



*Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - weaving in the library on Monday*

Dear parents, caregivers and students

As you can see above, this week we have been celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. The theme for the week has been Kia kaha Te Reo Māori – go well and stand strong, Te Reo. The last two years have seen large numbers of New Zealanders signing up to Te Reo Māori courses, and it is wonderful to see young New Zealanders learning the language in schools. We offer Te Reo Māori and Te Reo Rangatira through to NCEA Level 3 and NZ Scholarship level and have done so since the 1990s. The bi-cultural heritage of New Zealand is important to us and we're enjoying the chance to celebrate te Reo Māori this week – see Page 2.

Congratulations to all who have been at Winter Tournament events, and some sports go on into the next holidays. Tournament is the culmination of a tough round of competition for the season for students, and it also involves a lot of support from TICs, coaches, managers and parents. The sporting year will be celebrated at the annual Sports Dinner, early next term.

On the Wednesday of the last week of this term the annual Arts and Cultural Awards will be held and next term will also be the Community Awards and the Learning Awards ceremonies.

Senior students are underway with their school exams – Year 9 and 10 students – please remember to move quietly around the School.

**Me Whakanui me ako, me whakamahi to tatou reo ahurei a motu**

Let's celebrate, learn and use our unique, national language

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

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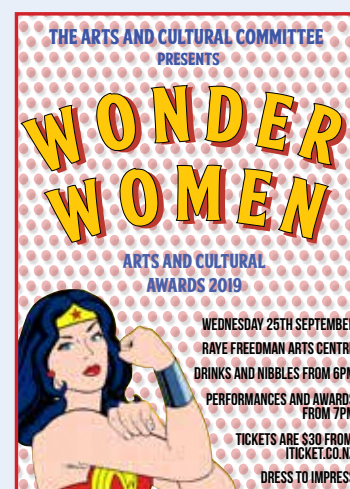
## Coming up in Week 9....

Mon 16 Sep Senior Exams continue  
Fri 20 Sep Last day of exams

## Coming up in Week 10....

Mon 23-Fri 27 Sep Pasifika Week  
Mon 23-Tue 24 Sep Year 10 Market Days  
Wed 25 Sep Arts & Cultural Awards  
Fri 27 Sep Last day of Term 3

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# GENERAL NEWS

## Māori Language Week



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori has been upon us this week. The Kotahitanga Committee and Te Reo Māori Department have put on a range of events this week for staff and students to get involved and practice their reo and celebrate the week. On Monday we had weaving in the library where the students did tutorials on how to create harakeke flowers. Tuesday was the Iwi competition with each iwi challenging their Māori knowledge to see who came out on top! Wednesday students and staff were down in front of the Māori room practising their reo in the hope of receiving a free sausage from our BBQ. We finish the week off with a poi game in the stadium!

## Interact EGGS/AGS Trivia night

On Friday 30th August the EGGS Interact Group held a trivia night in our school hall. It was a huge success, with over 200 students competing in multiple rounds of trivia questions, enjoying pizza, and generally 'interacting' to have fun and showcase their knowledge.

The event was organised and run by students in Interact groups at both schools, our own EGGS committee consisting of Anushka Unnikrishnan 13 CLV, Roshni Muthunayakage 13 FAR, Anna Millar 12 PAY, Hannah Bautista 11 WAD and Zoya Azam 11 WAD.

The event raised over \$1200 for the charity, Beyond Water. They are a non-profit organisation working to provide people in Kenya with basic necessities such as toilet blocks, safe drinking water and sanitary products.

One of the boys' teams won this year, but there is always next year.....





# CURRICULUM NEWS

## Lani Wendt Young Storylines Tour



On Wednesday 21st August, we were privileged to host the author Lani Wendt Young to the school as part of the 2019 Storylines National Festival Story Tour.

Lani is the author of the popular Telesa series - originally self-published online as an ebook after numerous publisher rejections, but she didn't give up and is now available in a range of NZ bookstores. She was named the ACP Pacific Laureate in 2018, and this year was one of the recipients of the 2019 New Zealand Society of Authors Waitangi Day Honours.

Lani talked to students about her journey on becoming a writer of the types of stories she would have liked to read when she was growing up. Stories that not only have magic and fantasy and adventure but also have people and places in the stories that she could relate to.

She proudly claimed the title fiapoto and told the audience that as writers and tellers of stories it was important to ask questions and challenge assumptions.

