

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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100s Week



Miss K made 100 fidget spinner cookies for her tutor class

Dear parents, caregivers and students

100s Week proved a lot of fun – inventiveness abounding across the School! Students really entered in to the spirit of it. The Old Girls Association had a very successful sellout event at the Rialto for a special screening of *My Year With Helen*, and now we are looking for the parent number of donations to swell respectively. A big thank-you to those who have already donated, and many very generously with the theme of 100 echoed in the donated amount. But we need more parents to donate (the percentage of donors for a community of 2200 families is surprisingly low at this stage). Please see [Page 2](#) for the bank account details or [click here to pay online](#).

Seniors start their examinations on Thursday 14 September and are now preparing for these. I wish all students in Years 11, 12 and 13 well for a period of steady revision and for the examinations.

Congratulations to the Lacrosse Team - national titleholders 2017; the Classics Quiz Team and and the KBB Festival bands and orchestras – see Pages 5 and 6 for details.

We are looking forward to welcoming back Miss Blackwell, No. 4 in the Black Ferns, World Cup titleholders. This is a wonderful win for New Zealand women's sport and we are very proud that Miss Blackwell is part of the EGGs community.

Good luck to all those competing at Tournament Week. I know that you will represent yourself, your team and your school with pride.

Lorraine Pound - Principal



Coming up in Week 7....

Mon 4 - 8 Sept Winter Tournament Week

Coming up in Week 8....

Mon 11-12 Sept Year 10 Market Day
Thur 14 Sept Senior Exams Begin



Congratulations Miss Blackwell, No. 4 in the Black Ferns - World Cup title holders!

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GENERAL NEWS

100s Week

The Centenary Committee hosted 100s week last week at school. Staff and students were involved in having a go at completing a 100s challenge and we had some great results. Many loads of 100 chicken nuggets were eaten, 100 lacrosse goals were scored, 100 favourite buildings chosen and 100 food items were donated to the Auckland City Mission. Thank you to all the groups who got involved.

We would also like to use this time to help raise money for a scholarship. This scholarship will go to a student or a member of staff and will allow them to do something they wouldn't otherwise have been able to do, whether that be an extra-curricular activity or further professional development.

If you would like to donate \$10, \$20 or \$50 please ask your daughter to pay at the school Cashier or pay online to the school's bank account - **02 0100 0380450 00** (reference 'Centenary donation' plus your daughter's name and tutor class).

Thank you so much for your support. We are excited to use the donations to support our very deserving students and staff through this Centenary Scholarship. More information about how you can apply for this scholarship will be available in the coming weeks.

Connolly Wilkins and Evelyn Charlesworth - Centenary Prefects 2017



10DAS donated 100 packets of noodles to the Auckland City Mission



10OSB ate 100 marshmallows, grapes and chocolate squares in 100 seconds



Devanshi made 100 mini sandcastles in the shape of 100!



11REN wrote 100 nice notes and gave them out around the school



Makare squatted 100kg

OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

"My Year with Helen" Film Fundraiser event

On Monday 28th August the OGA held its first Film Fundraiser event at the Rialto Cinema. The evening was a huge success, with a full house. It was particularly fitting that the selected film was about EGGS Old Girl Helen Clark. *My Year With Helen* is a documentary which gives a motivating and thoroughly engaging insight into Helen's life in the UN and her bid for the top job, as well as time spent at home with her father. Shown recently at the NZ International Film Festival, the film conveys how tough it is to break glass ceilings and goes on general release on Thursday 31st August. Highly recommended.

Those who attended had an opportunity to mix and mingle beforehand over nibbles and wine and, prior to the screening, a number of spot prizes were presented.

We'd like to thank our sponsors who joined us for the evening, **Craigs Investment Partners** and **Aria Park Retirement Village**. Thanks

also to Selina Joe, who was a researcher at the **New Zealand Film Commission**, and staff at **Rialto Cinemas** for enabling this special advance screening and providing tickets for prizes, and the team at **Fuse Creative** for assisting with the promotional material.

Thank you to all OGA Committee members and helpers who played key parts in bringing this very successful event together, with special appreciation to Virginia Bishop. This event was a sell-out, and will become a standing fundraiser event for the OGA – get in quick next time!

Over coming months, the Committee will be working on some new initiatives, and a major focus is the annual Graduation Dinner for Year 13 leavers, always a highlight on the calendar.

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry - Co-Presidents, OGA



Virginia Bishop (centre) with Hyrum-Daniel Dennis, Village Manager and Sharon Rabone Sales Manager at Aria Park Retirement Village



OGA Co-President Sally Blyth with Principal Lorraine Pound



Deputy Principal Tric Milner, Fiona Cottam (OGA), Virginia Bishop and Hyrum-Daniel Dennis



Deputy Principal Karyn Dempsey, Fiona Cottam (OGA), Deputy Principal Tric Milner, Virginia Bishop, Deputy Principal Sarah Dwan and Ro Bellamy (OGA)



Rialto Cinema, Newmarket

CAREER EDUCATION NEWS

Career Talks for rest of Term 3

Year 13's

Mon 4 September	University of Canterbury course planning, period 3 in DSO
Mon 11 September	University of Otago course planning, period 3 in DSO
Mon 25 September	Victoria University course planning, period 3 in DSO

The second step is to go online to each university you are applying to and complete the application. Take your time, carefully preparing any statements they ask for.

