

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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The blessing of the new Epsom House Manuka Pod took place on Wednesday 26 September at 6am. The official opening will take place in November. Thank you to everyone involved in the process.

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Everyone is ready for the end of Term 3 this afternoon. Senior students will be working out, on an individual basis, how much time and attention they need to give to preparation and revision for the external examinations in November. It will also be important for them to put some time aside during the holidays to stop school work; to relax and have a break. The most important thing about this is to work out honestly what proportion those two things need to be in for your own circumstances. Junior students are not expected to be doing homework during the holidays, and they should enjoy the chance to have a holiday.

A large number of students did digital exams in one or more subjects during the school exam period. They had tested out the internet access in the hall at an assembly beforehand and we are really pleased with our IT infrastructure coping with the large numbers involved. It will be interesting to see how digital examinations develop over the next couple of years and Epsom students continue to be an important source of feedback for NZQA.

On Wednesday night the annual Arts and Cultural Awards Evening showcased and recognised the talent of students across the diverse range of activities that make up the arts and cultural world here at Epsom. Through the generosity of benefactors a significant number of scholarships were awarded and the evening with its Carnivale theme was a wonderful way for the year to be celebrated. Next term we will have the Community Awards, the Learning Awards and the Sports Dinner, the end of year celebrations for the other three areas or 'Eggs' of co-curricular activity.

I am thrilled to be going to the Netball National Tournament later in the second week of the holidays – the Premier Team have made history this year and everyone is right behind them as they go forward to the nationals.

I hope everyone really enjoys the holiday break and I look forward to being able to share with you the Education Review Report early next term, when it should be released.

Ngā mihi / Regards

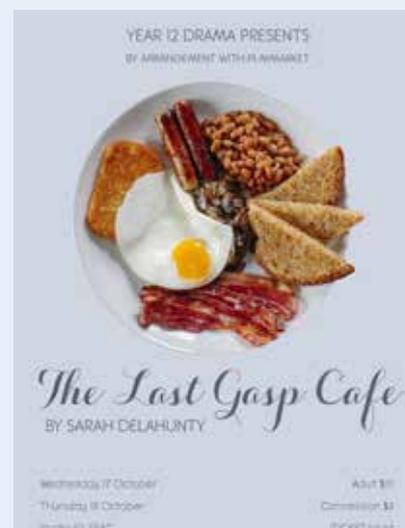
Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 1....

Mon 15 Oct Term 1 begins
Wed 17-18 Oct Year 12 Drama Production -
The Last Gasp Cafe

Coming up in Week 2...

Mon 22 Oct Labour Day holiday
Tue 23 Oct Community Awards
Wed 24 Oct Learning Awards
Thur 25 Oct Sports Dinner



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Another very busy term draws to an end and for senior students an opportunity to re-charge the batteries before a final push towards external exams. As my daughter noted over the weekend she only has 4 weeks of high school left before her next stage in life's journey begins.

There have been a number of fund raising events this term, all in aid of raising much needed funds for the L Block re-development project. Many thanks for all involved in organising these great events, which included the 'Women in NZ Politics' discussion and an 'Evening with Helen Clark'. The next exciting event is 'Meet the Maker' scheduled for November 2nd which should be a great night and again all proceeds go towards L Block so if you haven't already please purchase your tickets through iticket.co.nz

The focus for the Board this term has been the visit from ERO, finalising the Masterplan and completing a review of the Strategic Plan and setting strategic goals for the next phase in the School's development.

The Masterplan is finally complete and thank you to all involved in its evolution. I say evolution because it has evolved over a period of time but I'm confident we now have a plan that identifies priorities that the school community can drive to fruition over a timeframe that each new cohort will benefit from during their time at EGGs.