And it made my librarian heart sing when she answered the question about what makes a good writer is to be a good reader. By the end of the day all copies of her books held by the library had been checked out!

## French Immersion Morning

On Friday 16th August, the French Department held the 2nd annual French Immersion Morning. Over 200 students from Years 9 to 13 joined together in the hall for activities related to French culture and the French language.

The day was launched with the singing of the French national anthem: La Marseillaise. After this, students played a Kahoot in French (with English translations here and there). Some of the questions included "What is the capital of France?" (Paris), "What type of sport is the Tour de France?" (cycling) and "Around how many people in the world speak French?" (300 million). Congratulations to Kelly Liu for coming first in this competition.

The next item of the day was the conversation activity. Students were able to use the French they had learnt over the past few months or the last several years. They got to know students from various year levels by asking and answering questions in French. Year 9s would have been discussing their hobbies; Year 10s, what they did last holiday; Year 11s, their future job; Year 12s were planning a holiday and Year 13s, how we can eliminate discrimination in New Zealand. This activity allowed students to practice the French they would use when they meet native French speakers without having to worry about making mistakes.

Students then moved into their multi-year groups to play several rounds of "telephone" and to create a video about France or the French



language. The video had to include a script from the website ImmerseMe. The students produced some impressive and hilarious videos. Well done Group 21 (led by Angela Wang) for winning with their tongue twister video (<https://tinyurl.com/group21EGGS>)

Before we watched the videos, we played multiple rounds of Quizlet Live which was won by Imogen Pearce (Year 9), Sophia He (Year 11) and Trenyce Fia (Year 11).

We would like to thank Aimelia Pryce and her team (Coeun Ham, Sophie Li, Xariah Fanahova, Lagi Mapusua, Amiria Pianta-Price, Jasman Vir Kaur) for their wonderful work decorating the hall and helping to plan the activities.

A l'année prochaine!

## 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. Zoe Roche, Vishaya Lal, Lois Gonzales, Angela Wang and Georgia Bull, won the competition with their incredible Medusa creation, Rosie Mazur placed 2nd and Elizabeth Ngan and Laura Peacock came away with 3rd place.

During Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes there were French, Spanish, Japanese and Chinese movies playing in languages block along with 101 crash courses of the languages taught at EGGS, taught by students.

Friday lunchtime wrapped up the week with an international Food Court and multiple activities for everyone to take part in. Each language had its own stall and some delicious treats. In the classrooms there were many interactive activities including: pétanque, Spanish dance class, Chinese character making, kimono dress up and the infamous baguette fighting. It was amazing to see how throughout the week, the EGGS community was actively participating in everything on offer. We would like to thank the Languages Synhedrion and the teachers in charge, without whom it wouldn't have been possible.

*Jasman Vir Kaur and Aimelia Pryce (Languages Synhedrion Leaders)*



*Baguette fighting*



*Spanish dance lesson*

## 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](mailto:kholmes@eggs.school.nz)



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## Year 12 Drama Productions

We have had a season of Caryl Churchill plays. The Year 12 Drama classes performed "Love & Information" and "The Skriker", both political and beautifully written modern plays.

### *Love and Information*



### *The Skriker*



## Ngā Pū Kōrero 2019

Kia ora e te whānau.

E mihi ana ki a Waikamania Seve i tū ki ngā whakataetae Pū Kōrero ā rohe o Tāmaki Makaurau i tēra marama. Ko ia te toa tuatoru mō tana wāhanga ā ko te wāhanga takawaenga mō ngā kōtiro. HUROOOOO!!!

A big congratulations to Waikamania Seve, who stood and represented our School at the annual Ngā Pū Kōrero Māori Speech Competition event held by Māori Womens' Welfare League at Massey High School. She placed 3rd in her category, she was in the intermediate girls' category. Great work!

Ngā Pū Kōrero is a Māori speech competition done in only te reo Māori. It encourages young leaders to speak openly about their opinions and concerns in te reo Māori in a safe environment.

This was Waikamania's second year entering in this event, she is currently Year 10 and each year she is getting better and placing higher each time. This is a personal best for Waikamania. I would like to acknowledge her hard work and determination and also acknowledge her whānau and friends behind the scene who have helped her along the way.



Waikamania and her mother



Waikamania and her support team



Waikamania speaking on stage

## EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

Epsom Music student Rachel Varughese recently auditioned for the Opera Idol competition held by The Opera Factory, and was selected as one of the five finalists for her age group, 16-18.

