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# ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

A WEEKLY COMMUNICATION FOR PARENTS, FRIENDS, STAFF & STUDENTS



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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

### HISTORY OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent wreaths have their origins in the folk traditions of Northern Europe, where in the deep of winter people lit candles on wheel-shaped bundles of evergreen. Both the evergreen and the circular shape symbolized ongoing life. The candlelight gave comfort at the darkest time of year, as people looked forward to the longer days of spring. Later, eastern European Christians adopted this practice. By the sixteenth century, they were making Advent wreaths much as we know them today. An Advent wreath traditionally contains four candles - three purple and one rose. Purple dyes were one so rare and costly that they were associated with royalty; the Roman Catholic Church has long used this colour around Christmas and Easter to honour Jesus. The three purple candles in the Advent wreath symbolize hope, peace, and love. These candles are lit on the first, second and fourth Sundays of Advent. The rose candle, which symbolizes joy, is usually lit on the third Sunday. Sometimes a fifth candle is placed inside the Advent wreath. This candle is lit on Christmas day. It is white, the colour associated with angels and the birth of Jesus.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*From light comes life  
Deep in expectant earth, a seed stretches.  
Through the fire-start of imagination, an idea takes root  
In a passionate flash, love glows with infant intensity.  
Safe in the womb, a child senses its season turning and stirs.  
It is Advent,  
Something coming,  
Vulnerable in its unstoppable desire...  
God, unquenchable light,  
May they grow - the seed, the love, the idea, the child.*

### HOLY MASS TIMES RUNNING ALL YEAR

Mass is held **Thursdays at lunchtime** in the Shakienah Chapel at St Joseph's College, **Wednesdays** 7:00am in the Christian Brothers Chapel. All are warmly invited to attend.

### REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

Students in Years 7-10 over the past two weeks have completed their exams. Some subjects still have assessment tasks which are being finalised and these exams and assessment tasks are used in the compilation of the final grade which will be reported on the Semester Two report at the end of the year. Teachers will continue to deliver lessons which are related to the outcomes of each course, so it is important that students continue to attend school up until the last day.

On the last day (Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December) we will celebrate the year with a Christmas Liturgy which parents are welcome to attend. See below for more detail. At this wonderful assembly each tutor class donates a Christmas hamper which is collected for distribution to families in need on the Central

Coast. Our research and experience tells us that Coast Shelter, Vinnies and The Haven Terrigal need our help. These agencies support thousands of marginalised people throughout the year and we would like to see everyone enjoy a nice Christmas meal. Please encourage your son to purchase the donated items using his own money, if possible and/or practical. Food hamper items should be given to your son's tutor teacher before next Tuesday.

### **ANNUAL DRAMA EVENING**

On Monday 28th November the Annual Drama Evening was held for the second time in the Dr Michael Slattery Theatre. Some wonderful talent was on show from students studying drama in Years 9 to 11. Group performance and monologues were presented, and the talent displayed was excellent. The Year 11 Entertainment class assisted on the evening, with lighting and sound with a very professional final product. The many parents who attended the evening were thoroughly entertained. Mr Kim Delury and Ms Jodie Connor, our two wonderful Drama and Entertainment teachers, are to be commended on the brilliant job they do in developing the students' skills and confidence to be able to perform so admirably.

Congratulations to the Year 11 Entertainment staff and helpers, Mr Kim Delury, Ms Jodie Connor, Mr Damien Stockwell, Ms Sue Ingham and Ms Wendy Weir for an entertaining evening last Monday night. The Dr Michel Slattery Theatre was certainly at its best and I'm so pleased that we designed and built it for that purpose!