The Board also spent two Saturdays deep in planning mode, firstly reviewing the current strategic goals and achievements and then formulating new goals for the future. A School's overall purpose is one of learning so obviously this needs to be the core of any goal(s). To achieve one's very best in learning the environment and the

community are the foundations that need to grow and develop. These are the key strategic priorities the Board and senior management identified and clear objectives will be established to meet these needs over the coming years. Thank you to the community for all the survey feedback, both positive and constructive. It provided a great opportunity to engage the wider community and this consultation was a valued resource during the strategic review and also a useful tool for the senior leadership team. The new Strategic Plan 2019-2021 will be launched at the beginning of 2019.

The 'Tomorrow's Schools Review' task force is due to report back to the Minister in early November. This report will establish any case for change, and the recommendations will lay groundwork for more detailed policy work during 2019. The issues this task force is reviewing include:

- how well our schools are meeting the needs and aspirations of every child who walks in the gate
- how we can improve the way schools work together
- the impact of increased competition between schools
- whether enrolment schemes are working fairly
- how effectively are boards of trustees working overall
- how the performance and quality of individual schools, and the schooling system as a whole, can be better assessed.

I wish everyone an enjoyable term break and the very best to all students as you prepare for your exams next term.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the trustees for your support and the commitment of many additional hours this term. It is a pleasure to work with a trustee group so passionate about EGGs.

Chris Iles, Board Chair

GENERAL NEWS

Plastic at EGGs and What We Can Do

Here at EGGs, many students bring their own lunches to school or buy them from the cafeteria. The majority of the food packaging is plastic. Far too much of it. A quick walk around the grounds after lunch is testament to this. These plastics are usually from packaged foods e.g. chip packets (foil), plastic wrap, brownie and biscuit packets, and water bottles.

As students of EGGs we believe that as a school and community, we should be doing something about this problem. We should take control of how we manage our waste in our lunches.

So how can we replace this plastic?

As this problem is well-known, there are already several small solutions out there.

- Small airtight containers for chips / crackers / biscuits. - These kinds of containers are reusable to use multiple times after a quick wash.
- Beeswax wraps or fabric pouches for your sandwiches. - These wraps / pouches are environmentally friendly as the fabric is 100% cotton so it can biodegrade, unlike plastic.
- For food scraps, some posters will be up around the school to show where the students can dispose of their food waste.

All of these ideas are something you could do easily do at home before school.

For the parents we encourage you that you think environmentally next time you go shopping for your kids' lunches and your own lunch.

Amelia Tapp and Imogen Wyers - Year 10

CURRICULUM NEWS

Digital Exams

The Senior School Exams, held during Weeks 8 and 9, provided students with exam experience and the opportunity to gain valuable feedback. Both of these are essential as students look ahead and prepare for their NCEA exams which start on the 7th November. Students can view the full NCEA exam timetable [here](#). During our school exams, many students made use of the option available to them to sit either their English and/or Classical Studies exam digitally. In total, 856 students exams were sat digitally, gaining valuable experience in preparation for their digital NCEA exams in November. We appreciate our student's willingness to test our infrastructure and provide feedback to NZQA on their digital assessment platform.



Kotahitanga

Our annual Māori Language week kicked off on Monday 10th September. This year the Kotahitanga Committee decided to create a school Korowai which represents the values and beliefs of our students here at EGGs. Students and staff were given time to decorate their feather in a way which best represents them. Over 700 feathers were coloured in and submitted to create a beautiful Korowai. We would like to thank the members of the Year 9 Māori class who put the Korowai together. The colours of the Korowai represents and acknowledges the diversity in our school. Mā pango, mā whero, ka ōti te mahi. Through collaboration, the work gets done.

On Tuesday we held the first Māori Expo. This was an opportunity to experience a number of Māori crafts such as Pio Making, Harakeke (Flax) weaving, rākau games and we also had a Kaitahi (shared kai). This event was a great success and attracted many students and staff

all eager to learn and share their talents with other members of the EGGs community.