The finale performances were held on Sunday 8th September, and Rachel was awarded second place in her age group. She won a cash price of \$100, which she will be putting towards participating in an opera production they will hold soon.

A big congratulations to Rachel on this fantastic achievement.

## 'Playing It Strange' Concert

On Monday 23rd September, Sophie Brown, Paradisum and Epsom Chamber Orchestra will perform in the 'Playing It Strange' concert at the Vodafone Events Centre. Together they will perform Sophie's song 'Daffodils Medley', which was the winner of the Play It Strange Daffodils competition. This concert also features Mick Fleetwood and Bob Geldof, making it a fantastic opportunity for Epsom Music students and Sophie Brown to perform to a large audience.

Click here for more information: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/playing-it-strange-geldof-fleetwood/auckland/manukau-city>



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# FOUNDATION NEWS

## Meet the Maker is on TONIGHT. Door sales available!

Meet the Maker 2 returns tonight **Friday 13 September at the Mini Garage** where a ticket entitles you to enjoy free tastings of quality craft beer, boutique wines and delicious food - as well as a complimentary drink. We have secured great support from brewers Brothers, Urbanaut and Hallertau as well as the beautiful wines of Harwood Hall and Odyssey.

This was a great night last year, so gather up those friends of yours who didn't make it and reserve your place at the social event on the EGGS calendar.

All money raised will help fund the L Block redevelopment and future capital programmes.

Finally, we have an incredible line-up of auction items for live and silent auctions but if you or any of your friends have items you would like to add (e.g. use of baches, restaurant experiences, sports events etc.) we would welcome these. Again, thanks so much for your support.

*Mark Jones (on behalf of the EGGS Foundation)*



*Meet the Maker 2*

Join us for a special fundraising evening meeting artisan craft beer and wine makers and raise funds for the redevelopment of Epsom Girls Grammar L Block. Taste beer and wine from some of New Zealand's most revered craftsmen and women, accompanied by food and a fundraising auction.

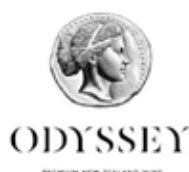
*Details*

**WHEN:** Friday 13 September  
**TIME:** 7pm-10pm  
**WHERE:** Auckland Mini Garage, 381-383 Broadway, Newmarket  
**TICKETS:** \$60.00 pp  
**PURCHASE:** [www.1ticket.co.nz](http://www.1ticket.co.nz)

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## Meet the Makers





## Building a brighter future for Epsom Girls

*The L Block renovation will create positive outcomes for young women, a multi-functional space for connected and collaborative studying and a stronger sense of community.*



Our refurbishment of L Block to create a flexible multi-functional learning environment for our students and staff in 2020 is progressing at speed.

Many thanks to our generous donors who continue to support us to raise the funds to extend the flexible learning environment to a multi-purpose outdoor space. This space will be for breakout learning, meetings, individual and group work and covered recreational space for lunchtimes.

The Board of Trustees were treated to a walk round earlier this month. The pictures taken give an idea of how the finished spaces will connect and interface collaboratively.

The covered deck areas located along the length of the building, facing north and stepping down to the asphalt strip are coming together. The new doors and windows along this side allow greater natural light to filter into the rooms – giving the sense of a light airy, open indoor space.

### Completed:

- 50% walls gibbed, with insulation progressively installed
- Data cabinet installed
- Interior doors and window jambs painted
- Deck framing complete and Shade Sail poles erected
- Toilet block stripped out ready for renovation

### Coming soon:

- Decking completed
- Interior walls lined, gibbed and stopped
- Suspended ceilings created
- New toilet block completed

It is anticipated that the outdoor area will enhance

- encouragement of creative and critical thinking
- optimise learning
- student achievement
- provide access to the winter sun's light and heat
- provides protection from summer heat and sun
- gives shelter from the rain during all seasons

The flexible learning environment creates positive, supportive relationships between students and teachers and forms the basis for our learning. The space will be a vibrant, well connected, physical environment that encourages and supports our students through their EGGS journey.



