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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.**

A key focus of the Touchstone Justice and Solidarity relates to the promotion of awareness and the development of a commitment to action to ensure the sustainability of our Earth. As a school conducted in the traditions of Edmund Rice, we are challenged to demonstrate a deep respect for and partnership with the environment, promote ecojustice and foster within our community an understanding of the importance for the development of a sustainable future.



At the recent EREA Principals Conference, Professor Tim Flannery, the 2007 Australian of the Year and expert on Climate Change, discussed with delegates the important role that schools play in developing a hope-filled approach to combating climate change. Throughout his presentation, he referenced Pope Francis's call to "come together and care for our common home" (Ladauto Si). Professor Flannery explained that the facts on climate change are real and alarming. Action is required now if as a global community we hope to be effective in arresting the damage to our environment caused by climate change St Edward's College is committed to the promotion of a greater awareness of the issues associated with climate change. A variety of strategies will continue to be employed, in the classroom, through the promotion of school and community based environmental initiatives and through decision making in relation to our building and maintenance program. Already, St Edward's has installed solar panels to more efficiently produce some of the College's power needs, established large capacity water tanks which are used to service the flushing of toilets and begun a program of changing light fittings which require less power.



An excellent example of awareness raising through Curriculum based activities include a recent Year 10 Religious Education Assessment Task completed on sustainability. As part of this task students were required to research an issue associated with Eco-Justice, analyse what the key questions are associated with this issue, make reference to Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' and develop a Social Media Campaign to raise awareness on these issues. The following link provides an example of this task that was presented by Lachlan Smith in Year 10. <https://youtu.be/CWn-aTfZSSM>



In continuing to raise awareness on issues associated with ecojustice, we hope to establish in students a personal commitment to themselves act in manner that is caring of our environment.

For further information and facts on Climate Change and sustainability, I encourage you to visit the Climate Council's website on:

<http://www.climatecouncil.org.au/climate-change-2015-growing-risks-critical-choices>

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### **YEAR 11 RETREAT**

The first of the Year 11 Street Retreats will be held next week and will once again prove to be a very challenging and insightful experience for staff and students. Visits to a variety of organisations such as the Wayside Chapel, Salvation Army OASIS Youth Education and Training Centre and St Canice's Church, to explore issues associated with drug addiction, mental health, domestic violence and homelessness are designed to take students out of their comfort zone and raise awareness about the plight of those at the margins of our society. Students will also visit a Jewish Synagogue to engage in inter-faith dialogue and the Jewish Holocaust Museum where they meet holocaust survivors. At a workshop presented by the Catholic Mission in North Sydney, students discuss the plight of children in detention and are engaged in a question and answer session regarding alternative ways to assist people seeking asylum. I would like to thank Mr Tony Beacroft and the teachers who attend both retreats for the wonderful organisation and support they provide the boys while on this Retreat.

### **YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION EVENING**

Over the coming weeks, students in Year 10 will begin the process of selecting subjects for Year 11 and 12. An information evening has been organised for Year 10 students and parents this evening. Information presented at this evening on the subjects offered in Years 11 and 12 is designed to assist students in making informed decisions on their pattern of study. Students will be provided with an information booklet with an outline for each subject as well as HSC regulations, which they have been encouraged to read before the meeting. The evening will begin at 7.30pm in the Edmund Rice Centre and I highly recommend that all parents and students attend.

During the last week of Term 2, all Year 10 students will be provided with an opportunity to meet in small groups with Mr Summerhayes and a selection of Key Learning Area Coordinators to seek further advice and ask questions on their subject choices and asked to complete an online selection process.

**Mr Mark Bonnici (College Principal)**

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

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### **EDMUND RICE SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA-WIDE CAMPAIGN**

Over 50 Edmund Rice schools have been campaigning strongly for five years about children in detention in Australia. Our schools are also linked to the CAPSA PLEDGE, the Catholic Alliance for People seeking Asylum. This is an ongoing human rights issue. Australian federal governments over some years have detained children illegally and unethically. Edmund Rice schools and the Catholic Church vigorously oppose this action.

Asylum seekers are not illegal, nor are they criminals under any law. Some sections of media and some politicians use this issue to win votes and/or to make profits for themselves and as their voice is the one which is heard in mainstream Australia, the truth becomes misguided and lost.

Next week St. Edward's prefect leaders will present a few facts about this campaign, say a prayer for asylum seekers and hold a minute's silence, alongside other Edmund Rice and Catholic schools. Peace comes from open hearts and minds and we realise this can be a contentious issue.