Finally, on Friday we encouraged staff to 'Bust out their best Reo.' This linked well with the national Māori language week theme of Kia kaha te reo Māori. Many staff have been working hard to increase their use of Te reo Māori and it was a great opportunity to give it a go with their their colleagues.

To wrap up the week, the final student activity was an intense game of Dodgeball with the Juniors. Students and staff combined to take down their opposition with staff being the main target. This was a fantastic way to finish off the week.

A huge thank you to the Kotahitanga Leader, committee and the staff that supported Māori Language Week.

Eden Young Artists Awards

At the beginning of September, the EGGs Visual Art Department had some wonderful results from the annual Eden Young Artists Awards. Year 13 student Abby Thompson won 4th place, and Isabella Muirhead was awarded the Peter and Sylvia Siddell Memorial Prize.

It was great to see so many EGGs students getting up the courage to enter the competition. Our school was extremely well represented, and we are very proud of the results.



2018 Eden Young Artists Award

BUILDING BRIDGES



Mairangi Arts Centre is proud to be part of the Suffrage 125 national event programme. Curated by Claire Chamberlain, *Building Bridges*, brings together the work of North Shore women artists from the 20th century and today, on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the Suffrage movement in New Zealand.

Featured artists include, Susannah Bridges, Dagmar Dyck, Paris Kirby, The Late Betty Maxwell, Alexis Neal and Tiffany Singh in collaboration with Ella Brewer.

22 September - 25 October
Opening: Saturday 22 September, 12pm - 2pm

mac Mairangi Arts Centre
ARTWEEK 6-14 OCT.
Harcourts Cooper & Co ALLANAH GABRIEL
noya displays
Mairangi Village

Mairangi Arts Centre, 20 Hastings Road, Mairangi Bay, T. 09 478 2237 www.mairangiarts.co.nz

From the Drama Department

On Thursday 13th September, Ms Druitt's Year 10 Drama class collaborated with a class of Year 1 students from Balmoral School. The 5 year olds had been studying bugs and the environment and were focusing on how movement (without words) could convey meaning. In response, and with the Year 1s in mind as their audience, the Year 10s prepared movement pieces based on the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. They performed these devised drama pieces to the children from Balmoral, who knew the story well. The children discussed what was happening in the performed story and what they recognised from the book. Following this, the Year 10s helped the Year 1s perform their very own devised drama from another picture book called "The Little Gardener" by Emily Hughes. Both groups of students really enjoyed this collaboration. The Year 10s learnt how to communicate their ideas simply to younger children and the Year 1s were able to feel pride and confidence performing in a professional drama space.



photos by Eden Catterall - Year 13

From the Languages Department

On Thursday 30th August, three of our junior French students went to Auckland Normal Intermediate for the annual Auckland Junior French Speech competition. Year 9 students gave a speech in French about something or someone they love, while the Year 10 students spoke, in French, about the difference between being a teenager in France and being a teenager in New Zealand. Our students were up against some native speakers as well as some students who have been studying French for many more years than them, however EGGs did extremely well with Tianling Lu placing 2nd overall for Year 9 and Saylor placing 1st overall for Year 10. Félicitations les filles!



Tianling Lu, Saylor Bostic and Zainab Bandukwala

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

Epsom Music hosted a visiting band from Abbotsleigh Girls High in Sydney on Monday 24th September. The group performed in the hall, and then joined with Epsom Concert Band and Intermediate Concert Band for an afternoon tea and workshop. Well done to Stage Band, Symphonia, Chamber Orchestra and Paradisum for performing in the Arts and Cultural Awards on 26th September. Congratulations to all the award winners from that evening.

Next term, there will be a lunchtime concert on 26th October in the Raye Freedman Arts Center, featuring our Bands, Choirs and Orchestras. There will also be a workshop with traditional Korean gayageum player, Seyoun Park, on 26th October at 2.15pm.

Auditions for orchestras, bands and choirs in 2019 will take place in Term 4.



