



## EGGS/AGS 2016 Production - West Side Story



*West Side Story - this year's annual combined production with Auckland Grammar School held at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre in May to sell out crowds.*

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

The West Side Story season has been a very special example of community – one of our School Values. This event involved students from both Epsom Girls Grammar School and Auckland Grammar School; and the Raye Freedman Arts Centre staff, and parents from the Arts Council. I would like to thank everyone involved and reiterate how much each audience enjoyed this very professional show. In particular I know how much the students enjoyed working with Anna Richardson, Director, Peter Thomas, Musical Director, Rebekkah Schoonbeek-Berridge, alumna and Choreographer; and Olivia Hadlow, alumna and Director's Assistant. A large staff team, including Vocal Coach Virginia Le Cren, Producer Laura Harvey and our liaison contact at Auckland Grammar School, Mr James Knightly, supported this event in a variety of roles. The significant number of students involved in cast, orchestra, crew and volunteers have been outstanding in their commitment, performance and pursuit of the arts. They are a source of pride for their families and their school.

At the Secondary Principals' Conference this year Nathan Mikaere-Wallis presented a keynote on the teenage brain and he has been on National Radio recently on the effects of alcohol on the brain. Parents may be interested in these broadcast links:

- ◆ <http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/2560924/parenting-with-nathan-mikaere-wallis>
- ◆ <http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/201800447/nathan-mikaere-wallis-on-teenage-drinking>

Lorraine Pound - Principal

*A reminder: Board of Trustees voting closes 12 noon Friday 3 June.*



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## Centenary Celebrations

Save the date: EGGS Centenary Celebrations 5 - 9 April 2017

Ticket sales will be going live on iTicket soon. We will be in touch!

## Coming up in Week 5....

Mon 30 - Tue 31 May Arts & Cultural photos  
Thursday 2 June Choral & Chamber Showcase Concert

## Coming up in Week 6....

Monday 6 June Queens Birthday  
Tuesday 6 June World Vision Week  
Friday 10 June Year 13 Ball

### Epsom Music Choral and Chamber Showcase Concert



6.30pm  
Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2016  
RAYE FREEDMAN  
ARTS CENTRE  
Tickets  
ADULTS • \$10 STUDENTS • \$5

# From the Old Girls Association

## 2016 Scriptor Series

Last year the OGA initiated the successful **"Scriptor Series"** – evening events, through the winter months, when authors present their new books in a relaxed format. We get under way this year with an exciting Double Act – Art Green presenting his new book *Eat Clean, Live Lean* and Niva Retimanu talking about *Leading from Behind*, her recently published book. With a focus on the importance of a healthy and fulfilled lifestyle, mixed with fun and purpose, there is no doubt this will be an entertaining and lively evening. Opportunity for book purchase and signing afterwards.

This event will be held on **Wednesday 22 June - 6.30pm** at St Marks Church in Remuera – mix and mingle in the hall, followed by presentations in the church itself. Tickets \$20 single, \$35 double - includes nibbles and refreshments. Open to the whole community - come along and experience this fun evening with a difference. Supported by Paper Plus. Proceeds to the OGA for EGGs Scholarships. Tickets through Eventfinda, OGA and Paper Plus Remuera.

## 2016 AGM

This year we will hold our 95th AGM on Monday 13th June. Old girls get the chance to find out what the Association has been up to over the past year, meet the Committee, acknowledge new Honorary Members and enjoy a social time over wine and nibbles. All old girls welcome.

*Sally Blyth & Kathryn Seagrave - OGA Co-Presidents*

## 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:

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

## Curriculum News

### From the Business Department

#### Trip to Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai

In the holidays five staff travelled with 42 students from the Business Department to Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai. This trip gave the students the opportunity to learn about the operation of a significant economy in the world and its trading links to New Zealand. Highlights included: talks from NZ firms which have successfully become established in China, ANZAC ceremony at Australian consulate, learning about the cultural and historical aspects of China that have influenced how China is today, travelling on a bullet train, interacting with the local people, cooking lessons, shopping in the markets. The girls made the most of every opportunity and were cooperative and happy



on tour. They learned many valuable lessons including the importance of self-organisation, working as a group, community spirit and the courage involved in decision making.

