



Dear parents, caregivers and students

At this time of year there are a number of celebrations; in the last week of Term 3 the Arts and Cultural Awards; the Community Awards and Learning Awards in week one of the new term, and last night the Sports Awards Dinner. At each of these events what is obvious to all is the talent, skill, growth, achievement, leadership and commitment shown by students in these four large areas of the co-curricular programme here at Epsom. Next week at Senior Prizegiving we will celebrate academic success and the same qualities will be echoed. All of these events celebrate learning and the progress to new levels of learning that is the Epsom secondary school experience – learning that happens in and out of the classroom. I hope that the Year 13 students feel that they have grown in their time here and that they are well-equipped for their next steps, beyond secondary education. Looking at the many individuals who have seized opportunities for learning in a wide range of contexts and all those who have also contributed so much to the School, I am impressed by our Year 13 leavers and feel that New Zealand and the world is lucky in its next generation.

Good luck to all the seniors - Years 11, 12 and 13 - for the upcoming NCEA examinations. Steady preparation and giving the task the attention and time it needs will certainly be worth it, and you should see the results that you want and deserve. Please remember that if you are coming in to school for a tutorial, wear full uniform and also sign in as you arrive at Reception as we always need to have an accurate record who is on site for safety purposes.

Year 9 and 10 students will have a day at home on Monday 6 November when we have a Teacher Only Day and the following two days see Junior examinations. Full information on the timetable and rooming arrangements will be given to the students nearer the time and it is important for students to keep these examinations in proportion. They should not be an occasion for undue stress.

The education sector is keen to learn more detail about the new Government's plans ahead for education. We will keep you posted once we know that detail.

Lorraine Pound - Principal



### Coming up in Week 3....

Tue 31 Oct	Senior Prizegiving - 7.30pm
Wed 1 Nov	Last day for Year 13
Fri 3 Nov	Last day for Year 11 & 12

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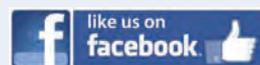
Mon 6 Nov	Teacher Only Day
Tue 7 Nov	Junior Exams
Wed 8 Nov	Junior Exams
Thur 9 Nov	NCEA begins

## SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Tuesday,  
31 October 2017

Marjory Adams Hall - 7.30pm

[TO VIEW MORE EVENTS CLICK HERE >](#)



# OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Dear EGGs Alumnae, Honorary members and friends of the OGA,

The **OGA** is pleased to be partnering with **Osteoporosis NZ** to bring you this free interactive lecture which aims to educate and empower Epsom Girls Grammar School staff, alumnae and community so that they are aware of bone health including the impact of nutrition and exercise, fracture prevention and osteoporosis management. With improved health literacy people can be proactive in the management of their bone health. We will be filming this lecture so that the video can be used by other schools for inclusion of appropriate content in their teaching modules.

**The Lecturers** are Osteoporosis experts, Professor Jill Cornish and Dr Susannah O'Sullivan who are themselves both **Old Girls of Epsom Girls Grammar School**.

**Professor Jill Cornish PhD** is one of our EGGs Founders Award recipients and leads the Cell and Molecular Bone/Joint Biology Research Group in the Department of Medicine, University of Auckland, New Zealand.

**Dr. Susannah O'Sullivan MBChB, FRACP, PhD** is a consultant general and reproductive endocrinologist with the Reproductive Endocrine group, Fertility Associates Auckland, and an honorary senior lecturer in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Auckland.

**DATE AND TIME OF LECTURE:** Monday 27 November 2017, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

**VENUE:** **Raye Freedman Arts Centre**, Epsom Girls Grammar School, Silver Road, Epsom, Auckland, Auckland 1023.

For numbers and catering purposes **please register for this free event at Eventbrite** by clicking on the link below. This is a private event so use the password: bones2017 to register by no later than 24 November 2017 or while seats last.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/osteoporosis-nz-presents-a-free-lecture-on-bone-health-tickets-38921745990>

For any queries please email [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz) or phone Julie on 027 2965294.

Regards

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

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### English Department

Congratulations to the following students whose poems were selected for publication in the 2017 edition of Redraft, as part of The School for Young Writers' annual competition: Sophia Barlow, Year 11, for 'The Mandarin Peel', Talia Thomas, Year 11 for 'Malapoa Estate' and Caroline Shepherd, Year 13 for 'Fickle' and 'Newsflash'.

### Community Awards

Last week we held the Community Awards Ceremony, a time for us to reflect on our huge year of events and recognise those who have had a significant contribution to their committees and our EGG this year. The Community EGG has been extremely busy this year being active within not only the community at EGGs, but also the wider community. For example, students from the Community EGG volunteered at Poppy Day, the Dawn Service and the Civil Ceremony. As well as this, we held 'Community Week', which was a week dedicated to spreading the love for Epsom that everyone in the Community EGG has and inciting 'Epsom pride' for all of the different groups and parts of our multicultural community.

At our awards ceremony, we were honoured to have a guest speaker, Sally Duxfield, who spoke about the purpose of those who are serving the community and why it is such an important role to have. Sally herself is extremely involved within the community, as she holds



a week long programme for the long term unemployed, allowing her to be able “to see people who have no hope and no purpose impassioned and successful and working. That is a real joy.” We would like to thank Sally for taking time from her busy schedule to come and speak to our students, her speech being extremely inspiring and touching for all of us.

