



This week as part of [The Sir Peter Blake Trust](#) Dream Team for Leadership Week, Kathryn Wilson of [Kathryn Wilson Footwear](#) spoke to the senior assembly. It was great to hear her story, and her message to the students to dream big!

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Subject Teacher Conferences over the last two weeks. The benefits of face to face conversations, with the student at the centre, cannot be underestimated. With this mid-year point also comes the annual options round which starts next term – please see further information on Page 3. We are pleased that we offer a broad and deep curriculum and each year we use the course selection information to form up the timetable option lines. This maximises the chances of students being able to take the options combinations they select.

On Page 4 you can see an update on the uniform review. Student feedback has been very helpful and students will continue to be involved as the process leads up to introduction of a new uniform for the start of the 2020 school year. This is an exciting and important project.

In the last edition of EGGSNEWS I announced the appointment of Deputy Principal Sarah Stenson to the Principal position at Kelston Girls College. I am now able to announce that the new Deputy Principal here will be Ms Kate Slattery. Kate has a rich background in education and has been at Epsom Girls Grammar School for two and a half years as the Learning Area Director of English, Media Studies and ESOL. The senior leadership team looks forward to working with her and she will take over the responsibility of the Deputy Principal for Year 9 students from the beginning of next term.

All parents and students interested in politics – see Page 10. Chlöe Swarbrick, Jeanette Fitzsimons and Tessa Berger will be on the panel with television journalist Rawdon Christie as MC at this event in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre on 30 July. We expect high interest in this event so secure your tickets now.

This week Year 10 students showed their inventive and beautiful creations at Wearable Arts. Students have been at the Culinary Challenge; the Chess Championships and STEAM Ahead, and final week of the term sports fixtures.

Today is the last day of the term. Thank you everyone for a great Term 2 and I hope everyone has a relaxing holiday.

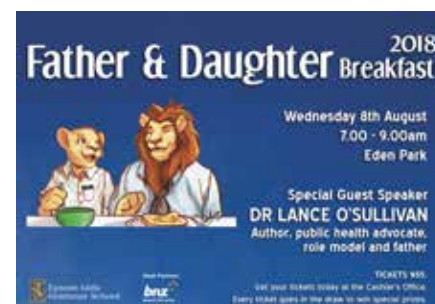
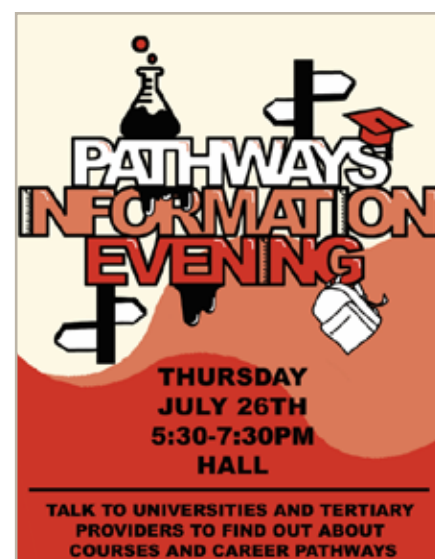
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Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 1....

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| Mon 23 Jul | Year 10 Options Assembly |
| | Senior Course Selection |
| | Booklets available online |
| Thur 26 Jul | Pathways Info Evening |
| Sat 28-29 Jul | EGGS/AGS Chinese Extravaganza |

Coming up in Week 2...

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| Mon 30 July | Course Selection available on web portal |
| | Women in NZ Politics, RFAC |
| Wed 1 Aug | Epsom Music Orchestra Showcase |
| Thur 2 Aug | Senior Options Evening |
| Fri 3 Aug | Epsom Music Band Showcase |



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As another busy term comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teaching and support staff for your on-going commitment across all facets of school life. It is also appropriate to acknowledge the additional workload of board members over this term as we prepare for the ERO review, finalise the masterplan, provide support for the current building projects and prepare for the strategic planning process in September. I appreciate the support from the trustees and your additional time and commitment this term.

The educational sector (like most sectors) is currently under a number of governmental reviews with recent media headlines highlighting the passion that exists within the education community. The review of 'Tomorrows Schools' and the role for board of trustees potentially changes the governance framework for schools across NZ. The review of NCEA seems to have created the most media attention and to date it appears the experts have had limited input which is frustrating. This needs to change to give any credibility to this particular review and ultimately give any substance to this student centric assessment regime.

