

# EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls  
Grammar School

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*Year 11 meeting for the first time in Paradise for 2017*

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Welcome to 2017 – the centenary year for Epsom Girls Grammar School! We are proud to be celebrating 100 years of excellence in girls' education; 100 years of proud traditions sitting easily with being at the cutting edge of learning innovation; 100 years of timeless core values and a strong sense of community.

On Sunday 12 February 1917 the School opened with 170 students. On Monday 13 February of this year we will be celebrating with more than 2200 students. We will be cutting a birthday cake and wishing EGGs a very happy 100th birthday at a special centenary assembly organised by Centenary Staff liaison teacher Nicola Rennie, Centenary Prefects Evelyn Charlesworth and Connie Wilkins, and the student centenary committee.

At lunchtime on Monday we will be taking a whole school drone photo and we hope that students take the opportunity to come to school for the day wearing their centenary tshirt instead of their school uniform shirt.

EGGS has always acknowledged the central role that students and student agency play in the life of the School. In the very first Te Korero published in 1917 Annie Morrison, the Foundation Headmistress, wrote:

'We have this year begun a new School: its future rests, in the main, with you, its pupils ..... Be honourable, hardworking, and helpful; cultivate character, intelligence, and kindness.'

A century later, her sentiments are still apt and are encapsulated in the School Values - Courage, Compassion, Curiosity and Community.



*Lorraine Pound - Principal*

EGGS has always been proud of student achievement and you can see the excellent NCEA and NZ Scholarship results from 2016 later in this edition of EGGsNEWS. Congratulations to all students involved. These results are not gained easily and students should feel proud of their effort and perseverance in reaching this outstanding level of achievement.  
Per Angusta, Ad Augusta.

## ***Coming up in Week 3....***

<b>Mon 13 Feb</b>	<b>Centenary Assembly</b>
	<b>Centenary photo</b>
<b>Wed 15 Feb</b>	<b>Swimming Sports Prelims</b>
<b>Fri 17 Feb</b>	<b>Swimming Sports Finals</b>

## ***Coming up in Week 4....***

<b>Mon 20 Feb</b>	<b>ID Photo Catch up</b>
<b>Tue 21 Feb</b>	<b>Athletics Prelims</b>
<b>Wed 22 Feb</b>	<b>New Families BBQ</b>
<b>Fri 24 Feb</b>	<b>Athletics Parade &amp; Finals</b>

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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Welcome back to another school year and I trust the summer break was restful and relaxing. How often does it happen that with the start of a new school year our real summer kicks in.

A special welcome to all our new students and your families and I wish you all a positive experience as you begin your EGGs education. Welcome also to all our new teachers and support staff and I look forward to hearing of your contribution to the school and the community.

This year we celebrate 100 years of excellence in girls education with the main centenary celebrations planned for 5-9 April. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements, to reflect on the proud traditions and to come together as a community. Please visit the school website for the latest news and updates. ([www.eggs.school.nz/about/centenary.aspx](http://www.eggs.school.nz/about/centenary.aspx))

The Board's focus this year, amongst other things, will be to re-visit the school's master plan. This plan identifies the key infrastructural requirements of the school, the priority areas and strategically identifying means to deliver on this plan within a suitable timeframe. The Joyce Fisher Sports Centre is a recent example of community based capital investment and with limited government funding for

new buildings we will again need to work closely with the wider community to fund future projects.

Late last year the Board was also updated on the 'community of learning' which involves a number of the local primary schools and Intermediate schools together with EGGs to collaborate on various learning initiatives and pathways for the benefit of the students involved. The Board met with other school trustees and there could be scope to develop closer ties between boards to support our key governance role. It was noticeable that Auckland Boys was not part of this initiative and perhaps something to discuss further with their Board of Trustees.

As a school we also value any donation and thank the community for supporting the school in this way. The school donation contributes towards supporting 13 teachers and provides the school with the ability to offer the wide range of curriculum options. A tax rebate is available on this donation so please ensure you take advantage of this.

All the best for the year ahead.

*Chris Iles, Board Chair*



## 2016 NCEA RESULTS

EGGS students have again achieved some outstanding NCEA results in 2016.

91% of Level One students achieved this qualification, 96% at Level Two and 90% of students at Level Three. 82% of Year 13 achieved University Entrance.

When compared to national statistics EGGs results are well above the national average. These standards of high achievement are also consistent over time.

All students are to be congratulated on their results. It is really key that students keep informed as to what the requirements of each level are. There are special NCEA assemblies for each level in the coming weeks. There is also an information evening for parents in Term 2.