(AUT University accommodation applications are a separate process from the other universities and open on 1 October).

A full description of this process is on the Career ELEARN page under "Support, Student Support."

Students from all year levels

Thurs 28 September	Studying law at university – former EGGS students talk about their law degrees and answer questions, lunchtime in DSO
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Students can email [Ms Leask](#) or [Ms Riley](#) if they need any help or have questions.

Career appointments Year 13 students

All Year 13 students have a career appointment with Ms Leask or Ms Riley this year. If you have not had one already please contact us to book one in. Students can also come in more than once to talk further about career ideas. Please email cyoung@apps.eggs.school.nz to book an appointment.

Tertiary Accommodation applications

By now Year 13s should be getting close to completing these applications.

The first step is to complete a CCRF which is found here:

<https://ccrf.dotnous.com/students/>

On the form, make sure you tick all the universities that you might be applying for accommodation at. Also make sure you select Epsom Girls Grammar from the drop down list of schools.

The Career Education team is also available to see students at other year levels – please also email [Mrs Young](#) as per email above.

CURRICULUM NEWS

International Languages Week



From the 7th to the 11th August Epsom Girls Grammar School celebrated International Languages Week, with competitions and activities organised by the students who are part of the Languages Synhedrion Group. The week started with a Latin and Classics cake decorating competition, which was a roaring success. Tuesday was our Japanese-themed day and we learnt to make paper cranes, sampled some Japanese lollies and watched an anime movie. On Wednesday we had the opportunity to practise our Chinese calligraphy skills with brushes and ink and an exciting game of pétanque was our French activity on Thursday. The week finished with a Spanish piñata party and an international languages karaoke and disco on Friday. Many teachers at our school wore a badge for the week displaying the languages that they speak and, following a survey, we found out that our staff speak more than 35 languages! This was a great event where we could celebrate the rich cultural and linguistic diversity of our school and the Languages Department would like to thank everyone that became involved and contributed to its success.

Annual Schools Classics Quiz

On Tuesday night 29 August at the annual Schools Classics Quiz one of our 4 teams comprising Angela Liu, Elizabeth White and Sonia Yip (team name "Troy Story") won first prize, thrashing arch nemesis Dilworth who normally make a clean sweep of the placings.

Dominique Smythe, Laura O'Neill and Anna-Grace Somerfield also won second prize for their name, "You're Getting On Minerva", though to be fair this was Mr Jackson's invention...

Congratulations!



Angela, Elizabeth and Sonia with their traditional Olympic Games prize - a laurel wreath - and the rather magnificent Parthenon trophy.

ARTS AND CULTURAL NEWS

Writers' Night

Keen student writers from Epsom Girls came together on 23 August to celebrate their hard-work and talent at the annual Epsom Girls Grammar Writers' Night. This event featured songwriter Jesslyn Woo, who performed a beautiful original piece to begin the night, followed by the Year 11 Writing for Publication class who shared thoughtfully crafted poetry with the audience. There were performances from the school's Spoken Word group, and the participants of the "National Novel Writing Month" challenge were celebrated for their fantastic achievement of each writing an entire novel over the month of June. Special thanks are extended to the following: the Year 12 members of the Writing Committee who shared an extract from the creative work while supporting the running of the night; the EGGs librarians who assisted with venue preparations, and most importantly, to Mrs Frew, who contributes so much to the writing community at EGGs, and without whom Writers' Night would not have been possible.

Caroline Shepherd and Tian Gibson - Year 13 Writing Leaders

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

August has been Epsom Music's busiest month so far this year, primarily with our involvement in the KBB Music Festival but also due to Paradisum taking part in the Big Sing National Finale. There have also been a number of other events happening that have kept everyone on their toes.



At the end of June we were delighted to find out that Paradisum was selected from over 250 choirs around the country to take part in the National Big Sing Finale and last week Paradisum performed their 3 recitals in Auckland. They performed extremely well and came away with a Silver award, an incredible achievement. Well done to all the girls and their superb director, Mrs Virginia Le Cren. Paradisum also had a great time hosting Femme from Southland Girls and Resolutions from Rangi Ruru for rehearsals and a concert before the Big Sing Finale got underway.



Our bands and orchestras have their most important month of the music year in August with the schools KBB Music Festival. They have been working very hard preparing for the festival and have been showcasing their repertoire for the school community through assembly performances and the recent combined Band and Orchestra Showcase with AGS at Holy Trinity. Thanks to all those who came along to support our students.

