



*Year 10 Camp on Wednesday morning*

Dear parents, caregivers and students

I was at Year 10 Camp on Wednesday and saw the first half of the cohort doing their last activity before pack-up; saw them off on the buses and then joined a yoga session and a kayaking session in the afternoon with the newly arrived students. I really appreciate the way the students just take it in their stride that another person is joining the group. The programme offers a wonderful variety of experiences and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who gave time to come to camp this week, and to Year 10 Camp Co-ordinator Emma Jensen and her team for organising and running this major event.

Last weekend I spent time on the Friday and Saturday at the North Island Rowing Championships at Lake Karapiro. Results are on page 6 of this edition of EGGSNEWS. It was an exciting event to watch and the rowers are now looking forward to Maadi Cup – the national competition. Sport results come out on the Epsom Sport Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EpsomGirlsGrammarSport/> - a great way of keeping right up to date. You can also see a range of results here in EGGSNEWS such as the Mountain Biking and Waka Ama.

#### **Environmental responsibility:**

This week Riley from Sustainable Coastlines has been at the school assemblies, reinforcing the key messages around single use plastic items. I hope more and more of us are inspired to have a reusable, sustainable drink bottle and coffee cup. Riley also talked about the importance of walking the extra few steps to place things in a bin, as litter on the land goes literally down the drain and ends up in the ocean. His example of turtles mistaking supermarket type bags for jellyfish and the impact of their eating them made a big impression on the audience.

We are now at the end of Week 6 and Fia Fia Night is tomorrow night. Everyone looks forward to this night – you can see the details to the right on this page. Good luck to all performance groups for Fia Fia Night and also for Polyfest next week. Our students represent themselves, their families, their culture and their school with pride and we look forward to a very happy week of celebration of the cultural diversity that makes up the Epsom community.

Ngā manaakitanga

Best wishes

Lorraine Pound - Principal

## **Coming up in Week 7....**

Wed 14-17th Mar Polyfest

## **Coming up in Week 8....**

Mon 19-25th Mar Summer Tournament Week

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## **FIA FIA NIGHT** **SATURDAY 10TH MARCH**

**FOOD STALLS: 4:30PM**

**PERFORMANCES: 6:00PM**

**ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION**

**VENUE: MARJORIE ADAMS HALL,  
EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

**FUJI xerox** 

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# GENERAL NEWS

## Term 1 Student Led Conferences - Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th March

Please make a note now of the dates for the Term 1 Conferences. For new families, these student-tutor-parent/caregiver conferences are student-led and focus on how a student is settling in to the demands of their new year level and it is an opportunity to plan ahead for the rest of the year. We know that student agency and a positive working relationship with families have an important impact on student progress and achievement and these conferences are a valuable part of that.

## TIMSS Testing - Year 10

The Ministry of Education's Educational Measurement and Assessment team has requested that our school take part in the field trial for the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS 2018/19). We have agreed to participate in this important project. Two year 10 classes have been chosen at random and will be asked to complete a mathematics and science test on the morning of the 5th of April. The purpose of the study is to obtain current national and international information that will help improve the teaching and learning of mathematics and science in our country. Further detail will be provided to the students involved in the coming weeks.

## New Special Education Needs Co-ordinator

Natasha Muschamp has joined the EGGS community as the new Special Education Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO). Natasha is responsible for students in Years 9 and 11 that have learning needs. She is also the liaison teacher for students that wish to access special assessment conditions. If you would like to contact Natasha, she can be reached by email [nmuschamp@eggs.school.nz](mailto:nmuschamp@eggs.school.nz) or 6305963 (Ext 782).



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## OPEN MORNING

**Tuesday, 10 April 2018**

8.45am and 10.45am

*Our local schools will have session times allocated*

## EPSOM HOUSE OPEN AFTERNOON

Boarding accommodation for out of Auckland students

1.00pm - 3.00pm

To visit the School or Epsom House please register online [www.eggs.school.nz](http://www.eggs.school.nz)

Registration available from Tuesday 13 March 2018

2019 Application forms will be available in June. Enquiries phone 630 5963.

## PTA

### Wine and Cheese Evening, 14th March at 7pm

A chance to come and meet other parents from Year 9 and 10, hear about aspects of school life and enjoy some wine and cheese.

Please RSVP here [> Wine and Cheese Evening](#)

## Student Council

On Tuesday lunchtime last week we had our training day for the tutor leaders where each member of the Student Council met with their year levels. In this meeting we decided on the Student Council Representatives for 2018 where three leaders were chosen from each year level to contribute the student voice of the school. The Student Council Representatives from each year level are as follows:

#### Prefects:

Katelyn Henshall 13CHR  
Sarah Redman 13SOO

#### Leader:

Jayna Patel 13NIL

#### Committee:

Aishcharya Dissanayake 13RIM  
Ashwita Kumar 13COT

#### Year 9 Representatives

Mishaarni Aravinthan 9COG  
Grace Gilmore 9FRW  
Pearl Tucker 9MIR

#### Year 10 Representatives

Jean Suhren 10KIM  
Rose Cory Darroch 10MAC  
Trenyce Fia 10NES

#### Year 11 Representatives

Samantha Smith 11JON  
Phoebe Klink 11MKV  
Elizabeth Charlie 11ROB

#### Year 12 Representatives

Zian Debenham-Tau'atevalu 12GHA  
Sophie Martin 12MAK  
Anushka Unnikrishnan 12RUS

#### Year 13 Representatives

Prajna Sundar 13COT  
Yuthari Kariyawasam 13MAH  
Azel Saralaeva 13WRI



We are really looking forward to working with you all this year!