Next week we celebrate the highest levels of success with the presentation of Scholars Awards at assembly. These are awarded to no more than the top 5% of the cohort based on the course they have completed in that year.

### Scholarship

Scholarship is an extra examination to recognise the highest levels of achievement in the country. Approximately 3% of the cohort sitting Level 3 in the particular subject nationwide are awarded Scholarship. Monetary awards range from \$500 to \$2000 for each of the first three years of study.

This year EGGs students achieved 72 Scholarships (including 2 Outstanding Scholarships) in 23 subject areas.

The following students achieved three Scholarships: May Gao, Gemma Hoyle and Renee Zhang.

Monica Wang achieved four Scholarships.

LEVEL ONE SCHOLARS	LEVEL TWO SCHOLARS	LEVEL THREE SCHOLARS
Yerin An	Evelyn Charlesworth	Jade Beckmann
Olivia Burton	Lucy Chen	Martina Benjamin
Aaina Chopra	Mackenzie Ferguson	Gioja Buckleton
Catrin Dawson	Rachel Gock	Cindy Burgess
Ella Donaldson	Vicky He	Chelsea Chai
Elizabeth Gane	Isabella Holdsworth	May Gao
Darlene Hu	Olivia Holdsworth	Annie Han
Jinny Hwang	Vinuli Jayasekera	Rebecca Hazard
Suha Lee	Javeria Kazmi	Arthana Hemachandran
Zoe Millar	Jessica Kirton-Luxford	Gemma Hoyle
Eloise Mowbray	Maryana Kozakevych	Vanshika Mathur
Natasha Ong Xiao Qian	Angela Liu	Zali McMahon
Belinda Reilly	Anjie Liu	Tamsin Nagaiya
Binudi Senanayake Liyana Muhandiramgei	Jayna Patel	Nayanika Podder
Dea Sikri	Angela Qian	Elizabeth Stuart
Lily Tang	Fatema Rampurawala	Anastasia Varlamova
Jesslyn Woo	Sandani Senanayake Liyana Muhandiramgei	Monique Waller
Jina Woo	Verity Warn	Mia Wang
Elvira Yang	Esther Wu	Monica Wang
Kendall Yang	Jenny Zhang	Coco Yu
Weihong Yi	Helen Zheng	Renee Zhang
Anny Zhu		Helen Zhong

# The EGGs Centenary Year is here!

Everyone was back at school last week ready for the year ahead. Welcome to a very special centennial year!

On Sunday 12 February we will be turning 100. 100 years of excellence in girls' education; 100 years of proud traditions sitting easily with being at the cutting edge learning; 100 years of timeless core values and a sense of community. Back in 1917 we opened our doors for the very first time to only 170 students. How times have changed as today we have over 2,200 Epsom Girls. To celebrate our birthday there will be an amazing line up of events including a special Centenary assembly and a whole school drone photo on Monday 13 February. Keep your eyes peeled for some awesome aerial views of the school and spot our students and staff sporting the Centenary t-shirt. A huge thanks to everyone for supporting the EGGs Centenary.

We're counting down to the main celebrations in April 5-9 2017 so if you haven't already we warmly invite you to register for the wonderful centennial events on iTicket [www.iticket.co.nz/go-to/eggs-centenary-events-2017](http://www.iticket.co.nz/go-to/eggs-centenary-events-2017). Book today to secure your tickets for this once in a lifetime celebration. From a Sports Extravaganza to our very own community festival EGGSFEST, there is something for everyone.

The EGGSFEST will be the finale of the Centenary weekend, a festival not to be missed so come and join the festivities. There'll be food trucks, cultural performances, music gigs, children's activities and much more – all topped off with a performance of a specially commissioned piece of centenary music, a highlight of the Centenary celebrations. The school will come alive as events and performances take place throughout the grounds, you will be amazed at the breadth of talent on display! Get your group tickets today to receive great discounts.



**EGGS  
CENTENARY  
CELEBRATIONS  
2017**

Book Launch  
School Tours  
Morning Memories  
Centennial Cocktails  
Epsom House Brunch  
Sports Extravaganza  
Gala Dinner  
Staff Brunch  
EGGSFEST

[www.eggs.school.nz](http://www.eggs.school.nz)  
[www.facebook.com/EGGSCentenary2017](http://www.facebook.com/EGGSCentenary2017)  
[eggs100@eggs.school.nz](mailto:eggs100@eggs.school.nz)



Don't forget to take a look at the Centenary web pages for the latest news, updates and [attendees list](#) and to like us on [Facebook](#).

