



*Show Quest 2019 - Congratulations - 2nd place overall*

Dear parents and caregivers

News in overnight is that as a gesture of good faith while negotiation talks continue next week, the PPTA has called off the rostering home of Year 10 students next Tuesday, so all Year 10 students will be expected at school that day (Tuesday 11 June).

Another matter relating to the PPTA industrial action is that we have sought advice about Tuesday 25 June. At the moment the position is:

- Year 11 students will be rostered home that day for the school day
- The Subject Teacher Interviews, starting at 3.30pm will go ahead, including interviews for Year 11 students. So when bookings open, both nights of the interviews (25 June and 4 July) are available for Year 11 students and their families. For more details about the upcoming interviews, see Page 2.

The professionalism and ability to grasp nuance in dance and drama and communicate those layers of understanding to an audience is a feature of EGGs curricular and co-curricular Arts and Culture. This was in absolute evidence at the recent Year 13 Drama production of Risk. For many of these students Year 13 is a culmination of their secondary school level journey in educational drama. They should be justly proud of their outstanding performance.

In the co-curricular sphere, Show Quest on Wednesday night was a wonderful occasion – a couple of images, above. Congratulations to all involved – student leaders Isobel Getty and Chloe Smith, on stage performers, off stage crew, including tech, make-up and costumes, and the teacher team headed by Sarah Brooks. More details on Page 7.

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

<b>Tue 11 June</b>	<b>Maori &amp; Pacific Careers Evening</b>
<b>Thur 13 June</b>	<b>Big Sing - Akld Town Hall</b>
	<b>Junior Reports on portal</b>
<b>Fri 14 June</b>	<b>Mufti Day</b>

## *Coming up in Week 8*

<b>Tue 18 June</b>	<b>Founders Assembly</b>
	<b>Senior Reports on portal</b>
<b>Wed 19-20 June</b>	<b>Year 13 Drama Production</b>

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### **SUBJECT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**Tuesday 25 June & Thursday 4 July**

**FUJI XEROX**

**Barfoot & Thompson**

## **Important notice:**

**No entry to any part of Silver Road when dropping off or collecting students 7.35am - 8.35am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm.**

Please make dropping and collecting your daughter from a nearby street a permanent habit.



Winter has arrived well and truly – students should be sensible about staying home if they are sick. It concerns me when I hear a senior student, who is obviously unwell, say something along the lines of I can't be away for even a day. When we are sick, we need to stay home. Appropriate arrangements for assessments can be talked about with the class teacher and the dean.

Lastly, I would like to endorse Chris Iles' reminder in the last edition of EGGSNEWS about how important parent donations are to the School. Thank-you to those who have chosen to pay the donation. To others, please consider this as parent donations are crucial to us delivering the depth and breadth of education here at Epsom Girls Grammar School.

Ngā mihi / Regards

Lorraine Pound - Principal

## GENERAL NEWS

### 2019 Subject Teacher Conferences and Mid year reports

Mid-year Subject Teacher Conferences for Years 9 – 13 are being held on **Tuesday 25th June** and **Thursday 4th July**. This is an ideal opportunity for students and parents to meet with subject teachers and discuss progress and achievement at this half-year point and to look ahead. You will receive an email on 14th June with instructions on making bookings. Please note that bookings close on Monday 2nd of July at 12.00 noon. Junior reports will be available on the web portal on the afternoon of Thursday 13th June and Senior reports on the afternoon of Tuesday 18th June.

### Year 12 Sustainability

Three Year 12 Education for Sustainability students have recently participated in an Auckland-wide competition to help eradicate invasive moth plants.

Ashleigh Brown came 3rd collecting a total of 1434 moth pods and won \$200. Melosa and Melita Morris came 4th with 434 pods and won \$100.

Moth plant has sticky white sap, damages the habitat of our native plant species and produces masses of seed pods which spread easily. If you see moth plant in a hedge or garden near you – make sure to pull it out!



