



Epsom Symphonia (Synthony performance) at the Rhapsody Rotorua Music Festival

Dear parents and caregivers

Thank you to everyone involved in the Subject Teacher Conferences – the logistics teams, teaching staff, students and parents. Last night's weather didn't make it easy, and today everyone is looking forward to the two week break. Senior students have had a number of end of term NCEA deadlines and junior students with courses finishing at the end of the term have been busy getting to the end point and end of course assessment.

A quick heads up for next term – Father Daughter Breakfast is Wednesday 7 August at Eden Park. Watch out for an email early next term about ticket sales as this event is usually a sellout. This is an opportunity for dads, father figures and grandads to join the students for a very special occasion.

We are committed to a broad and deep curriculum, and co-curricular programme, which together result in a rich learning experience. At this time of the year I would like to thank the staff, volunteers, students and parents who give so much to the School, to make this rich experience a reality. Service, giving back, is a hallmark in the history of Epsom Girls Grammar School and the example of it continues from generation to generation. We see a lot within the school and there are also all the various things that happen in the local community. Just recently I received very positive feedback from a local resthome where some of our students volunteer. People agree that giving to others benefits the giver as well as the recipient, improving things for all. If you are thinking about a service activity – whether it is coaching (and we have student and adult coaches), volunteering for Outreach or Interact, the PTA, Sports Council or any of the other opportunities advertised in the School, give it a go.

Next term we start the process of students choosing their options for next year – please see Coming Up on this page, and also Page 3 for the important dates and details.

School will finish as normal at 3.15pm this afternoon, and I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 1....

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| Mon 22 Jul | Year 10 Options Assembly
Senior Course Selection
Booklets available online |
| Thur 25 Jul | Pathways Info Evening |
| Sat 27-28 Jul | Chinese Extravaganza, RFAC |

Coming up in Week 2

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| Mon 29 Jul | Online Course Selection for
Years 11-13 via Web Portal |
| Wed 31 Jul | Course Info Evening |
| Fri 2-3 Aug | Korean Night, AGS |

[TO VIEW MORE EVENTS CLICK HERE >](#)

PATHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 25th July
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Epsom Girls Grammar School
Marjory Adams Hall



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BOT NEWS

I would like to welcome the new Board of Trustees after the recently held triennial board election process. Congratulations to all elected trustees with special mention to our new trustees, Tovia Va'aelua, Virginia Bishop and Wendy Kerr. The skills and expertise these new trustees bring is exciting. Congratulations also to those re-elected, Rachel Heeney (Staff rep), Philip Bradley, Julie Goodyer and Kate Smith, while Kiri Turketo remains our Whanau representative and Promise Akindeju our very enthusiastic student rep. The board's first meeting last week was a meet and greet opportunity and also time to begin the induction process that focuses on our governance role and strategic expectations.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the election candidates for your willingness to become involved in the governance role at EGGs. It is great to see such high interest from the community and I hope we can keep this interest alive in other aspects of the school. Thank you also to those trustees who stepped down prior to the election. Parent reps Paul Gestro and Andrew Stevens who both made significant contributions within the Finance and Property portfolios, Lynley Shewiery after 8 years of service, deputy chair for the past 3 years, the board foundation trustee and involved in the curriculum and personnel sub-committees, and also to our co-opted Pasifika representatives Tanya Williams and Charles Aiolupotea. It was a pleasure working with you and all the best for your future endeavours.

Another busy term draws to a close, the L block project is progressing well and on track for the mid November completion date, Silver Road and Owens Road access and parking issues is a work in progress and the outcomes very dependent on costings and our funding capabilities. Property maintenance and our future requirements are currently being discussed with the Ministry of Education and as you

can imagine a school of our age and size has many maintenance items on our wish list. The discussions to date have been positive so we are hopeful that funding will be made available to tackle many of these maintenance issues.

Congratulations to all involved across the arts, culture and sporting facets of EGGs. The reporting process to the board on a monthly basis keeps us well informed of all the fantastic achievements across these diverse range of programmes offered at EGGs. It's very impressive and all involved should be extremely proud.

