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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.***

As all families are aware, St Edward's maintains a strong commitment to ensuring that students are challenged to look outwards to those at the margins within our society. This commitment is demonstrated through the work that our staff and students do in the community service activities encompassed in the Waterford Project. Activities such as working at Coast Shelter, participation in homeless sleep-outs, visits to King Cross and the Year 11 Street Retreat, provide students with an opportunity to encounter and learn from those less fortunate. I encourage parents to engage in conversations with their sons about their thoughts and learning from these experiences.



*Dear Father,  
Please help those who are in need and those who need support, those who are in the streets, cold, hungry and desperate for shelter, those who have fled from violence in their homeland in hope for a better future. Please help to encourage people to reach out to those who are less fortunate and inspire people to live in harmony. Amen  
Prayer by a Year 7 Student.*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW SCHOOL FUNDING SYSTEM**

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Education Minister Simon Birmingham announced a new 10-year school funding plan earlier this week. At this stage, the plan does not have the support of the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) or Catholic Education Commission NSW (CECNSW) because of a serious lack of detail in the announced plan. It also appears to place some independent Catholic schools on a funding reduction plan over the next 10 years, from 2018.

The Catholic Schools Sector was not briefed on the detail of the proposed plan or involved in any consultation regarding the model prior to it being announced. The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) or Catholic Education Commission NSW (CECNSW) are therefore seeking urgent discussions with the Government to be able to advise diocesan systems and congregational systemic schools exactly how the new funding plan will affect them.

Due to the lack of consultation and insufficient detail regarding the implications of the proposed funding model on Catholic Schools, we are of the belief that the mode cannot be endorsed at this stage. I would encourage parents to write to our local Federal Member for Robertson to express your concern at the lack of consultation and lack of detail in the funding announcement.

## **PREPARATION FOR EXAMS**

In weeks five and six of this term, students in Years 7-10 will be sitting for their half-yearly examinations in many of their subjects. In the coming weeks teachers will provide students with an outline of each of these assessments and these outlines will be made available on the portal for parents to read. Students will also be provided with a timetable for the examinations and this will be posted on the College Website. Parents are encouraged to engage in conversations with their sons regarding these assessments and assist them in the development of a routine at home that will help them best prepare. Results from these exams along with the assessments conducted to date will inform the Semester One report at the end of this term.

## **NAPLAN**

Students in Year 7 and Year 9 will be sitting for the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in week 3 of this term. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The schedule for these exams is:

	<b>Tuesday 9 May 2017</b>	<b>Wednesday 10 May 2017</b>	<b>Thursday 11 May 2017</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i>  Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>65 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>60 minutes</i>
<b>Year 9</b>	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i>  Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>65 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>60 minutes</i>

The results of students' performances in this assessment are provided to the College and parents later in the year. The staff at St Edward's analyse these results to inform teaching and learning in the area of literacy and numeracy in a manner that is specifically designed to target the areas in which students need greatest assistance. As we value and challenge students to achieve their personal best in all endeavours we will acknowledge students who achieve the greatest improvement in their results from their previous attempt at an assembly later in the year.

Parents wishing to find out more information regarding NAPLAN are advised to visit:  
<https://www.nap.edu.au/>

## **PARENT TEACHER NIGHTS**

The first of the Term 2 Parent/Teacher Evenings was held on Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This evening was very well attended by parents of students across all year groups. The information provided to boys and their parents on the evening is designed to provide feedback on the progress made at this early stage of the year. Boys are encouraged to reflect on the conversations on the night as well as the feedback received in the Term 1 report which was uploaded to the Parent Portal on the last day of last term. Boys will be provided with an opportunity in their Religious Education classes to think deeply about the Learning Goals that they have established for the year in the light of this feedback. Attendance at the Parent/Teacher Nights demonstrates wonderful support to the boys in relation to their learning and I would like to thank those parents who were able to meet with teachers. A second evening is scheduled for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Parents who were unable to attend the first night will be provided with a second opportunity to make appointments with teachers via Parent Teacher Online. Parents will be informed via email when this facility becomes available.

## **KEY ENROLMENT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Some key dates to remember include:

- 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)**

## LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

### **URGENTLY NEEDED - HOST FAMILIES FOR OUR JAPANESE VISITORS**

Thank you to those families who have signed up to be a Host Family. A number expressed interest in hosting a Japanese visitor so if you have taken an information outline and application form, please return to Mrs Papeix asap. We still need a number of generous families to act as a Host Family so please consider this great opportunity of bringing two cultures together. Please contact Mrs Papeix at [ppapeix@stedwards.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ppapeix@stedwards.nsw.edu.au) for more information.

