



Joyce Fisher Sports Centre Official Opening



Lady Susan Satyanand, Mr Robert Lerner, Hon Nikki Kaye cut the ribbon to officially open the Joyce Fisher Sports Centre on Thursday 14 April. Supported by Chris Paykel (Trustee of the Joyce Fisher Trust), Dr Gerald Young (BOT Chair), Mr Peter Thompson (Capital Campaign Chair) and Lorraine Pound (Principal) (See page 7 for the full media release)

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

The Prefects' Campaign Week in the last week of Term 1 was a real success. Congratulations to the Prefect team and especially to Michelle, Jade, Cindy and Lily from the Head Prefect and Deputies team who spearheaded this event packed week. On the Friday students were able to enter the fictitious country of Egglan and I have a feeling that Egglan may pop up again as everything that happened there seemed to be fun and good!

Term 2 sees the start of winter sports in earnest. Just a reminder to make sure that sport fees are paid as we are unable to put non-paying team members into play. The EGGS Sport facebook page is a good way to stay current on what is happening in a wide range of sports.

This term also sees the annual EGGS/AGS Production – this year – West Side Story here at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre. From the moments I have seen at rehearsals and the vignette at assembly this will be a show that no one will want to miss.

In the first week of term about 300 people attended the NCEA Information Evening and the Netsafe Evening was held on Tuesday 10 May. We take cybersafety very seriously and find that Netsafe offers practical information and advice.

By the end of Week 3 a Checkpoint Grade Summary for all students will be posted on the KAMAR web portal. This summary provides a snapshot of assessment achievement to date. Looking ahead - full mid-year Reports will be available for juniors by 17 June and for seniors by 21 June and students and parents will be able to meet with subject teachers:

- Junior students - 28 June
- Junior and senior students - 30 June
- Senior students - 5 July

Please book for the appropriate specified night of the two age groups. The combined night is designed for parents with both older and younger students and as an extra opportunity in the case of extenuating circumstances.

Lorraine Pound - Principal



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Centenary Celebrations Update

Exciting news - ticket sales for our Centenary Celebrations, 5-9 April 2017, will be going live on iTicket in the next few weeks. The Centenary website pages will be launched at the same time too, there'll be lots of delightful content and a link to iTicket of course! Watch this space as we'll be in touch with details soon.

Coming up in Week 3....

**Mon 16 May - EGGS/AGS Production -
Sun 22 West Side Story**

**Thurs 19 May Relational Parenting
Workshop**

**Friday 20 May Grade Summary available on
KAMAR web portal**

Coming up in Week 4....

Mon 23 May Learning Egg Week

Poppy Day



Ashwarya Garg, Evangelique Sayasaya and Lilia Babu just some of the students who generously gave their time to selling poppies in Newmarket on 14 April and assisting at the Dawn Parade at the Domain on ANZAC Day

From the Board of Trustees

Joyce Fisher Sports Centre

The official opening of the Joyce Fisher Sports Centre occurred at the end of Term 1. The function highlighted the very strong support that Epsom Girls Grammar School receives from the community. It was formally opened by Lady Susan Satyanand with the Honourable Nikki Kaye.

The number of other dignitaries who attended is a testament to the status and importance that Epsom Girls Grammar School has as an educational institution. Mr Robert Lerner and Mr Chris Paykel with other family members and representatives of the Joyce Fisher Charitable Trust plus representatives of other donors were in attendance as well.

The Board thanks everyone who has been involved in this project, in particular Mr Peter Thompson, for leading the capital campaign that funded this project. Clearly the School needs the support of its community to bring such a project to fruition.

Board Elections

With the start of Term 2 the process for the triennial Board of Trustees elections has commenced. The Board elections is an opportunity for the School community to have a direct input into the representation of the governance of Epsom Girls Grammar School. This could be as a candidate for the Board and certainly as a voter.

I would encourage anyone contemplating standing for the Board to put your nomination forward. You should have received nomination papers in the week starting 9th May and these need to be returned no later than Friday 20th May.

Voting closes on **Friday 3rd June** at 12 noon and results will be announced after Thursday 9th June.

Gerald Young - Chair, Board of Trustees

“Relational Parenting”

As part of our school wide implementation of Restorative Approaches we will be holding an important workshop for parents on **Thursday 19 May at 7pm**.