Melosa and Melita Morris and  
Ashleigh Brown

### Ngā Manu Kōrero



Waikamania with her grandfather  
Pierre Lyndon

Ngā Manu Kōrero is a Māori speech competition that aims to encourage fluency in both Te Reo Māori and English among Māori secondary students. It is a celebration of all things Māori and provides a platform for youth to voice their opinions on different issues and topics. Epsom Girls Grammar School falls under the Te Whaitua o Uenuku region which is hosted by Te Kura Māori o Ngā Tapuwae held at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

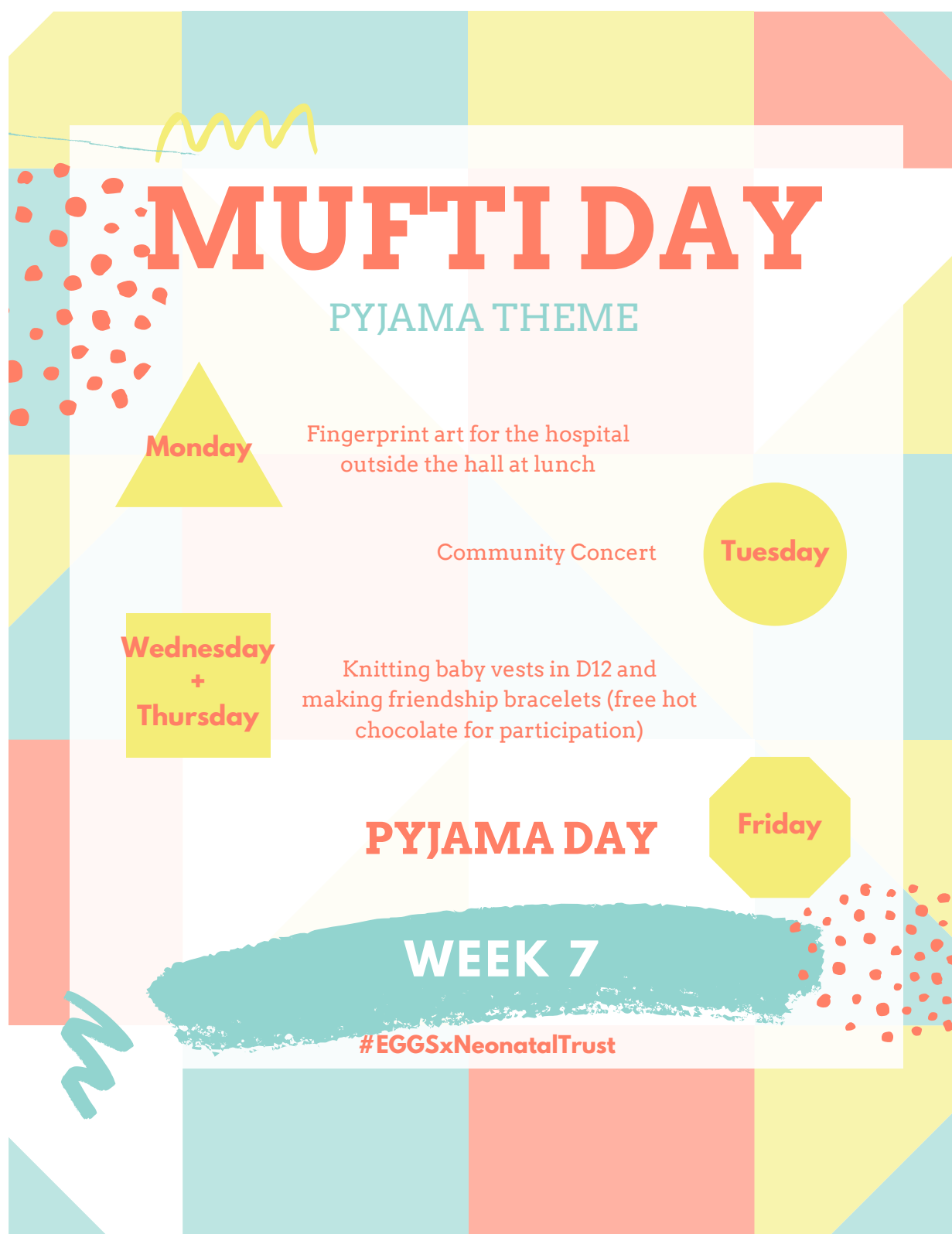
The day started off on Friday the 17th of May with a pōwhiri. The welcoming haka was performed by the students from Te Kura Māori o Ngā Tapuwae, we had speakers from the organisation, hosting school and speakers from various schools who replied to the tangata whenua. It was a great way to start off the proceedings.

Junior speakers would go on to compete with a prepared speech in either the Te Reo Māori or English junior speech competition, while senior speakers had to compete with an impromptu and prepared speech in either English or Te Reo Māori.

From our school, Waikamania Lyndon-Seve who is in Year 10 competed in the Junior English section. Waikamania did extremely well, coming away with the 2nd place trophy. We are all very proud of her accomplishments and dedication and in our hearts we know that she came first. The judges deducted 5 points off Waikamania's overall score because she went over the time limit by one second, making her miss out on first place by only 3 points.