However, we would not have been able to have such a successful year without the contribution and never-ending support from our members within our EGG. In particular, each leader of the interest groups and committees who helped us plan and carry out each event, so without them we wouldn't have been able to achieve these big goals throughout the year. So as celebrated at the awards ceremony, a huge thank you to all of our leaders and committee members who have contributed to such a great year for the community EGG.



## FOUNDATION NEWS

### The EGGs Foundation is raising funds and here's how you can help

*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. However, 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 an outdoor 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.

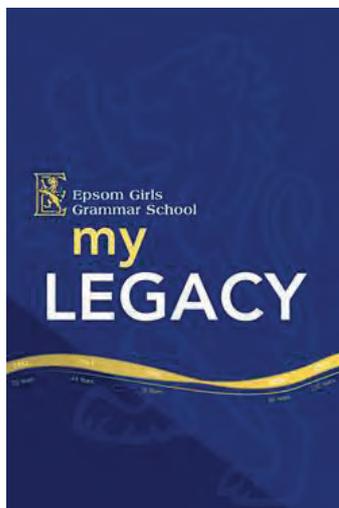
“The outdoor breakout learning space will be the perfect place for EGGs students to study and relax. The space will encourage creative and critical thinking, it will optimise learning.” Lorraine Pound, EGGs Principal

### Make a donation today, support innovative learning

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

All donations make a wonderful difference to EGGs and will be recognised.

Thank you for your generous support.



### My Legacy giving to EGGs

Should you wish to provide philanthropic support without affecting your lifestyle, including Epsom Girls Grammar School in your Will is an option for your consideration.

Making a gift in your will (often referred to as a bequest or a legacy) 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](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz)

For more information, please read our [My Legacy booklet](#) or visit [www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/bequests.aspx](http://www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/bequests.aspx)

## HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Epsom Girls Grammar School has International Students arriving from Asia, Europe and South America starting in Term 1 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.

Please call Jo Bostock or Florence Huang on 970 6757 or email [accommodation@eggs.school.nz](mailto:accommodation@eggs.school.nz)

## Uniform Shop Assistant

There is a part-time position available assisting in the Uniform Shop, mainly during January and February but the applicant must be available to assist at other busy periods during the year. The duties will be fitting and selling uniforms, selling stationery and restocking the shop.

Hours are 10am-2pm daily from January 10th 2018 until February 1st and 11am-4pm from February 15th until February 24th.

[To apply please see the school website.](#)



## Unitec Dance Presents

# SHOWCASE17 16-19 Nov, 7.30pm

Each year, the Raye Freedman Arts Centre is proud to host Unitec Dance's showcase event.

Showcase 17 is on the way, pairing the best contemporary choreographers with NZ's brightest dance students to deliver the high quality contemporary dance that our audiences have come to expect.

We are pleased welcome the return of Charles Koroneho to the role of Adjunct Professor. Charles will work with the full cohort of students to activate the space and welcome our audience into it.

Unitec Lecturers Katie Burton & Paul Young continue their winning collaboration to develop a challenging new work for Unitec's Year 1 dancers.

Coming to us via Edinburgh, exceptional Dancer/Choreographer Tamsyn Russell will work her Magic with Unitec's Year 2 cohort. Tamsyn's prolific career includes dancing for renowned choreographers Michael Parmenter (NZ), Janet Saxton (SCT) and producing her own acclaimed work including 'Go Get 'em Kid', new work in development, 'Scene Stealer'.

Following a successful tour of dance theatre duet 'Lick My Past' NZ dance Luminary Kelly Nash will create exciting new work on our graduating Unitec Year 3 students. Kelly brings with her a wealth of experience from all corners of the dance industry and we are really excited to support her work. Kelly is currently creating 'Atamira' her first full length work with Atamira Dance Company to premiere late 2017.

This year we are also pleased to welcome director of company IDCO Joshua Cesan, to showcase his award-winning brand of Hip-Hop. Students from Unitec's joint programme with the Beijing Dance Academy will showcase a new work created for them in China, and NZ Dance icon Michael Parmenter will present an intriguing excerpt from his epic new work 'The Orpheus Project', which will be premiered by The New Zealand Dance Company in 2018.

Get your tickets [here](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, [GO TO OUR WEBSITE](#)



# SPORT

## Ultimate Frisbee

Congratulations to Bianca Mercer, Sunny Zhou and Lucy Parsons who recently competed with the Ultimate Frisbee NZ Under 20 Women's team (Kahu) in Sydney for the biannual trans-Tasman Trophy. It is the first time since the inaugural competition in 2011 that the NZ Under 20 teams (women's and men's) both came away with trophies.



## Indoor Cricket

Congratulations to Amie Hucker, Gemma Adams and Breearne Illing who have recently competed in the Auckland 17 & Unders team at the National Junior Indoor Cricket Championship in Wellington. Their team finished runners-up and Breearne was awarded MVP for the team. These three students also made the NZ Squad selection for 2018 Junior World Indoor Cricket Series (Christchurch, 2018).



**MAUNGAWHAU**  
**SCHOOL FAIR**

**SATURDAY**  
**28 OCTOBER**  
**11AM-3PM**  
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