



Dear parents, caregivers and students

At this time of the year junior students ensure that we maintain our sense of community as senior students sit their NCEA examinations. Last week we welcomed over 400 families of 2018 Year 9 students to Pre-enrolment Day. Thank you particularly to the helpers from 10FRI who tackled everything from car parking and welcoming visitors to being runners and assisting families to their interviews with a smile.

There are all sorts of learning and other opportunities that can be taken advantage of at this time in the year. I encourage all students to take part, whether this is doing something that is outside of your comfort zone at Year 10 camp (as the half of the camp that was rained out earlier in the year heads away to Pataua South next week), persisting with the complexity of the mathematical origami geometry, joining a new team or trying a new activity.

## MUMPS

Further to our information earlier in the week, we have had a confirmed case of mumps within the school community.

To the best of our ability, we have let people know if they have been in what is considered close contact with someone who has the Mumps.

However, given the size of the EGGs community and the increase in cases in the greater Auckland area this is a good opportunity to check your levels of immunity.

In order to ensure immunity please check if your daughter has had both MMR vaccines, these are usually scheduled at 15 months and 4 years. If this is the case no further action is required.

- If your daughter has had only one MMR vaccine please make sure she has the second one.
- If your daughter has not had the MMR vaccine at all please ensure that she does so.

The MMR vaccine is available free of charge.



### Coming up in Week 7....

Mon 27 Nov	Osteoporosis NZ free Bone Health Lecture NCEA Exams continue
Mon 27-29	Year 10 Camp
Wed 29 Nov	Graduation Dinner
Fri 1 Dec	NCEA exams end

### Coming up in Week 8..

Mon 4-6 Dec	Year 12 Leadership Days
Thur 7-9 Dec	Production Auditions

## JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Tuesday,  
12 December 2017

Marjory Adams Hall  
10.00am

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You are also considered to be immune to mumps if you were born prior to 1981, or diagnosed with mumps by a doctor previously, or you have had blood tests which confirm immunity to mumps.

Close contacts who are not immune need to be excluded and quarantined from day 12 after their first contact with the case during the infectious period, to day 25 (inclusive) after last contact with the case during the infectious period.

Auckland Regional Public Health Services also suggest to limit infection:

- wash and dry your hands regularly with soap and warm water and a clean towel. Wash your hands for 20 seconds and then take 20 seconds to dry your hands well.
- cover your coughs and sneezes – use tissues and throw used tissues in the rubbish bin.

Please call the Health Centre or your GP if you have any concerns.

## Key Dates for the next few weeks:

Monday 27 - Wednesday 29 November ..... Year 10 camp  
Monday 27 November.....Osteoporosis NZ free Bone Health lecture  
Wednesday 29 November.....Year 13 Graduation Dinner  
Friday 1 December.....NCEA exams end  
Monday 4 - 6 December .....Year 12 Leadership Days (Monday - Peer Support Only)  
Friday 8 December .....Year 10 Ki o Rahi tournament (Periods 4-7)  
Monday 11 December.....Students start at 10.00am  
Tuesday 12 December .....School start at 9.15am, Prizegiving starts 10.00am

*Sarah Dwan - Acting Principal*

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# OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

## Bone Health

On Monday night at 7pm there is a free presentation from Osteoporosis NZ on Bone Health. This is presented by the Old Girls Association. Book your seat now!

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

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## Graduation Dinner

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.

Regards

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

2017  
GRADUATION DINNER  
29 NOVEMBER 2017

# CAREER NEWS

## Career Club Lunchtime Talks

Years 9 and 10 students have a great opportunity over the last weeks of term to attend a series of lunchtime career talks. Guest speakers will help students learn about and be inspired by the variety of careers out there. Where possible we include speakers who attended EGGs too.

The first talk on *Architecture and Interior Design Careers* was held on 23 November. We were very fortunate to have speakers from Jasmax, Anna Logan a graduate architect and Melanie Kassian a graduate interior designer. Anna is an EGGs old girl and resided at Epsom House. 27 students attended the first talk and we hope to see even more students next week. By attending all 3 talks students go into the prize draw.