As mentioned above the board and staff alike are well underway in the preparation for our ERO external review in early August. The consultation process of the masterplan is complete and is being finalised to incorporate into the strategic planning process. The building projects are progressing to plan with Pod 2 at Epsom House scheduled for completion late September. L Block is close to design phase and fundraising is well underway to support this refurbishment project. The community support is vital to ensure we can complete this project to the design level we envisage.

The Education Council Code of Professional Responsibility and Standards for the Teaching Profession have been finalised, and the School has integrated them into the teacher appraisal system this year. Formation of the new Code and Standards was a collaborative effort, including input from teachers, leaders and teaching experts to articulate the expectations and aspirations of the profession. The Board has also gone through the Education Update Act (2017) to consider its implications; one of which has been the introduction of a new policy on managing challenging behaviour and the use of physical restraint.

The board also accepted the resignation this term of Sarah Stenson after 16 years as Deputy Principal at EGGS. Sarah has openly expressed her goal to one day become a Principal and now has this challenge at Kelston Girls College. This is a great opportunity and the board wishes Sarah all the very best. Losing a key member of staff is always a challenge however it creates a new opportunity and congratulations to Kate Slattery for her promotion to Deputy Principal. From a board's perspective the cultivation of new leaders is important and the school can be very proud of the fact that many of these leaders are sought after by other schools.



I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to another busy term ahead.

Chris Iles, Board Chair



Epsom House Pod 2 well underway - due for completion late September

NCEA

Notices

A reminder that [NCEA fees](#) were due by the end of Term 2. The link has the fee structure for both Domestic and International students and information about how to apply for financial assistance if required/appropriate.

Our absolute **deadline for fees is Friday August 10th**; at which stage we will transfer all monies received to NZQA. After that date any outstanding fees will need to be paid directly to NZQA rather than via the school. Any outstanding fees at December 1st will incur a late processing fee from NZQA.

Can I get help to pay?

Financial Assistance can be applied for if you are unable to afford the fees. To get this help parents or caregivers must meet one of the following conditions:

- be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- have a Community Services Card or have joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card
- have two or more children entered as candidates with fees more than \$200.

How do I get help to pay?

To get financial assistance please fill in a Financial Assistance form and give it to Mr Nowell, the Qualifications Manager. You can get this form from Student Support here at school or from the NZQA website at: www.nzqa.govt.nz/financialassistance

International fee-paying students are not eligible to apply for financial assistance.

GENERAL NEWS

2019 Course Selection, Tertiary Information Evening and Options Evening

This is the time of year where students and their families start looking ahead to consider the courses that they will select for 2018. On **Monday 23rd July**, the 2019 Course Selection booklets for students (Year 10 going into Year 11, Year 11 going into Year 12 and Year 12 going into Year 13) will be available on the school website under Curriculum/2019 Course Selection. Hard copies will also be available for reference in Student Support.

Students should use the Course Selection booklets as a guide in conjunction with the Career Education Pathways booklet to plan their future pathway making careful note of prerequisites and any tertiary requirements. To further support students in this process there will be a **Pathways Information Evening** in the school hall on **Thursday 26th July, 5.30 - 7.30pm** where tertiary providers will display their programmes and answer any questions.

On **Thursday 2nd August 6 - 7.30pm**, we invite students and families to attend the **Senior Options Evening**. Course information, examples of learning and curriculum displays will be available around the school in the various Learning Areas and staff will be on hand to answer questions. A support 'hub' will be set up in the library with specific presentations from the Careers Department and support available from your daughters Dean, Qualifications Manager and Deputy Principal responsible for each year level. Please keep an eye out for further detail about these two events. Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 may start making their selections from the **Monday 30th July** and must have made their selections by **8am on Monday 13th August**.

COURSE SELECTION - IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 23 July	Year 10 Options Assembly
Thursday 26 July	Pathways Info Evening - Tertiary providers
Monday 30 July	Course selection forms available on the Web Portal in the primary caregiver view
Thursday 2 August	Senior Options Evening (Years 10, 11, and 12)
Monday 13 August	8am Completion of online Course selection

2018 Digital Exams

Epsom Girls Grammar School has been participating in the trial and use of Digital External Examinations for several years. Computer-based methods of assessment are a key area of development for NZQA as they have the goal of making all examinations (where appropriate) online by 2020. Last year hundreds of students successfully participated in digital examinations at EGGs in a range of subjects. This year students in Year 11 have the opportunity to sit their English exam digitally and students in Years 12 and 13 have the opportunity to sit their English and / or Classical Studies exam digitally. You will have received an email about this with a link to register. All registrations need to be in by Wednesday 25th July.