You are encouraged to visit the CAPSA website and sign the pledge and share this with others, if you like. Please feel welcome to contact me to discuss anything about this human rights issue.

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

## LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT – WE NEED YOUR HELP

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

Thank you to those families who have signed up to be a Host Family. Please return the application form (don't forget the photo) to Mrs Papeix asap. There are 25 Japanese boys wanting to come to St Edward's!!! Students receive **80 Waterford Hours** towards Edmund Rice Honours and parents receive **\$300 for hosting one student and \$500 for two.**

**Mrs Patricia Papeix (Language Coordinator)**

**CALENDAR - Week 8, Term 2, 2017**

<b>Week 9A</b>	Mon 19 June	Year 9 Science Excursion Hockey Opens Trial SJ Outdoor Incursion
	Tue 20 June	Year 9 Science Incursion LOTE Incursion Max Potential Excursion
	Wed 21 June	Year 11 Retreat – Groups #1 RL Opens
	Thurs 22 June	Year 11 Retreat – Groups #1 BBSSSA U/15 & U/15 Soccer RL U/15s All School Knockout
	Fri 23 June	Year 11 Retreat – Groups #1 Year 7 Cyber Talk

**CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 19 June 2017**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Michelle Neilson Iona Norman Dilan Rabot Alexis Kalos	Sandy Norquay Karen Orr Sue Hookey Naomi Sirio	Lisa Livesley Maria Cross Jenny Whiteman Vanessa Van Aaldren Belinda Healy Helen Rousell	Michelle Sweeney Michelle Snedden Karen Keiler Kellie Pink Maree Hickery	Jacqui Chettle Alysia Murray Meghan Byrnes Kevin Beverly Amanda Green Lyn Woods Lynette Taylor



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 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**Peter Murphy:** Trained as a high school teacher, Peter has worked for an inter-denominational association of Christian churches in north-west Sydney for the past 17 years, teaching Christian Studies in a local state high school that is multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and religiously-diverse.

**John Sheehan:** A Catholic married with six children, and a semi-retired Chartered Accountant, John has been a dedicated practitioner of Christian meditation for over 30 years. A teacher of Tai Chi & Qi Gong he also has a passionate interest in music and is currently learning to play the Cello. Music and meditation continues to have a strong influence on his spiritual journey.

**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.*

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# Office of Sport

## School holiday program

For the best holiday fun, Sport and Recreation's popular kids' camps get kids outdoors learning new skills and making new friends. With so many activities to choose from, you're sure to find a camp your kids will love.

## Why camp is cool with Sport and Recreation

Kids benefit in lots of ways at a Sport and Recreation camp. At the junior level, they learn to challenge themselves while growing in confidence and independence, having fun and making new friends along the way. Older kids get to engage in a healthy and active lifestyle that promotes team building, problem solving and leadership while enhancing their social skills, personal growth and self-esteem.

## Something for every kid

Choose from day camps and overnight residential camps up to 5 days. All camps are run by fully qualified staff and cater for special diets, medical conditions and allergies. Cost includes all meals and available activities as well as dormitory accommodation for overnight camps. Supervised transport to and from residential camps is available for most programs.

When	What		Where	Vacancies
1 Jul to 7 Jul	<a href="#">Snow Sports - ages 10 to 16</a>		Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre	No Vacancies
3 Jul	<a href="#">Kids' Club - ages 7 to 12</a>		Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre	Places Available
3 Jul to 7 Jul	<a href="#">Kids' Club - ages 7 to 12</a>		Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation	Places Available
3 Jul to 5 Jul	<a href="#">Tennis Wyong - Three Day Program - ages 5 to 16</a>		Wyong Tennis Club	Places Available
3 Jul to 4 Jul	<a href="#">Girls Football Development Clinic Dulwich Hill - ages 7 to 15</a>		Arlington Reserve	Female Vacancies Only

3 Jul to 7 Jul	<a href="#"><u>Adventurer - ages 7 to 12</u></a>		Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre	No Vacancies
3 Jul to 7 Jul	<a href="#"><u>Cooking 4 Kids - ages 7 to 12</u></a>		Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre	Male Vacancies Only
3 Jul to 7 Jul	<a href="#"><u>Adventurer - ages 7 to 12</u></a>		Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre	No Vacancies
3 Jul to 7 Jul	<a href="#"><u>Adventurer - ages 13 to 15</u></a>		Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre	Places Available
3 Jul to 4 Jul	<a href="#"><u>Gymnastics (Beginner) - ages 5 to 12</u></a>		Kimnastix	Places Available