

EGGS NEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Year 10s completing a digital assessment on elearn



Students relaxing after finishing an exam

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Last Friday at Pre-Enrolment Day we welcomed students and families who will be joining EGGS in 2017. It is always a busy day and a wonderful opportunity to get to know new members of our community. The PTA do a wonderful job providing refreshments throughout the day and making those initial contacts. Please remember that if you are interested in joining the PTA committee or being involved in their activities, simply get in touch – pta@eggs.school.nz

Many of the incoming Year 9 students bought centenary t-shirts last Friday. There are two styles (see page 3) - current students can order these by collecting a form from Student Administration. Order forms need to be received by Friday 9 December and the t-shirts will be distributed during tutor time on the first day back in 2017.

We are still seeking sponsors for the centenary so if you have a business that you think could provide a sponsorship opportunity please contact eggs100@eggs.school.nz

This Friday is a Mufti Day for Year 9 and 10 students. It is in support of Red Nose Day run by Cure Kids. We have supported Cure Kids over a number of years and I am really pleased that we are doing so again this year. The junior school may be able to break the record for numbers in mufti and the donation total.

From the beginning of Week 7 and into Week 8 there will be a number of sports teams going to tournaments – good luck to all students involved.

Lorraine Pound - Principal



Coming up in Week 7...

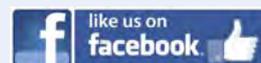
Monday 21 Nov NCEA continues

Coming up in Week 8

Monday 28 Nov NCEA continues

Friday 2 Dec Last day NCEA
Graduation Dinner

TO VIEW MORE EVENTS CLICK HERE >



GENERAL NEWS

Parent Teacher Association

A big thank you to our PTA members that helped at the recent Drinks & Nibbles evening held for parents of Year 9 & 10 students. And a big shout-out to our gorgeous Epsom House girls who provided service with a smile. Pre-enrolment Day last week once again saw a huge number of parents and students visit the school, where they were warmly greeted by our junior girls, and kept hydrated by the PTA. Thank you!!

Our final meeting this year will be held on **Wednesday 23rd November** at 7:30pm, in the Boardroom. As it's our final meeting, it will be very low key, and include wine & cheese (all provided). This is not just for committee members, but all parents, particularly to those who have helped with PTA events this year. You are most welcome to join us.



Facebook – search [Epsom Girls Grammar PTA](#) and "Like" the page so you can easily access the latest news, photos, minutes and meeting times.

Suzanne Cunnington, PTA Chairperson
pta@eggs.school.nz

CURRICULUM NEWS

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I'm Rachel Heeney and at EGGs I am the Head of Biology, another role I have in the school is being one of the inschool leaders for the community of learning. For me this involves two things:

1. Researching and presenting on the science of stress, taking a peak at the benefits of the stress response, and looking at proven ways of stress reduction for ongoing stress. I have presented to the girls, to the full teaching staff and to the support staff. Next year my focus will be the science of remembering and forgetting.
2. I have been working with a group of staff in our professional learning group (PLG). We have looked at the research involved in a number of areas with the desired goal of facilitating high level critical thinking. We have enjoyed reading, discussing, implementing and reflecting. From surveys done thus far it is going well.

CAREER NEWS

Studylink

It is very important to consider how students are going to fund their tertiary study, so if this is what you are thinking about, please look at the Government website studylink.govt.nz to see what you may be eligible for and how to apply. Studylink can fund Student Loans and Allowances (depending on eligibility tests), Course Costs, Living Costs as well as having links to budgeting services and calculators – it is really important for students and parents alike to be aware of potential weekly costs as they enter tertiary study.

Career Counsellors

The Careers team is available at EGGs until the end of the 2016 school year – December 15th. We are more than happy to see students until then, and would welcome parents to attend a meeting with us to become more involved in the process of career education and planning.

Please contact us on the email addresses below:
Ms Philippa Leask pleask@apps.eggs.school.nz
Ms Gabrielle Riley griley@apps.eggs.school.nz



Year 9 & 10 Parent Evening



Pre-enrolment Day

MAKE THE DATE
APPLY BY 16 DECEMBER
studylink.govt.nz

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Centenary Celebrations: Purchase a Centenary T-Shirt

Celebrate with us by purchasing a Centenary t-shirt, your very own piece of EGGs history.

To capture the moment there'll be a full school photograph in February 2017 and we'd love our students to be wearing their Centenary t-shirts for this occasion. We've some exciting ideas for a drone photo so watch this space for spectacular aerial views!

There are two styles in navy and in white ranging from XS to XL sizes. Each T-shirt is only \$20 and an order form can be collected from Student Administration at EGGs if you haven't put in an order already. Order forms and payment are to be received by Friday 9 December and the t-shirts will be distributed during tutor time on the first day back in 2017. There will be further purchasing opportunities in Term 1.

The t-shirts can be also be worn during the Centenary Celebrations 5-9 April 2017. To find out more about our amazing line up of events head over to iTicket www.iticket.co.nz/go-to/eggs-centenary-events-2017

For a list of attendees visit:

www.eggs.school.nz/about/whos-coming.aspx

Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/EGGSCentenary2017

Centenary Sponsorships

If you have a business and would like to sponsor any aspect of the Centenary please contact us on eggs100@eggs.school.nz. Your generosity will be much appreciated.