Although a speech competition, Ngā Manu Kōrero is about more than just speeches and provides an opportunity for people to make new connections, celebrate the Māori culture and have a lot of fun.

Students and teachers alike gave service to the school and helped to make Ngā Manu Kōrero a great celebration of the Māori culture. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.





## Rotary Host Family required

Rotary Youth Exchange is looking for a host family in the Epsom Girls Grammar School zone to host a student from Germany for 12-weeks beginning July 22nd. The student is turning 16, will study in Year 11 and is looking forward to experience real life in New Zealand. Hosting for rotary is on a volunteer basis. Host families provide accommodation and meals for students and are responsible for their well-being. If you are willing to welcome this lovely student into your home for 12 weeks please contact Lisa Fletcher on 970 6813 or email [lfletcher@eggs.school.nz](mailto:lfletcher@eggs.school.nz)

## Elisa Chan - Senior Interior Designer at hcreates Shanghai City comes to speak at EGGS

Our new teacher in the Technology Department this year, Stephen Ullrich has a family connection with Elisa.

During Elisa's recent visit to NZ we jumped at the chance to have her talk to our Year 10 Spatial Design students sharing some of the projects she has worked on, her challenges and tips for budding interior designers.

Elisa studied and completed an MA in Interior Architecture at L'ecole Bleue, in Paris.

After graduating from L'ecole Bleue Elisa's first position was with the Louis Vuitton Store Interior Design team based in Paris.

Elisa shared her experience of working for a luxury brand such as Louis Vuitton and mentioned that the experience gave her a great grounding and insight into working for a global corporate across cultures and continents.

It was no surprise to hear that while working for a Louis Vuitton sounded very glamorous, the work itself was not overly aspirational as the opportunity to creatively influence was limited as working for Louis Vuitton required the designer to work within very restrictive agreed brand guidelines set down by the lead architect.

Elisa is passionate about having the opportunity to use her creative design skills and spoke about her enjoyment of partnering with clients to achieve spaces that are designed to enhance one's environment, and leave people feeling stimulated and inspired. This drove her to move to Shanghai China where she initially worked as a freelance interior designer. There she worked on the Christian Dior retail formats however the majority of her work was in the hospitality sector designing bar and café interiors.

Working now as the senior interior designer at hcreates based in Shanghai she specialises in creating edgy interiors for retailers around the world – particularly in Food and Beverage.

The design philosophy at hcreates comes from an ingrained sense of Kiwi ingenuity (the owner grew up in the South Island), innovation and practicality. Design should be simple, clever and fun, creating spaces for people to collaborate and connect as they work, eat and play. Most of the projects are 500 – 1000m<sup>2</sup> and on average are a 6 month duration from concept to completion.

Elisa told us that the concept to design process was now highly digitalised in 3D Design programs such as Vectorworks, AutoCAD and SketchUP which means there is no longer the traditional hand drawn concept sketches. This has the benefit of enabling designers to work off floor plans remotely and in most cases, the interior designer never actually visits the site at any stage. She said she has worked on many projects that she has never actually visited!



Her design ideas are generated from attending Trade Shows as well as working with suppliers to showcase products. Pinterest was another way Elisa sought inspiration! Her greatest challenge has been the work-life balance after having children. Of course working in China with the obvious language barrier was another challenge. Her greatest tip for the future for our girls was to network, network, network, you never know when a connection or interaction turns into a career pathway opportunity.

*AT L'ECOLE BLEUE ,*

*we discover and  
we learn.*

*We conceptualize,  
experiment,*

*produce,*

*create and succeed ,*

*And every once in a while we may fail,  
but we're still making progress ...*



## EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

### Chamber Music Contest

The National Chamber Music Contest district rounds are being held this week in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre. Well done to all Epsom chamber music groups who have been hard at work preparing their performances.

### The Big Sing

EGGS choirs Epsom Singers, Canto Vivo, and Paradisum sang beautifully on Wednesday night at the Epsom Choral Showcase concert, alongside special guest choirs Grammarphonics and Grammar Voices from Auckland Grammar School. Next Thursday 13th June they will perform in The Big Sing at the Auckland Town Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to listen to the daytime performances:

Canto Vivo and Epsom Singers: Morning session  
9:00am (performing approx. 9:30 and 11:30)

Paradisum: Afternoon session 1:30pm

All choirs: Gala concert – 7pm (tickets available from [Ticketmaster](#)).

All the best to our choir students for their Big Sing performances!



