



Senior Prizegiving - students, staff, parents and the EGGS community celebrated the outstanding academic achievements of our senior students.

Dear parents, caregivers and students

NCEA examinations have started and it is good to see senior students taking advantage of tutorials offered. The junior school have completed their examination days and are now underway with their final units and work projects for the remainder of the year.

Contrary to what some parents may be told, we work through the whole term - not just to examination time.

Five key messages for Year 9 and 10 students: -

- please remember to be considerate passengers on buses and trains - proactively helpful to anyone who needs a seat or help
- when going to and from school make sure you can hear what is going on around you - one earphone or none
- watch the traffic when crossing roads - Gillies Avenue has a crossing with traffic lights but the traffic is very unreliable
- enjoy the warmer sunny lunchtimes on the field and in paradise
- with the seniors in exams we all need to move quietly from class to class and at interval.



Years 9-12 form a Guard of Honour to farewell the Year 13 students after their final assembly.

Lorraine Pound - Principal



Coming up in Week 5....

Mon 13 Nov NCEA exams continue

Coming up in Week 6..

Mon 20 Nov NCEA exams continue

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Tuesday,
12 December 2017

Marjory Adams Hall
10.00am

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OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

The OGA Committee held a workshop on Saturday 4th November to gain clarity around our Vision, Purpose and Strategies/Action Plan moving forward. We have some more work to do to complete our framework but great progress was made on the day. There are many skills and much diversity within the group and it was wonderful to have the opportunity to spend time together to consider our passions and purpose and how we can best operate into the future.

We have prepared a Survey which will shortly be sent out to all alumnae; the feedback will help us build a better picture of our membership and what we might offer as we move towards the OGA's Centenary in 2021. Planning for this will soon be under way and we hope that alumnae far and wide will join us for the celebrations.

We were both privileged to present awards at Senior Prizegiving and were quite blown away by the incredible achievements that were recognised on the night. The OGA was also pleased to contribute towards the ten special Centenary Scholarships awarded to five students and five staff.

Graduation Dinner is set for 29th November and this is a highlight in the OGA calendar; we always look forward to this memorable evening for Year 13 leavers and their families, bringing a significant year to a close.

**2017
GRADUATION DINNER
29 NOVEMBER 2017**

Regards

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry - Co-Presidents, OGA

CURRICULUM NEWS

Information Literacy Award

Michele Coombridge, our Director of Library Services, was presented with the Award of Merit for Information Literacy at the recent School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (SLANZA) conference. The citation read "Michele has implemented a structured and successful information literacy programme across all year levels and faculties which supports the strategic goals of the school. Her creation of short video resources allows students to access the learning at their own pace and in their own time. Michele is a passionate and innovative school librarian."

Michele would like to acknowledge the support of the library staff, especially librarian Debbie Horrocks for her work in the creation and delivery of the information literacy modules.



Chinese Video Competition

Having started from July till September this year, Year 9 students Stella Beckmann, Hannah Huddleston, Sally Hsu and Amanda Nguyen participated in the school Chinese Video Competition organised by the Confucius Institute in Auckland by filming a video of them sending birthday greetings to the Confucius Institute. Their video has been awarded the Second Most Popular Vote Production. These four Mandarin learners took the initiative to write their scripts, practise their lines, prepare their costumes and props, and film the video. They demonstrated their excellent language abilities in the video for their year level. Their creativity and high quality of filming techniques have also attracted viewers to vote for them. Congratulations to them!



Asian Culture Festival

As part of the ALLiS project at EGGs, we held an Asian Culture Festival in Week 2 this term, from 24th to 27th October. With the enthusiasm of the volunteers who represented their home countries and the interest of those who showed genuine community spirit by wanting to immerse themselves in different Asian cultures, we have had a joyful and rewarding week.

We organised a one-week exhibition at the library to showcase the history, customs and cultures of individual Asian countries: China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, India, Malaysia and Vietnam. Most of the display boards were compiled by the students. However, we must commend Clara Walsh who was keen to produce one on Thailand, though she had had little connection with that country. She will be an expert now. Volunteers also brought from home cultural items and costumes to make the exhibition not only interesting but also educational. The unanimous feedback from viewers was "cool".



