she went on to do post-graduate study at the University of Auckland with a Royal Society (NZ) Teaching Fellowship followed by completing an MSc and continuing her love of teaching by working at the University.*

*Ro has always been proud to say that she came to EGGS in 1954 and has never quite left. She has spent a huge chunk of her life involved in the school, one way or another, particularly in relation to the gardens. Ro has spent years caring for the School gardens, volunteering her time to weed and water plants over the weekends and holidays, planting and nurturing memorial trees donated in memory of Old Girls, helping to re-establish the native trees along the Manukau Road boundary and caring for the flax bushes from the property of Sir Apirana Ngata behind the Gae Griffiths Library. Green spaces, quadrangles and Paradise have all benefited from her caring touch over the years as she has strived to keep alive the vision that both Marjory Adams and Joy Carter had for the school grounds, namely that they should be mainly grass and trees, for ease of maintenance.*



*Not only has Ro been an active gardener at EGGS, she has passed her skills on to countless students over the years by organising gardening clubs and working bees in the gardens to encourage students to care for the school grounds and learn the joy of gardening.*

*For the Centenary weekend, Ro and her husband Dick bought bags of daffodil bulbs and offered returning Old Girls the chance to donate to the School by planting a bulb under the trees opposite the Administration Building. These now bloom each spring, fulfilling Ro's vision for a "host of golden daffodils" to grace the entrance area.*

*Along with her legacy of garden maintenance and enhancement over past years, and into the future, and her long teaching career, Ro has also been a generous and much appreciated donor to the School and OGA in so many other ways.*

*It is a great pleasure to honour Ro as a distinguished alumna of Epsom Girls Grammar School and a recipient of a Founders Award in 2019 for her outstanding service to the Old Girls Association and Epsom Girls Grammar School.*

## Women in Law Function

On Wednesday 27 March EGGS alumnae, parents, and current students were treated to an informative and entertaining panel discussion on what lawyers in different types of legal practise do. Our panellists included alumnae Belinda Sellars Q.C., senior criminal barrister at Freyberg Chambers; Kavita Deobhakta, litigation partner at Morgan Coakle who specialises in insurance litigation; Yasmin Olsen, criminal prosecutor at Kayes Fletcher Walker; and Tara Hauraki, a solicitor at Kahui Legal, who provides specialist legal services to iwi and Māori organisations. Dame Judith Potter DNZM CBE, also a former student, facilitated the panel.



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The panel covered the broad range of experiences that have led them to their successful careers in the law, and gave insights to the audience about the breadth of pathways a career in the law can offer. The session was particularly useful for the younger members of the audience (including senior EGGs students and current law school students), who received a number of useful career planning tips – including about grabbing opportunities as they arise – and insight on where a law degree can take you. Panellists and attendees had an opportunity to connect with peers and colleagues after the panel concluded.

The event was made possible by the generous sponsorship of Ulrich Milne Lawyers, who are new neighbours to EGGs at 3 Owens Road. Many thanks to Janice Ulrich and Fairlie Milne for their support of our legal alumnae. You can learn more about their legal services at <http://www.uml.co.nz/>.

A huge thank you to our panellists, organisers and those who joined us for a very informative and enjoyable evening. The organisers hope to make these sessions an ongoing feature of the Old Girls' calendar, so please keep an eye out for future events.

The Old Girls Association is keen to facilitate similar evenings with alumnae in other professions – if you would like to get involved on behalf of your profession, please contact [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz).

## Special Post-graduate Grant

The 2015 Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship recipient, Grace Kaemper, has been achieving excellent results in her Veterinary studies, gaining A+ for every paper. This year Grace has been awarded a special Post-Graduate grant for high achievement. The BVSc is a five-year degree and we wish Grace all the best as she continues her studies. Thanks to Jill Mandeno for making these extra funds available to Grace.

We encourage all students, past and present, to get involved with the OGA and our various activities – especially in view of the OGA Centenary coming up in 2021.