The following career talks are still to come:

Thursday 30 November in DSO – Business careers speakers

Thursday 7 December in DSO – Health related careers speakers



# CURRICULUM NEWS

## Book Launch – 'Glass World' by Claudia Chaney



On the 19 November, Claudia had the launch of her new book 'Glass World'. It was a well-attended event that was held at the Child Cancer Foundation Office. It included family members, friends, nurses that had attended to her at Starship Hospital and some staff and students from EGGs.

The book is about Claudia's lifestory and her battle with leukemia which she was diagnosed with when she was three and half years old. The book describes her courage, resilience and her stubborn determination to overcome every challenge she was faced with after having graft versus host disease. She also talks about her passion for music, love of languages, her pet charities and her dreams for the future.

Claudia epitomises the school values of Courage, Compassion, Curiosity and Community and is truly a role model for her school community.

Books are selling at \$15 each and there is a limited supply. To purchase a copy of the book, please email Claudia at [claudia.ann16@gmail.com](mailto:claudia.ann16@gmail.com)

The proceeds from the book will be donated towards Child Cancer Foundation, SPCA, Starship Foundation and Young Authors Project.



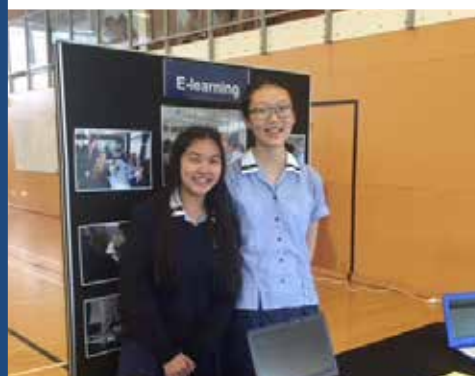
*Claudia with her manager Julie Fennell from Young Authors Project*



*Claudia with Learning Centre Director Ms Silo Gunput, Dean Mrs Deborah Orr and Teacher Aide Mrs Helen Watney*



## *Pre-enrolment Day 2018*



## **JOHN PARSONS CYBER SAFETY PARENT EVENING**

**Auckland Normal Intermediate, Wednesday 29 November, 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the School Library**

You are all invited to a presentation on the issues and dangers associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet, presented by John Parsons, NZ Cyber security expert.

The aim of the evening is to inform parents/teachers/grandparents and educate our community to understand the value of a digital identity as the first step to using ICT safely.

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to help prevent it. Topics covered on the night include: Cyber bullying, cyber safety, online grooming, learning to repel and report and much more.

We look forward to your participation at this informative evening with John Parsons.

*Auckland Normal Intermediate, Poronui Street, Mt Eden*

## Origami Week

As part of the geometry unit Year 10 students are doing this month, each class got a "field trip" to the senior common room for a 90 minute origami geometry workshop with origami mathematician Hugh Gribben. Students worked on modular origami, creating 3-D shapes with and without symmetry.



### 2018 TERM DATES

#### TERM 1:

**TUESDAY 30 JANUARY TO FRIDAY 13 APRIL**

Course changes	Tuesday 30 January
Waitangi Day	Tuesday 6 February
Good Friday	Friday 30 March
Easter Monday	Monday 2 April
Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 3 April
Vacation 2 weeks	14 April - 29 April

#### TERM 2:

**MONDAY 30 APRIL TO FRIDAY 6 JULY**

Queens Birthday	Monday 4 June
Vacation 2 weeks	7 July – 22 July

#### TERM 3:

**MONDAY 23 JULY TO FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER**

Vacation 2 weeks	29 September – 14 October
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#### TERM 4:

**MONDAY 15 OCTOBER TO THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER**

Labour Day	Monday 22 October
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### 2018 STARTING DATES

#### WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY

New in-zone students not previously enrolled.  
(Enrolment, by appointment only, from this date.)

