

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Athletics Day Parade (more photos on page 8)

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Cyclone Gita has had a major impact firstly in Samoa, then in Tonga especially and in the southern islands of Fiji. Our thoughts are very much with people there whose lives have been disrupted to a major extent. The Komiti Pasifika are keeping up-to-date with information and I know that individual families have been providing help to friends and relatives.

We have been lucky in Auckland to have missed the major impact of the resulting storm that ravaged the centre of the country on Tuesday.

I would like to thank the many students who have a real awareness of care of the environment. Many now bring their lunch in a reusable container instead of using plastic cling wrap or plastic bags. Increasingly we are shown by the media that waste including a lot of single use, throw away plastic items – eg: water bottles and plastic bags – are clogging our waterways and oceans on a global scale. We know that we create an enormous amount of landfill waste. The good thing is that each one of us can do something about it.

Each time we reuse, recycle, and reduce the amount of waste we create we make a difference.

I am meeting shortly with our Sustainability and Green Group Leaders to begin looking at the question of what this community, Epsom Girls Grammar School, could do to make our mark for the environment as we start the School's second century. We will be looking at some questions about environmental responsibility including:

- What do we want for future generations?
- What do we stand for?
- How can we put what we believe, and our awareness, into action?

Watch for updates later this term on this.

Thank you to the PTA, Peer Supporters, Arts & Cultural Committee, Learning and Sport for the New Family Barbeque on Wednesday. This was an opportunity for families to meet each other and their daughter's tutor.

Coming up in Week 5....

Mon 26 Feb ID Photo Catch up - Hall
Tue 27 Feb Year 11 NCEA Assembly

Coming up in Week 6....

Mon 5 - Wed 7 Mar Year 10 Camp (1st group)
Wed 7 - Fri 9 Mar Year 10 Camp (2nd group)
Mon 5 Mar Year 12 NCEA Assembly
Sat 10 Mar Restorative Practices Parent Workshop - 9am
Sat 10 Mar Fia Fia Night

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It has been two weeks of solid activity for the Sports Office with Swimming and Athletic Sports. Thank you to the Sports Department Team led by Lauren Engebretsen, all the staff, the Sports Committee and all other student volunteers who have been involved in the organisation and running of these events. It is great to see so many people participating and today's Parade was a real highlight – inventive, fabulous music, polished dance routines and some costuming and dance moves from the tutors that really had to be seen to be believed!

Before the next edition of EGGNEWS Year 10 students will have been to Camp during Week 6 – I hope you have a wonderful time.

Ngā manaakitanga

Best wishes

Lorraine Pound - Principal



2017 Year 11 Top Scholars



2017 Year 12 Top Scholars

GENERAL NEWS

NCEA - Top Scholars

Last week we celebrated the highest levels of success with the presentation of Top 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.

In 2017 EGGs students gained a total of 88 Scholarships including 7 awarded at Outstanding level. These scholarships were spread across 21 subjects, showing a depth of achievement at the highest level across a broad range of curriculum areas.

Outstanding Scholarships were gained in Biology (3), Statistics, Photography, Design & Visual Communication and Accounting.

LEVEL ONE SCHOLARS	LEVEL TWO SCHOLARS	LEVEL THREE SCHOLARS
Kate Baker	Ella Buchanan	Yeun An
Poppy Buissink	Aaina Chopra	Evelyn Charlesworth
Cindy Chang	Catrin Dawson	Mackenzie Ferguson
Jennifer Chen	Ella Donaldson	Toshiko Frederiksens
Kelly Ding	Elizabeth Gane	Tian Gibson
Phoebe Donaldson	Darlene Hu	Karen Huang
Emily Huynh	Tina Huang	Vinuli Jayasekera
Ariba Iqbal	Jinny Hwang	Rachel Ji
Alexandra Langenkamp	Samantha Jermyn	Maryana Kozakevych
Destiny Li	Suha Lee	Angela Liu
Sonia Li	Eloise Mowbray	Mikayra Naidu
Rachel Lin	Isabella Muirhead	Jayna Patel
Brenda Liu	Erina Nuzum	Gabrielle Pittar
Kelly Liu	Natasha Ong Xiao Qian	Sandani Senanayake
Elizabeth Lu	Belinda Reilly	Annie Sun
Safra Mohideen	Binudi Senanayake	Violet Sun
Catherine Pascual	Lily Tang	Verity Warn
Mikayla Peak	Vivien Whyte	Francesca Wilson
Emily Siow	Elvira Yang	Jenny Zhang
Sharon Susanto	Kendall Yang	Jessie Zhang
Shirley Tea	Weihong Yi	Helen Zheng
Emily Varney	Anny Zhu	
Harriet Woodward		

