

EGGSNEWS



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Grammar School

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Celebrating Year 13 Graduation at the dinner held on the 29th November

Dear parents, caregivers and students

Year 9 and 10 students have been doing a range of final projects over the last month, plus we have had the second half of Year 10 Camp, origami geometry, trips to the zoo, amazing races and the Year 10 Ki o Rahi tournament today. I would like to thank the Year 9 and 10 students for supporting the seniors as they did their NCEA examinations, by moving quietly around the school and I hope you have enjoyed the final weeks of the year. This morning I watched the large boxes filled with non-perishable food donations for the Auckland City Mission coming to Silver Road for collection. The spirit of Christmas giving is alive and well – thank-you to all Year 9 and 10 students and families who have donated.

Last week the Old Girls Association hosted the annual Graduation Dinner. It was a very happy occasion with Year 13 students and their families – you can see details of the evening and the Scholarship winners on Page 3. I would like to particularly acknowledge the generosity of the Tongan Alumnae who have funded a Tongan Alumnae Centennial Scholarship at each year level this year.

On Monday night the Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship recipients' centennial cocktail evening showed the various career paths taken by recipients over the last 24 years – again, more details can be found on Page 3. Jill Mandeno's generosity, vision and energy in this commitment to EGGS students over 24 years is something for which the School is most grateful. The legacy to the individuals involved, and also to the NZ and international science community, of this scholarship in her mother's honour, is significant. We often see on social media short clips about the large and often pivotal impact of an act of kindness or generosity, and although perhaps a little over-exposed in that forum, it is so true.

We have experienced an amazing year celebrating the centenary. The bumper centennial edition of Te Korero has a centenary feature and I would like to congratulate and thank Ms Nicola Rennie for her work over 3 years in producing Te Korero. She is now handing on the mantle to Mr Jonathan Cameron.



Coming up in Week 9....

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| Mon 11 Dec | Late start - 10.00am |
| Tue 12 Dec | Junior Prizegiving - 10.00am |
| | End of Term 4 |

Starting Dates for 2018

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| Wed 31 Jan | Powhiri - 10.00am (all new students) |
| Thur 1 Feb | All year levels - 10.30am |
| Fri 2 Feb | Normal times for the whole school - 8.30am |



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



2018 will be the first year of a new century for the School – an exciting prospect. The leadership days this week for the incoming Year 13 leaders have given us a glimpse of the potential of this group. The students will be in good hands with these leaders who will launch the new century.

Lastly, thank-you for the support so many have shown in these last three weeks after my husband passed away. I am very grateful to be part of such a caring community.

Epsom has had a big year – and now it is time to relax and enjoy Christmas and the holidays – very best wishes to everyone.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Centenary year is drawing to a close and with it the school can reflect and be extremely proud of everything it has achieved and delivered this year. Success breeds success and for more than 100 years EGGs has built a culture of high achievement across the many and vast aspects of school life. 2017 was no exception. From the Centennial celebrations to the sporting fields, the academic performances and across the entire arts and cultural spectrum the school stands out as a high performing organisation.

I would like to thank Mrs Lorraine Pound for her outstanding leadership this year and also recognise the senior leadership team and all teaching and support staff for your tireless commitment throughout the year. Planning is already underway for 2018 but please have some well-deserved downtime with family and friends over the summer break.

To the Board of Trustees, thank you all for your time and support in our governance role. The education sector is full of change, a lot of it remains unclear and very fluid as the digital age rapidly impacts

many aspects of our lives. In 2018 we will have a refreshed masterplan and a new 3 year strategic plan will be rolled out later in the year. The new accommodation block at Epsom House will be completed and the renovation of L Block will commence.

To the school community, thank you for your on-going support for EGGs. I wish you all a very safe and happy festive season.

Finally I would like to finish off by recognising a special EGGs person. After 30 years, 6 Principals, 8 Board Chairs and 190 Board of Trustee meetings Linda McNeil is retiring from her PA and Board Secretary role. Linda's contribution in a key support role has been invaluable and will be sorely missed. I'm sure she could write a book about her time at EGGs and the changes and developments she has been part of. All the very best Linda for your retirement and thank you again for your tremendous commitment to Epsom Girls Grammar School.

Merry Xmas to all.

Chris Iles - Board Chair

Cash sales of Centenary memorabilia will be available before and after Junior Prizegiving.

Centenary memorabilia is also available at the Uniform Shop.