#### TUESDAY 30 JANUARY

Teacher only day / Course changes

#### WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 10.30AM

Powhiri for Year 9 and all new students  
– students at school until 3.15pm

#### THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 10.30AM

All year levels until 3.15pm

#### FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 8.30AM

Normal times for the whole school

# FOUNDATION NEWS

## With your generous support we need to raise \$150,000

### *Help us create an Innovative Learning Space*

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.

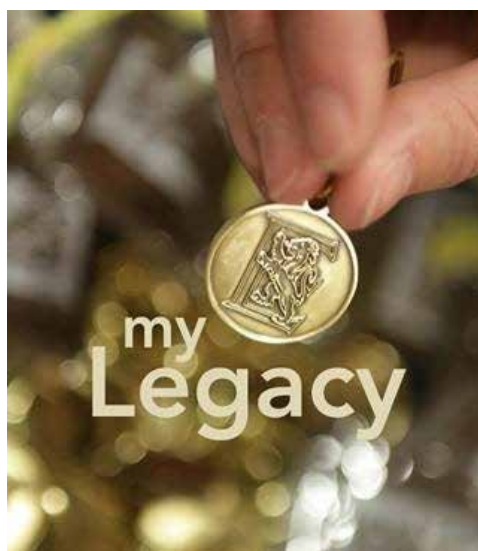
### Make a donation today

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.

## 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)



## 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](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz)

Charities Commission Registration CC10011





## Cricket

The Junior Cricket competition has started and Epsom Girls have had a stunning start winning their last two games against Lynfield College and Glendowie College. Well done to the team and good luck for the rest of the competition!

## Volleyball

Congratulations to the junior Epsom team who competed in the Junior Volleyball Championships last week. They finished 3rd in their Pool and went on to semi-finals placing 22nd out of 36 schools. Great effort and awesome improvement from 2016 placings.

## Waka Ama

Congratulations to the EGGS Gold Mana Wahine team who competed in the Regatta on Saturday at Orakei Basin. The team placed 3rd in Division 1 – Girls W6 250m. Well done to the EGGS Blue team who also competed at the Regatta. Not bad for many first time paddlers! Thanks to the parents who went out to support the teams during a long day of racing.



## Water Polo 2018

The Water Polo season starts very early in Term 1. To ensure that we are ready to field our teams we will be having pre-season training on January 24th and 25th followed by a tournament from 26-28 January for a selected squad of players.

All players are welcome and encouraged to attend the pre-season training and attendance is compulsory for anyone wishing to be considered for the Senior A Team.

Please email Mrs O'Donnell ([jodonnell@eggs.school.nz](mailto:jodonnell@eggs.school.nz)) who is the TIC of Water Polo if you have not played this year but are keen to do so in 2018.

## STOP PRESS

## From the Auckland College Sport Young Sports Person of the Year awards Thursday 23 November

### Overall winners in their sports:

- Bella Armstrong - Cricket
- Nicole Fordyce - Lacrosse
- Dayna Haythorne - Mountain Biking

Particular congratulations to Nikki who was then a finalist for the overall sportswoman of the year.

Well done to all winners and nominees. It was also great to see Ms Blackwell there as one of the guest presenters and involved in a Q and A session.



## 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](mailto:accommodation@eggs.school.nz)



*The Albert-Eden Local Board is pleased to bring a Christmas event for our community to enjoy.  
Carols at Potters Park on December 3 promises to bring plenty of Christmas cheer.*



## RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE

### AUCKLAND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PRESENTS 'CAPRICCIO' - NOVEMBER 26

Soloist Ben Hoadley will join the ACO on Bassoon, with Peter Scholes conducting for the orchestra's final concert of their 2017 season on Sunday November 26 at 5pm. Their programme includes Ibert's Capriccio, Sofia Gubaidulina's Concerto for Bassoon and Low Strings, Debussy's Syrinx, Divertimento by Arnold and Ravel's Introduction and Allegro.

ACO 2017 season concerts are free admission, but please make sure you [reserve your seat](#).