This evening with Margaret Thorsborne will explore the challenges parents face when trying to maintain standards and expectations whilst preserving the relationships with their children. EGGS is adopting an approach (restorative practice) that encourages students to think more broadly about the impact of their decisions and behaviours on others. This approach moves away from traditional thinking around punitive sanctions that actually do very little to develop thoughtfulness. Approved by the MoE and with evidence to show that these approaches actually make a difference, the workshop will explore how the same principles and practices are equally effective at home.

Business Department trip to China

Over the holidays 42 business students travelled to Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai to learn about life in China, Chinese customs and how business in China happens. Highlights of the trip included walking the Great Wall, biking in Beijing, visiting historic sights such as Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and a Chinese water village. Students participated in the [ANZAC service](#) at the Australian Consulate and also visited the New Zealand Consulate in Shanghai to have afternoon tea with the Consul General and her staff. Business speakers from Zespri, Silver Fern Farms and NZ Trade and Enterprise presented to the students at NZ Central. Students saw a kung fu and an acrobatic show, enjoyed a wide variety of different Chinese foods (including a cooking class and night food market tour), visited a marriage market, art galleries and

Campaign Week - Term 1

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museums. The Shanghai shopping tour was enjoyed by all and newly learnt bartering skills were put to very good use.

The students were outstanding in their willingness to give new things a go and the way they conducted themselves on the trip. Next trip is planned for 2018!

Make sure you have a look at more pictures in D block when you come to interviews later in the term!

BYOD in the Technology Learning Area

Why do we want students to BYOD in Technology?

In Technology courses, we want to encourage students to be creative, innovative, willing to explore ideas and take risks. We want students to engage in practical, hands-on experiences that result in high quality products. BYOD devices assist students in a range of ways as they pursue these aims. The main reason that we want students to use their devices in Technology is to increase their ability to produce awesome outcomes.

Some of the ways that students use their devices in Technology include:

- Accessing resources which support students as they work on individual or group tasks. This means students can find out how to do something when they need to do it!
- Recording evidence of their practical technology work that can be used later for evaluation and assessment. This could be things such as videoing a test robot, photographing test models or recording a food preparation process.
- Sparking inspiration for new ideas and possibilities through use of applications such as Pinterest.
- Increasing capability and understanding by using digital tools such as Sketchup to explore and communicate ideas.
- Using ELearn to look at how other students have completed projects.
- Using Google Apps for Education to record and share work with their teacher as well as peers for feedback.
- Using applications to plan project work.

BYOD really does give students many opportunities to enhance inspiration, exploration, evaluation and communication in Technology. We believe that students benefit greatly from using their devices to support their project work.



"The Art of Noticing"

Epsom teachers and students are learning Mindfulness techniques within the Auckland Central Community of Schools (ACCoS) initiative. Mindfulness is an approach to self-management and stress reduction developed by psychologists such as Jon Kabat-Zin and has been successfully tested in a number of clinical, scientific and school settings.

Teachers and students are learning methods of training attention. We also wish to investigate ways to counter stress, develop resilience and enhance relationships.

For further information contact ebrewer@eggs.school.nz

Drama Department

Theatre visit to the Pop-Up Globe

On Tuesday 12th April, Year 11, 12 and 13 Drama students attended a performance of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" which was performed by the Pop-Up Globe Theatre Company. This was an impressive and traditional performance where all characters were played by male actors and students were able to interact with the audience from the groundlings or in the replica seating of the Globe Theatre.



Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition

Four groups performed in this competition held at Auckland Grammar School on Friday 8th April. Thanks to the student directors Alex Millar, Gabbi Wilson, Taylor Clark, Elizabeth Glading and Isabella Glen-Gaul. Students performed accomplished scenes from "Romeo and Juliet", "Othello", "Merry Wives of Windsor" and "As You Like It". The judges commented on the actors' excellent focus and commitment to their roles, their solid understanding of the words and story and the clear vision and direction of the scenes.



