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EGGS/AGS 2018 Production 'Ragtime - The Musical'

Coming up in Week 5....

Sun 27-28 May Korean Night
Thu 31 May Epsom Music Showcase - RFAC
Fri 1 June Teacher Only Day -
School closed for instruction

Coming up in Week 6....

Mon 4 Jun Queen's Birthday
Tue 5 Jun Clash of the Codes Quiz Night
Wed 5-8 Jun Chamber Music Competition

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

Ragtime – The Musical has had a very successful season. The annual show collaboration between EGGS and AGS is a wonderful opportunity for students from both schools, which Tim O'Connor and I both value and appreciate. Costuming, make-up, props, set, stage management, lighting and sound are examples of some of the more 'hidden' areas of a show. The obvious ensemble strength of the cast and orchestra was echoed in the strength of the crew. A large number of staff, headed by Anna Richardson, Director, and students have worked together, investing real commitment to bring this fabulous show to the stage for sold out audiences to enjoy. Congratulations to everyone involved!

This week Year 13 students have participated in the Unicorns and Vacuum Cleaners Learning Summit; scaling the dizzying heights of big picture plans and ideas on future pathways while at the same time looking at practicalities such as student finances and how to change your tyre. Page 4 has more detail and reveals who was guest speaker. We were very lucky that she was available and everyone enjoyed what she said.



Waikamania Seve with Prime Minister
Jacinda Ardern at the Auckland Education Summit

The work that Waikamania Seve – see Page 3 - has been doing in traditional knowledge having a major contribution to cutting edge scientific developments is something that Dame Anne Salmond talked about recently at the Auckland Writers' Festival and features in parts of the Artefact series on Maori Television. Waikamania and her mother, Huhana Lyndon, also participated in the Auckland Education Summit on Saturday 12 May.



FUJI XEROX 

Barfoot & Thompson
Residential Real Estate

We have had our check-in with the student Sustainability Group who are hoping to aim for Bronze level certification as an Enviroschool, looking at some questions about environmental responsibility including:

- What do we want for future generations?
- What do we stand for?
- How can we put what we believe, and our awareness, into action?

Their planning is almost complete and we should see the launch of their project by the end of this term.

The Year 13 Ball is tonight, and we are looking forward to a glittering Winter Wonderland.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

GENERAL NEWS

Relational Parenting

Earlier this month we welcomed Margaret Thorsborne back to work with staff on growing restorative practices in our school.

She also presented to parents about managing relationships with their teenage daughters. Margaret is such an engaging speaker whose wisdom and practical good sense always makes for an informative evening.

If you want to find out more she shared with us the following researchers and websites that might be worth checking out. You can also follow Margaret on her facebook page (Margaret Thorsborne & Associates 2018)

- Dan Siegel and Nathan Mikaere Wallis on the teenage brain
- Kirrilie Smout [Dealing with disrespectful behaviour](#)
- http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/brain_development_teenagers.html
- <https://www.theparentingplace.com/family-contracts/>

Tree Planting on Motuihe Island



Last weekend a group of students volunteered to plant over 100 native trees on Motuihe Island.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Epsom Girls Grammar School has International Students arriving from Asia, Europe and South America starting in Term 3 of 2018, who require homestay accommodation. \$280 per week is paid to cover full board.

If you would enjoy hosting an international student and are able to provide a caring and supportive environment to make her part of your family life, have a spare room, live within close distance to Epsom Girls Grammar School and speak English as your first language we would look forward to hearing from you.

For further information please call Jo Bostock or Florence Huang on 970 6757 or email accommodation@eggs.school.nz

CURRICULUM NEWS

Writing Success - Timegate to Tomorrow Writing Competition

Congratulations to Victoria Sun, Year 11, who placed first in the poetry section for her poem 'Not my Problem' and second in the prose for her short story 'What's best for you'. The challenge was to respond to the prompt: A timegate has appeared at your school, opening a gateway into the future. Do you step through into tomorrow, or does something, or someone, come back?

Aotearoa Youth Declaration Forum



A group of students from EGGs in Years 12 and 13 were selected to take part in a four-day national civics conference called Aotearoa Youth Declaration run by UN Youth NZ. This was held between 15-19th April at Auckland University. Students from all over the country came to explore the issues in different areas of NZ society. Over the four days ranging from 9 to 11 hours, the girls engaged in discussion, debate and even ventured to visit experts in their group's area, ranging from Justice, Healthcare, and Equity to Culture and Heritage. Along with civic workshops and multiple guest speakers including political party representatives, the students were able to learn not just about how complex issues in all aspects of our society are, but also more about our own impact in alleviating them, even as young people.



The result of the conference was producing a document of the Youth Declaration, in the conference's views, on what needed to change in different areas of NZ society. The declaration was accepted by MP Chris Bishop to be taken to Parliament, where it will be officially recognised as the views of the youth of NZ. Occasionally confronting but incredibly eye opening, Aotearoa Youth Declaration was a rewarding and unforgettable experience.

EGGS student speaks at TedX event

Year 9 student, Waikamania Seve, spoke at the inaugural TedX Tutukaka event held on 7 April this year. Waikamania did an outstanding job representing the school, Epsom and Inzone. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group.

Her presentation focused on herself, her journey in science fairs and the important place that traditional knowledge plays in developing world scientific knowledge. Waikamania's speech will be available to view on Youtube in June and we're all looking forward to seeing it.

We're very proud of you Waikamania, well done!