### Year 13 Dragons Den presentations

Groups from Year 13 Business Studies presented their business plans for their products to business leaders in a dragons den situation. The dragons were impressed with the quality of presentations and gave the groups valuable advice. The girls had worked hard to reach this position in their business plans and it gave them a great opportunity to talk about their products and the related business documents. It was a very worthwhile experience which helped to develop their communication and confidence skills that are necessary when running a business.



*Girls are showing how their product 'A cell phone card and integrated phone holder' work when taking selfies.*

### Grand Tour 2016

On the last day of Term 1, twenty five Year 12 and 13 Classical Studies, Art History and Latin trip students left for a 3 week educational trip to Europe: the 2016 'Grand Tour'. They were accompanied by teachers Philippa Wright, Karyn Dempsey, Rachael Grant and Jonathan Cameron. Our trip started in Paris, visiting important art history museums like the Louvre and Musée D'Orsay, before travelling to the south of France to see the Roman archaeological sites such as the Maison Carrée, the Pont du Gard and the theatre at Orange. We then headed on to key sites in Italy (Venice, Florence, Assisi, Pompeii and Rome) and finished off with 4 days in Greece (Athens, Mycenae, Epidauros and Aegina).



The daily schedule of visiting museums, art galleries and archaeological sites was very busy, and new activities on the itinerary this year, such as pizza making and a visit to a high-tech experience re-creating an ancient Roman house, helped to lighten the sensory overload.

The trip was a highly memorable experience for all, giving students a fantastic chance to see and experience up close the paintings, sculptures, architecture and ancient sites studied in their classrooms. As well, the opportunity to be fully immersed in European daily life and cuisine (and the shops!) for three weeks made the Grand Tour a wonderfully enriching experience for everyone involved.



# Arts & Cultural News

## EGGS/AGS Production of West Side Story

*Shanaia & Lucy - Arts & Cultural Co-Leaders*

Over this term Epsom Girls Grammar combined with Auckland Boys Grammar in the annual production, *West Side Story*; a rendition of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* set in the streets of 1950s New York city. This story, in its best form, shows the rivalry between two gangs, the Jets and Sharks. In contrast to this conflict, the timeless love between the two leading characters Tony and Maria is revealed, which in turn defies this battle. This incredible show was held at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre from the 14th to the 21st May, and had a successful sell out over the season!

This wonderful masterpiece was put into motion through the teamwork of the cast, crew and orchestra. In the cast, a total of 41 talented individuals worked together effortlessly during the shows to create the story on stage for the audience to enjoy. All cast members flourished over the performance week with incredible work ethic and spirit, making the result in turn the more spectacular. The crew made a great impact on the show tremendously, both on and off the stage, with an astounding amount of 90 people putting in their time to achieve great results. The orchestra also shaped the show to a lovely finish, with their amazing correlation of instruments. This consisted of 20 talented students who strived to achieve the best possible interpretation of Leonard Bernstein's most famous work. Together the students constructed an amazing performance, which was due to the consistent energy and ended with a great end result.

Ex-EGGS student, Rebekkah Schoonbeek-Berridge was the fabulous choreographer for the show. Her beautiful choreography made both dancers and non-dancers alike look professional and entrancing on stage. Through all the gruelling hours of focus dedicated to the actions and dances, the cast were able to pull through, leaving the audience in awe of the show's slick and advanced movement. A big thank you to Peter Thomas for the intricacy and detail he and his orchestra brought to the show. His vast knowledge of Bernstein's work was a tremendous asset without which, the success of the show would not have been possible.

Our vocal coach through the process was Virginia Le Cren. Virginia has had years of stage experience which greatly benefited the cast when not only learning our distinct parts, but also when learning how to perform them convincingly through our characters. We were also lucky enough to have another ex-EGGS student Olivia Hadlow join the production team. Olivia graduated from EGGS in 2014 and it was amazing to have her helping the cast with their characterisation as the Assistant Director.