ALL YEAR LEVELS AND FAMILIES WELCOME



**THURSDAY
JULY 26TH
5:30-7:30PM
HALL**

**TALK TO UNIVERSITIES AND TERTIARY
PROVIDERS TO FIND OUT ABOUT
COURSES AND CAREER PATHWAYS**

Uniform Review Process

In 2017, we started a review process of the Epsom Girls Grammar School uniform. The review started with a consultation, with feedback being sought from students, staff and families. The initial consultation identified the importance of maintaining the traditions and identity of the school in the local community. Respondents also indicated a need for more options to meet the needs of our diverse community. A brief was developed which reflected the responses.

Proposals to our brief were submitted by a number of uniform suppliers and in January 2018 the Uniform Group were engaged to work with us. The Uniform Group also worked with students in the Year 13 Textiles design class to develop ideas for consideration. The textile design students also did further investigation of needs and their findings were fed back into the uniform development plan.

Throughout Term 2, 2018 we have displayed some of the possibilities to students, parents and members of the community. We have also provided presentations of the proposals to students and parents.

We have considered the feedback we received from the artwork and samples carefully and have responded positively to the recommendations in redefining the uniform and now plan to aim for the introduction of a new uniform in 2020. This will allow time for students and parents to see samples of the new uniform and will give us ample time for production deadlines in 2019 for stock to be available for the 2020 introduction.

The planned transition period process for introduction of the new uniform will be three years, with the current school uniform to be phased out by 2023.

Road Safety Update

Auckland Transport (AT) has begun road works on Manukau Road to install a controlled pedestrian crossing outside the school. This will give our students and other pedestrians a much safer crossing from school to the bus stops on Manukau Road.

We have been in consultation with AT for a few years trying to get this crossing installed. Work was started last week and it is scheduled to last for approximately four weeks.

PTA

The PTA is a group of parents, teachers and senior leaders supporting the school community. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the school. Everyone is welcome whenever they can make it. Coming up on the **15th August at 7pm** is the **PTA Parent Evening** with **Netsafe**. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Also a reminder to pay your PTA donation (\$30) if you haven't already done so. This can be made via internet banking into this account: **02-0100-0380450-00** with reference "PTA Donation" and **Student Surname**.

Sustainability Committee

Here is the link to an easy to sign petition to get the zero carbon act underway! This will commit New Zealand to zero carbon by 2050 or sooner, by setting a legally binding pathway that will make our government take action.

Just follow the link if you agree that this is a step NZ should be taking <http://www.zerocarbonact.nz/submission>

Please share with classmates, friends and family to help this cause which is super relevant to our generation.



CAREER NEWS

Maori and Pasifika Careers Evening

The Māori and Pasifika Careers Evening was held on June 19th. We had two inspirational speakers whose messages resonated well with our EGGs students. A range of providers were on hand to answer questions about possible pathways students can take once their time at EGGs is completed. Thank you to everyone involved and to all of the whānau and aiga who attended.



CURRICULUM NEWS

Year 12 Drama Production “Passengers”

On Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th June, Miss Richardson’s Year 12 Drama class staged their production of *Passengers* by Fiona Farrell. The play tells the tale of sixteen women, based on real historical figures, who travelled by ship from England to New Zealand in the nineteenth century.

The Year 12 students did a magnificent job of bringing these stories to life and doing justice to the complexity of the female experience on colonial ships. Miss Richardson and Year 12 Drama would like to thank all the members of the EGGs community who came to see the show.



Wearable Art 2018

On Wednesday July 5th we had our annual Wearable Arts night which was a hive of activity and a feast for the eyes. As always, the Year 10 students WOWED the audience and we also had a very special feature from some of the amazing intermediate students from Auckland Normal Intermediate (A.N.I) - beautiful work from these students and stunning performers!! For more photos see the [Art Department facebook page](#)



MUSIC NEWS

Big Sing

Congratulations to Paradisum and Virginia Le Cren who have made it to the Big Sing Finale. This will be held in Wellington from the 30th August to 1 September.