# Family portraits by Timeless Images Photography

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

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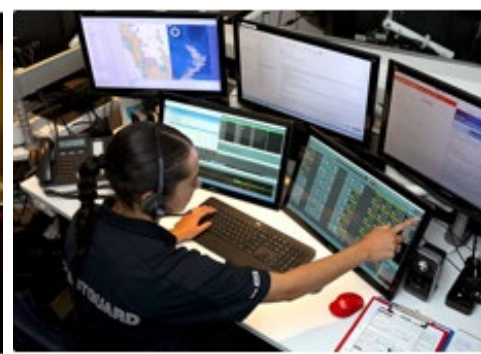
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## **Save Lives**

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**For more info and application forms: [www.YSAR.org.nz](http://www.YSAR.org.nz)**

## Winter Tournament Week Wrap-up



### Basketball

Our Senior A team competed at the Nationals Qualifying Tournament at Bruce Pulman Arena. The team had a lot of hard competition, often competing against premier teams. EGGs finished 10th.

Thank you to our coach/manager/TIC/coordinator/everything basketball Steph Jones.

### Curling

Our EGGs teams competed at the North Island Secondary Schools tournament last week. EGGs Squad Curl Out place 3rd and EGGs Knockout placed 1st!

Thank you to our TIC, Pauline Farra, for her curling expertise and passion.

### Fencing

We had three students compete at Fencing NZSS: Jessica Kaiser, Hannah Watkins and Heesu Yang. Jessica placed 8th and Hannah 15th. The team of three placed 4th overall.

Thank you to our TIC Jacque Murphy and our coach Laura Harvey.

### Cycling

The EGGs Cycling Squad competed at the Northern Tour over the weekend. The Northern Tour is a three stage tour featuring an Individual Time Trial (ITT), a Hill Climb (HC) and a Criterium. Points are awarded for finish placing in each stage and the General Classification (GC) winner is the rider with the highest point score.

U14: Ava Madison: GC – 5th, HC – 3rd

U15: Maia Barclay: GC – 4th, ITT – 4th, HC – 4th, Criterium 4th  
Tegan Feringa: GC – 5th, HC – 5th

U16: Ally Gothard: GC – 2nd, ITT – 1st, HC – 4th, Criterium – 2nd  
Bee Townsend: GC – 5th, Criterium 5th  
Georgie Christie: GC – 7th, HC – 2nd

U17: Queenie McElwee: GC – 4th, ITT – 3rd, HC – 1st

U20: Lucy Thomson: GC – 2nd, ITT – 1st, HC – 4th, Criterium 4th  
Sarah Harvison: GC – 6th

The squad will compete at Nationals in Palmerston North over the school holidays.

Thank you to our TIC, Courtney Wentz, and our coach, Logan Townsend.





## Football

Our 1st XI squad travelled to Christchurch to play in the Lotto Premier Tournament. They played Baradene in the semi-final, unfortunately losing in penalties. They went on to win the 3rd/4th game to bring home some medals!

Thank you to Kate Carlton who travelled away with the team. Also thank you to Steve Nowell and Steph Jones for their organisation and involvement all season.

## Hockey

Our 1st XI team played in the Chica Gilmer Trophy Tournament at North Harbour Hockey in Auckland. The team had a dramatic penalty shootout win on Thursday and went on to win their 5th/6th playoff game on Friday. Issy Kihī was named as the EGGs MVP.

Thank you to Janet Mackay and Courtney Wentz on their assistance at the tournament.

## Lacrosse

Our team dominated the first two days of Nationals which secured them a place in the championship game on Sunday 8 September. After a hard fought game, EGGs fell to St Peters Cambridge, putting them in 2nd place.

Thank you to the team manager, Courtney Horler and to our coach, Rosie Gunn.

## Netball

Our premier team had a very exciting win against MAGS to secure their place at Nationals in Nelson in the coming school holidays. Out of the 120+ teams competing at UNISS, only the top six schools qualify for Nationals, EGGs finished 5th.

Temepara Bristow was named in the tournament team.

Thank you to our TIC, Leah Hankey and coach, Waana Araroa for a very successful tournament.

## Underwater Hockey

EGGs sent a Junior and Senior team to Wellington for UWH Nationals. Both teams did exceptionally well! The Juniors placed 2nd and the Seniors placed 4th in a very tight game versus Wellington Girls.

We also had several students recognised in the tournament teams and as MVP's:

Junior MVP Alexandra Smith

Senior MVP Claudia Wallace

Junior Girls Tournament team: Anya Chaplow and Pippa Matheson

Senior Girls Tournament team: Terri Warner and Rae Kwan

Thank you to our TIC, Fiona Herbert, for travelling with the team and constant support throughout the year.