EGGS OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

“Leave No Trace” – Film Evening



AUCKLAND MINI GARAGE



The OGA's special Film Event – a private screening of “Leave No Trace” on Monday 3rd September at Rialto – was a huge success. We are extremely grateful to our very generous sponsors – Auckland Mini Garage and Aria Park – who helped bring this convivial evening together. Thanks also to Fuse Creative who assisted with design and production of promotional material and Nestle who supplied Kit Kat bars for attendees. We'd like to thank the OGA committee members who provided nibbles for the occasion and especially Virginia Bishop who took the helm in organising this event.

One lucky attendee won the special prize of a Mini for the weekend. Various other spot prizes were awarded. Funds raised from this event will go towards L Block.

This is our second Film Evening Fundraiser event – we anticipate organising a third one next September!

We are thrilled about our association with Auckland Mini Garage, who are generously offering the venue for the “Meet the Maker” event coming up on Friday 2nd November, which is also raising funds for L Block.

In consultation with the Year 13 Deans, we are busy planning for Graduation Dinner which is set for Thursday 29th November. It's an evening of celebration and all Year 13 families will be contacted shortly with all the details.

Meanwhile, if anyone is heading down to Wellington for the WOW Wearable Arts Show, OGA Co-President Sally Blyth has a garment in the show (her eighth). Called “Minerva Maxima”, and taking several months to create, it's in the Reflective Surfaces section. If you've booked tickets and are going down for the show, do look out for it! Being the 30th Anniversary show, the WOW team are sure to pull out all the stops and take your breath away. Winners are announced at the Awards Night Show on Friday 28th September.

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry
OGA Co-Presidents

2018 Arts & Cultural Awards Evening



FOUNDATION NEWS

Meet the Maker - Join us!

Join our special L Block fundraising evening to taste beer and wine from some of New Zealand's most revered craftsmen and women, savour a hearty pie, and bid for stellar auction items.

[BUY TICKETS](#)

We cannot wait to bring the EGGS community together, to connect and advance learning at EGGS.

Meet the Makers: Odyssey Wines, Harwood Hall, Brothers and Hallertau

Food: I love Pies with more to come

Bid for: bach/holiday home get-aways, drive a MINI for a weekend, laptop, sporting memorabilia, cases of wine and beer plus many more.

Don't miss out on an incredible evening, buy your tickets today.

Do you want to contribute an auction item or food for the occasion? Please contact Mark Jones jonesandcones@gmail.com.



MEET THE
Maker

Join us for a special fundraising evening to enjoy meeting artisan craft beer and wine makers and to raise money for the redevelopment of L Block.

Featuring beer and wine tastings from some of New Zealand's most revered craftsmen and women, accompanied by food and a fundraising auction.

DETAILS

Friday 2 November
7:00pm - 10:00pm
Auckland Mini Garage,
381-383 Broadway, Newmarket
Tickets - \$60.00

Tickets are available through iticket.co.nz



L Block Donor Wall of Honour



For a one-off donation of \$500 you can honour your family, an individual, friends or lost loved ones on a dedicated wall inside L Block.

[To engrave your name in history click here](#)

Thank you for your support.

Heritage Fund

The EGGs Foundation has supported current students and staff through its Heritage Fund grants since 2006. The grants are awarded three times a year and have benefitted the school community, its activities, and projects that are not within the school budget.

The third and final round of the Heritage Fund this year were awarded to support the following:

- Adventure Racing at the Get2Go finals
- Athletics, High Jump training
- Basketball NZ U15 National Selection camp fees
- XI Cricket team uniforms
- Curling team NZSS Championships travel costs
- Dance - Hip Hop Unite World Championships travel costs
- Orienteering NZSS Team competition fees
- Robotics team RoboCup Nationals travel costs
- Swimming team NZSS Nationals travel costs
- Oceania Heritage Cup International, Tonga Aotearoa Tag20 uniform costs
- UN Youth NZ Global Development Tour 2019
- Olympic Weightlifting team NZSS Championships fees

Congratulations to all of our successful applicants!