This year we had all six groups performing at the KBB Music Festival which was held at the beautiful Holy Trinity Cathedral. Our groups performed extremely well and came away with Silver awards for Symphonia and Chamber Orchestra, Bronze awards for Concert Band, Stage Band and a commended award for Intermediate Concert Band. Symphonia received the outstanding soloist award for Esther Wu's performance of the Grieg piano concerto with the orchestra. We also had a number of students from Epsom selected to take part in the KBB Music Festival Honours Orchestra and Big Band.

Well done girls, we are all very proud of you.



FOUNDATION NEWS

2017/18 Entertainment Book, Support our Fundraising.

Epsom Girls Grammar School is pleased to offer our families the opportunity to support our fundraising by purchasing an Entertainment Book. You can buy the traditional Entertainment Book (available for collection from the Foundation Office) or if you prefer download a Digital Membership onto your smartphone which allows you to have access to all the great offers in the book at all times, so you won't be caught without your discount coupon or card.

PURCHASE YOUR BOOK NOW

Each Membership costs just \$70 with \$14 of each sale going towards our fundraising for the benefit of EGGS and its community.

Your new 2017/18 Membership contains hundreds of 25-50% off or 2-for-1 offers from some of Auckland's best restaurants, cafes, attractions and events, including The Grove, Antoine's, Euro, Oyster & Chop, Boy & Bird, The Garden Shed, Bread & Butter Café, Best Ugly Bagels, Rainbow's End, The Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, Event Cinemas and many, many more.

Thanks for your support.



Support a great cause: Family portraits by top NZ photographer Michael Overend



Family portraits help every family member to remember who they are, their role in the family and help create a sense of pride.

Michael Overend, one of New Zealand's most respected photographers, together with Timeless Images Photography has generously offered to support EGGS again by donating family portrait packages. This package is valued at \$785.00 but it will cost you only \$100.00.

We are offering parents the opportunity to take up this offer by paying \$100.00 directly to the school in return for the package below:

- A consultation appointment
- A professional portrait sitting
- Two 150 x 200mm (6" x 8") prints

► [Click here to make a booking](#)

The offer is limited and only available until Friday 22 September 2017 so don't delay book your consultation now.

If you have any questions please email the Foundation Office foundation@eggs.school.nz

Visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/michael-overend-photography.aspx for more information.

Heritage Fund Round Three

This fund was established in 2006 by Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation to provide grants to the school, students or staff for activities and items which will benefit Epsom Girls Grammar School and its school community. These are items and activities that are not funded within the school budget and therefore contribute to maintaining high standards and opportunities for which EGGS is known. Grants from this fund are usually between \$100 and \$400 each. Any current EGGS student, staff or EGGS student and staff groups can apply for the Heritage Fund.

Applications are submitted to the Foundation three times a year. The closing date for round three of the Heritage Fund is **Friday 8 September**.

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

Fundraising concert to support EGGS Old Girl, Eva Ding



On Sunday 20 August the RFAC hosted a fundraising concert - La Flûte Enchantée - to support EGGS old girl, Eva Ding (flute) and Clare Hood (soprano). During her time at EGGS Eva was an outstanding student, she has generously supported the school since graduating in 2013. The performance was wonderful and enjoyed by all who attended. We wish Eva the very best for the next leg of her musical journey in New York, where she will be pursuing her MMus at the Manhattan School of Music.

Eva is pictured here backstage with Mike Hutcheson, Trustee, The Raye Blumenthal Freedman Trust and Michelle Hutcheson. The Raye Blumenthal Freedman Trust has played a vital role in the development of EGGS over the years supporting education, our facilities, and the arts and culture for which the school is very grateful. A special thanks from us.

NOTICES

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 with a one page CV.

CALLING ALL BIKE OWNERS

Do you, your family, friends or neighbours have old, unused bikes gathering dust in your garage?

WE NEED THEM!

The EGGS Humanitarian group is partnering with Auckland's [Bike Kitchen](#) to collect as many bikes as we can from our school community to help local refugee families get mobile.

The Bike Kitchen Project is based in Mt Roskill and collects and repairs old bikes for distribution to families who have no other means of transport. They also help teach bike fixing and riding skills so

that everyone is empowered. This is an easy way to help those in need.

Please let us know by **Wednesday 6th September** if you have a bike or bikes you are happy to donate.

Email 8483@apps.eggs.school.nz with your name, tutor class and the number of bikes!

We will then organise a bike drop off at school for the end of this term.



SPORT

Football

Congratulations to the Junior A Football team who won the APC Junior Final against Mt Albert Grammar, 1-0. MVP of the match was Stella Lawson – awesome work! Thank you to all of the supporters who came out to watch on a spectacular day!



Lacrosse

Congratulations to Epsom Girls' Grammar School Lacrosse Team - 2017 New Zealand National Secondary Schools Champions! Score EGGS 9 – Cambridge High School 8.

Congratulations to the MVP #8 EGGS Nikki Fordyce.



Netball

Congratulations to the Premier 1 team on placing 3rd in the Auckland League. Goodluck for UNISS next week!



Rugby

Congratulations Miss Blackwell on an amazing World Cup win against England! You are an inspiration to all of us!