Term 2 has seen disruption as teachers continue to battle for equity, recognition and support and there are signs the various parties are making progress. The board supports the teachers in this fight as our core governance function is to promote improved learning outcomes and without engaged teachers this task becomes more and more challenging. My message to the MOE has been to think creatively to deliver a solution that is future focused and rebuilds a profession that has lost some appeal for the younger generations.

The board also congratulates Ms Sarah Dwan on her appointment as Principal of St Mary's College in Ponsonby. This is an amazing opportunity and Sarah richly deserves this promotion. As a deputy principal at EGGs for the last 5 years Sarah has embraced the leadership opportunities, is highly respected by her peers and the students and will be greatly missed by the EGGs community. I wish Sarah all the very best and look forward to watching from afar as her career develops. From a board's perspective it is pleasing to note the strong leadership development pathways for EGGs staff and during my time on the board there has been at least 7 staff members going on to become Principals.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing term break.

Chris Iles, Board Chair

ENROLMENT FOR 2020

Applications are invited for Years 9 - 13

HOME ZONE PLACES

Year 9 applicants who live in the home zone should submit their applications by 4 September 2019.

Years 10-13 applicants who live in the home zone should contact the school.

OUT OF ZONE PLACES

Applications are invited for Ballots for Out of Zone places (only students currently enrolled at other schools are eligible).

The deadline for the receipt of applications is Wednesday 4 September 2019.

This includes applications from priority applicants ie. sisters of current students, sisters of past students, daughters of past students, daughters of Board of Trustee members and employees.

Ballots for each year level will be held on **Wednesday 11 September 2019**.

Year 9: The Board expects to be able to offer out of zone places at Year 9 to priority groups and a limited number of general applicants, however, at this time it is unable to confirm the actual number that will be available.

Years 10, 11, 12 & 13: We will ballot for waiting lists only and any places becoming available will be filled from those lists. The Board expects to decide whether any places are available by November.

Request an application form [here](#). Enquiries ph 630 5963, enrolments@eggs.school.nz

GENERAL NEWS

2020 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 2020. On **Monday 22nd July**, the 2020 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 [eggs-life/academic-learning/years-11-13/](#). 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 25th July, 5.30 - 7.30pm** where tertiary providers will display their programmes and answer any questions.

On **Wednesday 31st July 6.00 - 7.30pm**, we invite students and families to attend the **Course Information and Options Selection 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. There will be presentations every 20 minutes from the Careers Department about Med School and Engineering applications and the Senior Deans, year level Deputy Principal's and Qualifications Manager will be available to help with any queries.

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 29th July** and must have made their selections by **8am on Monday 12th August**.

Pathways Information Evening

Students from all year levels and their parents are welcome to attend. This will be an opportunity for you to learn about the programmes offered by tertiary providers, to ask them about employment outcomes for specific programmes, and to gain insight into the pathways your child might be interested in. We will have representatives from over 30 organisations including all 8 New Zealand universities.

This year, we will also be presenting a talk: **"Parents as Career Educators – Top 10 Ways to Help"** at **6pm** in the staffroom.

We look forward to seeing you there.

COURSE SELECTION - IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 22 July	Year 10 Options Assembly
Thursday 25 July	Pathways Info Evening - Tertiary providers
Monday 29 July	Course selection available on the Web Portal in the primary caregiver view
Wednesday 31 July	Course Information and Option Selection Evening (Years 10, 11, and 12)
Monday 12 August	8am Completion of online Course selection

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CURRICULUM NEWS

Visit by Grace Taylor, poet, performer and producer

Poet, performer and producer Grace Taylor visited Year 11 Writing for Publication and a Year 10 class this week to talk about her work. She performed spoken word poems and talked about her life as a writer, encouraging the students to 'speak their truth' and find ways to be creative every day.



Grace with Year 10 students

Keeping Ourselves Safe on Social Media

On June 18 parents and students attended a presentation from Pauline Spence (Netsafe NZ) and Holly Stiles (Community Liaison Police) about how to support our young people to keep themselves safe in their use of social media and phones. Netsafe provided the following tips to share with our community.