### Epsom Choral Showcase - 5 June 2019







## White Chapel Jak

"Take one sweet-toned vocalist with a panache for entertaining, a charming classical guitar player, along with a smooth double bassist, plus a highly versatile percussionist and the result is the unique experience that is White Chapel Jak. This Kiwiana rocking original covers band brings a fresh and funky approach to songs everybody knows and loves."

New Zealand band White Chapel Jak will be visiting Epsom Music to give a performance workshop on the 28th June. Following this they will give a public performance in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre, which all are welcome to attend. Tickets are available from [iTicket](#).

Check out White Chapel Jak in performance with the Auckland Symphony Orchestra conducted by Peter Thomas.



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# ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS



## Show Quest 2019

On 5th June 91 students competed in Show Quest 2019 (formally Stage Challenge) at Spark Arena. They did amazingly well and came away with multiple awards as well as coming 2nd overall. We are so proud of our result and our awesome team.

Our 10 minute performance was based around a young person pursued by the whispers of insecurity, and damaging thoughts that encase their mind, breaking down their confidence and overwhelming them with self-consciousness. They face ups and downs in their journey, eventually discovering that they cannot sustain shutting down their thoughts altogether. They then learn to work with their thoughts, teaching those whispers to be kind. By understanding their worth and learning that they are enough, through any judgement that they feel comes their way, they are able to free themselves from the hurtful feelings entangled in their mind.

We hope to trigger a thought process for the viewers of this performance, acting as a catalyst in people's journeys of overcoming self-consciousness and learning that their value can never change and that they are enough.

Congratulations to everyone involved and especially the leadership team and lead dancers–

Overall Leaders - Chloe Smith and Isobel Getty

Chore Leaders – Ellie Cammell, Lucy Spence, Antonia Aimer, Rylee Lister

Admin Leader – Ana Hoonhout

Set/Technical Leaders – Paris Collett and Sophie Brooks

Costume/Makeup Leaders – Safra Mohideen and Lily Scott

Lead Dancer – Luka Jefferson

Whispers – Mika Chang, Lucy Neutze, Paige Ardern, Katie Cathro, Amelia Allpress and Rylee Lister

Special thanks to the awesome teacher support crew – Nicola Rennie, Helen Huitema, Julie Waddell, Kathy Riley, Deepika Chand, Courtney Horler, Courtney Wentz.

*Sarah Brooks - TiC Show Quest*

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# FOUNDATION NEWS

## Building a brighter future for Epsom Girls

*The L Block renovation will create positive outcomes for young women, a multi-functional space for connected and collaborative studying and a stronger sense of community.*



Work is well under way renovating L Block into a flexible multi-functional learning environment.

Many thanks to our generous donors who have enabled us to raise the funds to extend the flexible learning environment to a multi-purpose outdoor space. This space will be for breakout learning, meetings, individual and group work and covered recreational space for lunchtimes.



Here are some pictures taken last week showing many of the interior walls and linings that separated the classrooms and corridors now stripped away.



From the outside you can see where there are boarded over openings that will eventually make way for a series of 4 covered deck areas located along the length of the building, facing north and stepping down to the asphalt strip.



It is anticipated that the outdoor area will enhance:

- encouragement of creative and critical thinking
- optimise learning
- student achievement
- provide access to the winter sun's light and heat
- provides protection from summer heat and sun
- gives shelter from the rain during all seasons

The flexible learning environment creates positive, supportive relationships between students and teachers and forms the basis for our learning. The space will be a vibrant, well connected, physical environment that encourages and supports our students through their EGGS journey.



## Create a lasting legacy



Making a gift in your will 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.

Speak in confidence with the Foundation Office by phone 09 970 6753 or by email [foundation@eggs.school.nz](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz) if you're interested in leaving a lasting legacy.

Please download our [My Legacy](#) booklet for more information.

For more information [click here](#)

## Basketball

Congratulations to Florence Dallow who has been selected into the Basketball NZ 2019 FIBA U16 Girls Asia Championship squad. The team will travel to Beijing, China, later this year to compete against some of the best young basketball talents in Asia. Florence is a member of our Senior A Basketball and Premier Netball Team, we wish Florence the best of luck!

## Cross Country

On Thursday 23 May Epsom had 9 students compete at the AKSS Cross Country Championships at St Kentigern College. A huge congratulations to Tessa Swinson who placed 2nd in the Junior Girls event out of 73 runners. Hanna Brathwaite and Lucy Clark placed 16th and 17th in the Intermediate Girls event. Zaria Ireland placed 10th in the Senior Girls event. Thank you to Mrs Krishnan and parents for supporting the team!



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