## CURRICULUM NEWS

### Environmental Science - Trip to Goat Island

26 Girls from 10EVS spent the day at Goat Island on Monday 26 February. They visited Auckland University's Marine Discovery Centre where they learned about marine food webs and the importance of reserves for marine ecosystems. In the afternoon they had the chance to see the ecosystem in action as they snorkelled in the reserve.



*Environmental Science - Goat Island*

## ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

### 2018 Choir Trip

The school choirs – Epsom Singers, Canto Vivo, and Paradisum – have recently had a fantastic weekend away on the annual choir camp to Eastern Beach. The trip was a huge success – 120 students attended for a weekend of singing and preparation for this year's concerts and competitions. Many thanks to all of the wonderful staff, students and parents who were involved.

We are very much looking forward to our choirs singing in their next performance at the **Last Night of the Proms** concert, 7.30pm on **April 12th** in the Raye Freedman Centre. See you there!



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# FOUNDATION NEWS

## Save the date!

Coming your way on **Thursday 5 April 2018, 6pm-9pm** – our very own **Garden Party**. All funds raised from this event will go towards the L Block renovation.

We'll be in touch with more information very soon.

## Your donation counts, help us raise \$150,000

We're upgrading our L Block into a flexible learning environment to meet the needs of our students, families and teachers. As the government will only fund the interior of the block, the school needs to raise \$150,000 to extend the flexible learning environment to a multi-purpose outdoor space too. A space that will be used for breakout learning, meetings, individual and group work and covered recreational space for lunchtimes. Help us build the whole package.

With your generous support we can provide our students with an outdoor area that:

- encourages creative thinking
- provides access to the winter sun's light and heat
- provides protection from summer heat and sun
- gives shelter from the rain during all seasons

Help us raise \$150,000.

The flexible learning environment creates positive, supportive relationships between students and teachers and forms the basis for our learning. Breakout areas helps teachers equip our students with the skills and knowledge they need - evidence shows that the physical design of a space can support innovative learning, collaborative and independent.

### *Donate today*

To make a contribution for any amount you choose, small or large, please complete a [donation form](#).

Thank you for supporting EGGS.

## Leave a lasting legacy

If you would like to support the future success of Epsom Girls Grammar School in areas including:

- education
- sports facilities and resources
- teaching
- community benefit

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.

Speak in confidence with the Foundation Office by phone 09 970 6753 or by email [foundation@eggs.school.nz](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz) if you're interested in leaving a lasting legacy.

Please download our [My Legacy](#) booklet or visit [www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/bequests.aspx](http://www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/bequests.aspx) for more information.





## Rowing

### North Island Secondary Schools Championships

Over the weekend, 45 students competed at Lake Karapiro as a part of the Epsom Rowing Team. The team came away with the following results:

Bronze- GU18 Novice 8+

Bronze- GU18 4+

Silver- GU17 8+

Gold- GU16 8+

*Photo credit: Karapiro Rowing Incorporated*



## Swimming

### AKSS Swimming Central Zones

Last Thursday, 17 Epsom students competed and came away with the following results:

Erin Hamilton- 3rd, Girls 13 & Under 50m Breaststroke

Mackenzie Brears- 2nd, Girls 14-15 50m Breaststroke

Junior Relay Team- 3rd 200m Freestyle Relay

Junior Relay Team- 3rd 200m Medley Relay

Intermediate Relay Team- 3rd 200m Freestyle Relay

Intermediate Relay Team- 2nd 200m Medley Relay

Senior Relay Team- 3rd 200m Freestyle Relay

Senior Relay Team- 2nd 200m Medley Relay

## Waka Ama

Last weekend the Epsom Waka Ama Team competed at the Auckland Secondary School Champs in Orakei. The team successfully came away with 3rd place in the U19 500m!



## Mountain Biking



Last Sunday the Epsom Mountain Biking team raced their first event at Riverhead Forest. Congratulations to the Senior Relay team who placed first, this team consisted of Poppy Buissink, Scarlett Buissink and Maia Barclay who is a new Year 9 student racing in the Senior division! Additional results included, Poppy who won the U20 race, Scarlett who placed 3rd in the U17 race and Maia who placed 2nd in the U15 race.



## Triathlon

On Wednesday four Epsom teams and 2 individual competitors raced at Maraetai. However, due to water conditions, Triathlon turned to a Duathlon instead. Both U19 teams placed 1st and 2nd in their grade, as well as the Junior team placing 2nd. Congratulations to all competitors!

## Athletics

Athletics day was a huge success in Week 4 with the majority of our EGGs students competing! Well done to all of those students who participated and our sports captains for helping the day run smoothly. Champs will be announced in the next newsletter.



## Summer Tournament Week

Good luck to all of the sports teams going away next week to compete in New Zealand Secondary Nationals! We will be posting results on Facebook next week and in the next newsletter.



THREE KINGS SCHOOL

# 140th Jubilee Celebration



**Friday 6th April 2018**

**School Open:** 10.00am – 7.30pm

**Celebration Assembly:** 11.30am – 12.30pm

Three Kings School is 140 years old and we're celebrating a rich history.

You're invited to our Open Day on Friday 6th April.

The school will be open from 10.00am – 7.30pm to enable you to walk through the school, share memories and view photos and memorabilia, that will be displayed in the school library area. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available throughout the day.

You are cordially invited to attend an assembly at 11.30am – 12.30pm.

You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to share with the students and staff on the school field from 12.30pm – 1.30pm.

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Mt Roskill, Auckland

Ph: 09 625 7208  
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*Registrations are not required.*

 **RAYE FREEDMAN  
ARTS CENTRE**

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