EGGSNEWS



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Former Prime Minister Helen Clark with students and her new book Women, Equality, Power at the second function in this series - Women in Politics - held on 29th August at the RFAC.

All funds raised from the events will go towards the L Block redevelopment project.

Dear parents, caregivers and students

It has been an extraordinary two weeks - the premier netball final, junior football, End of the Golden Weather; cycling, the underwater hockey final and In Conversation with Helen Clark being some of the highlights. You can read about all of these events in this issue of EGGSNEWS.

Being at student events is a real privilege - for example seeing the high standard of play and calm determination of the Epsom team under pressure at the netball. They played an outstanding game. They now go on to the Upper North Islands next week and I am looking forward to seeing some of the games.

School examinations for seniors start on Thursday 13th of September. These examinations provide a valuable opportunity before the external examinations in November. Giving time and effort to revision is important and needs to be a priority in the coming weeks.

In the Auckland sport Competitions Epsom has had a strong presence - good luck to all teams competing in Tournament Week.

Tomorrow I will be at the Big Sing Finale in Wellington - best wishes to Paradisum.

Ngā mihi / Regards Lorraine Pound - Principal



Coming up in Week 7....

Mon 3 Sep Winter Tournament Week Wed 5 Sep Enrolment ballot closes

Coming up in Week 8...

Wed 12 Sep Enrolment ballot draw
Thu 13 Sep Senior exams begin







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GENERAL NEWS

The Duke of Edinburgh Award



The Duke of Edinburgh Award creates opportunities for our young people to learn a new skill (or develop an existing one), get physically active, give service to their communities, and take part in an adventure, the Award challenges young people to leave their comfort zones. They build self-confidence and greater resilience, helping to set them up for success in today's uncertain world, where they face more challenges than ever. New Zealand is just one of around 140 countries to deliver the Award programme. More than 130 students are currently enrolled in The Duke of Edinburgh Award at our school.

The following girls were presented with the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award at assembly: Madeleine Ashe, Jamie Eglinton, Charlotte McConnell, Juliet MacDonald, Ella Mead, Charmaine Paton, Ella Stephens and Zahra Stolker.

The following girls were presented with the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award: Brenda Liu, Taffia Panjalu-Martin and Milli Stewart.

2019 ENROLMENT

Ballots for OUT OF ZONE PLACES

Deadline Wednesday 5 September 2018.

Please note:

- Students currently enrolled at EGGS are not eligible to participate in ballots for out-of-zone places.
- If you live outside the school zone and wish to apply for the sister of a current student to enter the ballot, you **must** submit her application by this deadline. There is no discretion for the school to accept late applications.

Ballots for each year level will be held on Wednesday 12 September 2018.

Available places will be allocated in the following priority order: sisters of current students, sisters of past students, daughters of past students, daughters of Board of Trustee members and employees, all other applicants.

Year 9: The Board will decide on the number of available places just before the ballot. This will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

Years 10 -13: We will ballot for a waiting list at each level and any places becoming available will be filled from that list.

Application forms can be requested online at www.eggs.school.nz.

Enquiries ph 630 5963, enrolments@eggs.school.nz

CURRICULUM NEWS

International Languages Week

The International Languages week was celebrated during Week 3 this term and it was a great success! The week started off with the annual 'Latin Cake Competition' on the Monday lunchtime. Sasha, Mayley and Heidi won the competition with their incredible Mt. Vesuvius creation, Phoebe and Joanna placed 2nd and Rishika Raney and Zaria and Morgan came away with the 3rd place. During Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes there were French, Spanish, Japanese and Chinese movies playing in languages block. Lots of girls showed up to these and found themselves enjoying a taste of the languages taught in the school.

Friday lunchtime wrapped up the week with an international food court and a sausage sizzle. Each language had its own stall and some delicious treats to sell. Inside the classrooms there were many interactive activities that girls could take part in, including petanque, spanish dance class, origami, and chinese games. Last but not least there was a photo booth competition running in the library. There were masks of famous characters and celebrities,



and all the girls had to do was pick up a mask, strike a pose and post the photo on instagram with #EGGSILW. Erena Tanabe (and Niamh Melrose) won that competition with her creative post. It was amazing to see, throughout the week, how the EGGS community was actively participating in everything that was on offer.

We would like to thank the Languages Synhedrion and the teachers in charge, without whom it wouldn't have been possible. The money raised will be going towards a banner on which we will be writing the word 'United' in 101 different languages, in regards to the 101 years of EGGS. We are hoping to make it an annual tradition, with one more language being added on every year.