Epsom Girls Grammar School
Centenary Memorabilia

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| Tea towels | \$30 (for 3) |
| Lioness cub | \$15 |
| Cards | \$20 (pack of 12) |
| Cake tin | \$20 |
| Tote bag | \$10 |
| T shirts | \$20 |
| Silver Road | \$49.95 |

OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

The 2017 Graduation Dinner took place on 29th November for Year 13 students and their families – it was a memorable occasion which brought the Centenary year to a fabulous close. This year we presented the girls with an “Alumnae” keyring, as well as the traditional yellow rose. Head Girl from 2013, Arizona Ledger, spoke of her passion for the school and encouraged each girl to be herself. Deans Wendy Bunting and Claire McConnachie did a double act that engendered laughter as they touched upon the girls of Year 9 versus those of Year 13 – and those years in between. It’s a significant time in a girl’s life, and as Old Girls, we too have been through them.

As we said on the night, we “Old Girls” are a rather eclectic bunch: we are of all ages and stages, not to mention all sizes and guises, but our common bond is the School we all attended and the memories we can share forever. The camaraderie and bonds formed during school days are remarkably strong and enduring.



We awarded four OGA Scholarships this year, selected with the assistance of those who have known the girls throughout their time at Epsom Girls. The qualities that we look for in awarding these Scholarships are not just academic. We look for: kindness and consideration for others; qualities such as being honest and reliable; recipients who are good at a range of activities, such as sports, or art and cultural activities, as well as academic work. The recipients should be girls who are hard workers and, through that hard work, achieve good results. Many congratulations to this year’s recipients: Abigail Lyons, Kiana Sword-Tua, Natalya Mandich-Dohnt and Jeanie Jefferson.



Mele Finau receiving her Tongan Alumnae Centennial Scholarship for Year 13 Excellence



Recipients of the Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship through the years

This year there was also a special “Tongan Alumnae Centennial Scholarship for Year 13 Excellence” awarded which Alisa Tatafu presented to Mele Finau. Many thanks to the Tongan Old Girls community for enabling this.

On Monday 4th December we held an intimate and thoroughly wonderful Cocktail Function for recipients of the Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship through the years. This Scholarship was set up 24 years ago, in July 1993, by EGGs Alumna and Founders Award recipient Jill Mandeno, with the assistance of Dame Judith Potter. The Scholarship – providing funds for a 7th form (Year 13) student to attend university to study mathematics and science based degrees – was set up in memory of Jill’s mother and former EGGs student, Kathleen Davies.

We were delighted to bring together previous Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship winners to meet with Jill and guests – and, very significantly, each other – and to have the opportunity to acknowledge Jill’s generosity, vision and philanthropy. It was tremendous that more than half the recipients were able to attend the function, including the very first recipient from 1993, and the most recent one who was awarded her Scholarship at Senior Prizegiving this year. A truly wonderful group of women, and it was a pleasure to hear how they have put their study to great use.

It’s been a huge year for the OGA and as the festive season arrives, we wish everyone a happy and restful summer break.

Regards

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry - Co-Presidents, OGA

Fees-Free Tertiary Education and Training from 1 January 2018

Kia ora,

Minister of Education, Hon Chris Hipkins, today announced that fees-free tertiary education and industry training is now a reality for first-time students enrolling in courses for 2018.

From 1 January, eligible learners will be able to access fees free tertiary study and industry training. The Tertiary Education Commission will be responsible for implementing the fees-free policy.

Who is eligible?

In summary – learners who are New Zealanders who finished school in 2017, or if they will be finishing school during 2018, qualify for fees-free. People who are not recent school leavers and have done less than half a full-time year of education or training may also qualify.

feesfree.govt.nz

We recommend prospective learners check their eligibility and any next steps they may need to take by visiting the Fees-Free website, feesfree.govt.nz.

For school leavers using the website we recommend they have their NSN on hand.

Tertiary courses enrolled at school

Taking tertiary courses while enrolled in school will not count against a student's future eligibility for fees-free tertiary education. Although, potential tertiary students will not be entitled to free-fees study while enrolled at school.

More information

- feesfree.govt.nz – to check eligibility, next steps and frequently asked questions
- careers.govt.nz – Is fees-free tertiary education calling you to study?
- tec.govt.nz – for more detailed information for providers and industry training
- beehive.govt.nz/minister/hon-chris-hipkins - for Minister Hipkin's Press Release

Tertiary education is an investment. By building your students' career management competencies you are giving them the skills, information and knowledge to make informed learning and work choices, so they can have a better future.

We look forward to continuing to provide career information and tools to support your students decision-making in 2018.

Ngā mihi

Christine Hayden

General Manager – Professional Development Services

Tertiary Education Commission

WHOOPING COUGH

Auckland Regional Public Health Services advises that pertussis (whooping cough) is in the community and the number of cases in schools has increased over the last two months. Pertussis is a highly infectious disease and can cause serious illness for some people. In the last 12 months, 1 in 6 cases has needed hospital treatment.