Poppy Day 15th April and ANZAC Day 25th April 2016

During the season of remembrance, Epsom Girls Grammar was represented at significant events in Auckland. On the last day of Term One, a group of junior and senior girls assisted the RSA by selling poppies in Newmarket. The students were there for the whole school day and their help and cheerful demeanour was appreciated by the organisers. Students were grateful for the summerlike sunshine. Students also volunteered to assist at the Dawn Parade at the Domain on ANZAC day. The following students generously gave their time to one or both events. Rachel Banbury represented the school at the Marivare Remembrance service on ANZAC day: Ivy Lai, Mridula Manderwad, Harshi Rupasinghe, Tara Gagamoe, Charlotte Jackson, Niamh Chambers, Sarah Louise Williams, Mehek Dutta, Ella



Mehek Dutta, Rebecca Hazard, Renee Zhang, Ioshiko Fredeviksens at the Dawn Parade

Donaldson, Lilia Babu, Ashwarya Garg, Evangelique Sayasaya, Rosie Williamson Lizzy White, Charlotte Mead, Renee Zhang, Rebecca Hazard, Toshiko Fredeviksens and Phoebe Donaldson.

Dawn Parade 2016, by Ella Donaldson

3:30am and the Auckland Museum was a beacon of red in the dreariness of the night. The air was cold and the sky dark on ANZAC morning. We, the volunteers, met in our school uniforms, scarves tightly wrapped around our throats, red poppies burning holes in our uniforms. Mild breath rose from cold mouths, staining the air white and mingling towards the sunrise. Medals and badges and nametags swirled around us as we were stationed around the Museum, handing out hot beverages, pamphlets and poppies to those beginning to arrive.

The bugle sounded, marching feet pounded the dry concrete. We stood and watched as they passed us by, as the planes flew over our heads and wreaths were laid down. We sang into the sunrise and prayed into the grass. People spoke and flags were lowered and raised.

The service finished at 7.00am but many people still wanted poppies and programmes. After this, a wonderful and generous breakfast awaited us, which was lovely and delicious. We left the Museum with a wonderful sense of fulfilment and happiness, knowing that we had hopefully made the day run more smoothly and with a newfound appreciation for all that goes on behind the scenes of the dawn parade.

Career Education News

Career talks - don't miss these!

Year 13s

For Year 13's, we have a number of tertiary providers visiting on Mondays during period 3 and many talks are repeated at lunchtime. The universities come in twice a year, once in Term 1 to give an overview of their programmes, and again in Term 3 to help students with their course planning.

For all year levels

On Thursday lunchtimes we have a wide range of speakers including former EGGS students. These talks are for all year levels to explore the wide range of career pathways available.

School career evenings - for your calendars - more details to come

Tuesday 21 June - Maori and Pasifika Careers Evening
Tuesday 26 July - Tertiary Information Evening

The Auckland Career Expo will be held at ASB Showgrounds on Thursday 26 - Saturday 28 May. We encourage students and families to visit the expo on the Saturday 28 May session. This is a great way of starting to research career pathways of interest for the future.

For Term 2 we have the following talks booked in:

Thurs 12 May	University of Sydney, DSO, lunchtime
Mon 16 May	University of Otago Health Science alternatives, p3 & lunch in DSO
Thurs 19 May	Defence Force (Air Force, Army, Navy) lunchtime in DSO
Thurs 26 May	Manukau Institute of Technology, lunchtime in DSO
Mon 30 May	Researching Scholarships, p3 and lunchtime in DSO
Thurs 2 June	Whitecliffe College of Art and Design, lunchtime in DSO
Tues 7 June	Monash University, Melbourne, lunchtime in the HALL
Thurs 9 June	NZ Broadcasting School & NASDA (National Academy of Singing & Dramatic Art), lunchtime in DSO
Thurs 16 June	Physiotherapy – ex EGGS student Jana Whitta
Mon 20 June	Tertiary Accommodation, p3 and lunchtime in DSO
Thurs 23 June	Finding a part time job, lunchtime in DSO
Thurs 30 June	Futureintech speakers about science careers, lunchtime in DSO
Mon 4 July	Applying for Scholarships, p3 and lunchtime in DSO

Arts & Cultural News

We are now fast approaching opening night, this Saturday the 14th May! Tickets are available and selling fast from <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2016/may/west-side-story#/buy-tickets>

Don't forget you can follow our journey on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EGGSAGS2014/?fref=ts> and Instagram <https://instagram.com/p/BDSaaWgPryx/>

Here is a picture of the wonderful West Side Story Orchestra.