Pictured above are Waikamania Seve and her family

Unicorns & Vacuum Cleaners Summit



Unicorns and Vacuum Cleaners 2018 Summit

Principal Lorraine Pound with student leaders, Chlöe Swarbrick (Green Party Politician and EGGs Alumna) and Assistant HOD Visual Art Jonathan Cameron



Chlöe Swarbrick

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The 2018 Unicorns & Vacuum Cleaners summit (for Year 13) was a great day and offered much “food-for-thought” about how to find success in the pathways students may choose to pursue after EGGs. Chlöe Swarbrick (Green Party Politician and EGGs Alumni) kicked-off our day with an inspirational and reflective keynote about her experience from high school to her current position in New Zealand politics. Students then went to various workshops for the remainder of the day, tailored to their current and future interests, covering topics such as: academic research and writing at a tertiary level, being employable, thinking philosophically, acting and thinking like an adult and handling failure positively, car management (thank you Mitsubishi for lending us some cars), surviving lectures and University life, being a more confident public speaker, dealing with flatmates and living away from home, managing your finances, matching what you are passionate about with a career pathway, managing your emotions and well-being through the practice of Mindfulness, and being adaptive in learning and work situations.

A massive thank you to all of the incredible people involved in making this day so rich and valuable to our Year 13's.

EGGS Staff: Ella Brewer, Sarah Brooks, Jonathan Cameron, Maggie Cogger-Orr, Michele Coombridge, Jaclyn Druitt, Sarah Dwan, Tessa Farrant, Claire Gavin, Michele Heywood, Debbie Horrocks, Ben Jackson, Emma Jensen, Philippa Leask, Michele Martin, Tric Milner, Tess Murphy, Lorraine Pound, Lila Pulsford, Kate Slattery.

University Staff: Tricia Bingham (University of Auckland), Kate Pattinson (University of Canterbury), Shannen Frear (Student Ambassador – Massey University), Sarah-Jane Laing & Michael (A.U.T).

Learning & Community EGG Leaders: Jesslyn Woo, Belinda Riley, Lucie Chambers, Annabel Fleming, Dea Sikri, Lily Tang, Sethmi Ranasinghe, Ella Buchanan.

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

EGGS/AGS Production *RAGTIME*

From Saturday 12th May to Saturday 19th May, over 150 students from Epsom Girls Grammar School and Auckland Grammar School participated in the spectacular production of *Ragtime* at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre. The show was a resounding success, selling out within days of opening. All the students involved, from the cast to the crew to the orchestra, displayed an astonishing level of commitment, professionalism and passion. The staff and students in the production team have been working hard since the beginning of the year, and it was wonderful to watch the show come together on stage and to witness the warm reception of audiences.

The production team is delighted to congratulate George Ferrier, who played the role of Tateh in *Ragtime*, for his acceptance into the Summer School programme at the prestigious Juilliard School. Located on the Upper West Side of Manhattan in New York, Juilliard is a performing arts conservatory established in 1905. George's acceptance into this exciting programme is a testament to both his talent and his dedication.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the staff, parents and students who made this sensational show possible.



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EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENTS

EPSOM MUSIC SHOWCASE

6.30PM 31 MAY
RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE
TICKETS \$15/10 FROM iTICKET

Featuring choirs as they prepare for the Big Sing, as well as chamber music and contemporary groups as they prepare for interschool competitions.



FOUNDATION NEWS

L Block is being upgraded



L Block is being upgraded to an innovative learning space and with your help we can raise \$150,000 to build the whole package. For more information about the upgrade please visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/l-block-renovation.aspx

Give today

Wall of Honour

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

Please complete a [donation form](#).

General donation

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Your generosity makes a wonderful difference to the school and will be recognised.

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If you would like to support the future success of Epsom Girls Grammar School in areas including education, sports facilities and resources, teaching and community, 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. Leave a lasting legacy.

Speak in confidence with the Foundation Office by phone 09 970 6753 or by email foundation@eggs.school.nz

We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information:

Download our [My Legacy](#) booklet

Visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/bequests.aspx



NZCT CHAMBER MUSIC CONTEST DISTRICT ROUNDS, JUNE 6-10



Mountain Biking

The EGGs Mountain Biking Team competed at Hunua Regional Park on Sunday, for the second AKSS Mountain Biking Cross Country Series. Congratulations to the team who had a great day!

Results:

Maia Barclay 1st U15 Girls
 Scarlett Buissink.. 1st U17 Girls
 Sarah Harvison 2nd U17 Girls
 Poppy Buissink 1st U19 Girls



Golf



Congratulations to EGGs Student Grace Jung who's been invited to attend a National Golf Development Camp that will be held this coming July during the school holidays.

Congratulations to the EGGs Golf team who came 3rd in the inter-collegiate golf tournament, narrowly missing out on qualifying for National finals.

Team:

Grace Jung, Sarah Murchison, Kiera Harrison, Fiona Xu

Orienteering



Well done to the EGGs Junior and Intermediate team who competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Relay Championships at Cornwall Park a couple of weeks ago.

Results:

EGGS Intermediates - 10th
 EGGs Juniors - 6th

Water Polo

Congratulations to the Senior Water Polo team who competed in the Division 2 Nationals Tournament in Rotorua last school holidays. They gave an incredible performance all throughout the tournament and came away with Gold medals in the end. Well done to the coach, manager and players! Thank you to the supporters who travelled down to watch the team.



Cross Country

Well done to the 23 Epsom Girls Grammar School students who competed at the AKSS Central/Eastern Cross Country Championships. The event was held at Lloyd Elsmore Park. Thank you to all the parents who supported the runners on the day!

Top 10 results as follows:

Hanna Brathwaite - 7th Junior Girls (School Junior Champion)

Jemma Cherguit - 7th Intermediate Girls (School Intermediate Champion)

