



*Pavement Art 2020 - Theme: Women Artists*

*Students had before school, interval, lunchtime and a little time after school to complete their entries for the 2020 Pavement Art competition. Winners announced early next term.*

*More photos on page 3.*

## ***Coming up in Week 1....***

Mon 12 Oct	Term 4 begins
Wed 14 Oct	School exams begin
Thu 15 Oct	Level 2 Art Folio Exhibition - School Hall, 3.15pm

## ***Coming up in Week 2***

Mon 19 Oct	School exams continue
Wed 21 Oct	Last day of exams
Thu 22 Oct	Senior Workshops Day
Fri 23 Oct	Teacher only day

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

Today is the last day of the term, and I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the holidays. For Year 12 and 13 students, NCEA exams starting later has meant that the school exams have shifted to the first part of next term, so during these holidays they will need to be revising. For the first few days I would recommend taking a real break though – it has been a long and busy time for internal assessment over the last few weeks.

Once the school exams have finished Year 12 and 13 will have 9 school days (Labour Day Monday 26 October) before they go on study leave at the end of the day on Friday 6 November. This gives time in class for valuable feedback from the school exams. Then the Year 12 and 13 students have a full week at home on study leave before the NCEA exams start on Monday 16 November. During that week there may be tutorials that subjects are offering. If a student is coming to the School for a tutorial or to meet with a teacher for exam preparation, they need to be in full and correct uniform. Many Year 11 students have further internal assessments next term and all who did the MCAT have completed their very first NCEA external examination. They have been working really hard and they put focus and attention into their preparation and revision for that MCAT – congratulations!

Last week as the wind was causing havoc on the harbour bridge the Year 10 students who went on the Steinlager Sailing Trip were coming south into the harbour with the rain and wind gusts. You may have seen the facebook post of this trip which is a wonderful opportunity, complete with early morning sea swims.

This week we welcomed three alumnae guest speakers Tapu Ki Tea Vea, Katharine Atafu-Mayo and Alisi Tatafu to the Pasifika Futures event. Thank you to our guests for providing their expertise and inspiration. Also this week it was wonderful to be able to celebrate award winners at the Arts and Cultural Awards and the Pavement Art was amazing – the entries themed on women artists were of a very high standard.

The Student Representative on the Board of Trustees election has been held and the new Representative is Waikamania Seve – congratulations to Waikamania, and thank you to all candidates who stood.

Best wishes for the holidays.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Like the earlier terms this year, term 3 will be remembered for many reasons as we all continue to navigate this Covid 19 environment. The term started in level one but quickly altered direction in early August and as we approach the end of term 3 Auckland moves into level two with the hope that by the start of next term we can enjoy the greater freedom of level one.

The impact Covid 19 has had on the school environment cannot be underestimated. We cannot escape, nor should we ignore the effect this pandemic has on the students, staff and the EGGs community. Neither should we shy away from the challenges thrown at us during this very difficult year. The Board has been very involved in working with the community who have been directly impacted by the pandemic and we will continue to support where we can. Strong governance protocols at testing times are crucial to ensure we remain focused on our core responsibilities. Support of our educational experts has been at the forefront of these responsibilities throughout 2020. The senior leadership team, led by our Principal Mrs Lorraine Pound need to be commended for the leadership of the school during these unprecedented times. And it hasn't been easy. There have been instances requiring strong leadership and the Board endorses and fully supports the Principal and the actions undertaken to address these issues. As a school we want to promote responsible online activity and I do ask, that as parents we need to also take responsibility for the online activity of our children.

I would like to take a moment to share with the community what the financial impact of Covid 19 looks like for a school like EGGs. For 2021 we are projecting a seven digit hole as we forecast a significant drop in our self-generated income. This will not be acceptable for the Ministry of Education but this is reality and they need to understand this and support schools accordingly. One key income stream for EGGs is our International Department, however, the uncertainty of student numbers requires a very conservative approach to our budget planning. Our parent donations this year are \$200k below levels achieved last year and with this in mind we have decided to reduce donations for 2021 to reflect the difficulty families have endured in 2020 but also to attempt to drive up our overall collection levels above 65%. Other income streams, including hireage of facilities is predicted to remain at low levels but we are encouraging the school to drive this important revenue stream when the current level restrictions ease.

We continue to carefully manage our expenditure base, but as a school we must continue to focus on the learning outcomes of our students. We have deferred maintenance and capital projects but this can only be sustained for a short period. We will also be asking the community to subsidise areas of expenditure that the school is unable to continue to fully fund, such as student ID cards and the school magazine. I have asked the Ministry for greater support but to no avail and will continue to push the Government to provide additional funding for all schools to ensure more drastic cost cutting measures are avoided. If they can pump money into a bungy business then then can also support our future generation!

I would also like to recognise that 2020 has had a tremendous impact on the student group and in-particular the Year 13 leavers. I know that your final year is supposed to be, in part, a celebration of your educational journey but will be remembered for many other reasons. While term four is full of assessments and exams the summer break is your reward after a tough year.

Let's all hope the country continues to re-open and begin the long journey of recovery.

Kia Kaha.