Come and join us! Be a part of EGGs Centenary history.

## COMMUNITY

This year, as the Community leaders and prefects for 2017, we aim to build on the bond and connection between all EGGs students, groups and committees. We believe our role within the school is to provide opportunities for students to both lead and be involved in different aspects of the EGGs community. We want to promote school spirit, a sense of belonging and unity between all.

We have many involvements throughout the year including ANZAC day services and centenary celebrations. Our main upcoming event this year is Community week, in which we organise a range of different and exciting events within the school. Community week welcomes and unites all students to enjoy themselves and helps strengthen our sense of community.

The Community Egg Prefects for 2017 are Sophia Frankish, Emma Chisholm, Tia Harris and Jeanie Jefferson. The teacher in charge of the Community Egg is Mrs Tess Murphy.



Empowering young women since 1917

## Centenary celebrations April 5-9 2017



[www.eggs.school.nz](http://www.eggs.school.nz)

[www.facebook.com/EGGSCentenary2017](https://www.facebook.com/EGGSCentenary2017)

**Register now:**

[www.iticket.co.nz](http://www.iticket.co.nz) (search EGGS)



# GENERAL NEWS

PTA New Family BBQ - Wednesday 22 February



*New family BBQ 2016*

All new students and their families are invited on Wednesday 22 February. This is an opportunity to meet tutor teachers, see the opportunities from the Arts and Culture, Community, Learning and Sports EGGs (displays in the Hall) and meet other new families.

The evening begins from 6pm.

There will be sausages and drinks available for purchase from the PTA

Centenary TShirts and Lions will also be available for purchase.

Further information through tutor groups and email, but we look forward to seeing you there!

## Lumino the Dentist

The opportunity for students to visit Lumino on-site at school will again be available later in the term. If you wish your daughter to be involved please complete the registration form that will come home in the next couple of weeks. We do not give personal information to external parties, the letters will be addressed and posted from school.

## Facebook Page

EGGS has a Facebook page, have you liked it? <https://www.facebook.com/EpsomGirlsGrammarSchool/>



## eLearning and Bring Your Own Device

New students have been busy getting used to EGGs systems over the past weeks. They should have been able to connect their device to the school wifi system. There is also a self-paced presentation that has lots of hints and tips about using systems and their devices effectively and efficiently. Students are reminded that they can access this at any time on the front page of eLearn (they will need to be logged in with their school account).



If students are still having difficulty they can get help at lunchtime in L2 from the IT Crowd or the Helpdesk.

## LEARN TO TOUCH-TYPE

Jan Morris of Computer Success is running a learn to touch-type course. The school endorses the courses Jan offers through the year, as we believe touch-typing is a skill that students should develop if given the opportunity. With the move to BYOD and increased use of technology within the curriculum and assessments, being able to touch-type will put your daughter at an advantage.

Jan is an experienced practitioner and a qualified secondary school teacher who now has her own business. She runs similar courses at numerous schools in central Auckland.

This term's typing course will run for six Thursday afternoons starting on Thursday February 23, 3.30pm-5pm, in the computer room L1. The dates are February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

The cost of the course is \$125 and enrolments are on a first-pay basis. To enrol and get payment details please email Jan Morris on [jan@computersuccess.co.nz](mailto:jan@computersuccess.co.nz)

# CAREER EDUCATION

The Career Education team at EGGs is here to help students to develop their career management competencies. Through a range of activities, students are assisted to develop self-awareness, explore opportunities and make decisions and start putting them into action.

In Term One we start our Year 13 Career Education programme on Monday period 3 talks from tertiary providers. The schedule of talks is listed below. Attendance at these talks is a very important part of Year 13 students' career planning. The universities will also all return later in the year in term 3 for their second talk on making applications. Polytechnics and private training providers visit the school on Thursday lunchtimes to give talks also; we are currently finalising these.

## Term One Year 13 Career Education Talks, period 3 on Mondays

13 Feb	Your career planning in 2017 – compulsory talk in the HALL
20 Feb	Massey University in DSO
27 Feb	Year 13 & beyond – compulsory talk in the HALL
6 Mar	University of Otago in DSO

13 Mar	University of Auckland in the HALL
20 Mar	Victoria University of Wellington in DSO
27 Mar	Otago – alternatives to medicine in DSO
3 Apr	University of Waikato in DSO
10 Apr	University of Canterbury in DSO

**The Gap Year and Student Exchange Expo** is our first career event for 2017 and will be held on Thursday 16 March at lunchtime outside the Hall. This event brings together providers of student exchanges and gap year programmes in an informal setting. Interested students at all year levels are encouraged to attend and talk to the representatives about what they offer.