Vaccination is free and offers the best protection against this disease - research shows vaccination is safe and effective. Four and 11 year olds are both eligible for a free booster dose – see your GP promptly to book this in. Children who have missed any doses are also able to get free immunisations, please check with your doctor if you are unsure of your child's vaccination history.

If your child has symptoms of pertussis keep them at home, away from school. Pertussis starts like a cold with a runny nose, cough, and fever and is spread by coughing. After 7-10 days the cough becomes more severe and prolonged coughing spasms occur that may end with a whoop, dry retching or vomiting.

If you or your children are experiencing symptoms or you want more information visit your doctor or call Healthline for advice on 0800-611 116.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Communications Survey Results

Earlier this year as part of our communications review we surveyed the EGGGS community to share your insights, and to help us evolve the channels and methods of communication at EGGGS. We had a wonderful response and would like to thank everyone that participated, your input is very important to EGGGS and is much appreciated.

For an overview of the results please click [here](#).

Help us build an Innovative Learning Space

We've already started to receive donations from the EGGGS community for which we're very grateful.

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.

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.

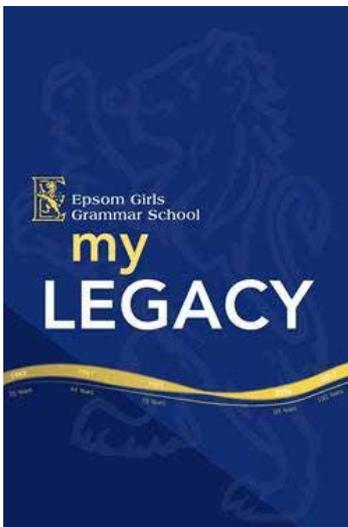
Make a donation today

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

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

Thank you for supporting learning at EGGGS.

Leave a lasting legacy



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

SPORT

Cricket

Congratulations to the EGS 1st XI Cricket team who are National Champs for 2017. The team went through undefeated and Bella Armstrong was named MVP of the tournament. Well done team!



Trampolining

Congratulations to Maddy Niven (left) who competed at the World Champs in Bulgaria. She competed in the 13-14 year old age group for synchronised trampolining and placed 8th overall. Awesome work Maddy!



Water Polo

Well done to the Junior Water polo team who beat Western Springs, 5:1 in their last game of Auckland League.

Touch

The Junior Touch season has finished and both teams played well all season. Congratulations to Epsom Blue who placed 3rd in Pool A.

Athletics

Well done to Grace Wilson, Catrin Dawson and Jemma Cherguit for your efforts at the Athletics Nationals last weekend in Hawkes Bay.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Epsom House

Epsom House is the Boarding House for Epsom Girls Grammar School and has up to 143 students aged from 13 – 18 resident seven days a week during School terms.

Epsom House Night Supervisor

We are looking to recruit a Night Supervisor whose responsibilities will be to stay awake on duty all night and to maintain a safe and supportive environment for students at Epsom House. Administration, Health and Safety and pastoral care of sick girls will form part of the role.

This position is for one night a week (Tuesday) and will be term time only. There may be the opportunity to work other nights at times in a relief capacity. This job commences at the end of January 2018.

All applications must include the [support staff application form](#).

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

Epsom House Afternoon Supervisor and Sleepover

We are looking to recruit a Supervisor whose responsibilities will be to work closely with the House Managers and the Assistant Principal with responsibility for Epsom House, and to maintain a safe and supportive environment for students at Epsom House. To also contribute to the development of a learning environment in which the vision and values of the school and the goals of the school may be achieved within the specific context of Epsom House.

This job would suit a person who can form positive relationships with students and encourage them with their sports/cultural activities and their academic responsibilities. Someone who can create attractive after-school activities and programmes and to also supervise and monitor prep time. The hours for this position will be Monday – Thursday from 3.30pm – 10.00pm.

The role will require the successful applicant to complete a paid sleepover at the House and be available for any situations when needed during the night. The hours for this position will be from 10.00pm – 6.30am. It will be for term time only. This job commences at the end of January 2018.

All applications must include the [support staff application form](#).

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

Epsom House Part time Morning Supervisor

We are looking to recruit a Morning Supervisor whose responsibilities will be to supervise breakfast and to follow the morning routine procedures while maintaining a safe and supportive environment for students at Epsom House. Administration, Health and Safety and pastoral care of sick girls will form part of the role.

This position is presently for one morning a week (Wednesday) between the hours of 6.30am - 10.00am and will be term time only. There may be the opportunity to work other mornings at times in a relief capacity. This job commences at the end of January 2018.

All applications must include the [support staff application form](#).

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