EGGS
is turning 100

Celebrate with us by purchasing your very own slice of EGGs Centenary history.

We will be wearing our Centenary tees for a full school photo at the beginning of Term One and students will have opportunities to wear their tees during Centenary events in April.

Option one \$20

Option two \$20

thanks for supporting eggs and the centenary.

From the University of Auckland Guaranteed entry: what school-leavers need to know

You'll be reading this at a very busy and important time for Year-13 students, as they complete their classes and focus on exams. So it's timely to talk about how to make things just that little bit easier for your students and remind them what they need to know when it comes to planning their future tertiary studies.

The University **guarantees entry** to our undergraduate programmes providing the applicant meets the University Entrance standard and the admission requirements for their chosen programme(s). For more information click [here](#).

How to help students with decision-making anxiety

Leaving school and coming to university can be both an exciting and anxious time for students. They are faced with making decisions about programme and course choices at university - often dealing with new subjects they haven't experienced before - while also preparing for exams.

This inevitably leads to questions such as 'What do you want to be?' and 'What sort of job will your degree lead to?'

Read the full article [here](#) and for more information, please contact [Catherine Stephens](#), University Career Development and Employment Services Manager.

Parents 101: Advice for the big transition

As the year's end rapidly approaches, families are no doubt focusing on the immediate prospect of Year 13 exams and results. But most likely, they're also thinking seriously about tertiary study in 2017. The transition from secondary school to university is exciting and challenging for students - but we're also very mindful that parents are making a parallel shift!

For more information about **school subject choices**, **advice for parents of university students** and **the parent journey** click [here](#).

GymSports NZ - 2016 Indo Pacific Championships

Year 9 student Maddy Niven competed in the 2016 Indo Pacific Championships on the 21st to 25th October in Napier. Maddy placed 10th out of 20 competitors in her Individual event and an amazing 3rd in the Pairs Synchronized event!



Junior /Term 4 Sport

Our junior sports teams have been out and competing all around Auckland at different tournaments and competitions. If anyone has any action shots of their teams please send them to sport@eggs.school.nz and we would love to post them on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/EpsomGirlsGrammarSport/>



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EGGS Librarian Part Time, Fixed Term

We are seeking an enthusiastic and experienced librarian to work part time for a fixed term of one year in 2017. The successful applicant must have excellent communication skills and an understanding of the 21st century library learning environment. Previous work experience in a school or public library is essential, as is a strong interest in literature for children and young adults. Commencement for this position is in January 2017.

Hours: Monday and Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm. Wednesday 1.00pm - 5.00pm.

To apply see link to our website for an application form, person specification and job description.

All applicants must use the School Application Form

<http://www.eggs.school.nz/about/employment-opportunities.aspx>

Applications close on Friday 25 November, 2016 at 4.00pm

Epsom House - Weekend House Manager

Epsom House is the Boarding House for Epsom Girls Grammar School and has 143 girls aged from 13 – 18 resident seven days a week during school terms.

We are looking to appoint an experienced Weekend House Manager to work with the Assistant Principal of Epsom House and other senior staff with management duties and the care of students. Other responsibilities will be to maintain a safe and supportive environment for students at Epsom House and to contribute to the development of a learning environment in which the vision and values of the school and the goals of the school may be achieved within the specific context of Epsom House. This is a senior position and a background in education with some previous experience in boarding or work with adolescents is desirable. Experience in management, guidance or property management would be advantageous.

The hours of work will be from Friday 10.00am - 8.30pm, Saturday 6.30am - 3.30pm, Sunday 3.00pm - 10.00pm and Monday 6.30am - 1.00pm.

For a detailed job description and support staff application form, please check our website

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Epsom House - Weekend Activities Supervisor

Epsom House is the Boarding House for Epsom Girls Grammar School and has 143 girls aged from 13 – 18 resident seven days a week during school terms.

We are looking for a Weekend Activities Supervisor to help look after students at Epsom House. The job will not commence until late January 2017 but we would like the selected applicant to do some training before the end of the school year 2016.

Your duties will include:

- Supervising weekend activities.
- Ensuring students are safe and supervised while in the House.
- Ensuring that the emotional, physical and health needs of students are met.
- Ensuring that House procedures are implemented and adhered to.
- Completing housekeeping tasks as requested.
- Completing administration tasks as needed.

To apply, related experience working with teenagers is required. Confident and warm communication skills are important. You will also need to be reliable, responsible and happy to undergo a police check.

Hours will be 3.00pm - 9.30pm on Saturdays and 3.00pm - 10.00pm on Sundays. This is during term time only.

For a support staff application form, please check our website

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HOMESTAY FAMILIES URGENTLY REQUIRED

Epsom Girls Grammar School has International students arriving from Asia, Europe and South America who require Homestay accommodation. \$265 per week is paid to cover full board.

If you would enjoy hosting an international student and are able to provide a caring and supportive environment to make her part of your family life, have a spare room, live within close distance to Epsom Girls Grammar School and speak English as your first language we would look forward to hearing from you.

Please call Jo Ivory on 970 6757 or email jivory@eggs.school.nz



◆ [Click here for more details](#)

Samba Passion at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre - Sunday 4 December

Guest Performances by Viva Basouka Zouk Team, Regina Miche Forro, Capoeira, Kretcheu Kizombo, Casa do Engenho, AKSamba.

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