Please congratulate all those boys who put together 15 pieces that kept us laughing for an hour and a half. Well done to Chris Kfoury, Isaac Riviere, Matthew Kokegei, Lachlan Tolhurst, Denis Cook, Brad Wilson, Mathew Sharpe, Bailey Evans, Daniel Delaney, William Frazer, Joel Gregory, Matt Sturt, Blake Fishenden, Luke Ratcliffe, Lachlan Gower, Harry Magriplis, Ben Gamlin, Luke Brien, Patrick Goard, Patrick Knight, Joshua May, Angus Dominguez, Will Jackson, Andrew Ronning, Nick Haughain, Orlando Moors, Riley Lovell, Michael Fabian, Tyrone Mafohla, Jack Faulkner, Liam Dickson, Ben McDonough, Dale Hunt, Josh Walsh, Jackson Osborn, Josh Ferragamo, Ben Dignam, Noah Pagden and Paul Trellis.

Also thank you to those who also helped on the night. Liam Alger, Luke Chadwick, Bailey Evans, Michel Frazer, Lachlan Gower, William Jackson, Connor Jenkins, Dominic Jordan, Thomas Kelly, Chris Kfoury, Jack Leslie, Luke Ratcliffe, Jonty Richmond and Andrew Ronning.

### **CHRISTMAS LITURGY**

On Wednesday December 7th, the Annual Christmas Liturgy will be celebrated in the Edmund Rice Centre and hampers will be presented to the organisations mentioned above. This is a special day in the life of the College, and is a fitting end to the school year. The liturgy will commence at 11.00am and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend to experience the wonderful warmth and giving nature of the St Edward's Community.

### **TOUCHSTONES**

As a Catholic School conducted in the traditions of Edmund Rice we are challenged to provide an authentic witness to the touchstones outlined in the Charter for Edmund Rice Schools, these touchstones being ***Liberating Education, Gospel Spirituality Justice and Solidarity and Inclusive Community***. Throughout the year staff and students participate in a range of educational, religious, social justice and cultural experiences which provide an opportunity to live the values outlined in these touchstones. The following information provides an outline of some of the recent experiences offered to students which characterise this commitment.

*'St Edward's stands in solidarity with our Aboriginal people, who are the traditional owners of our Central Coast land. We commit to working with Aboriginal people for reconciliation in Australia.'*

*'St Edward's College proudly supports Coast Shelter, aiming to end homelessness on the Central Coast.'*

*'St Edward's College recognises the need for our asylum seekers to receive our Gospel value attitudes of compassion, love and service.'*

## **JUSTICE AND SOLIDARITY**

As a Catholic School conducted in the traditions of Blessed Edmund Rice:

***We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and the Earth itself. (Charter for Edmund Rice Schools)***

## **GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY**

As a Catholic School conducted in the traditions of Blessed Edmund Rice: ***We invite all people into the story of Jesus and strive to make his message of compassion, justice and peace a living reality within our community. (Charter for Edmund Rice Schools)***

## **2017 SPORTS UNIFORM FOR SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS**

Currently senior students within the College are not required to have or wear a sports uniform when representing St Edward's College sporting teams. Issues arise when senior students represent the College for sporting events/teams. At the moment they can wear their full College winter/summer uniform or 'mufti' clothing. While students wear appropriate 'mufti' clothing that is practical to the event/situation, we do look a bit untidy and it isn't a great way to represent the College. Also with the winter/summer College uniform, often it is impractical to wear (eg. Gala days – multiple games, travelling overnight – storage of blazer, most representative sports run through winter months, etc). Upon consultation with the College Executive and the Parents and Friends the College has decided to implement a compulsory full College Sports Uniform for all students who wish to represent the College in Sport – 2017 onwards. The uniform would include College sports shirt, shorts and tracksuit worn in Years 7-10. This would mean the following for the current Year 10 & 11 students:

- Current Year 11 (2016) year group told that if they want to represent the College next year, they will need a sports uniform to do so.
- Current Year 10 (2016) year group told at Year 11 Information Night of changes to representative uniform for 2017-onward

The aim of this is to uphold the dress standards we have here at the College, bring senior students into line with junior year groups and raise the expectations of their appearance and representing the College. This is optional (Year 11 & 12 in 2017) and only impacts the students who aim to or want to represent the College in representative sport. If they choose not to buy a senior sports uniform – then they will have to arrange to borrow one. Otherwise they will have to wear the full College summer/winter uniform – 'No Mufti'.