Seven Top Tips

1. Know the rights roles and responsibilities of being online. The Harmful Digital Communications Act lays out clearly what online communications must not do. The Ten Communications Principles that sit behind the legislation give NZers clear guidance around what harmful digital communications look like. Netsafe has a role under the civil part of the legislation and provides free advice and support for those suffering harm online. Anything that involves illegal behaviour/ content is dealt with by the police.
 2. Privacy and keeping things private. Young people need to understand the impact of their digital footprint (we are calling it a digital tattoo now as it doesn't wash away). Every time we click, send, share, post, buy or download, it leaves a path and a track of where we have been and can have a lasting impact. Young people need an awareness of the role of passwords and the importance of keeping them private. They also need to understand that not every one is who they seem online and as soon as they press 'send', they lose control of that content.
 3. Be proactive – don't wait for things to go wrong online. Be prepared and make sure that we are the soft place for our young people to fall if things don't happen the way they thought they would. Make a plan and help to prepare young people through building resilience and developing skills so that they can make safe, responsible and informed choices.
 4. Have conversations and avoid assumptions. The only people who truly understand what is happening for young people online are the young people themselves. We see things differently to how young people see things and we need to make sure we are listening to them.
 5. Social Media – 13+ age limit. Social spaces online were created for adults and there are a number of challenges that arise when we allow young people to co-share space with adults. They are likely to be exposed to adult situations and content and in space where we are not on hand to support them.
 6. We know that the online space intensifies emotional responses and impact, and prolongs exposure. Bullying and online challenges is now 24/7 with an unknown audience and the longevity of what is posted increases the fallout and impact. Young people are not disconnecting overnight and so it is important that we support them to do so, including keeping devices out of bedrooms.
 7. Contact Netsafe at any time. Text 'Netsafe' to 4282, phone 0508NETSAFE, help@netsafe.org.nz or via our reporting form at [netsafe.org.nz](https://www.netsafe.org.nz)
- There is also a wealth of [info for parents on our website](#) as well as [resources that schools can download and share with their parent/whānau community](#). Netsafe also advise people to contact them directly with any questions or concerns.

Netsafe / +64 211100975/ www.netsafe.org.nz

EGGS Model UN 2019 Conference

The EGGS Model United Nations Group held its annual event last Saturday. Running from 9:30am-2:00pm it was an exciting event for all 50 participants involved. The girls represented a specific country in two separate committee sessions. Issues being debated were on Media Manipulation and the potential use of NBC (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical) weapons.

All the girls enjoyed sharing their ideas throughout the day, and many observers commented on the depth and quality of the discussions. The 'Art of Persuasion' workshop, which helped students to enhance their communication and debating skills was also a great success.

Thank you to all of the students and staff involved in the day, as well as UN Youth Auckland who provided the event material.

Model United Nations is one of the fastest growing Learning groups at Epsom, with around 70 girls being involved in events so far this year. Three girls from the group (Sophie Larsen, Talia Thomas and Marcail Parkinson) are heading down to Wellington this holidays to represent Epsom Girls Grammar at the New Zealand Model United Nations, a four day event held at Victoria University.



American Latin Exam

In assemblies last week we acknowledged the achievements of a group of our Year 10-13 Latin students who gained excellent results earlier this year in the National Latin Exam. This is an exam run by the American Classical League in the US and sat by over 100,000 students around the world. It tests students on both their Latin language knowledge and their familiarity with Roman history, culture and mythology. Our students were awarded a range of gold and silver medals as well as *magna cum laude* ('with great praise') certificates.



Senior Latin (left to right)

Laura Peacock, Caitlin Ashby, Davina Huang, Imogen Wyers (silver medal),
Peace Yin (silver medal), Mila Matthews (silver medal),
Talia Thomas (silver medal), Drishti Murara and Azura Iqbal.



Year 10 (left to right)

Amy Chisholm, Amita Ram, Jennifer Lau (silver medal),
Jenny Lu (gold medal), Nancy Wei (silver medal),
Mayley Gao and Dharshna Baskhar.
Absent: Mishaarni Aravinthan, Jiwoo Shin and Celia Forsberg.

