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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

### Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstone Justice and Solidarity

***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.***

On Anzac Day we commemorate the sacrifice of the first ANZACs, Australian and New Zealander, and the generations of men, women and children who have died in the cause of liberty and peace. Help us to remember those who still bear the physical and mental scars and disabilities of their service. Help us to remember the widows, girlfriends, parents and orphans and all those who waited in vain for the return of a loved one. Help us to remember the mateship, agony, courage and compassion of war service.



Anzac Day is also a day in which we are challenged to reflect on and pray for peace in our world. A peace that we are proud of and fortunate to experience living in this wonderful country, Australia. It is a time where we pray for and stand in solidarity with those who are less fortunate than ourselves. People who live in war torn areas of the world, where greed, power, fanaticism, race, religion and culture are the driving forces for turmoil, war and unrest.



*Dear Lord,*

*We pray for the peace of the world. We especially entrust to your mercy the homeless and refugees; those who have been dispossessed through war; those whose lives and families have been disrupted; and who mourn the loss of loved ones. We pray for countries who are war-torn even today. May sanity return and kindness win through wherever there is warfare. We ask our prayers through Jesus Christ. Amen*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

I would like to thank the College Prefects who represented St Edward's at many of the ANZAC Day dawn services held across the Central Coast. Your commitment to the service of the College and the manner in which you demonstrated pride in your school by your attendance at these services is greatly appreciated.

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, our weekly assembly will be devoted to the commemoration of ANZAC Day. At this assembly, we come together as a community to acknowledge the many men and women who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces.



## **YEAR 12 MID-COURSE EXAMS**

Year 12 students sat for their mid-course exams in the last two weeks of Term 1. These examinations provide students with an excellent opportunity to gauge their progress in each of their HSC courses to date. Teachers will be providing students with feedback on their performance in these examinations both in class and through a formal report that will be uploaded to the College Portal over the coming weeks. It is important that students reflect on the feedback provided to assist them in performing to their potential in each of their courses and in the final HSC Examinations in November.

## **PARENT TEACHER NIGHTS**

Parent Teacher Nights are scheduled for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. These interviews provide an excellent opportunity for you to meet with your son's teachers to discuss in more detail his progress in relation to his learning goals and achievements for Term 1. It is important that your son attend these interviews with you. You will have received an email early this week with the details on how to log in to the Parent Teacher Online booking system and I encourage you to book these interviews early, to ensure that you do not miss out on meeting your son's teachers.

## **FEAST OF BLESSED EDMUND RICE 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice is celebrated by Christian Brothers' Schools and Ministries throughout the world. St Edward's College will celebrate this occasion as we come together as a community to commemorate our annual Founder's Day. In celebrating the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice, we take time to reflect on what characterises us as a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition.

What is it that makes us different? Our Founder Edmund Rice, followed the examples set out in the Gospels when, so many years ago, he gave up everything he possessed to take care of the poor, the hungry and the homeless children of Waterford, Ireland. He was courageous in his pursuit of these important Gospel values; he was courageous in standing up for those that were less fortunate. This example set by Edmund Rice challenges students to be courageous in standing up against injustices, courageous in service to others through involvement in the Waterford program and courageous in living their lives in accordance with the Catholic values of faith, hope, love, compassion, service, truth, justice and forgiveness - the same values and teachings upon which our College is founded.

On this day, we will also pay tribute to the many teachers who have worked alongside the Christian Brothers in the development of the unique and rich learning culture at St Edward's College. Several retired long serving staff have been invited to celebrate Mass with the College community in acknowledgment of their wonderful contributions over many years.

## **KEY ENROLMENT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Some key dates to remember include:

28<sup>th</sup> April: Enrolments close

29th May: First Round of Acceptances posted to families.

13th June: Last Day for Offers of Acceptance to be returned

16th June: Second Round of Offers of Acceptance go out (if required)

**Mr Mark Bonnici (College Principal)**

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Contact details for Mr Dell: p: 4321 6439 or e: [pdell@stedwards.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pdell@stedwards.nsw.edu.au)

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." - Archbishop Oscar Romero

"The opposite of poverty is not wealth. The opposite of poverty is justice." - Bryan Stevenson

## **COAST SHELTER**

Our next volunteering night is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 5.30-7.30pm. Please ring me asap if your son (and perhaps you) can assist. 5 Waterford hours.

## **THANK YOU**

To the boys who gave their time in the recent school holidays for various actions to complete Waterford Project, such as Mary Macs Woy Woy, Coast Shelter, surf clubs, sports clubs, parishes, Edmund Rice International and many other local organisations and personal actions, such as spending time with older/lonely people.