ASS Relay Championships



The Auckland Secondary Schools Relay Championships were held at Ambury Park on Thursday 14th April. The girls were competing in teams of three and each runner had to run around their course before returning to tag the next runner in their group. They would set off around a different course. The course itself was challenging, a 20-30 minute run through scenic volcanic areas and farmland. The day was beautifully fine and warm and the girls enjoyed cheering each person as they set off on their run.

A senior teams consisting of Jenni Long, Lizzy White, Sofia Seatre placed 5th and an Intermediate team consisting of Lucy Parsons, Zoe Calleson, Bianca Mercer placed 4th only one minute behind 3rd place after 60mins of total running time.

In the top school competition, Epsom Girls Grammar placed 3rd for girls.

Fencing

U15/17 Nationals took place 23rd - 25th April and here are our EGGs competitors' results:

- U15 Womens Foil - 5th Jess Kaiser
- U15 Mixed Epee - 3= Yerin An
- U15 Mixed Sabre - 5th Heesu Yang, 6th Yerin An, 8th Haruka Mori
- U17 Womens Epee - 6th Annika Siegers, 8th Yerin An
- U17 Mixed Sabre - 8th Anastasiya Kiddle
- U17 Womens Foil - 5th Sara-Louise Williams

Football

The Football season at Epsom has kicked off with a roar. The First XI comfortably won 4-1 with some great goals from Brooke Hawker (2) Annabelle Pakieto (1) and Emma Hall (1).

The Junior A also had a great match vs St Kentigern College winning 4-3.

Oceania Champs Fiji

Ellie Eastwood (swimming) Kohu Kawiti (weightlifting) and Manine Lynch (weightlifting) have all been selected to represent NZ at the Oceania Champs next month in Fiji. Congratulations and good luck girls!

AFL High Performance Awards

At the recent AFL NZ High Performance Awards Killarney Morey was named Female Player of the Year – Killarney was selected as Female player of the tournament against the Woomeras in December 2015. Killarney's height and speed makes her a natural fit for AFL and there could be opportunities for her to participate at higher levels in the new AFL Women's competition in 2017.



Killarney Morey - AFL Female Player of the Year



EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Media release - Epsom Girls Grammar School Sports Centre Opened

Epsom Girls Grammar School has taken a giant leap into the modern learning environment with the opening of the state-of-the-art, Joyce Fisher Sports Centre.

Principal, Lorraine Pound says "Providing young women and the community with a facility that enhances participation, health and wellbeing helps grow a stronger community."

130 guests attended the occasion, including special guests, Lady Susan Satyanand, Patron and an alumna of the school and the Honourable Nikki Kaye, Minister for Youth, Associate Minister for Education, to cut the ribbon and declare the Joyce Fisher Sports Centre officially opened.

Mrs Pound described the facility as a "milestone in the school's progressive development". She added: "It is fundamental for modern learning to have facilities that meet the needs of young women."

The Sports Centre includes international size courts and stadium seating, a multi-purpose dividing curtain, fitness centre, dance studio, lecture rooms and mezzanine for events.

In 2017, Epsom Girls Grammar School celebrates 100 years as a leading girls' school in New Zealand.

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The RFAC is excited to be hosting the Auckland Youth Dance Festival on May 31 and June 1. With two fantastic nights of fresh and inspiring work, [YouDance](http://YouDance.co.nz) showcases the tremendous depth of talent in youth dance companies and secondary schools. Diverse casts perform dances derived from a huge variety of sources in a feast of creativity and expression across two different shows. Be inspired by our amazing young choreographers and dancers



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Multiple Sclerosis Hydrotherapy classes



Can you swim? Do you have 1 hour spare a week to help Multiple Sclerosis Hydrotherapy classes at Epsom Girls Grammar School? These are fun, invaluable classes held by a qualified physiotherapist at Epsom Girls Grammar's pool on Thursdays 10.30 – 11.30am.

Volunteers are very much needed for this class and full training will be given. Please call Becky on 09 845 5921 or email info@msakl.org.nz for any further information.

♦ Visit the RFAC website to see what else is coming up in May.