The following 11 students achieved 3 Scholarships:

Ye Un An	(Calculus, Chemistry, Physics)
Molly Ferguson	(Biology, History, Statistics)
Nicole Getty	(Design, Design and Visual Communication, Photography)
Tian Gibson	(Classical Studies, English, History)
Yiyao He	(Calculus, Chemistry, Physics)
Vinuli Jayasekera	(Chemistry, Physics, Statistics)
Rachel Ji	(Economics, Physics, Statistics)
Maryana Kozakevych	(Design, Design and Visual Communication, English)
Jayna Patel	(Accounting, Chemistry, Physics)
Francesca Wilson	(Art History, Biology, Painting)
Esther Wu	(Biology, Chemistry, Music)

The following students achieved 2 Scholarships:

Rachel Gock	(Calculus, Chemistry)
Jacqueline Joe	(Design and Visual Communication, Printmaking)
Jessica Kirton-Luxford	(Biology, English)
Angela Liu	(Biology, Statistics)
Angela Liu	(Biology, Classical Studies)
Isabella Rakete	(Painting, Photography)
Sandani Senanayake	(Chemistry, Statistics)
Weihong Yi	(Calculus, Music)
Helen Zheng	(Biology, Statistics)



PTA New Parent Family barbeque

Wednesday night saw the New Parent Family barbeque. It was a great opportunity for meeting tutor teachers, other families and seeing the extra curricula opportunities available.

Thank you for coming!

Next Events:

New Parent Information Evening and Welcome Drinks, Wednesday 14 March, 7pm
PTA AGM, Wednesday 21 March, 7.30pm



CURRICULUM NEWS

Macbeth Trip to the Pop Up Globe

Never was there a more appropriate day to go to the infamous Scottish play, than in the midst of a tropical storm! Fortune was indeed smiling upon us when we realised that *Macbeth* was to be part of this year's Pop Up Globe season, despite foul weather. Four hundred and forty Year 11 students who study English, along with their English teachers and several other staff, braved going to the Pop Up Globe to see *Macbeth* in torrential conditions, making the most of the eerie atmosphere. As the play is a text we study for Level 1 NCEA, the opportunity for the students to be part of an authentic Globe experience, was timely. Our students were part of an audience who eagerly interacted with the actors on stage – particularly evident when blood was splattered across the stage, as character after character lost their life! As a department, we are extremely grateful to the school for allowing us to take two year groups to the Pop Up Globe this year. The students certainly appreciated the chance to 'hover through the fog' and experience the torment and carnage of a Shakespearean tragedy.

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

AGS/EGGS PRODUCTION 2018 RAGTIME - CREW

Epsom Girls Grammar School and Auckland Grammar School are pleased to announce that the following students have been selected to be part of the Crew for this year's combined production of Ragtime.

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OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

EGGS Old Girls Association Annual Morning Tea



WHEN: Wednesday 11 April 2018, 10am

WHERE: Epsom House Hostel Dining Room, Owens Road, Epsom

COST: \$15 per person

REGISTRATION DUE: 1 April

We would love to see you at this morning of fun and sharing. It's a great chance to reconnect with your school mates, take a tour of the school and visit the Archives.

School memories and old friends go hand in hand

Any queries phone Lynley Sheweiry – Co President 027 5596 539 or 09 638 8141

FOUNDATION NEWS

The L Block is being upgraded, help us raise \$150,000

Our challenge is to build a vibrant, well connected, physical environment that encourages and supports many different types of learning.

We're upgrading our L Block into a flexible learning environment to keep pace with the needs of our students, families and teachers. The L Block renovation will create positive outcomes for young women, a multi-functional space for connected and collaborative studying and a stronger sense of community.

The government only funds the redevelopment of classroom space. However, with your generous support the school needs to raise \$150,000 to extend the flexible learning environment to an outdoor space too, a multi-purpose decking area with shelter.

Help us provide our students, your daughters, with an area that encourages creative thinking, gives much needed shade in the summer and shelter from the rain during lunch time and interval. The outdoor breakout space will better student achievement so that young women can continue to gain a leading education at EGGs.

Show your support for the advancement of education in New Zealand.

- Help teachers equip our students with the skills and knowledge they need.
- Evidence shows that the physical design of a space can support innovative learning.
- Breakout areas support independent and collaborative learning.

Donate today

To make a contribution for any amount you choose, small or large, please complete a [donation form](#).

Thank you for supporting EGGs.

The Heritage Fund - Apply Now

Any current EGGs student, staff or EGGs student and staff groups can apply for the Heritage Fund. Grants from this fund are usually between \$100 and \$400 each so don't miss out on a wonderful funding opportunity to help with an individual or group project, a school trip, cultural activities and items and more!