Year 11 Drama - Highwic House

On Wednesday the 26th June, Year 11 Drama students walked down to the historic 'Highwic House' in Newmarket. This visit, and one earlier in the year, enabled students to plan and devise a scene to perform in the house as part of their NCEA 1.2 assessment. This was a great opportunity for the students to develop their drama skills, producing some really great scenes and performances.



Le Petit Déjeuner – Miam-miam!

Year 9 French classes are learning about school life and food in France. French breakfast was the topic on Friday when Philippe's Chocolate delivered 65 pains au chocolat and croissants. Students had hot chocolate in bowls to go with the pastries and they ordered from their teacher in French. They said they loved trying something different for breakfast and learning about French culture via their taste buds. The overall feeling – C'est délicieux!



ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

Chinese Extravaganza

Chinese Extravaganza 2019 is fast approaching. Epsom and Auckland Grammar students are well underway with preparation for the annual, one of a kind, EGGs x AGS Chinese Extravaganza 2019. It includes Modern Dance, Drama, Traditional Dance, Diablo and many more and we guarantee that the performers will impress you.

Dates: Saturday 27 July 6-8pm
Sunday 28 July 11am-1pm & 3-5pm

Place: Raye Freedman Arts Centre,
Silver Road, EGGs

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2019 July Saturday 6pm - 8pm	27
July Sunday 11am - 1pm 3pm - 5pm	28

Raye Freedman Arts Centre
Tickets available on iTicket from 4th July
\$15 each

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For more information [click here](#)



Mountain Biking

The EGGs mountain bike team raced at Hunua, South Auckland for the 2nd race of the Auckland Schools Mountain Bike competition on Sunday 26 May. Hunua is a tight, technical course where riding execution is paramount. Our girls all rode great races and are currently leading the competition. Race results below:

U15	U20
2nd - Tegan Feringa	1st - Poppy Buissink
	2nd - Sarah Harvison
U17	
2nd - Scarlet Buissink	
5th - Claudia Coleman	

Football (NZ)

EGGS 1st XI Footballer Alisha Braun has been named in the New Zealand Under 16 team competing in China next month! Good Luck Alisha!



Cheerleading

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected into NZD Senior 2019. This team is competing at an advanced Level of Collegiate style Cheerleading also known as ICU. This is to prepare for Team NZ at the ICU Cheerleading World Championships and the Olympics!

Nayara Rivero
Laney Pyles
Madison Prince
Hayley Clark
Becky O'Sullivan (old girl)

Eliza Goldsmith has been selected into the Junior team.



Cycling

On Sunday 30th June our cycling teams competed in Race 4 of the Auckland Secondary Schools Team Time Trial Series and came away with some remarkable results allround. Our Junior A Team placed 1st, 38 seconds ahead of the next team, and our Senior A Team placed 1st, 32 seconds ahead of the next team, demonstrating their dominance so far this season.

While the results from the Senior and Junior A teams continue to be quite amazing, the Senior A Team achieved a first which is appropriate to take note of. The TTT start order is based on how fast teams rode the previous race. It does not consider the team gender or age group, it is simply a list of fastest to slowest times. On Sunday the Senior A Team started 5th - meaning that they were the 5th fastest team across all the Senior and Junior Women's and Boys teams across Auckland. No women's team has ever been this high on the start order before. They have held that position as a result of their ride this weekend.



Junior A Team



Senior A Team

Our Junior A Team had the 14th fastest time of the event which is remarkable especially on a day with many top teams running under their personal bests. The Junior A still took 13s off their best time this year. These results demonstrate the hard work and commitment the whole squad has put in.

The Senior A Team was – Ella Wyllie, Poppy Buissink, Lucy Thomson, Scarlett Buissink and Queenie McElwee

The Junior A Team was – Georgie Christie, Maia Barclay, Ally Gothard and Bee Townsend

The Epsom cycling squad are heading down to Cambridge this weekend to compete in the North Island Cycling Championships to compete in both road and track events. We wish them good luck and if you are around Lake Karapiro feel free to come show your support!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

RELIEF ADMIN STAFF NEEDED

We are looking for people to be trained to help us on a relief basis, when needed. Term time only and usually school hours.

People with the skills to do the following:

- attendance
- data entry
- reception
- staffroom duties.

If you are interested please email: office@eggs.school.nz with a one page CV.