Upcoming Year 12 Drama Production

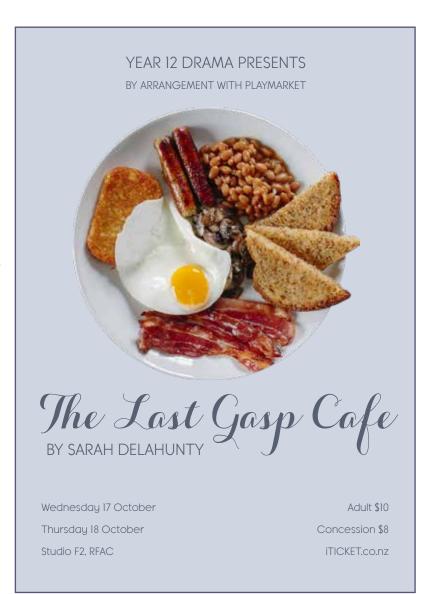
In Week 1 of Term 4, on Wednesday 17 October and Thursday 18 October, Year 12 Drama will stage *The Last Gasp Cafe* by Sarah Delahunty. The play will be held in Studio F2 in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre at 7.00pm.

Located in a remote New Zealand country town, the Last Gasp Café serves as the gathering place of an eccentric cast of characters. When city slicker Jamie Lomax crashes his car while driving through the town, his business tycoon father suddenly sees the opportunity for some lucrative land development, upsetting the town's equilibrium. All of this is observed by mysterious figures known as Team Leaders and The Unseen, who narrate the action and control the fate of the characters.

With elements of comedy, drama, romance and magical realism, *The Last Gasp Café* is a thought-provoking play that is sure to intrigue and entertain audience members.

Adult tickets are \$10 and concession/senior tickets are \$8. These can be purchased via iTICKET.co.nz

We hope to see you there!



Year 13 Drama Production - The End of the Golden Weather



On Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd August, Year 13 Drama staged their production of Bruce Mason's *The End of the Golden Weather*, directed by Anna Richardson.

Inspired by playwright Bruce Mason's own childhood, The End of the Golden Weather chronicles the friendship between a 12-year-old child and the wild-limbed Firpo, a dreamer and a social outcast. Through the child's eyes we see the wonder of life on a perfect beach, in a perfect New Zealand, during a perfect summer. It's a world of magic and transformation, where anything can happen and miracles seem possible. Since its first performance in 1960, the play has become a cultural touchstone, exploring what it means to be a New Zealander.

The show was stunningly directed, beautifully performed, and brought to life with excellent lighting and sound production. Miss Richardson and Year 13 Drama would like to thank their tech team, makeup crew, and all the members of the EGGS community who came to see the show.

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

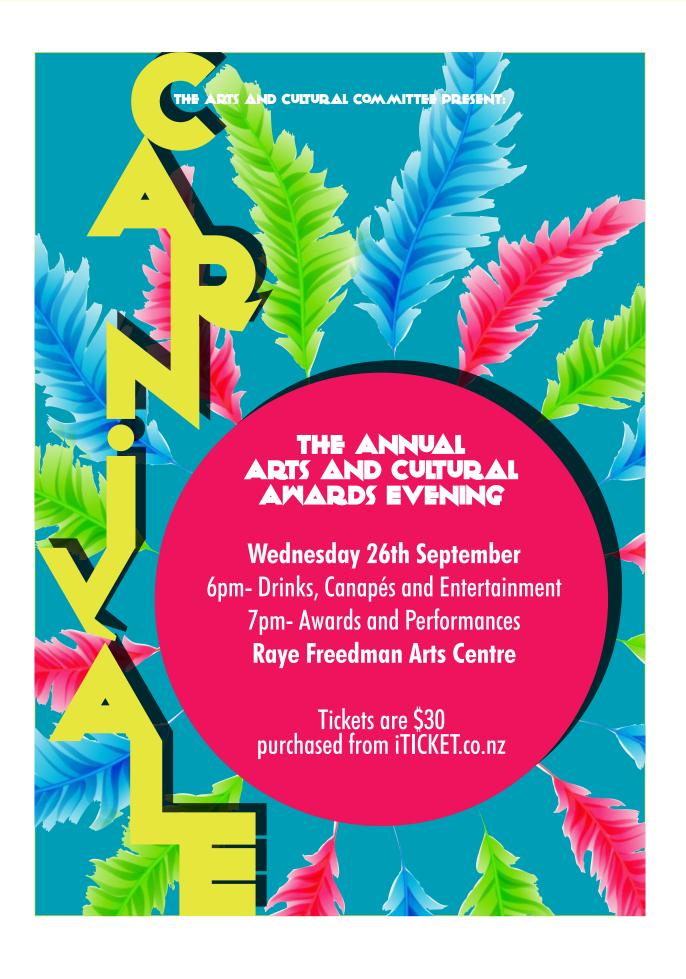
Arts & Cultural Awards Evening

Epsom Girls Grammar School are delighted to invite you to their annual Arts and Cultural Awards Evening.

On Wednesday 26 September, the Arts and Cultural Committee welcomes guests to CARNIVALE, a night filled with vibrant colour and joyful celebration.