### Other dates to look out for this year include:

Tues 20 June - Maori and Pasifika Careers Evening

Tues 27 July – EGGs Careers Evening

These evenings are a great way for students and their families to explore the diverse range of career pathways available and gather information on recommended subjects and study/training options.

### Our contact details are:

Philippa Leask, HOD Career Education – [pleask@eggs.school.nz](mailto:pleask@eggs.school.nz)

Gabrielle Riley – Career Practitioner – [griley@eggs.school.nz](mailto:griley@eggs.school.nz)



## RELIEF ADMIN STAFF NEEDED

We are looking for people to be trained to help us on a relief basis, when needed. Term time only and usually school hours.

People with the skills to do the following:

- attendance
- data entry
- reception
- staffroom duties.

If you are interested please email: [office@eggs.school.nz](mailto:office@eggs.school.nz) with a one page CV.



**2017 Swimming Sports**  
 Wednesday 15th February (prelims) & Friday 17th February (finals)

Champ & Non Champ  
 Junior - Intermediate - Senior  
 Freestyle - Backstroke - Breaststroke - Butterfly - Medley - Relays  
 Sign up in Tutor Class - Entries close Monday 13th February



**2017 Athletics Day**  
 Tuesday 21st February (prelims) & Friday 24th February (finals & parade)

Junior - Intermediate - Senior  
 - Long & High Jump  
 - Sprints & Hurdles  
 - Discus & Shot Put  
 - Medium Distance Races  
 - Relays  
 - Tug of War  
 - Skipping  
 - Dance Party

Champ - Non Champ -

Sign up in Tutor Class - Entries close Monday 20th February

Welcome to 2017 Epsom Sport!

See the Sports Office, student notices or the [Epsom Girls Grammar Sport Facebook page](#) for all info on Sports and Trials!

Our 2017 Sports Captains are Erin Cory-Wright and Nicole Fordyce. This week they were lucky enough to meet Paralympic Gold medallist Sophie Pascoe.

## Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports 2017 takes place on the 15th & 17th February in the school pool. Make sure you enter via your tutor teacher.

## Athletics Day

2017 Athletics Day is on Tuesday 21st & Friday 24th February!

## Lacrosse

Congratulations to current EGGs Student Harriet Overend on her scholarship to Villanova University in Pennsylvania.

## Athletics Tournament

Year 10 student Jorien Fourie has had a busy Summer Holidays competing at the U16/U18 Inter-provincial Athletics Tournament in Taranaki. She placed 2nd in the U16 80m Hurdles and 100m races and was awarded the Sue Bearda Trophy for the Most Improved Female Athlete.

## Sporting Heroes

Epsom Girls' Grammar School Rowing Club presents Sporting Heroes - your chance to get up close and personal with some of NZ's most successful athletes - Rob Waddell, Peter Burling, Blair Tuke & Kayla Imrie. (see next page).

Tickets are available from <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/sporting-heroes-up-close-per...>



Harriet Overend



# SPORTING HEROES UP CLOSE & PERSONAL



## ROB WADDELL ROWER | SAILOR

Rowing World Title holder 1998 & 1999 | Olympic gold medal 2000 Summer Olympics  
First person to win the Halberg Award for three successive years |  
Chef de Mission 2016 Rio Olympics | Fastest 2000 metre indoor rowing machine time in the world

## PETER BURLING SAILOR

Gold medal 2016 Summer Olympics | Silver medal 2012 Summer Olympics  
2016 Skipper Emirates Team New Zealand

## BLAIR TUKE SAILOR

Gold medal 2016 Summer Olympics | Silver medal 2012 Summer Olympics

## KAYLA IMRIE OLYMPIC CANOEIST

NZ representative 2016 Summer Olympics Women's K-4 500 metres

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**Here's your chance of a lifetime to get up close and personal  
with some of New Zealand's most successful athletes.  
Hear their stories and take advantage of this unique Q&A opportunity  
to find out how they have achieved their goals.**

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**WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2017**

**EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR HALL | SILVER ROAD, EPSOM**

Doors open 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm start

**DON'T MISS OUT  
Tickets on sale now from Eventbrite - \$20**

[www.eventbrite.co.nz](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz) [Sports Heroes: Up Close & Personal]

**~ Light refreshments + Sausage Sizzle available for purchase ~**

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