

EGGSNEWS



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Grammar School

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Centenary drone photo taken on Friday 3 March (approx 2,400 students and staff)

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Fia Fla Night is this Saturday. Food stalls open at 4.30pm and performances start at 6.00pm. It is a wonderful evening and I recommend it as something not to be missed. The students involved in the wide range of groups have been practising and preparing since the beginning of the term and I know we all wish them the very best for Saturday and for Polyfest next week.

We had to cancel the second half of Year 10 Camp this week due to weather conditions. We are currently investigating if alternative arrangements can be made for this group of students, for later in the year. Later in this edition of EGGNEWS you can see some of the highlights from the first half where staff and students made the best of conditions that were not ideal. Safety was the prime concern and most activity sessions were able to go ahead.

Wednesday was International Women's Day and I am very proud of the mature appreciation EGG students have of issues that affect women. I am also impressed by their ability to critique information and opinion on women in society and on how women are sometimes regarded in what can be a degrading manner. Head Prefect Stella Inkpen spoke with heart at both school assemblies this week about the relevance and importance of this year's International Women's Day theme - **#BeBoldForChange**.

With the centenary celebrations very close now, ticket sales are in full swing. Please remember to book for the Sunday 9th April EGGSFEST online ahead of time to avoid queues on the day. The lineup of acts, the children's area and the foodtrucks on Silver Road are going to make for a fabulous family festival for not only the EGG community but the local community too.

Lorraine Pound - Principal



Coming up in Week 7....

- Mon 13 Mar World Challenge Parent Evg
- Wed 15-18 Mar Polyfest - Manukau Sports Bowl

Coming up in Week 8....

- Thu 23 Mar Parent/Student Conferences
- Fri 24 Mar Parent/Student Conferences
- Fri 24-26 Mar Rowing - Maadi Cup



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CAREER NEWS

The Gap Year and Student Exchange Expo 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.



Upcoming Year 13 Career Education Talks, period 3 on Mondays

13 March	University of Auckland in the HALL
20 March	Victoria University of Wellington in DSO
27 March	Otago – alternatives to medicine in DSO
3 April	University of Waikato in DSO
10 April	University of Canterbury in DSO
1 May (first day of Term 2)	AUT University in DSO

Upcoming Thursday lunchtime talks

On Thursday lunchtimes we have a range of speakers visiting to give career information such as polytechnics, private training establishments, past EGGs students and others. These talks are open to students at all year levels and are held in DSO.

16 March	Gap Year and Student Exchange Expo, lunchtime, outside the Hall
30 March	Manukau Institute of Technology in DSO
3 April	Unitec in DSO
14 May	USA Education Advisor on studying in the USA in DSO
11 May	Whitecliffe College of Art and Design in DSO
23 May	Ara Institute (formerly CPIT) with focus on NZ Broadcasting School and NASDA, in DSO

Please feel free to contact Career Education staff on the emails below:

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CURRICULUM NEWS

From the Languages Department

Every year, we have the privilege of hosting Language Assistants. They support us by visiting language classes where they provide up-to-date cultural information and extend the girls' speaking skills in small conversation groups. This year we welcome Amélie Trémelo (front left) from France, Jo Wang (front centre) from China and Sergio Muñoz from Spain. We share them with other schools in the region. We are hoping to welcome a Language Assistant from Japan also. Amélie and Jo are pictured here in the Languages Village with students from the Year 12 Classics class (Charlotte Barnes, Eloise Amoore, Anika Correll Trnka, Annika Siegers).



Whanau Hui - Friday 31st March, 5pm in P2 (Maori Languages Area)

Centenary Drone Photo

Last Friday students and staff gathered in the school field for the special Centenary drone photo. Everyone worked together to form EGGs 100 in human shape so watch this space for some awesome aerial views. This is an exciting lead up to the main celebrations in April 5-9 2017, come and join us www.iticket.co.nz/go-to/eggs-centenary-events-2017. A huge thanks to Nicola Rennie and her tutor group who worked out the mathematics last year and to the set-up team.