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

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*Caterpillar Valley Longueval*

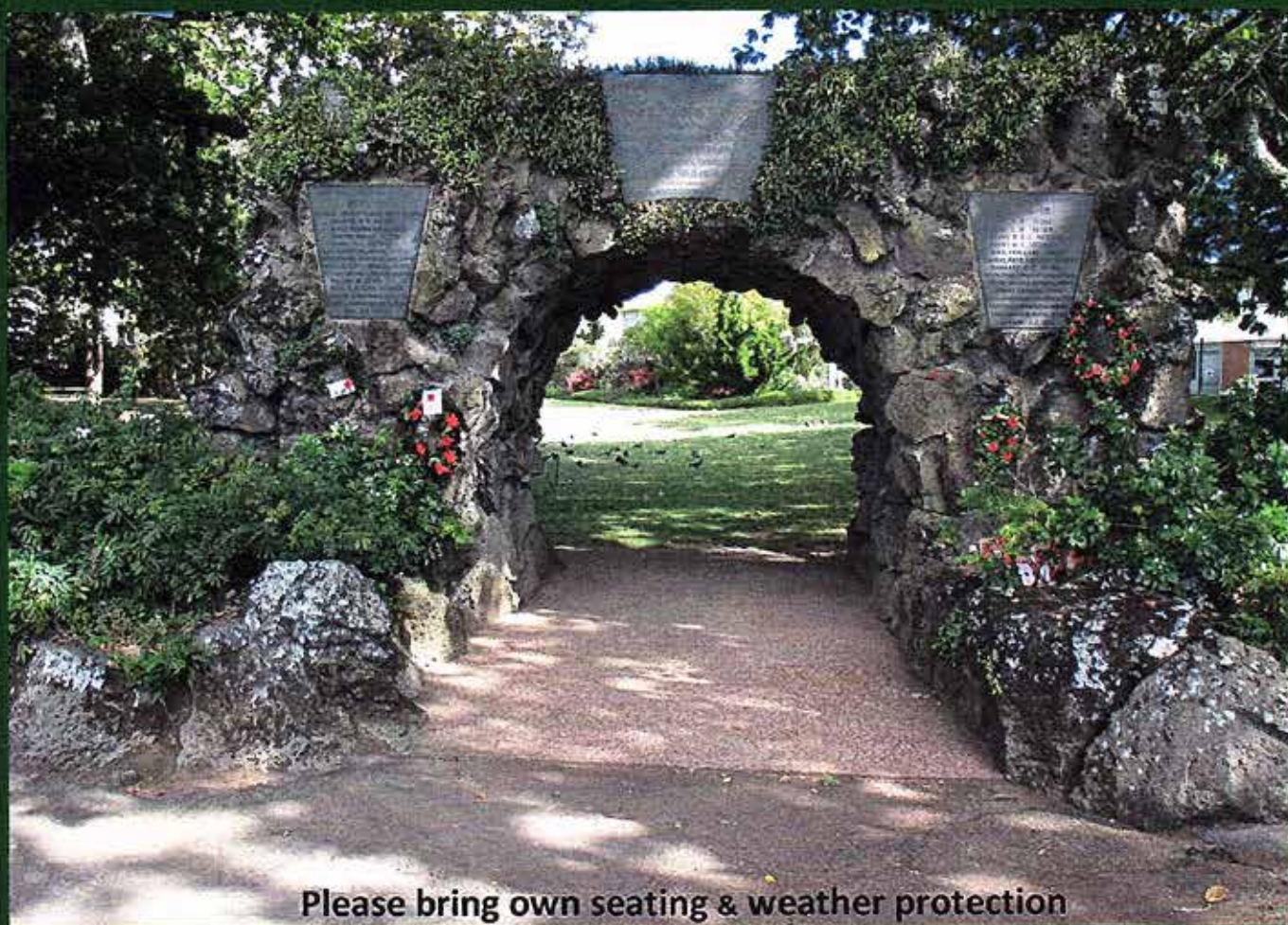
Epsom Memorial Archway Trust

# EPSOM ANZAC SERVICE

11am Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Marivare Reserve

Corner Manukau and Ranfurly Roads Epsom



Please bring own seating & weather protection



# FOUNDATION NEWS

## 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.

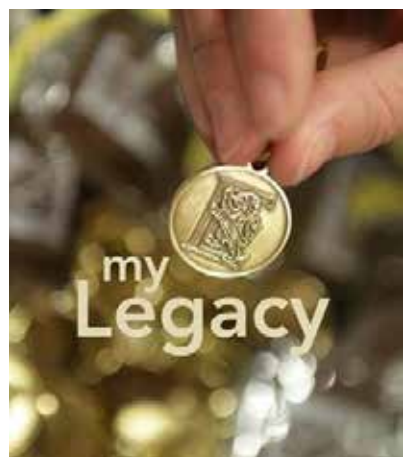
### How can I place a name on the Donor Wall of Honour?

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.

