



Epsom Girls Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

Epsom Girls Grammar School – Principal’s Bulletin

Dear Parents and caregivers,

We have had a smooth start to Term 2 and we congratulate our girls for their mature and responsible approach to our phones expectations. Mobile phones are ‘away for the day’ at Epsom Girls Grammar School, including during interval and lunch time. There is increasing research about the benefits on study and social interactions which are uninterrupted by digital distractions and we thank parents and caregivers who have supported their daughters to either keep their phone at home or to keep it turned off and in their bag for the day. We have already noticed an increase in physical play and face-to-face interactions during break times and we will look to further offer organised activities at lunch times to provide more opportunities for students to build the connections and camaraderie that our students enjoy at our school.

This bulletin has important information about a school closure in week 3, information about purchasing tickets for our Production, and other school events and notices.

Early school finish on Monday 13 May

The PPTA has called for a paid union meeting on Monday 13 May. Epsom Girls Grammar School has a large proportion of staff who are members of the PPTA so the school will need to close at 12:25pm (after period 3) on this day. If year 9 students need supervision for the afternoon, parents should contact their Dean to arrange this.

EGGS/AGS Production – “School of Rock”

Tickets are still on sale for the EGGS / AGS musical “School of Rock”. Music is by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Glenn Slater and the script is by Julian Fellowes (of Downton Abbey fame). This musical comedy is based on the classic family movie by the same name. It is funny, fast-paced and will entertain the whole family.

It follows the story of Dewey Finn who finds himself out of a job and kicked out of his band and (in order to earn some money) pretends to be a teacher at the illustrious Horace Green School. Dewey is surprised to find he enjoys seeing his students succeed as they connect over their skill in and love of music.

Ticket sales:

<https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2024/may/eggs-school-of-rock>



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Biology Poster evening

The Biology department is presenting some year 12 and 13 students' work on display in the Raye Freedman Art Centre at 5pm, on Wednesday 15 May. At 5:45pm there will also be presentations by some of New Zealand's leading scientists, Dr Ofa Dewes, on the importance of ethnic based research, Dr Anna Brooks, on Long Covid, Associate Professor Guy Warman, on the importance of understanding blue light, and Professor Rinki Murphy on diabetes and Ozempic. The evening is expected to be finished at approximately 6:30pm. Light refreshments will be served so an RSVP would be appreciated (click on the link [here](#) to RSVP).

Year 13 Study periods from Term 2

We remind year 13 students that study periods are a valuable opportunity for students to stay on top of their course work, meet with their peers in study groups, attend meetings and tutorials as well as find out about Careers and Pathways beyond school, or visit Student Support. In order to support students to develop independence and self-management skills, the following expectations are in place for Year 13:

- Those with a study period during period 1 on Wednesday or Friday may arrive for school on-time for their period 2 class.
- All students are expected to be at school by 8.30am for tutor time every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Those with study as their **final** period(s) of the day may leave school rather than staying at school for their study period(s).
- No student may leave the school grounds unless they have a leave pass for an appointment during normal timetabled periods. In this instance, they must use the usual process for obtaining a leave pass from the Attendance Station during tutor time.

No students are allowed to leave school grounds during the school day without a printed leave pass. The only exception to this is students with study timetabled at the end of the school day.

Homestay families required for Term 2 – 4, 2024

The Epsom Girls Grammar School International Department are looking for host families who can provide a caring and supportive home environment for an international student. If English is your first language, you have a spare room and live within a short distance of school, we look forward to hearing from you. Hosting an international student is an enriching experience and a wonderful opportunity to share your family life, Kiwi culture and hospitality and to experience other cultures and learn more about the world.

Term 2 NZ\$350.00 per week is paid to cover full board.

Term 3 & 4 NZ\$380.00 per week

Term 1 - 2025 NZ\$400.00 per week

Please call Bronwyn McNeill on 970 6757 for further information or email bmcneill@eggs.school.nz



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Brenda McNaughton
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