Students/Coaches will be told that they will be unable to represent the College at future sporting events if they fail to wear the appropriate College sports uniform to events. This message will be passed on to all year groups, with the aim to collectively maintain the high standards expected of St Edward's students.

## **VALUES AND PERSPECTIVES**

Schools, including St Edward's, offer students a range of views and perspectives on a wide range of issues. A school community of well over 1000 will contain a broad range of people, with a range of educational experiences and ideas, as well as social values. Students are offered a broad range of topics and perspectives at St Edward's, as a Catholic school and governed by EREA. Values of St Edward's are based around

- ♦ Jesus teaching in the Gospel
- ♦ Catholic Church Tradition
- ♦ Pope Francis Encyclicals
- ♦ EREA
- ♦ Catholic Diocesan Education/Guidelines
- ♦ Australian Bishops Statements

*'You can tell the worth of any community, any nation....by how it treats its weakest members'.*  
Sir William Deane, former Governor General of Australia

*'God has a preferential love for the poor not because they are more important than others, but simply because they are poor and living in an inhuman situation is contrary to God's will'.*  
Dr Wayne Tinsey, Director of EREA

## **AWARDS EVENING**

A reminder that this important event as advertised in our school calendar will be conducted in the ERC on **7<sup>th</sup> December**, commencing at **7.30pm sharp**. Parking will be available in Russell Drysdale Street, in Frederick Street, in the St Joseph's College Staff car park in Russell Drysdale Street and other nearby streets. Award winners need to start assembling at **6.45pm** and be attired in the **complete winter uniform, including the blazer, college tie and black polished school shoes**. There are no reserved seats for this function, so early arrivals will have the choice of seating in the ERC. In order to receive a nominated award, a student must be present on the night, unless there is a very valid documented reason for his absence. *I am making a very special appeal that all award winners and their families remain in the ERC until all awards have been presented. This small gesture and courtesy provides appropriate recognition to our Senior Award winners.*

## **ENROLMENTS 2017**

We have quite a few students on the waiting lists for 2017, so if for some reason you are considering withdrawing your son's enrolment for next year, it would help considerably if you could please give us some early indication of your intentions, as this could well help another family who is wanting their son to attend St Edward's. Please contact Mrs Sandra Francis in the enrolment office.

**Dr Michel Slattery, College Principal**

## **PARKING INSIDE COLLEGE GROUNDS**

Please be reminded that when the front gates to the College are closed, there is **no** access to the front office car park. Please do **not** drive in the second gates and then the wrong way along the one way driveway towards the front office. This is a WH&S issue and there is no access to this car park during these times for safety reasons. If you do take this action, you will be asked to move your car. Parents and carers are asked to find alternative parking in surrounding streets, keeping in mind that our neighbours do not want their driveways blocked at any time. When the front gates are open, you are welcome to access the front office car park. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## **SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS**

As it is nearing the end of the 2016 school year it would be appreciated if all families could ensure their school fee accounts are up to date and finalised before 9<sup>th</sup> December. For any enquiries please contact the Accounts Department. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

*"Our Edmund Rice schools exist to challenge popular beliefs and the dominant culture ... and to look at life from the viewpoint of the outcast, the stranger, the victim ... we will be accused ... but we must stand up and be counted"* Br. Phillip Pinto, International Congregational Leader of the Christian Brothers, New York, 2002

*"To ignore the poor is to despise God"*. Pope Francis

## **FR. ROD BOWER**

Last week we were privileged to host Fr Rod Bower, Gosford Anglican Church, to share his Justice and Peace message. Rod is nationally known and respected for his Christian stance on asylum seekers and our relationship with Muslims. His message helps to defeat the deceitful message of some media and some politicians who use asylum seekers and Islam to profit and/or win votes.

