

# EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls  
Grammar School

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Left to right - Fuafiva, Aria, Sophia, Mr Geoff Burgess, Jade, Mr Robert Lerner, Mrs Lorraine Pound, Mr Dean Lawrence and Mr John McFetridge

Dear parents, caregivers and students

The inaugural Epsom Girls Grammar School Joyce Fisher Charitable Trust Spirit of Adventure Scholarships have been awarded. These scholarships, given to the School as a centenary gift, provide Spirit of Adventure experiences for up to 4 Year 11 students of Maori and Pasifika heritage. As we enter the School's second century these scholarships will be awarded each year. The Board and School are very grateful to the Joyce Fisher Charitable Trustees – Mr Robert Lerner and Mr Chris Paykel – for this very generous centenary gift. Congratulations to Sophia, Jade, Fuafiva and Aria pictured, above.

The Gateway Prizegiving on Tuesday was an opportunity to acknowledge student achievement and the valuable contribution employers make to student success.

On Wednesday we celebrated Arts and Culture at the Annual Awards Evening, reflecting on the breadth and depth of talent of Epsom students. Congratulations to all involved.

Term 3 is at its end. Senior students have been getting feedback from their exams this week and now go to a well-deserved holiday break. Some time should be given to stopping completely and doing some different things – switching off from school. Then it is a very individual situation on how much holiday time needs to be given to revision and preparation towards the NCEA External Examinations which start on Thursday 9 November.

Some key dates for senior students, looking ahead:

- Learning Awards – Wednesday 18 October
- Community Awards – Thursday 19 October
- Labour Day holiday – Monday 23 October
- Sports Dinner – Thursday 26 October
- Senior Prizegiving - Tuesday 31 October
- Year 13 go on study leave – Wednesday 1 November, after the leavers' assembly
- Years 11 and 12 go on study leave – Friday 3 November, 3.15pm
- NCEA Examinations – Thursday 9 November – Friday 1 December [NCEA 2017](#)
- Graduation Dinner (Year 13) – Wednesday 29 November



## Coming up in Week 1....

Mon 16 Oct	Term 4 begins
Wed 18 Oct	Learning Awards
Thur 19 Oct	Community Awards

## Coming up in Week 2..

Mon 23 Oct	Labour Day
Tue 24 Oct	Full summer uniform
Wed 25 Oct	Epsom Music Competition
Thu 26 Oct	Sports Dinner



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- Year 13 Sign-out – Friday 1 December (leavers - all fees need to be paid; texts and equipment returned; library books returned and overdue fines paid before this date, so that Sign-out is straightforward)
- Year 12 Leadership Training Days - 4-6 December (Peer Support) or 5-6 December.

Some key dates for junior students, looking ahead:

- Labour Day holiday - Monday 23 October
- Teacher Only Day - Monday 6 November
- Junior examinations 7 - 8 November.

Thank-you to Year 10 students, Catie van der Burgh, Jane Schellekens, Emma Donaldson and Sarah Murchison, who represented the School so well this morning at the NZ Police Remembrance Day service.

Term 3 has been long and wet. It's extraordinary - the bell goes for the end of the day and down it has poured, day after day.

Thank-you to all students and staff for an event packed term and I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday.

*Lorraine Pound - Principal*



*Inaugural recipients of the Joyce Fisher Charitable Trust Spirit of Adventure Scholarship - Aria, Jade, Fuafiva and Sophia*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The focus of the board during this term has been one of self-review, professional development and beginning the masterplan refresh project. It is important that the board reviews our key governance policies on a regular basis to ensure these remain relevant and that there is a clear delineation between our governance role and the role of management. Thank you to the various board committees for the job you are doing in this area.



*Vivien Whyte (left) current BoT student representative with the newly elected 2018 student representative Rebecca Mead. Congratulations Rebecca!*

As trustees it is important we keep abreast of the expectations placed upon us in this role. Professional development is key to enable us to build our knowledge base. At each meeting we dedicate time to upskill ourselves on 'trusteeship' matters and all trustees are encouraged to attend workshops. This will remain a key initiative as we prepare for our 3 year strategic planning update next year.

The refresh of the Masterplan is exciting. It will provide an opportunity for staff, students and the community to be actively involved in shaping the vision of the school's facilities for many years to come. This masterplan will also become an integral part of our strategic plan and it will be the board's goal to provide a clear direction on how we can deliver the key priorities identified within this plan.

As another term closes I would like to congratulate the school for some wonderful achievements across all facets of school life. The reports to the board are full of fantastic achievements and recognition of accomplishments to be proud of.

I wish everyone a restful break and all the best for the senior students preparing for your external exams.

*Chris Iles - Board Chair*

# OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Scholarships and sponsorship are top of mind for the OGA at present.

Firstly, the OGA is pleased to announce the recipients of the OGA Epsom House Scholarship for 2018 – twin sisters Anna and Kate Leader from Pukekohe. This is the first time the scholarship has been awarded jointly and we are thrilled to assist the Leader girls, whose grandmother attended EGGs. Our thanks go to Compass Group who sponsor this scholarship of \$2,500.

Plans for Graduation Dinner on 29th November are shaping up nicely, thanks to the work of OGA Committee member Donna Corse-Scott and the Year 13 Deans, Wendy Bunting and Claire McConachie. The OGA awards scholarships on the night and we always look forward to acknowledging the recipients of these.

Also, for the Centenary this year, there are ten special scholarships on offer for both staff and students. The OGA is pleased to contribute to this initiative, together with parents, students, the School, Board, Foundation and the Chenery Memorial Trust.

The OGA is working to initiate and build relationships throughout the community and, in this vein, we are exploring future collaboration with supporters and sponsors of OGA, including Craigs Investment Partners and Aria Park Retirement Village. This is exciting as we move into the future.

*Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry - Co-Presidents, OGA*

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### Digital Exams

The Senior School Exams, held during weeks 8 and 9, provided students with exam experience and the opportunity to gain valuable feedback. Both of these are essential as students look ahead and prepare for their NCEA exams which start on the 9th November. Students can view the full NCEA exam timetable [here](#). During our school exams, many students made use of the option available to them to sit their exams digitally in 5 subjects. Over 200 students opted to sit their Level 1 English exam digitally, gaining valuable experience in preparation for their digital NCEA English exam in November. We appreciate our student's willingness to test our infrastructure and provide feedback to NZQA on their digital assessment platform. A small group of students will be invited to form a focus group during Term 4.

## FOUNDATION NEWS

### Meet the Team

If you are interested in our fundraising activities and events and would like to support the school through the EGGs Foundation please contact the Foundation Office by email [foundation@eggs.school.nz](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz) or by phone 09 970 6753, or visit us, the Foundation Office is located in the main Administration Building.

We look forward to meeting you and discussing the many ways available to show your support for the school.

### Support innovative learning

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

In 2018, the school will be embarking on an exciting project, the upgrading of the L Block into a flexible learning environment. The government only funds the redevelopment of classroom space. We want to extend the flexible learning environment to an outdoor space too, a multi-purpose decking area with shelter and here's where you can help. With your generous support, we need to raise \$150,000 so that we can provide our students with a breakout learning space, an area that gives much needed shade in the summer and shelter

from the rain during lunch time and interval. Please help us build a good quality outdoor space to better student achievement.

#### **Make a donation today**

To make a contribution, please complete a [donation form](#).

Thank you for your generosity.

### Uniform

Term 4: full summer or full winter uniform until Labour Weekend. **Everyone in summer uniform after Labour Weekend.** (The Epsom hoodie or sweatshirt are not part of the daily uniform – it is for wearing at events when you are a supporter. The woollen jersey (or Year 13 cardigan) is for everyday wear).



KTL Tuition

Year 10 -13 Study Skills and Strategies

## October Workshop

Established and proven workshop

Saturday 14th October - 1.00p.m. to 5.30p.m.

Workshop sessions held in:

Seminar Room  
642 New North Rd,  
Morningside

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**MAUNGAWHAU**  
**SCHOOL FAIR**

**SATURDAY**  
**28 OCTOBER**  
**11AM-3PM**  
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**What's On?**

**RAYE FREEDMAN**  
**ARTS CENTRE**

**DALEWOOL AUCKLAND BRASS**  
Classics of Stage & Screen  
October 8, 2pm

**MHSSO**  
Medical Health Science Student Symphony Orchestra  
Charity Concert for StarJam  
October 4, 7pm

**GLEE CLUB**  
Auckland University Glee Club 2017 Show  
October 14, 7.30pm/October 15, 6.30pm

**For more details, go to our website**  
[www.rayefreedmanarts.co.nz](http://www.rayefreedmanarts.co.nz)

# SPORT

## Swimming

Last weekend the EGGs Swim Team competed at the New Zealand Secondary School Championships in Hamilton. The team consisted of six amazingly talented students who achieved 14th place overall out of 57 NZ womens' teams. Many personal bests were achieved by the swim team and medals won. Congratulations to the following students for their placings in the competition:

Ellie Eastwood collected several medals during the competition:

Gold in the 100m breaststroke (16-18 year olds)  
Silver in the 200m breaststroke (16-18 year olds)  
Bronze in the 50m breaststroke (16-18 year olds)

Mackenzie Brears also collected a Silver in the 50m breaststroke (13 year olds)

The Relay teams were placed 7th and 8th in their age groups which is a great achievement for EGGs.

They now head to NZ Short Course Individual Championships in October 2017, at the Sir Owen Glenn facility in Albany.



*Maddie Poindgestre, Ellie Eastwood (Captain), Mackenzie Brears, Terri Warner, Alice Raea and Anne Sait*

## Weightlifting



Congratulations to the following students who competed at the NZSS Weightlifting competition.

**Tessa Ewens** won the u58kg weight class with a 100kg total and was also the overall National champion in her class.

**Makare Tavanavanua** came 2nd in the 75+kg weight class with a 145kg total.

Makare has also been away with the New Zealand Youth Female Team competing at the youth Commonwealth & Oceania Championship. In the 75kg class she placed 2nd in Oceania & 3rd in the Commonwealth.

## Mountain Biking

The EGGs mountain biking team had a successful finish to their AKSS MTB series last week. Congratulations to the following students for their placings:

Sarah Harvison placed 4th in Race 4 and 3rd overall in U16

Poppy Buissink placed 1st in Race 4 and 1st overall in U17

Dayna Haythorne - 1st in Race 4 and 1st overall in U20.





## Skiing

14 students from EGGs competed in the NISS Skiing Champs. Ella Wylie and Aoife Crumley both placing in the top 20 for their downhill race. Overall, EGGs placed 21st out of 124 schools. Awesome effort team!



## Gymsports

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Gymsports Competition:

### Artistic

Tyla Bow – 2nd place (Junior International Artistic)

Emma Olsen – 2nd place (Level 2)

### Rhythmic

Poppy Lush – 3rd place (Club B)

Phoebe Lush – (Club B)

## Sports Dinner

Don't forget to save the date for Sports Dinner 2017 and purchase your tickets from the cashier. It will be a great night to celebrate our sporting success for the year and a great opportunity to have Melodie Robinson as our special guest for the night.

**Venue:** Alexandra Park, Tasman Room  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Date:** Thurs 26th October (Doors open 5.15pm)  
**Tickets:** \$60 from School Cashier  
 Special Guest: Melodie Robinson

# SPORTS DINNER 2017