Various hands-on cultural experiences were organised throughout the week. Volunteers contributed their expertise and energy and eagerly established an exchange of knowledge and skills. On Wednesday, students designed badges that bore icons and catchwords that featured their culture and then taught other students how to say these correctly. A large group of inspired students gathered in the library to learn Asian languages and to earn the badges. Students learned how to say "I love you" in Chinese and Korean, "welcome" in Malaysian, "Namaste" which means "the spirit in me salutes the spirit in you" in Indian, or very cute words like "delicious" in Vietnamese.



On Thursday, we had musical performances, a gongfu fan martial art performance and ground calligraphy in Paradise. Edith Xie played her pipa, an intriguing and unique Chinese musical instrument.



The festival culminated with Chinese and Japanese tea and snack sampling in the Languages Village.

ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

EGGS/AGS Production Auditions "RAGTIME – The School Edition"



Audition information:

Leads: Song with piano accompanist, dance audition, acting performance

Ensemble: Group dance audition, group-singing audition

NOTE: Please read the audition packs thoroughly when they are released on Grammartnet, the EGGS Website and the AGS/EGGS Production Facebook.

Refresher Workshop for choreography: Wednesday 6th December, 3.30 – 5pm

Audition Dates: 7th and 8th December 2017

Seniors and Junior Boys

Group Dance Auditions:..... 7th December, 9am – 11am

Ensemble Group Auditions:9.30 – 11am 8th December

Individual Bookings for Leads: ...7th December: 11.30 – 3.30pm

...8th December: 11.30 – 3.30pm

Junior Girls

Group Dance Auditions:..... 7th December, 12.30 – 1.15

Individual Bookings for Leads:....7th and 8th December, 3.30 – 5.30pm

Ensemble Group Auditions:.....8th December, 12.50 – 1.45pm

Arts & Cultural Committee for 2018

GROUP	LEADER	GROUP	LEADER
Arts and Cultural Prefect	Isabella Murihead	Photography	Shoal Makata & Eden Cattrall
Arts and Cultural Prefect	Vivien Whyte	Drama Leaders	Matilda Excell & Rebecca Reader
Arts Liaison Prefect	Maia Baillie	Auckland Theatre Company Ambassador	Stella Grigg
Cultural Liaison Prefect	Faith Tuiloma	Silo Theatre Company Ambassador	Sophie Helm
Kaiarahi	Sherkquoia Hauraki	Band Leaders	Jinny Hwang & Natasha Lim
Samoa Group Leader	Faith Tuiloma	Chamber Music Leader	Olivia Coup
Cook Island Leader	Miara Kelleher	Contemporary Leader	Alexandra Elton
Chinese Group Leaders	Yuting Ma & Lucy Guo	Choral Leaders	Claudia Chaney & Patricia Chan
Korean Group Leaders	Jane Joo & Grace Ko	Orchestra Leaders	Ka Hee Cook & Weihong Yi
Sri Lankan Group Leader	Vathma Perumpulli Arachchige	Stage Challenge Leaders	Josie Wilson & Naia Roberts
Indian Group Leader	Lalita Garg	Hip Hop Leaders	Zian Debehram-Tau'etevalu & Mia Collins
Thai Group Leader	Amykar Sirisao	Debating Leaders	Ella Buchanan & Yalda Hamed
Japanese Group Leader	Jennifer Peng	Writing Leader	Charlotte Carter & Eva de Jong
Malaysian Group Leader	Shanelle Pan	Theatresports Leader	Maia Ballie
Gaelic Group Leader	Marcail Parkinson	Technician Leader	Olivia McFarlane
Visual Arts Leaders	Rose Bell, Rosa Watson, Brooklyn Richardson & Amy Bao		

FOUNDATION NEWS

Help EGGs Create an Innovative Learning Space

"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

In 2018, the school will be embarking on an exciting new 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. We've already started to receive donations from the EGGs community for which we're very grateful.