## Leave a lasting legacy



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](#)



# SPORT

## Volleyball

Our senior volleyball team had a great season this year playing in the Division 1 Central Zone Competition and competing at Auckland Champs. For Auckland Champs, they placed 23rd out of 46 schools which is a huge improvement compared to 2018 when they placed 38th. Congratulations to the team on a successful season! We look forward to the junior season in Term 4.



## Mountain Biking

Congratulations to our Mountain Biking team who travelled down to Wellington last weekend to compete in the North Island Secondary School Championships! The senior girls relay team who won first place consisted of:

### Top 3 places for individual performances:

Scarlett Buissink – 1st U17 XC, 3rd U17 enduro

Poppy Buissink – 2nd U20 XC, 1st U20 enduro

Sarah Harrison – 3rd U20 XC

Poppy Buissink (Captain) also competed in the Cycling New Zealand Mountain Bike Nationals Champs event a couple of weeks beforehand and placed 3rd in U19s. This was a great placing considering she crashed and broke her chain 1km from the finish line and had to run her bike the rest of the way! Congratulations Poppy!





## Dragon Boating



Congratulations to the Epsom Dragon Boating team who competed in Regionals on 19 March at Lake Pupuke! The team had yet another successful year winning 5 medals in total - 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze! Winning the Silver and Bronze medals were also an outstanding achievement considering these races included boys and mixed school teams. In addition, the team managed to keep the winning streak up by winning the girls 500m race for the 19th year in a row. Thank you to all of the parents, Captain - Lucy Spence, TIC - Miss Horler and our coaches for all of the support. The team will now prepare for the New Zealand Secondary School Nationals at Lake Karapiro from Friday 5th - Saturday 6th April. We wish them all the best and will update you in the next school newsletter on how they went.

## Cricket



1st XI had a busy tournament week competing in both the Auckland Premier Girls competition and the NZSS Gillette Venus Cup Qualifying Tournament. EGGS lost to Baradene in the Premier final but went on to beat them in the Qualifying Tournament final meaning we are the Auckland team heading to Nationals for the 5th year in a row.

### Stand out performances were:

Breearne Illing bowling 4-4 getting 4 wickets while only giving up 4 runs in the final and taking out the top bowler of the tournament.

Annie Ewart and Gemma Adams who were overall 2nd and 3rd highest scorers of the tournament set EGGS up well to chase the Baradene total in only 13 overs.

## Waka Ama

Congratulations to our J16 Waka Ama team who went down to Blue Lake, Rotorua last week to compete in the Waka Ama New Zealand Secondary School Nationals. They had a great week and achieved more than what they expected considering their limited training time on water, compared to a lot of other schools they competed against. They made it to the champs semi-finals for all of their races – meaning they were placed in the top 24 schools of 120 schools that competed over the week! We look forward to the junior season in Term 4.



EGGS with Westlake Boys High School. They paddled together in the J19 - W12 mixed 250m race.



## Rowing



Last week 30 athletes from the Epsom Rowing team competed at the Aon Maadi Cup at Lake Karapiro. The team raced in 10 A Finals and 2 B Finals and placed in the top three of the following:

GOLD GU18 Novice Eight

BRONZE GU18 2-

BRONZE GU15 Eight

The U18 8+ also had an outstanding race in the prestigious event and placed 4th!

Thank you to the coaches, parents, Miss Wolfenden, Leah (TIC), family and friends for supporting the team throughout the season!





## Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee had a great campaign this year coming down to Nationals not long after winning 1st Place at the Auckland Champs a few weeks ago. Congratulations to the team yet again as they claimed GOLD at Nationals in Taupo on Tuesday. Their final was a close one against Hutt Valley High School. The girls played confidently and composed against this experienced side to secure themselves the win. The team should be very proud of themselves and their efforts and positive attitude throughout the entire season! What a great way to finish!! Thank you to Miss Carlton (TIC), Antonia Whitlock (Parent manager) and the coaches for everything you've done for the team this year!



## Water Polo

Our Water Polo team competed in the North Island Secondary Schools competition around Auckland last week and had a very close and exciting final finishing in 2nd place! Congratulations to Lucy Gestro who received MVP goalie for the tournament. Thank you to Miss Brooks and Mrs O'Donnell for being our TIC's for this competition.





# HIRE OUR FACILITIES



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

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

Katie Holmes  
Facilities Manager  
[kholmes@egg.school.nz](mailto:kholmes@egg.school.nz)