## **HOLY CROSS PARISH WORKING BEE**

This event is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, between 8am - 11am - a valuable chance for Waterford hours 2017 and for boys and parents from Holy Cross Parish, Kincumber. Feel free to turn up on the day and/or contact me for any questions. St Edward's parent John Lovell is supervising this event.

## **THANK YOU**

Well over \$50000 has been raised by St Edward's staff, students and parents, in a truly wonderful team spirit. Last Friday's assembly was a chance for Edmund Rice and local ministries to thank the boys personally, for their generosity of time and money, at our school assembly. Recipients of funds are listed in Dr Slattery's 'Social Justice Assembly' article.

## **EDMUND RICE HONOURS 2016**

### **Year 12**

ER First Class Honours: Aaron Bruchhauser, Nathan Nikolic, Alexander Sloan, Jonah Meggs, Callum Young, Adam Waining, Joseph Nicholls, Jack Magriplis, Brock Saxby, Brendan Beattie

ER HONOURS Connor Story, Aaron Mineo, Connor Arthur, Jack Smith, Timothy Newton, Henry Waymouth, Aidan McBride, Josh McDonald

### **Year 11**

ER First Class Honours: Lachlan Gower, Patrick Uljan, Peter Dignam, Anthony Pirrottina, Beau Jeffries, Jack Frith, Aiden Reid, Zachary Neilson, Riley Hawkes, Harry Pearce

ER HONOURS Bailey Evans, Jared Dean, Cory Macdonald, Owen Chaperon, Michael Frazer, William Said, William Jackson

### **Year 10**

ER Distinction Award: Matthew Kokegei, Lachlan Tolhurst (for achieving Edmund Rice Honours every year since Year 7)

ER First Class Honours Liam Bruchhauser, Andrew Leonard, Liam Seymour, Harry Magriplis, Lachlan Tolhurst, Brett Pickett-Missingham, Benjamin Stephens, Matthew Kokegei, Thomas Judd

ER HONOURS Liam Meggs, Damien Yates, Toby McNeill, Denis Cook, Michael Missak, Tom Kennedy, Clayton Ball, Aidan Sadler, Louis Lippl, Matthew Graham, Jesse Adams, Nicholas, Armstrong, Isaac Riviere

### **Year 9**

ER First Class Honours Lachlan Smith

ER HONOURS Flynn Johnston, Deklan Smith, Tommie Barrett, Matthew Sturt, Liam Dorfling, Joshua Ferragamo, Dan Karkkainen, Charlie Jeffries, Leo Evans, Riley Bissett, Callum Sutton, Sam Harris, Tom Kelly, Zach Gallagher, Darcy Schram, Caleb Strybis, Daniel Baez-Cornejo, Jack Conroy, Joshua May, Felix Orr

**Year 8 ER Honours:** Kai Darwin, Logan Pugsley, Joseph Hussein, Matteo Krumm, Benjamin Norquay, Jackson Robb, Beau Brackam, Aidan Davis, Lars Cleeren, Tom Herbert, Daniel Osling, James Norman, Roy Kim, Keegan Heber, Lachlan Rousell, Jackson Darnley, Jacob Curcio, Jack Attenborough, Liam Oakes, Benjamin Selwood, Joseph Brown, Aaron Judd

**Year 7 ER Honours:** Hayden Smith, Josh Gower, Toby Powick

## **OUR CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL**

Tutor groups are still collecting for the 100 Christmas hampers being put together to help our disadvantaged people. Students are reminded to bring the following items to their Tutor Teacher by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December (or \$5 cash money, if the tutor teacher prefers).

Year 7 and 8: tinned food- ham, turkey, chicken ...