Join us at 6.00pm for refreshing drinks, tasty canapés and excellent entertainment. The Awards Ceremony begins at 7.00pm, where we will celebrate our students' contribution to Arts and Culture at EGGS.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased via iTICKET.co.nz.



FOUNDATION NEWS

A Conversation with Helen Clark

Earlier this week the EGGS community joined an incredible evening in the company of Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and EGGS alumna. Helen Clark in conversation with Ali Mau, TV presenter and journalist, shared her journey and insights on being a woman and a leader on the global stage. A strong voice for gender equality and women's leadership, Helen's message to our students was to aim for the top of whatever they do. The message inspired and empowered our emerging female leaders.

At the event, guests had the opportunity to buy Helen's new book *Women, Equality, Power*. The book is a celebration of an outstanding leader who continues to strive and work for change, and it is a rallying call for other women leaders, whether they are in positions of political, economic or social power. With a foreword by the Rt. Hon. Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and an introduction by Professor Jennifer Curtin from the University of Auckland, this is a timely and important book.

Epsom Girls Grammar School is very proud to have hosted Helen Clark.

The event was the second in our two part series, Women in New Zealand Politics and all funds raised from the events will go towards the L Block redevelopment project. A special thanks to everyone for supporting us.



Ali Mau, TV presenter and journalist with former Prime Minister Helen Clark

Save the date....

Meet the Maker, Friday 2 November 2018 - 7pm-10pm

A special fundraising evening to enjoy meeting artisan craft beer and wine makers and at the same time raise money for the redevelopment of L Block. Featuring beer and wine tastings from some of New Zealand's most revered craftsmen and women, accompanied by food and a fundraising auction. Tickets will be available to buy soon so watch this space.

L Block Donor Wall of Honour



Have your name engraved on the Donor Wall of Honour and help us raise funds for the L Block redevelopment at the same time. For a one-off donation of \$500 you can honour your family, an individual, friends or lost loved ones on a dedicated wall inside L Block. Become a permanent part of EGGS history.

Make a donation

Thank you for your support.

Family portraits by top NZ photographer

Michael Overend, one of New Zealand's most respected photographers, together with Timeless Images Photography has generously offered to support EGGS by donating family portrait packages. This package is valued at \$785.00 but it will cost you only \$95.00.

In return for your \$95 donation you'll receive:

- A consultation appointment
- A professional portrait sitting
- Two 150 x 200mm (6" x 8") prints

Family portraits help every family member to remember who they are, their role in the family and help create a sense of pride.

Book today

The offer is limited and only available until Friday 21 September 2018. For more information please <u>click here</u>.



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Golf



Congratulations to Grace Jung who placed 2nd in College Golf.

Road Race

Last week, students competed the Auckland Road Race Championships at Bruce Pulman Park in Takanini. Congratulations to all who participated and to the Junior 3-person team who placed 3rd.

This Junior team consisted of Hanna Brathwaite. Rici Chambers and Mia Niccolls.



Football

Last week the Junior A Football team won the Junior A Auckland Provisional Cup against Mt Albert Grammar, winning 1-0. This is the 3rd year in a row Epsom have won this trophy! Congratulations to the players, coaches and management!



Netball

Premier 1 played an outstanding game against St Kentigerns, winning 39-37 at the end of extra time. This is the first time in 10 years that Epsom have won the Auckland Premier final. The team is very appreciative and thankful for the amazing turnout of supporters. Congratulations to the players, coaches and management on a successful season!



Cycling

Another weekend of amazing cycling results with the final in the Auckland Team Time Trial Series. Epsom came away with some fantastic results:

Junior A placed 2nd on the day, and 2nd overall in the series (beating Baradene). The team consisted of: Bee Townsend, Queenie McElwee, Lilly Brinsdon, and Scarlett Buissink.

Senior A continued their dominance and placed 1st on the day, and 1st overall in the series (beating Baradene) and the first time since 2001 that Epsom have done this! The team consisted of: Annabel Brown, Ella Wylie, Lucy Thompson, Poppy Buissink, and Stella Nightingale.

Our Junior D Team claimed 2nd place in the Most Improved category which is fantastic as this is made up of beginner riders from Year 9 and 10. This team has had a mix of riders throughout the series.

Congratulations girls!

Underwater Hockey



Epsom Underwater Hockey teams competed in the finals of the College Sport competition. The Epsom Senior Girls team won the competition in the final against Dio, 2-1!

Epsom Junior Girls A, placed 2nd overall in their grade, and the Epsom Junior Girls B team placed 5th in their grade.

Congratulations to all of the students, coaches and management who have trained and worked extremly hard in acheiving these results.

We wish the Senior A and Junior A teams all the best at Nationals next week in Rotorua! Thank you to all of the supporters who cheered the teams on from the side of the pool!





Winter Tournament Week

Wishing the best of luck to all of the Epsom sports teams who are going away next week and the following week all over the country to compete for our school. Check out facebook next week for daily results of our teams.