Nicola Rennie from the Centenary Committee organising staff and students for the drone photo taken on 3 March

[Click here to view the video >](#)

Year 10 Camp



Half of Year 10 managed to have a very successful camp at Pataua South earlier this week. The students work as a tutor class and participate in activities including snorkeling, sit on top kayaks, stand up paddle boarding, surfing, eco trail, games, biking, orienteering and an activity where they can give back to the community. They are also responsible for organising and cooking all their food. It was great to see the school values demonstrated in many aspects of the camp from cooking to the activities and the way students participated in everything, even if the conditions were not ideal at all times.

After a beautiful sunny Monday; Tuesday led to some heavy rain at points throughout the afternoon and overnight. As the weather forecast was not improving (and in fact getting worse) this led to the decision that the second half of the camp could not proceed, much to the disappointment of many girls.



When we have students on EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) activities there are clear safety management plans in place both for activities happening on the trip and the trip itself. The safety of students is the top priority. Whilst we prefer not to have to use them they are there if needed. In this instance there were regular meetings to assess what was happening with the weather, utilising both the expertise of staff, instructors, local residents and up-to-date weather maps. As weather is an external factor that we cannot control plans were implemented to minimize and reduce the effects which included moving tents, ensuring tents were set up correctly, staff monitoring of tents throughout the night, having dry space for students if their tent was not suitable, students knowing where to go in a situation that they were worried about or needing staff support and ensuring students had something dry to put on. At no point was there concern over flooding or rising water levels, because of the location of the camp. There was ongoing communication with school to ensure that people were kept updated. Tuesday night was very wet and windy from about approximately 10.30pm to 1.30am and then again from 5 to 8am. The sun did come back out for the packup.





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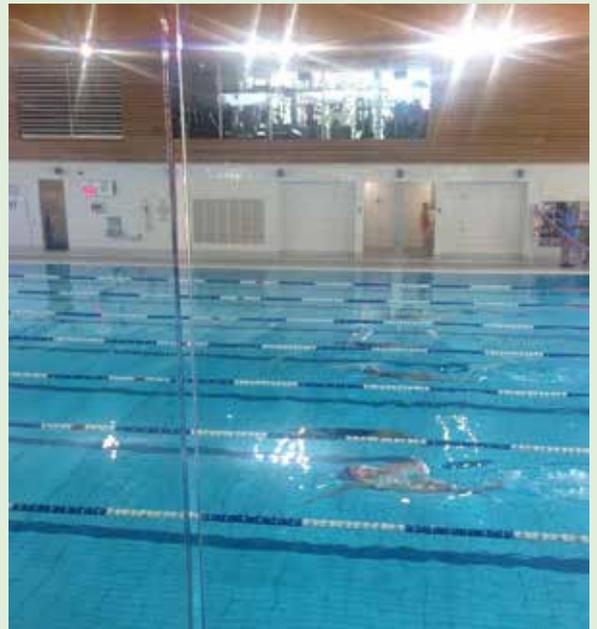
Swimming Zones

Swimming Zones had some very competitive racing this year and EGGs had 17 girls entered and Medley relay teams representing us in each age group.

Congratulations to:

Mackenzie Brears	2nd Junior 50m Breaststroke
Sara Youssef	3rd Intermediate 50m Backstroke
Ellie Eastwood	1st Senior 50m Breaststroke
Annie Sait	2nd Junior 50 Freestyle
Madison Poingdestre	2nd Intermediate 50m Freestyle

Full results are up outside the Sports Office so come and check out your times!



Athletics Zones



Athletics Zones were held on Wednesday 8th March at Mt Smart Stadium. Even with the bad weather EGGs had 23 students compete across the different events and we came away with some great results! Keep an eye on the Sports Office for the results.

Triathlon

Triathlon took place at Maraetai Beach on the 1st March and we had 7 teams representing EGGs this year and came away with 1st place in both the Senior and Intermediate Girls races.





Golf

Epsom Girls Golf team are off to a good start this season in the Auckland Premier 9 Hole Competition. The team is made up of Grace Jung, Sarah Murchison and Haruka Mori. Thanks to parents Sam Jung and Justine Murchison for all of their support.



Coming up:

Rowing North Island Secondary Schools Championships 10th – 12th March taking place at Lake Karapiro

Volleyball Senior Championships

Thursday 9th – Saturday 11th March at The Trust Stadium, Henderson

Water Polo Junior One Day Tournament #2

Saturday 11th March

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