EPSOM MUSIC CONCERTS

TWO NIGHTS OF GREAT MUSIC

ORCHESTRA SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY 1ST AUGUST 7.30PM

Epsom Symphonia

Epsom String Ensemble

Epsom Chamber Orchestra

BAND SHOWCASE

FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST 7.30PM

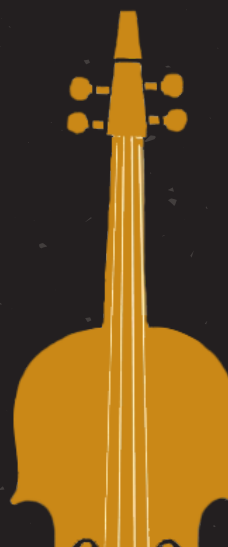
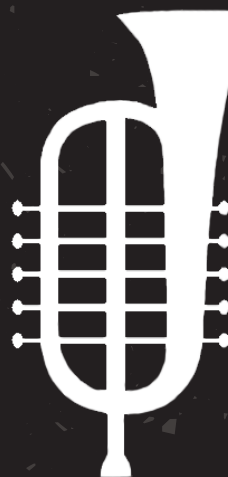
Epsom Stage Band

Epsom Concert Band

Epsom Intermediate Concert Band

With special guests West City Concert Bands

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EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL
EACH NIGHT \$10 FROM ITICKET



OGA NEWS

WOMEN IN LAW Function

Upon leaving Epsom Girls Grammar School a significant number of students have gone on to a successful profession in law. It is particularly noteworthy that a number of female judges received their education at Epsom Girls, including the late Dame Augusta Wallace, NZ's first woman judge, appointed to the District Court in 1975.

On Wednesday 27th June 2018 a group of Alumnae working in law came together at the School to attend the "Women in Law" function, organised by the EGGs Old Girls Association, in association with Heather Ash and Dame Judith Potter. The idea behind it was to gather together EGGs alumnae who now work in the legal profession, as well as current students considering law as a career. Convivial and casual, it proved to be an incredibly inspiring evening for all.

Lawyer Heather Ash (Simpson Grierson) was MC for the event and presentations were made by six alumnae, all members of the Judiciary, both current and retired: Dame Judith Potter DNZM CBE, Retired High Court Judge; Heather Simpson, CNZM, Retired District Court Judge; Hannah Sargisson, Associate Judge; Vivienne Ullrich, QC, Retired Family Court Judge; Melanie Harland, Environmental Court Judge; Sarah Reeves, Maori Land Court Judge. Chief District Court Judge Jan-Marie Doogue was overseas and gave her apologies.

First up, Dame Judith honoured Dame Augusta Wallace and then each of the Judges present gave a highly insightful and motivating speech, outlining their path to the bench. No two roads were the same and it was all underpinned by a sense of passion and a calling they could not escape.

Dame Judith Potter was the final speaker; she believes women who follow a career in law do so with a proper sense of purpose and a belief in: justice; equality before the law; access to justice; and that our judicial system exists to serve the community in which we live.

Important key messages from the evening, especially for young women aspiring to a career in law:

- It is belief and purpose that makes for excellent female lawyers and judges into the future, beyond personal goals and ambitions.
- Female lawyers can have relationships, children and strong family connections without compromising or jeopardising their dreams.
- Having a sound secondary education platform and a common bond with colleagues working in the same profession is immensely valuable.
- A challenge or problem shared is often a problem spared – women are good at this, especially those working in law.
- Women can overcome the odds to succeed in a male-dominated profession; alumnae from EGGs have proved this time and time again.
- Get involved in your profession – be visible, be authentic, be confident; network, engage, learn.

With many thanks to Julie Goodyer, Heather Ash and Dame Judith Potter for organising and sponsoring this highly successful and enlightening event. Thanks also to Fiona Ryan for her input.

It's great to be able to bring current students together with Old Girls in this way and the OGA intends to hold more of these functions, focussing on different careers, professions, passions and areas of work.

