



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

9 August 2013

Media Diary Note

Media are invited to attend

Date: Wednesday 14 August 2013

Time: 7.00am – 8.30am

Location: Lounge on Level 4 of the South Stand at Eden Park

Rugby players sign up for father daughter breakfast

Black Ferns Emma Jensen and Rugby 7's Linda Itunu have signed up to be the guest speakers at the Epsom Girls Grammar School (EGGS) Father Daughter breakfast fundraiser on 14 August. This year's event host sponsor is BNZ.

Jensen, Black Ferns halfback and Physical Education Head of Department at Epsom Girls Grammar School, will be joined by father daughter pairs such as Gus Leger, former Black Sox and world champion softball player who played on the California Angels, and Arizona Leger, EGGS Head Girl.

The annual event sets aside time for today's busy fathers to spend with their daughters and for the Prefects to fundraise for their Legacy Fund. The proceeds from the breakfast will go toward the Leading Women in Sport campaign.

The Leading Women in Sport Campaign is about giving girls the same opportunities as boys in sport. The campaign's overall challenge is to raise \$7 million to build a Sports Complex that will provide modern facilities for the school. In its current state, the majority of the school's sports facilities do not meet the need or demand of the 2200 girls who participate in more than 40 sports and physical education classes.

Jensen says that sport teaches young women lifelong lessons but you need the facilities. "It's great if they can get into fitness for the lifelong lessons and for lifelong health. We need to send the girls a clear message that fitness is important and exercise is important."

“I can only see benefits from what we are trying to achieve. If you have a girl or daughter who is going to the school it will benefit them.”

The Sports Complex is also as much about the students as it is about the local community. The initiative will also benefit the residents of Epsom and the surrounding area who will continue to have access to world-class training and sports facilities.

Designed and inspired with longevity and sustainability in mind, when completed, the Sports Complex will include an Indoor Arena with two full-sized multi-use courts for netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton, dance and physical education; an all-weather multi-use turf covered Outdoor Arena and three competition tennis courts and more. Epsom Girls Grammar School hopes to showcase Sports Complex at their Centenary in 2017.

To make a donation go to: www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/sports-complex

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Sports Centre

Two full sized netball courts (also for basketball, badminton and volleyball) which can be reconfigured to one main international size court with spectator seating
Dance studio
Health and well-being suite
Mezzanine and viewing gallery
Fitness Centre
Lecture and study room
Offices

Sports Arena

Multi-use covered all-weather turf

Courts

3 new competition tennis courts
Multi-use courts for hockey, netball, basketball, football, lacrosse and physical education