Year 9: chips, biscuits, shortbread, crackers

Year 10: bon bons, serviettes, soft drinks

Year 11: tinned vegetables, nuts, salsa

We support: Families from The Haven Education Centre Terrigal, Coast Shelter, Vinnies Kincumber and Our Muslim community.

Raintree Retreat: Our support staff prepare hygiene gift packs and lolly bags

In addition to this, if you can provide Coast Shelter with gifts such as toys, clothes for children, gift cards/vouchers, movie tickets, socks, shirts, towels, perfume/deodorant, chocolate packs, that would be much appreciated. Please contact me if you have any questions.

### **CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL**

At this time of year the spirit of giving is within us all and it's the perfect time to give back to the disadvantaged within our community. Every child deserves to open a gift on Christmas morning and every parent deserves to see their child's eyes light up as they open that gift. Unfortunately, some local families are unable to afford this joy, so at St Edward's, we are attempting to put together a basket of **new children's toys** which will then be distributed to local families by Coast Shelter. If you are able to purchase something, please send it in with your son and have him give it to either Mr Pat Dell or Mrs Amber Pols before the end of term. Thank you in advance for your warmth and generosity, together we can give to the poor in handfuls.

### **EDMUND RICE CAMPS NEEDS OUR SUPPORT**

Please visit EDMUND RICE CAMPS Facebook site, to see how we can fund their entire camps program for 2017 through the SUNSUPER GRANT. Dreamsforabetterworld.com.au is also part of this quest. Edmund Rice Camps has a strong connection with St Edward's and approximately 10 of our senior boys spend weeks in school holidays to support disadvantaged kids for a holiday. Please visit EDMUND RICE CAMPS Facebook for more.

**Mr Pat Dell (Social Justice Coordinator)**

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### **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

On **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, a **combined St Edward's/St Joseph's concert band** and choir hit the road for a short tour of a couple of our local primary schools. Our first stop was **St. John the Baptist, Woy Woy**. The boys and girls of our neighbouring high schools joined the St John's band to create a huge 'super group' for two different concerts for the infants and primary students. The students sang and clapped along with some retro disco songs and a fantastic medley of Coldplay songs, arranged by Phil Rutherford (concert band master). We then followed up with a stopover at **St. Patrick's, East Gosford** who were keen to have a few of our talented students display their instrumental skills as they consider a band program for next year. Then it was a quick pack up and jump back on the bus before returning home to our respective schools. A big thank you to the St Joseph's Music Department for organising this annual community building event.

**Mr Paul Toole (Music Coordinator)**



## CANTEEN NEWS

### FLEXISCHOOL ONLINE ORDERING

Flexi schools online ordering will be turned off after lunch on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December due to our low stock for closure. Boys can still purchase food through the canteen during recess and lunch.

Also students must keep this year's ID cards to use at the beginning of next. I won't be accepting any cash when school returns. The only students who can use cash will be the new Year 7's and new students until their ID cards are given out.

Sue Devetak

## CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 5 December 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chantelle Dixon Alexis Kalos Michelle Neilson Liona Norman	Sue Hookey Barbara Lewis Sandy Norquay Karen Orr	Maria Cross Janelle Jack Lisa Livesley	Staff Day	Staff Day

## CALENDAR TERM 4 2016

Week 9	Wed 7 Dec	Academic Award Night – last day for students
2017		
Week 1	Fri 27 Jan	Staff Day
	Mon 30 Jan	Staff Day
	Tue 31 Jan	Years 7, 11, 12 Return
	Wed 1 Feb	All students return
	Thu 2 Feb	College ID photos

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

For information on Dept of Sport and Recreation activities during school holidays, please see their website [www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au)

## WHITE RIBBON DAY PHOTOGRAPHY by Ben Stephens Year 10

We were recently impressed with photos taken by Ben Stephens in Year 10 with his drone above Terrigal Skillion displaying the White Ribbon symbol and wanted to share them with the College community. Well done Ben!