Sally Blyth, OGA Co-President



Dame Judith Potter, Heather Ash and Lorraine Pound



Hannah Sargisson and Vivienne Ullrich



Heather Simpson and Melanie Harland



EGGS Alumnae

WOMEN IN NZ POLITICS

Chloe Swarbrick



Jeanette
Fitzsimons



Tessa Berger



WOMEN IN NEW ZEALAND POLITICS

Join our wonderful "Women in New Zealand Politics" event and hear special guest speakers Chlöe Swarbrick MP; Jeanette Fitzsimons, former co-leader of the Green Party; and Tessa Berger, Auckland Council Elected Member and entrepreneur – all EGGS alumnae - talk openly about their journeys and experiences in politics. Rawdon Christie, award-winning TV presenter and journalist, will facilitate the engaging panel discussion. You'll be set for a thought provoking and inspiring evening!

Delicious finger food will be provided at the event and special raffle prizes will be up for grabs too. All funds raised from this event will go towards transforming L Block into an innovative learning space.

MONDAY 30TH JULY @ THE RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE

BOOK NOW : WWW.ITICKET.CO.NZ/EVENTS/2018/JUL/WOMEN-IN-NEW-ZEALAND-POLITICS

TICKET PRICES: \$25 FOR ADULTS, \$20 FOR STUDENTS

Support Innovative Learning

Help us raise funds to transform L Block into an innovative learning space. Please see donation options below.

For more information about the project visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/l-block-renovation.aspx

Donor Wall of Honour

For a one-off donation of \$500, you can have your name of choice engraved on a dedicated wall inside L Block and become a permanent part of EGGs history. Honour your family, an individual, friends or lost loved ones on our Donor Wall of Honour.

Please complete a [donation form](#).

General donation

To make a contribution for any amount you choose, please complete the form to the left.

Thank you for your generosity.



Father & Daughter Breakfast 2018

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2018


Wednesday 8th August
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SPORT



Rowing



Last Friday evening the Auckland Rowing Awards were hosted and Epsom were up for several awards. Congratulations to the athletes, coaches, parents and supporters who came away with the following awards:

Female Coxswain of the Year - Stella Humberstone Hurley.

Female Junior Crew of the Year - GU17 4+ (Jade Raby, Jane Schellekens, Fenella Hemi, Issy Meikle, Stella Humberstone-Hurley).



And one of the biggest awards of the evening **School of the Year** was awarded to Epsom Girls Grammar School!

Congratulations Epsom Rowing!

Gymsports

Well done to all the students who competed in the Auckland Champs for Trampolining, Tumbling, Rhythmic and Artistic Gymnastics. Results for all Gymsports have not been finalised yet so they will be added in the next Newsletter along with more pictures.



Squash

Well done to the Epsom Girls Gold Teams 1 and 2 who competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Team Championships a couple of weeks ago. Congratulations to Epsom Girls Gold 1 who placed second in the competition.



Ultimate Frisbee

Congratulations to the Ultimate Frisbee team who had a great competition winning the Auckland Indoor Championships!!



Duathlon

Well done to the teams who competed at the Auckland Secondary Schools Duathlon Champs in Pukekohe. A senior team consisting of Hannah Berry and Grace Wilson as well as a junior team of Hanna Brathwaite and Caitlin Bell, narrowly missed out on 3rd place but gave an awesome effort at the end.



Rugby

Congratulations to Caitlyn Mansfield who has been selected in the wider training squad for the Auckland U15's Girl's Rugby team that will compete at the Northern Region Tournament on Thursday 19th July.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Epsom House Night Supervisor

We are looking to recruit a Night Supervisor whose responsibilities will be to stay awake on duty all night and to maintain a safe and supportive environment for students at Epsom House. Administration, Health and Safety and pastoral care of sick girls will form part of the role.

This position is for two nights a week (Monday and Tuesday) and will be term time only. There may be the opportunity to work other nights at times in a relief capacity.

For a detailed job description and support staff application form, please check the [school website](#). All applications **must** include the support staff form.

Applications close on Tuesday 11 July, 2018.



What's On?
RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE
CHINESE EXTRAVAGANZA
EGGS & AGS, July 28-29

WOMEN IN POLITICS
EGGS Foundation
July 30

EPSOM MUSIC SHOWCASE CONCERTS
Orchestra - August 1
Band - August 3

IKEBANA EXHIBITION & DEMONSTRATION
Sogetsu Teachers Assoc
August 25-26

For more details, go to our website
www.raye freedman arts.co.nz

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Ikebana Exhibition & Ken Katayama's Demonstration
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Sat. 25th Aug 2018 2pm - 5pm
Sun. 26th Aug 2018 10am - 4pm

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Sun. 26th Aug 2018 11am - 12.30pm

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