The show would not have been possible if it weren't for the motivation and support of the stunning director Anna Richardson. Her fresh ideas left the audience enraptured in a world of excitement and emotion. Anna loved taking on the challenging role as Director, and would no doubt do it again another day.

All of this hard work conveyed through the team, has shone through the performance season, with viewers leaving the theatre in want of another taste. The production family should definitely be proud of the fine result they've left within the Arts and Culture area of both schools!



# Epsom Music News

On Thursday June 2nd we have our annual **Epsom Music Choral and Chamber Showcase Concert** in the RFAC at 6:30pm. This concert will feature all three of our choirs presenting their Big Sing Competition programmes and a selection of student Chamber Music Groups as they prepare for the Schools Chamber Music Competition. Tickets can be purchased from the Music Office - \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.



There will be a special movie screening in the RFAC on Tuesday June 28th as a fundraiser for Epsom Music - 'Crossing Rachmaninoff' follows the journey of Auckland-based Italian concert pianist Flavio Villani as he returns to Italy for his concert debut of Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto. Flavio himself will be presenting a short performance on the night. Tickets can be purchased from the Music Office for \$25 which will include a glass of wine on arrival.

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## WEARABLE ARTS



Thursday 7 July  
5:30 - 7:30 pm  
2016



## Hockey

Some EGGS students were lucky enough to participate in a Hockey NZ Experience day with the Black Sticks at Auckland Grammar. Check out our Epsom Girls Grammar Sport Facebook page for more photos and a video of the day.



## Orienteering

Epsom Orienteering has started the term off with the Auckland Secondary Schools Individual Champs. We had fifteen girls make the trip out to the Bombay Hills to compete on one of the hilliest Auckland maps there is. The girls showed outstanding determination and perseverance as they powered up slopes and navigated their way through the finer contours of the map. The amount of effort they put in showed in the results with Lizzy White gaining a 3rd place in the Senior Girls Standard grade.

*Anna Crosby - Orienteering Captain*

## School Cross Country and Central/Eastern Zones

We had a great turn out and perfect weather for the School Cross Country held at Waiatarua Reserve. Congratulations to our school winners: Jemma Cherguit (Junior), Catrin Dawson (Intermediate) and Millie Anderson (Senior)

Central/Eastern Zone Cross Country took place on Thursday 19th May at Lloyd Elmore Park where we had 16 girls competing. Congratulations to Catrin Dawson for placing 1st in the Intermediate Girls race.

Looking ahead we have the Cross Country Auckland Champs on the 9th June in Pukekohe and Nationals on the 18th/19th June in Rotorua. Good luck to all the girls competing!



## EPSOM Hoodies and Supporters tops

Represent and show your EPSOM pride!

- 'EPSOM' official Hoodies are available NOW! from the Uniform Shop.
- 'EPSOM' Supporter t-shirts can be purchased from outside the hall at lunch times for the next 2 weeks. Don't miss out.

# EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION

## Capital Campaign Committee completes Joyce Fisher Sports Centre for EGGS and the community



Our sincere thanks and appreciation to **Peter Thompson** – Chairman, **Philip Bradley**, **Julie Goodyer**, **Brenda Perry**, **Lynley Sheweiry**, **Lorraine Pound** – Principal, **Fiona Merritt** – Business Manager and **Mark Rakich** – Campaign Manager for the dedication and vision to complete a successful campaign and a world-class facility for Epsom Girls Grammar School.

## Family portraits by top NZ photographer Michael Overend

### ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO THE SCHOOL!

Michael Overend, a leading professional photographer has generously offered to support EGGS by donating family portrait packages valued at \$785.00 per package, but costing you only \$100.00.

Michael will donate the portrait sessions to EGGS as a fundraiser. We are now offering parents the opportunity to take up this offer by paying \$100.00 to EGGS in return for the package (consultation, portrait session & photos) below. The **\$100.00** comes directly to the School!

The portrait package for \$100.00 entitles your family to:

- A consultation appointment with Michael Overend
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