The Benefits

- ◆ Flexible learning areas helps teachers equip our students with the skills and knowledge they need.
- ◆ The evidence shows that the physical design of a space can support innovative learning.
- ◆ Breakout areas support different modes of learning such as independent and collaborative learning.

Make a donation today

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 supporting learning at EGGs.

Heritage Fund

The Heritage 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. The last round of funding was awarded in September this year and the recipients received grants to support the following:

- ◆ Travel to NZSS Nationals Premier Netball tournament
- ◆ Cricket First XI Tournament
- ◆ Ultimate Frisbee competition for U22 Australian Championships
- ◆ Attendance at an U16 talent identification camp for NZ Touch.

There are three rounds of funding available throughout the school year usually in March, June and September. The 2018 closing dates for applications will be announced on the EGGs website shortly, please keep an eye out.

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

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



Creating an Innovative Learning Space: L Block Renovation Donation Form

Contact name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Connection to EGGs:

Family of current / past student – student's name: _____
(please circle one)

Old Girl Other: _____

I/we would like to support innovative learning with:

A Donation amount of:

\$50 \$100 \$150

Donation – other Amount \$ _____

Recognition of your donation

I agree for my name to be listed alongside other donors in EGGs newsletters, publications and on the website

I/we wish to remain anonymous

Method of payment

Cheque enclosed (payable to The EGGs Foundation)

Direct credit to EGGs Foundation: 02 0192 0136163 00 (BNZ Newmarket) Reference: L Block Renovation

Visa MasterCard Card no: / / / Exp: /

Cardholder's name: _____ Signature: _____

Donations are tax deductible at 33.3%. Receipts will be issued for your donation.

Please return this form to: The EGGs Foundation, Epsom Girls Grammar School, Silver Rd, Epsom, Auckland 1023

Thank you very much for your generosity.

For more information please contact the Foundation Office:

ph +64 9 970-6753 or email foundation@eggs.school.nz

Charities Commission Registration CC10011

SPORT

Orienteering

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Rogaine competition:

Senior Girls

3rd Place - Lucy Parsons and Bianca Mercer

Intermediate Girls – Individual

Cartier Matthews placed 3rd

Junior Girls – Individual

Ella Watson placed 1st

Well done to all of the EGGS students who participated and put in a great team effort!



Young Sportsperson of the Year Nominations

Congratulations to the following students who have been announced as finalists in the College Sport Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards:

Cricket Bella Armstrong

Cycling..... Dayna Haythorne

Lacrosse (Girls) Nicole Fordyce

Lacrosse (Girls)..... Harriette Overend

Lacrosse (Girls) Caitlin Dellow

Mountain Biking Dayna Haythorne

Mountain Biking Poppy Buissink

Swimming Ellie Eastwood

Underwater Hockey Rosa Watson



Sports Dinner

A big thanks to the families, students, coaches and managers who attended last week's sports dinner. It was great to celebrate the success of so many sports teams and individual athletes.

Congratulations to Greer Sinclair who won the Lois Dalley Memorial Cup – Sportswoman of the Year.



Netball

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected into the Netball New Zealand National Development Camp:

Bianca Nagaiya

Anna Millar

Killarney Morey

Greer Sinclair

Click here to read the full article: [Netball NZ Development Camp](#)

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 Florence Huang, Jo Ivory, or Jo Bostock on 970 6757 or email accommodation@eggs.school.nz



NZ Ukelele Trust Presents

JAMES HILL in Concert

Friday November, 7:30pm

NZ Ukulele Trust is thrilled to present James Hill, "possibly the best ukulele player in the world" (Waikato Times). Hill has made a career as an award-winning ukulele player and songwriter, an artist who "gives the ukulele its dignity back without ever taking himself too seriously" (*Songlines*). Featuring the NZ Ukulele Squads, with maestro Philip Griffin.

This event is selling fast - get your tickets before they sell out. [Go to our website](#) for more details and to purchase tickets online.



NZ Ukulele Trust presents... Possibly the best ukulele player in the world - Waikato Times

**JAMES HILL
IN CONCERT**

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

7:30pm Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Epsom
Tickets \$50 from www.iticket.co.nz

With special guests
The NZ Ukulele Junior & Senior Squads