The closing date for round one of the Heritage Fund is **Friday 2 March**.

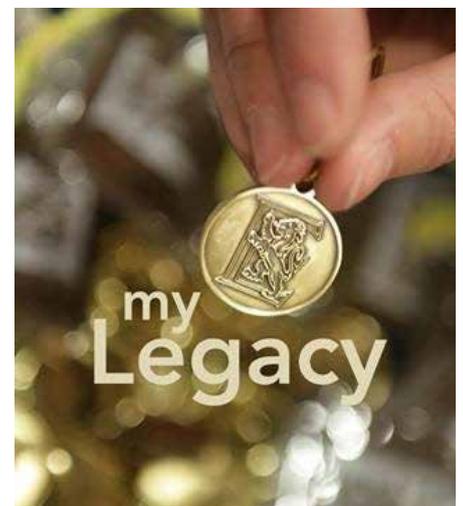
For more information please visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/heritage-fund-grants.aspx

Leave your mark. Make a gift to EGGs.

Making a gift in your will is a unique way of reflecting your own interests, passion and vision for the future success of Epsom Girls Grammar School in areas of education, sports facilities and resources, teaching or community benefit. Whether you wish your gift to be made in memory of someone close to you, to carry on your own name in perpetuity or to be given anonymously, it is a gift with value and that on-going will make a difference to thousands of young women every year.

If you're interested in creating a legacy for learning and leading young women, you can speak in confidence with the Foundation Office by phone 09 970 6753 or by email foundation@eggs.school.nz

Download our [My Legacy](#) booklet or visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/bequests.aspx for more information.



Ice Hockey

Congratulations to Jamie Kaiser who has been selected to represent New Zealand as part of the New Zealand Women's Under 18 Ice Hockey team at the Challenge Cup of Asia international ice hockey competition to be held from 5 - 12 March 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Tennis

Sarah Weekley was runner up in the 16 & under NZ Nationals losing a close match to Holly Stewart 6/3 4/6 4/6 in January 2018. She also won the NZ Masters event in 2017 and was runner up in the Junior ITF 18 & under tournament in Hamilton. Sarah is the # 3 ranked player in NZ for 16 & under and 18 & under junior girls and #16 for all of NZ for seniors. Sarah had an impressive 56 wins from 69 matches last year. (approx. 82% of matches played). Well done Sarah!



Sarah Weekley

Rowing

Congratulations to the Epsom Rowing team who had a very successful regatta on Saturday at Head of Harbour. The girls U18 8+ had a very convincing win and are once again Auckland champions. In addition, the GU18 4+, GU17 4+, GU17 8+ and the GU15 8+ came away with Gold in their events. The team won Silver in the following events.. Novice 8+, GU16 8+, GU16 4+, Novice 4+ and the GU15 8X.



16 Senior Rowers also competed at the National Club Championships last week, representing Auckland Rowing Club. Rowing New Zealand did a write up of the outstanding result:

Auckland Rowing Club, comprising of the Epsom Girls Grammar School rowing crew, secured the highly-sought women's club coxed eight title in imperious fashion. The young group claimed a comfortable win in 6:45.90 – a little over seven seconds clear of Nelson Rowing Club with local favourites Cambridge Rowing Club (6:54.84) rounding out the podium. Epsom Girls' Grammar coach Nadia Bleaken said it was mission accomplished for the crew, who posted their fastest ever time in idyllic conditions at Lake Karapiro. "I couldn't be happier with the performance," says Nadia. "Our girls are strong racing from the front and they managed to pull off the plan."

Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports was extremely successful last week with around 500 students competing! Well done to all of those students who participated and our sports captains for helping the day run smoothly. Champs will be announced in the next newsletter.





Sports Trials

Just a reminder that sport trials are still taking place throughout the term. Students have been sent a google doc with all trial dates.



USA SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you interested in becoming a student-athlete?

You and your family are invited to join EducationUSA and the NCAA for an information session on sports scholarships in the United States.

**Thursday 22 March
Epsom Girls Grammar School Hall
Arrive 5pm onwards for a 5.30pm start**

Find out more and register online at: <http://EducationUSANZ.eventbrite.com>





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Epsom House Night Supervisor

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

We are looking to recruit a Night Supervisor whose responsibilities will be to stay awake on duty all night and to maintain a safe and supportive environment for students at Epsom House. Administration, Health and Safety and pastoral care of sick girls will form part of the role.

This position is for one night a week (Saturday) and will be term time only. There may be the opportunity to work other nights at times in a relief capacity.

All applications must include the support staff application form.

[Please see the school website for further details.](#)