## **WE ARE ALL IN THIS WORLD TOGETHER**

“Adhere to truth, for truth leads to good deeds and good deeds leads to paradise”

“It is difficult for a man laden with riches to climb the steep path which leads to bliss”

“A man asked Muhammed: Which act in Islam is the best? The Prophet Muhammed replied: to give food and to greet everyone, whether you know or you do not” Prophet Muhammed

“Love one another, forgive your enemies, pray for those who persecute you”

“Happy are the merciful - they will have mercy shown to them” Jesus

“The purpose of our lives is to be happy. If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion. Happiness comes from your own actions”

“Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. Be kind whenever possible. It's always possible”

“This is my simple religion. There is no need for temples, no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple: the philosophy is kindness” Dalai Lama

## **HOMELESS SUPPORT NEEDED IN GOSFORD**

St Edward's continues its support of Coast Shelter and other groups supporting homelessness on the Central Coast. We continue our ongoing ecumenical and positive relationship with Gosford Uniting Church at Donnison St Gosford, by providing meals to homeless and other disadvantaged people and the college is hoping to build the numbers of our team on Sunday lunches for our local homeless people. Our next St Edward's group support is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 11.30-2.00pm. 5 Waterford hours for boys and parents are very welcome to support us. Please contact me if you would like to assist one Sunday. Boys receive generous Waterford hours for this volunteer program.

Homelessness, unemployment, mental health and domestic violence issues have escalated alarmingly in our local community and we seek to provide a practical response to this. St Edward's believes that it is so important for Christians of different denominations and faith traditions (e.g. Islam) to work together for peace in our world.

## **SOME TERM 2 OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR SON (Waterford hours)**

1. Coast Shelter - Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>, Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>
2. Kings Cross program - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May
3. Gosford homeless lunch meal at Gosford Uniting Church - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May
4. Auburn mosque visit - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June
5. St. Edward's homeless sleepout (at school) Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>-Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May
6. Peace essay competition - each year group winner will receive \$50 Erina Fair voucher. Essay title: What does peace mean to me? 2 x A4 pages.
7. Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal in month of May
8. St. John's Ambulance First Aid
9. Edmund Rice International
10. The Haven peer mentoring program plus St. Patrick's Literacy program (Year 9)
11. More opportunities to come.....

## **WATERFORD AND EDMUND RICE HONOURS**

Below is a sample of students who are moving towards achieving **Edmund Rice Honours** at Awards Night in December. The college expects that approximately 100 students will achieve this milestone by choosing to serve more than 100 hours for others in this year. Please encourage your son to join this group and advantages for him striving for this honour include:

- ♦ personal satisfaction and confidence
- ♦ formation of character
- ♦ a balanced life; i.e. school work, sport, paid work, friends, and service for others
- ♦ resume advantages (gaining the edge over other candidates for jobs)
- ♦ building a range of skills
- ♦ gaining ideas for future career choices
- ♦ being a practical part of the Christian story and message
- ♦ possibility of further/higher awards such as Order of Australia Commendation Medal
- ♦ being part of the 55 Edmund Rice schools across Australia

The boys listed below are examples of students who have completed 40 hours by this early stage and we acknowledge and congratulate them.

**Aaron Judd, Thomas Judd, Harry Moriarty, Kai Darwin, Kyle Donaldson, Michael Missak, Christian Campbell-Smyth, Jack Conroy, Harry Martin, William Nguyen, Toby McNeill, Nathaniel Hobson, Lars Cleeren, Ben Stephens, Liam Bruchhauser, Sam Edwards, Alejandro Murdoch, Nick Haughain, Ben Poate and Kai Wheelock.**

Please ask your son to see me if he would like to be added to this list for having achieved 40 hours so far.

### **EDMUND RICE HONOURS**

Please encourage your son to see me if he has 40 hours or more for Waterford, so that he can be encouraged to move on to achieving Edmund Rice Honours (100 hours) at Awards Night in December.

### **GO BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM**

This is a highly-recommended TV SBS series from recent years, as it portrays the reality of life for asylum seekers and refugees. It is shown in RE classes at the college in the context of relevant topic areas. This documentary highlights the facts about refugees and asylum seekers. For example:

1. It is not illegal or criminal to seek asylum, under any Australian or international law
2. Refugees are not queue jumpers
3. 85% of asylum seekers were found to be genuine (ERC for Justice facts sheet)
4. Some refugees sent home by Australian governments were murdered or never found again
5. Christians, as followers of Jesus, see people who suffer war, poverty and violence, with compassion and respect-not fear and hatred.

Please feel welcome to contact me on 43216439 or [pdell@stedwards.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pdell@stedwards.nsw.edu.au)

**Mr Pat Dell, Social Justice Coordinator**

### **SECOND HAND BLAZERS**

If your son has not yet purchased a blazer please contact Mr English as he has a number of second hand blazers of different sizes available for purchase for a variety of prices. All money goes back into Pastoral Care and is used to support students.

### **LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT NEWS**

#### **JAPANESE VISITORS**

Thank you to those families who have expressed interest in hosting a Japanese visitor. Information and application forms to be a Host Family are now available from Mrs Papeix. Host families are still needed for our Japanese visitors so please consider this great opportunity of bringing two cultures together.

