



Photo courtesy Eden Catterall

Epsom Music Showcase held on 31 May 2018

Dear parents, caregivers and students

The NCEA review consultation period is open until 16 September – see link on this page. I would like to encourage students and parents to have your say. There will be many different viewpoints on what makes a good qualifications system and across the globe there are a number of systems that serve students well; each with its own distinctive philosophical and structural approach. What we know is that NCEA in its present form has provided a qualification that has enabled EGGs students to gain access to tertiary study across the globe; to pursue a wide variety of future pathways and to enjoy academic success in their secondary education. What we also know is that improvements could be made to the qualification. Any changes that we may move to in the future will be based on what will serve students well – while they are learning here at Epsom, and for their future plans. We are committed to providing:

- broad and deep curriculum learning, knowledge and skills
- academic rigour
- a rich co-curricular experience
- communication and collaboration skills
- the development of critical engagement, critical thinking, problem solving and student agency
- up-to-date, future-focused knowledge and skills for a world that is experiencing exponential rates of change

A public workshop on the future of NCEA is being offered for the central Auckland area by the Ministry of Education and CORE Education on Monday 25 June – 7.00-9.30pm at One Tree Hill College, and the link (right) provides access to the NCEA Review Discussion Document from the Ministerial Advisory Group. We are participating in the review process and will update you as it proceeds.

As you know, we have had examples of possible uniform items on display in the Reception foyer this week for consultation. At this stage we are seeking feedback on these items. We are not yet at the stage for implementation detail. That will come, in the form of detailed

Coming up in Week 7....

- Mon 11 June Old Girls Assoc. AGM
- Thur 14 June Junior Reports on portal
Big Sing
- Fri 15 June St John Ambulance Mufti Day
Matariki Hiko

Coming up in Week 8....

- Tue 19 June Founders' Assembly
Senior Reports on portal

EDUCATION REVIEW

As part of the wide ranging Education reviews currently underway, the Ministry of Education have opened an online survey. The introduction reads:

Education should give every New Zealander the freedom and opportunity to be the best they can be. That's the education system we want for the future. But to achieve it we need your help.

Because education belongs to, and is about, all of us.

That's why we want all of you – children, young people, parents, teachers, employers, iwi, families and whānau – to have a conversation about building not just a better education system, but the world's best. Because second-best isn't good enough for our kids. Or for New Zealand.

Please go to
<http://www.conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-have-your-say/>
to have your say.



information at the appropriate time. Obviously a sensible phasing in stage will apply for current students. Thank-you to those who have provided feedback to date as it is very useful for the uniform review group.

On Wednesday, Community held a performance concert in the Hall – a wonderful way to cheer up a cold week. This week the Chamber Music Competition is also being hosted at the RFAC, with secondary musicians from around Auckland competing, and good luck to all the choirs involved in the Big Sing next week.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

GENERAL NEWS

2018 Subject Teacher Conferences and Mid year reports

Mid-year Subject Teacher Conferences for Years 9 – 13 are being held on **Tuesday 26th June** and **Thursday 5th July**. This is an ideal opportunity for students and parents to meet with subject teachers and discuss progress and achievement at this half-year point and to look ahead. You will receive an email on 15th June with instructions on making bookings. Please note that bookings close on Monday 2nd of July at 12.00 noon. Junior reports will be available on the web portal on the afternoon of Thursday 14th June and Senior reports on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th June.

Matariki Hikoi

As you may know, Matariki is approaching. This is a significant festival on the Māori calendar which indicates the start of a new year. It is a time to gather together, to celebrate the unique place in which we live and give respect to the land on which we live. We can reflect on the previous year and consider new beginnings and aspirations. It is signalled by the appearance of a 7 star cluster, known in Aotearoa as Matariki and known elsewhere as the Pleiades or Subaru.

Last year, our school decided to celebrate this festival with a sunrise walk up our local mountain, Maungawhau / Mt Eden. Following on from the success of last year's event, the Matariki hikoi will now be an annual school community event.

This year we will be gathering outside the Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Silver Road at 5.30am, leaving for the hikoi at 5.40am on the morning of Friday 15 June (cancellation date Friday 22 June).

Once we have returned to school we will continue the Matariki celebrations by having breakfast together in the school staffroom.

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome to Matariki 2018 at EGGs.

St John Mufti Day - Friday 15th June

In Week 7, the Student Council will be running a Mufti Day for Friday the 15th of June. This mufti day will be raising funds for St John Youth, an organisation led by volunteers! St John teaches youth, like ourselves at EGGs, general life skills that can be used in various situations in our future. The money raised from this mufti day will be used to subsidise costs of first aid training which means more people can take part in these programmes. This term, the mufti day theme is Heart of Gold, so come into school wearing gold or yellow items of clothing or accessories! Additionally, there will be two guest speakers at assembly, Jess Samson and Justin Houben who will talk about St John Youth and what they do. On **Thursday 14th June** there will be a St John ambulance arriving into school at lunchtime outside the hall, for students to take a look, and see what amazing things St John does! It's going to be an exciting day so make sure to get involved.



HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Epsom Girls Grammar School has International Students arriving from Asia, Europe and South America starting in Term 3 of 2018, who require homestay accommodation. \$280 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.

For further information please call Jo Bostock or Florence Huang on 970 6757 or email accommodation@eggs.school.nz

**Wow!
Look inside a
real ambulance!
14th June at
Lunch!**

student council's
MUFTI

DAY

st john's
heart of gold
june 15th

**bring a gold coin
donation and wear
a gold / yellow
accessory**



with guest speakers
Jess Samson
Justin Houben

MUSIC NEWS

Epsom Music Showcase



The Music Department held a very enjoyable concert on May 31st. The Epsom Music Showcase featured choirs, chamber music and contemporary singers, as our choirs and chamber groups showed off their hard work with some beautiful performances. The Chamber groups are performing in the schools chamber competition this week and the choirs head to the Big Sing next week.

A note from HOD Music, Mr Thomas...

A very big well done to all involved in the showcase of Choral, Chamber and Contemporary music last Thursday night at the RFAC . It was very special for me to have a chance to sit back in the audience and hear all the talent and wonderful performances. This was the first time that I had been in the audience for a whole Epsom Music Concert.

Thanks to the team behind the scenes who put so much time and energy into making this evening run so well, in particular Debbie Orr, Virginia Le Cren, Christine Chong, Becky Grimwood, John Thomson, Rebecca Celebuski, Michelle Waring,

FOUNDATION NEWS

Women in New Zealand Politics

Join our wonderful Women in New Zealand Politics event on 30 July, 6pm at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre. Special guest speakers Chlöe Swarbrick, current Green Party MP; Jeanette Fitzsimons, former co-leader of the Green Party; and Tessa Berger, Auckland Council Elected Member and entrepreneur – all EGGs alumnae - will talk openly about their journey as women in politics. The engaging panel discussion will be facilitated by expert MC Rawdon Christie, award-winning broadcaster and journalist. Come along to a thought provoking and inspiring evening!

To buy your tickets for this sell-out event visit [iTicket](#)

All proceeds raised from the event will go towards the L Block upgrade.

Help us raise funds for L Block upgrade

To keep pace with the needs of the EGGs community, L Block will be transformed into an innovative learning space at the end of this year. With your help we can build a multi-functional space for connected and collaborative learning and a stronger sense of community. Thank you to everyone that has made a gift to the project already, it will make a wonderful difference to the school.

For more information about the project visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/l-block-renovation.aspx



The Epsom Girls Grammar School
Foundation presents

**Women in
New Zealand Politics**

Donate today



Donor Wall of Honour

For a one-off donation of \$500, become a permanent part of EGGS history and have your name of choice engraved on a dedicated wall inside L Block. Honour your family, an individual, friends or lost loved ones on our Donor Wall of Honour.

Please complete a [donation form](#).

General donation

To make a contribution for any amount you choose, please complete the form above.

Thank you for your generosity.

Order your 2018/19 Entertainment Book



SUPPORT US

Buy an [Entertainment Membership](#) and help us raise funds for the school at the same time. For every Entertainment™ Membership sold, \$14 goes towards EGGS - in return you'll receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers for everything you love to do!

Giving to EGGS

If you would like to support the future success of Epsom Girls Grammar School in areas including education, sports facilities and resources, teaching and community, making a gift in your will is a unique way of reflecting your own interests, passion and vision. 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 that will make a difference to thousands of young women every year. Leave a lasting legacy.

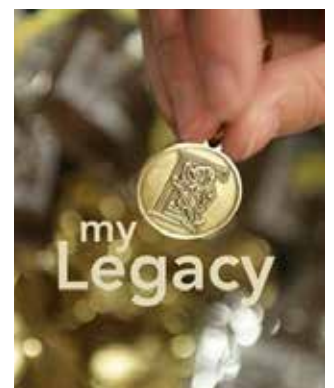
Speak in confidence with the Foundation Office by phone 09 970 6753 or by email foundation@eggs.school.nz

We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information:

Download our [My Legacy](#) booklet

Visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/bequests.aspx



Cross Country

Well done to Catrin Dawson who placed 1st in the Senior Girls at the AKSS Central/Eastern Cross Country Championships. Grace Wilson, Distance Squad Captain, also placed in the Top 10 Senior Girls, placing 9th.

Best of Luck to the team who will compete in next week at the Auckland Secondary School Championships.

Football

Congratulations to Alisha Braun who has been selected in the New Zealand Secondary School Girls Football Under 15 Representative team. They travel to Sydney, Australia from the 8th to the 14th July this year.

Epsom Supporters Gear

To kick start the Winter Sports season we have new sports gear available from the Sports Office! (pay at the cashier and bring your receipt to the Sports Office).

- Epsom T-Shirt:..... \$20
- Epsom Long Sleeve Warm Up Top (NEW):\$35
- Epsom Hoodie: \$50
(purchase at the uniform shop)
- Epsom Caps (NEW):\$20
- Epsom Umbrellas:\$45
- Epsom Towels:\$10

All sizes available from the Sports Office. Thank you to our Sport Captains for modelling the uniform!



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www.rayefreedmanarts.co.nz

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