The 2019 closing dates for Heritage Fund applications will be announced on the school website at the end of this year.



What's On at RFAC?
**RAYE FREEDMAN
ARTS CENTRE.**

Medical Health Sciences Student Symphony Orchestra Presents
MHSSSO 10th Anniversary Charity Concert
for Kidsline
September 28, 6:30pm

Auckland Guitar School Presents
BIG GIG
September 30, 6:30pm

University of Auckland GLEE Club Presents
Apocalypse
October 6, 2pm & 7:30pm/ October 7, 6:30pm

For more events and further details, go to our website
www.rayefreedmanarts.co.nz

SPORT



Sports Dinner

Thursday 25th October - 6pm

Tickets are now on sale! Get in quick as these will sell out! Tickets can be purchased from the school cashier or online via the school bank account.

Swimming

Last week a team of 12 swimmers swam at the NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Nationals in Wellington. The team did really well and placed 5th overall in NZ in the girls schools competition. We won 6 medals:

Ellie Eastwood (Year 13): Gold in 200 breaststroke, Silvers in 100 breaststroke and 50 breaststroke

MacKenzie Brears (Year 10): Bronze in 50 breaststroke

Grace Baik (Year 9): Gold medals in the 100 and 200 butterfly

There were plenty of personal best times, lots of laughs and great team spirit! We are looking forward to attending again next year.

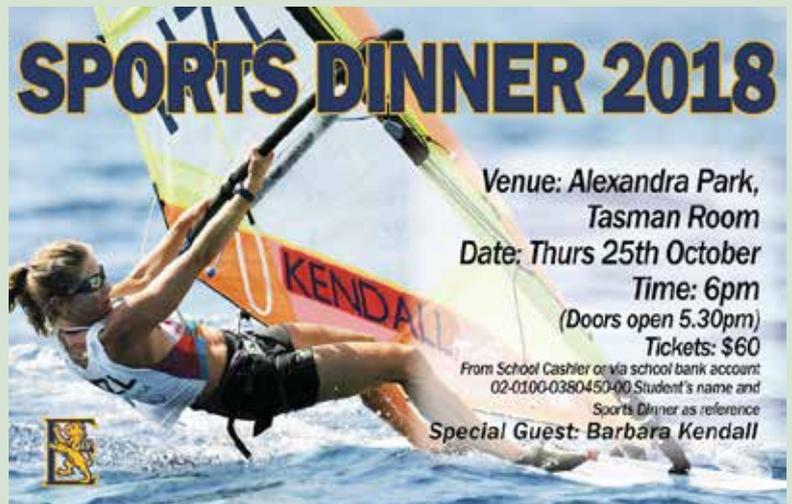
Cross Country



Congratulations to our Senior team who won the 3-person team event at the AKSS Cross Country Championships at St Kentigern College yesterday. The team consisted of Catrin Dawson, Grace Wilson and Zaria Ireland.

Golf

Congratulations to Grace Jung, Sarah Murchison and Fiona Xu who have been selected to represent Auckland, at the upcoming Girls Interprovincial Golf Tournament which will be played in Rotorua (8-12 October 2018). The competing Provinces will be Auckland; Bay of Plenty; Canterbury; Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay; Manawatu/Wanganui; North Harbour; Northland; Taranaki; Waikato and Wellington.



Orienteering



Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Auckland Rogaine Championships last week:

Junior Girls

Emily Hayes - 2nd

Intermediate Girls

Ella Watson - 1st

Cartier Matthews - 6th

Junior Girls Team

Sama Rowe & Brooke Redshaw - 10th



MAUNGAWHAU

SCHOOL FAIR

SATURDAY

28 OCTOBER

11AM-3PM

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