Regards

*Chris Iles - Board Chair*

## GENERAL NEWS

### Important Dates:

Wednesday 14 October..... School exams begin  
Wednesday 14 & 21 October..... Year 9 and 10 arrive by 9.00am  
Wednesday 21 October..... Last day of School exams  
Thursday 22 October..... Workshops for practical subjects (Year 11 working from home)  
Friday 23 October..... Teacher only day  
Friday 6 November..... Year 12 and 13 start study leave 3.15pm  
Wednesday 11 November ..... Senior Prize giving for Years 11, 12 and 13 (2.00 - 4.00pm)  
Monday 16 November..... NCEA exams start  
Friday 27 November ..... Last day for Year 11  
Thursday 10 December ..... Last day of Term

# UNIFORM & STATIONERY SHOP

## SHOP HOURS (Term Four)

Monday	11.05 – 11.25am	12.00 – 1.30pm	3.15 – 4.00pm
Tuesday	11.05 – 11.25am	12.00 – 1.30pm	3.15 – 4.00pm
Wednesday	10.25 – 10.45am	12.00 – 1.30pm	
Thursday	11.05 – 11.25am	12.00 – 1.30pm	3.15 – 4.00pm
Friday	11.00 – 11.25am	12.00 – 1.40pm	

► [Uniform Price List](#)

**For your convenience the Uniform Shop will also be open in the holidays:**

Tuesday October 6th	10.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday October 7th	10.00am - 3.00pm

# ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

## Arts & Cultural Awards

On Wednesday 23rd of September the annual Arts and Cultural Awards was held in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre at 4pm. The event was a wonderful chance to acknowledge the outstanding work done by students across the breadth of Arts and Culture. While only students and teachers could attend, we were able to live stream the ceremony and compile a filmed version, which will be distributed to all award winners and their whanau. Performances were showcased in digital format, awards were accepted with an elbow bump instead of a handshake and the Prefects spoke eloquently about a year that has been both disappointing and formative. The Arts and Cultural leaders have shown incredible resilience in a year that has consisted mainly of cancelled events. There was a warm, celebratory feeling within the theatre and the committee were grateful to be able to gather, even if it meant sitting in a physically distanced manner. The Arts and Cultural Department would like to congratulate all award and scholarship winners. We are looking forward to 2021 and opportunities for more live performance.



► [Award Winners 2020](#)

## Pavement Art 2020



## HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Epsom Girls Grammar School has International Students who due to border restrictions are unable to return home during the summer holidays and who require Homestay accommodation both long and short term. NZ\$305.00 in 2020 and NZ\$310.00 in 2021 per week is paid to cover full board and internet.

Hosting an international student is an enriching experience and a good way for your family to learn about a new culture. If you are able to provide a caring and supportive environment, English is your first language, you have a spare room and live within close distance to school, we look forward to hearing from you.

**Please call Jo Bostock on 970 6757 for further information**

or email [accommodation@eggs.school.nz](mailto:accommodation@eggs.school.nz)



# OGA NEWS

Alas, Covid and its restrictions have played havoc with our best-laid plans. We have had to postpone our planned Ro Bellamy Memorial Brunch and will look to run this event next year in our Centenary year. Meanwhile, the beautiful daffodils that the late Ro's husband Dick planted have been blooming brightly during springtime.

We sent out our September Newsletter to Old Girls – lots of information about alumnae and School events, including the School Ball. We are so pleased that the Year 13s got to enjoy this special evening.

Plans are well under way for the Graduation Dinner for Year 13 leavers and their families and we sincerely hope that Covid does not get in the way of this annual event which is always a highlight. It will be the only event that the OGA has been able to bring to fruition in this most challenging of years.

The OGA will celebrate 100 years in 2021 and plans are well in hand for special events on Saturday 27th March 2021, with a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 28th March. A book looking back on the history of the OGA is being written and will be ready for our Centenary events. We hope Old Girls near and far will support us and come together to share in these events. We do have some contingency dates if Covid gets in the way, but let's hope not.

Happy holidays!

*Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry*



# FOUNDATION NEWS

## Apply Now for the Heritage Fund Round 4

The Heritage Fund Round 4 closing date is 5pm Friday 16 October.

The Heritage Fund was established in 2006 by the Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation to provide grants to the School, students or staff for activities and items which will benefit Epsom Girls Grammar School and its school community.

These are items and activities that are not funded within the school budget and therefore contribute to maintaining high standards and opportunities for which EGGS is known. Grants from this fund are usually between \$100 and \$400 each.

Any current EGGS student, staff or EGGS student and staff groups can apply for the Heritage Fund.

- Some of the successful applicants include:
- Funding towards the purchase of performance poi for the Kapa Haka Group
- Funding towards 1st XI Cricket uniforms
- Funding towards high jump training fees
- Contribution towards vertical garden
- Purchasing of visors for the cycling team
- Funding towards purchasing Wearable Arts framed photographs for A-Block stairwell
- Funding towards purchasing a design technology display case
- Funding towards the purchase of new ukuleles for the Cook Island Cultural Group
- Supporting the costs of Science Club weekly experiments
- Funding towards the purchase of garden plants and equipment

Applications are submitted to the Foundation for funding consideration four times a year.

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For more information and the application form please visit

<https://www.eggs.school.nz/our-family/the-eggs-foundation/heritage-fund/>

# SPORT



## Netball

Congratulations to Epsom Old Girl and 2018 Sport Liason-Greer Sinclair, on her selection into the New Zealand U21 Netball squad. The team will begin their preparation for the Netball World Youth Cup in Fiji, 2021. We wish Greer all the best!

Waikato Bay of Plenty Magic



## Rugby

Epsom Old Girl- Vineta Teutau made her debut alongside Miss Blackwell for the Auckland Storm. The team came away with a 29-22 win against Northland! Miss Blackwell interviewed Vineta after their game.

## 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 :

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