#### **FRENCH EXCHANGE**

There are several French students from Lycée Théas in Montauban (Years 10 – 11) who would love to come to St Edward's for about 6 weeks in June – August this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to host a French student and then go to France at the end of the year to experience life and school in France. It would only cost you your airfare, insurance and spending money. You do NOT need to be studying elective French. You also earn Waterford hours.

Please see **Mrs Papeix** ASAP if interested. Merci!

### **ST JOSEPHS HIGH SCHOOL EAST GOSFORD CLASS OF '67 - 50 YEAR CELEBRATION**

We are searching for the Class of '67 (including secretarial course) students who attended St Joseph's High School East Gosford on the Central Coast. You are invited to a get together:

**Where:** Breakers Country Club 64 Dover Road Wamberal

**When:** Saturday 3 June 2017

**Time:** 11.30am

We also extend a warm welcome to the students of Classes '66 and '68 to join with us on this occasion. We are seeking photographs and other memorabilia. For further information please contact: Denise (nee Crawford) [denisem385@gmail.com](mailto:denisem385@gmail.com)

**CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 1 May 2017**

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| Melisa Lienesch<br>Angela D'Bras<br>Bill Mclean<br>Sharyn Cottam | Jo Smith<br>Katrina Pugsley<br>Gill Wilkins<br>Louise Grattan | Nichole Holborow<br>Ursula Best<br>Kim Langford<br>Kate Glasson | Nora Koleszar<br>Valerie Crowe<br>Cathy Borg<br>Kristy Martin | Lisa Vincent<br>Karen Hislop<br>Von Wood<br>Janine Paull<br>Maryanne McHugh<br>Julia Conroy<br>Laura Scott |

**CALENDAR - Week 2, Term 2, 2017**

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|---------|-----|-------|--|
| Week 2B | 1   | May   | Year HSIE Dig<br>Year 12 English Incursion<br>Year 11 TAS Excursion<br>SJ Incursion  |
|         | Tue | 2 May | <b>Parent/Teacher Night #1</b><br>Year 8 Art Excursion<br>English Studies Interviews<br>Year 11 Max Potential Course<br>Year 11 Multi Media Excursion<br>Jack Newton Golf Shield |
|         | Wed | 3 May | Music Incursion<br>Marketing Photoshoot<br>Year 11 TAS and Tech Excursion<br>Year 10 English Excursion   |
|         | Thu | 4 May | <b>College Photos</b><br>U/14 RL All Schools Knockout<br>Homeless Sleepout (Evening)   |
|         | Fri | 5 May | <b>Founder's Day</b><br>Cross Country U/14 Futsal  |

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE PODIATRY CLINIC AT WYONG HOSPITAL****Free lower limb assessment - children and adults**

The University of Newcastle Podiatry Clinic at Wyong hospital is offering children age 0-17 free lower limb assessments. Children will be assessed by final year students, supervised by a podiatrist. Children and their families can receive advice on footwear, flat feet, and normal development, and receive treatment of foot warts, foot and leg pain, walking problems, and night-time 'growing pains'.

**When:** Mondays from 2.45 to 4.30pm from 6<sup>th</sup> March to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Adult family and friends** of children at our school can access free appointments on Monday mornings, Tuesdays and Thursdays until 29th May 2017.

To make a booking, or for more information, call 4394 7280

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# Spirituality in the Pub

SIP CENTRAL COAST

The Grange Hotel Function Room

Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month March – October

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in November

Bistro opens at 5-30pm

Theme 2017: “My Spirituality: Influence on the Way”

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017, 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**Sarah Tolmie:** A holistic celebrant for all life and love celebrations, and a Coach for life and love transitions, Sarah is also a Master NLP Coach, Therapist, Consultant, and a Pastoral Care Practitioner helping families through grief and loss, as well as coping with illness, dying and death.

**Daniel Widdowson.** Artistic Director of Salt House Theatre Co., and on the pastoral care team at Coast Community Church, Daniel previously presented on Hope Radio, TVN1 and network 7. A member of the Australian Writers Guild, Daniel has won awards and produced documentaries. Daniel is pursuing doctoral studies in the correlation of Theology and the Arts.

**SIP Central Coast is an Ecumenical & Interfaith Speakers Forum with Q's & A's.**  
*The focus is on developing understanding & encouraging dialogue about Spirituality through sharing one's life journey. We meet 1st Tuesday in the month from March to October and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in November.*  
Enquiries: Maryke - 4328 2596 or 0498 588 261

Who is this for?  
For Anyone  
Wanting to know more about  
Christianity

## St Patrick's Parish Invites You

To a series of weekly talks, beginning with a  
free introductory Dinner and DVD entitled  
**“Is there more to life than this?”**  
**Wednesday 3rd of May, 7pm - 9pm**  
and continuing Wednesday nights until July 12  
at St. Patricks Hall, Victoria St, East Gosford School Campus

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**ALL WELCOME**

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