### **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!

## 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

### **EDMUND RICE CENTRE FOR JUSTICE CENTRE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Supporters of St Edward's College community are welcome to take out sponsorship opportunity with the national advocacy group, Edmund Rice Centre for Justice Sydney. Their work is outstanding in the areas of refugee advocacy and reconciliation, as well as impact of climate change. Please contact me or go to the ERC Sydney website to see how you can be part of their work.

### **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.

### **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. Our next St. Edward's group support is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 11.30 - 2.00pm. 5 Waterford hours apply for boys and parents are very welcome to support us. The college is hoping to build the numbers of our team on Sunday lunches at Gosford Uniting Church so please contact me if you can support this and/or if you would like to assist one Sunday. Boys receive generous Waterford hours for this Sunday volunteer program).

Homelessness, unemployment, mental health and domestic violence issues have escalated in our local community alarmingly 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 (eg: Islam) to work together for peace in our world.

### **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

## **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

### **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 May 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)

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, Nick Haughain, Ben Poate, Sam Edwards, Alejandro Murdoch, Liam Bruchhauser 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 50 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 at any time.

**Mr Pat Dell, Social Justice Coordinator**

## SPORT

### **NSW ALL SCHOOLS SAILING**

During the holidays (18 -22 April) Nathan Gulliksen (11), Tom Molin (8), Hayden Hansen (10) and Samuel Grilk (7) competed in the NSW All Schools Sailing Championships at Belmont. The event ran over 5 days and involved a series of five races for the competitors. Our boys achieved some fantastic results from the event:

- Second overall in the NSW All Schools Teams event
- Nathan & Tom came 1<sup>st</sup> and Hayden 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Division 2 NS14's and Samuel 17<sup>th</sup> in the Flying 11's
- Overall out of 114 boats (on times and handicap's) Nathan & Tom came 7<sup>th</sup>, Hayden 10<sup>th</sup> and Samuel 67<sup>th</sup>

### **NSWCCC REPRESENTATIVE SPORT**

A reminder that the following sports have closing dates for students to enter/register via the NSWCCC website [www.csss.nsw.edu.au](http://www.csss.nsw.edu.au)

- Basketball [Opens] – (5 May closing date)
- Football – (5 May closing date) [16yrs and Under Pacific School Games PSG]
- Rugby League Presidents Team nominations – (8 May closing date) [U15 and Opens]
- Rugby Union – (11 May closing date) [U16 and Opens]
- NSW All Schools Golf (Tues 27/6 - Thurs 29/6) [Pacific School Games PSG selections]

### **BBSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Well done to the following boys on making the BBSSA Touch Football teams to contest the NSWCCC trials in Dubbo on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> May.

#### U15's

Sandon Smith (9)  
Riley Jones (9)  
Fletcher Powell (8)  
Josh Woutersz (9)

#### Opens

Johnny Saley (11)  
Mitch Richardson (12)  
Alex Halls (11)  
Kai Renshaw (11)

### **THIS WEEK IN SPORT**

Week 2 Term 2:

- U14 Rugby League CC Knockout – Gumbuya Oval Northern Lakes (Thurs 4 May)
- U14 Futsal CC Knockout - Central Coast Youth Centre Niagara Park (Fri 5 May)
- BBSSA Cross Country - St Ives Showground (Fri 5 May)

**Mr J Carpenter (Sports Coordinator)**

## 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 8 May 2017

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Elizabeth Lamont Cian Robinson Katie Ercan Karlie Slattery Georgie Restifo	Mary Stubbs Karen Strybis Judith McIntosh Sharon Singleton Amanda Benson	Katie Diamond- Hanhan Kylie Bell Sophie Gillings Laura Fraser Jeanne Ibrahim	Belinda Carroll Peta hardy Rowena Brooks Megan Waterhouse Maddy Zucconi	Tania Dewey Susan Medaglia Mia Beavis Veronica Gagliard Angela Elliss Michelle Rawlings

## CALENDAR - Week 3, Term 2, 2017

Week 3A	Mon 8 May	Year Hospitality Work placement Year 11 Metals and Engineering Work placement Year 12 Retreat – in two groups Opens Soccer
	Tue 9 May	Year 11 ES Excursion the Fighter World
	Wed 10 May	Naplan tests for Years 7 and 9 Year 12 MH excursion
	Thu 11 May	Naplan Tests for Year 7 and 9 continue
	Fri 12 May	NSW All Schools CCC Swimming Battle of the Chefs

## 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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