

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

This week we received news about student success in two competitions:

- Joanne Lee and Sylvia Orr, Year 11, have had a piece of writing chosen for publication in Re Draft 16 The Dog Upstairs and Caroline Shepherd, Year 12, had two pieces selected. Re Draft is published from the School for Young Writers Competition and the Associate Director noted that very few schools had more than one student's pieces selected. Congratulations to Joanne, Sylvia and Caroline.
<http://www.schoolforyoungwriters.org>

- Ana Hoonhout, Year 10, entered a film in the Young Reporters for the Environment Competition and was awarded First Place in the Film 11-14 years category. The film was played at Junior Assembly yesterday and it echoed perfectly what our guest speaker from Sustainable Coastlines had just talked about. Congratulations to Ana on this achievement.
<https://youtu.be/OR6Dk0ABHB8>

As we near the centenary year it would be wonderful to think of how EGGS can further develop our sustainable practices. The assembly yesterday gave us valuable ideas for the 4 Rs:

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle
- Refuse – (as in refuse a plastic bag when shopping and take reusable bags).

The junior students involved in the Environmental Science projects recently and members of the Sustainability Committee might like to take up the challenge and lead us towards the first three Rs especially – and having zero waste at school. Currently we generate a lot of waste in the form of clingwrap, plastic bags, individual item wrappers and other packaging. I would be very interested in meeting with students who would like to explore our sustainable future.

This is the last edition of EGGSNEWS for 2016. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making this year such a positive year in the life of the School.

Best wishes for Christmas and the holiday time ahead.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Merry
Christmas

Coming up in Week 9...

Monday 5-7 Dec Year 12 Leadership Training

Coming up in Week 10

Thursday 15 Dec Last Day

Junior Prizegiving

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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

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GENERAL NEWS

Parent Teacher Association

I would like to thank and acknowledge our wonderful PTA members, helpers and, in particular, our Deputy Principal, Sarah Dwan and our Staff Liaison, Janet Davis for their time, energy and help throughout 2016. Also to Lynley Sheweiry, who stepped down as chairperson early this year after several years at the PTA helm. Thank you Lynley for everything you've contributed to our school. (Big shoes to fill).

Finally, the PTA wouldn't exist without the very generous parents that made donations to the PTA, allowing our continued support of the school in the form of resources that the limited school budget cannot cover. A huge thank you to you all!



All the best for the upcoming festive season to everyone in the EGGS community. Have a safe and happy holiday.



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
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CURRICULUM NEWS

Junior Pasifika trip to NZ Sculpture onShore

On a rainy, windy day a group of 43 Pasifika students visited the NZ Sculpture onShore display at Takapuna Fort sponsored by NZ Women's refuge, to enjoy the sunshine of being together and create visual responses to the art works on display. There was a wonderful mix of kinetic, whimsical and striking sculptures for us to enjoy.

A huge thank you to the teachers: Ms Brewer, Ms Pascoe and Ms Coutts who encouraged the girls' responses to the art and embraced the sense of fellowship amongst the students. We were fortunate to have our driver, Jacky share a talk on the words: live, laugh and love and use this as a prompt to create their own nature sculptures upon Narrow Neck beach. It was a special day of learning about the relationships between art, environment, self, and community. The teachers are very proud of how well the girls presented themselves, participated, and celebrated being together!



We're all set for our 100th Birthday

With the end of term in sight and the festive season in full swing we look back at the past year with fond memories. It really is a time of reflection and also a time to look forward to what lies ahead. 2017 is going to be a very special year for EGGs and its Epsom community as we fast approach our 100th birthday. We'll be proudly celebrating 100 years of excellence in girls' education in April 5-9 2017.

We have a variety of events lined up for past and present students, families, staff and friends – there's something for everyone, take a look below:

- Official Opening and Book Launch, 5 April 2017
- Morning Memories, 7 April 2017
- School Tours, 7 & 8 April 2017
- Centennial Cocktails evening, 7 April 2017
- Epsom House Brunch, 8 April 2017
- Sports Extravaganza, 8 April 2017
- Gala Dinner, 8 April 2017
- Staff Brunch, 9 April 2017
- EGGSFEST, 9 April 2017

To learn more about the celebrations and to register for the wonderful events all you need to do is head over to iTicket: www.iticket.co.nz/go-to/eggs-centenary-events-2017.

Don't delay as spaces are filling up fast.

Join the celebrations and be part of EGGs history.

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.

From the English Department

Congratulations to Joanne Lee Year 11, Sylvia Orr Year 11 and Caroline Shepherd Year 12, whose writing has been selected for publication in *Re Draft 16 The Dog Upstairs* (published by the School for Young Writers).



Out of over 800 entries, 74 young writers had their competition entries chosen by judges Tessa Duder and James Norcliffe. Joanne and Sylvia wrote one piece that was judged to be among the best of teenage writing for 2016. Caroline had two pieces selected. This is an outstanding achievement.

Very few schools had more than one student's pieces selected for publication so well done to Epsom Girls Grammar.

Junior Competitions Term 4



- The Junior Volleyball Gold Team placed 5th in Division 1 and Blue Team placed 4th in Division 2.
- Junior A Water Polo team are currently placed 2nd, with two games to play in the round robin.
- Junior Touch had two teams entered in the weekly competition this year.
- Gold Team placed 5th in Division A and the Blue Team placed 4th in Division B.
- Junior Softball Team are currently placed 4th with one more round to play.
- Cricket Blitz was a fun weekly competition that EGGs participated in and placed 6th.
- Junior Waka Ama regatta was held in Auckland on the 5th November. They placed 4th with Rosmini in the mixed W12, 250mtr final and two crews made it through to the semi-finals.
- 18th November, 10 girls participated in the Auckland Junior Volleyball Championship and made it through to the semi-finals.

Up and Coming Events

- 1st XI Cricket are heading down to Christchurch for the NZSS Cricket Nationals from the 1st-4th December.
- 4 Girls are participating at the NZSS Athletics and Road Race in Auckland from the 2nd-4th December.
- We have 23 girls participating in the Auckland Cycling Track Series at the Manukau Velodrome in Term 4.

Young Sports Person of the Year Awards

On Saturday Amanda Slade and Tric Milner attended the College Sports Young Sports Person of the Year Awards.

Past winners have been Valerie Adams, Jonah Lomu, Lydia Ko, Eliza McCartney and ex students, Nicola Kaiwai, Sarah Macky, Danica Aitken, Melissa Ingram, Phillis Meti, Annalie Longo & Anna Green.

This year Pauline Farra received the Service to Secondary School Sports for her dedication and service to Curling at Epsom Girls Grammar School as well as at volunteering at Regional and National tournaments for the past 13 years.

Hannah Metzger received the International Achievement Award for Gym Sports – Trampolining.



Pauline Farra - Service to Secondary Sport



We also had 8 nominations for the following:

Bella Armstrong	Cricket (Received the Overall Girls Cricket Award)
Grace Masterson	Cycling
Tyla Bow	Gym Sports - Artistic
Harriette Overend	Lacrosse (Received the Overall Girls Lacrosse Award)
Nicole Fordyce	Lacrosse
Dayna Haythorne	Mountain Biking
Christina Zhou	Table Tennis
Ruofei Rao	Table Tennis (Received the Overall Girls Table Tennis Award)

HOMESTAY FAMILIES URGENTLY REQUIRED

Epsom Girls Grammar School has International students arriving from Asia, Europe and South America who require Homestay accommodation. \$270 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



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Auckland Academy of Dance presents its end of year production: A CHRISTMAS CAROL from the 8th - 10th December. [Click here to book tickets](#)