

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.

REFLECTION BY ADAM BING, YEAR 11, FOLLOWING THE SYDNEY STREET RETREAT

Justice and Solidarity challenges us to stand in unity with the marginalised and the poor, creating a better world through both action and personal reflection. St Edward's Year 11 Sydney Retreat provided students with valuable insight in to issues involving homelessness, Indigenous Australians and substance abuse; as well as awareness of opportunities for outreach work with those in need.

As we walked through the streets of Sydney and Kings Cross, it was confronting to observe the reality of homelessness, mental health and substance abuse. Without stopping for reflection, it would be too easy to disregard these people or to judge them as being to blame for their situation. However, this retreat gave us the opportunity for reflection and insight into the cycle of poverty and the real difficulties faced in overcoming disadvantage.

By interacting, rather than ignoring, we gained true insight into the back-stories of these people, the difficulties they face in providing for basic needs we take for granted, and the valuable contribution that each of us can make to help improve their lives. Every place we visited, from the Wayside Chapel to Kings Cross Police Station, advocated that these are people just like us, who for whatever reason have fallen on hard times, and in a just society, they deserve respect and help to address their basic needs like a home, food and clothing. It is our responsibility as we go through life to contribute to those less fortunate, with compassion and without judgement.

I was very happy to learn of the many organisations and establishments that provide support to the marginalised, and work to create a safe, accepting community for all people. The Wayside Chapel, for example, is a safe haven for those suffering from domestic violence, mental health issues and homelessness. Apart from services including warm showers, low-cost meals and clothing, the volunteers at Wayside will sit down and chat with anyone who comes to see them, providing them with moral support. This impressed me as an amazing way to contribute by connecting with others, rather than just donating money.



Outside our own community, the volunteers at the Two Wolves Community Cantina, (an initiative of The Cardoner Project) conduct regular overseas immersion to disadvantaged impoverished countries with the aim of providing disaster relief and education to the people of these communities. They gave us the opportunity to take part in their upcoming immersions, as well as to volunteer for a few hours each week at the Cantina in Sydney, helping to give back.

Organisations such as these fulfil the aim of the *Justice and Solidarity* Touchstone, as they wholeheartedly work towards helping those who are disadvantaged, whilst educating and encouraging others to do the same. The Churches we visited, including St Mary's Cathedral and the Jewish Synagogue in Kings Cross, are great examples of establishments where all people can go to worship freely and be accepted as part of a loving community.

The Year 11 Sydney Retreat was a highly rewarding experience, which has given me valuable information and insight into the complex issue of disadvantage and how we all share the responsibility not to ignore those issues. It allowed me to see the bigger picture of the world beyond my daily life, while providing me with valuable examples of how I can contribute towards improving lives at a local and international level.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On Monday June 19 and Tuesday June 20, St Edward's College hosted for the third consecutive year, the Annual Science and Engineering Challenge. This event is organised by the University of Newcastle in conjunction with local Rotary groups. The challenge saw 16 high schools represented from across the Central Coast. Students participated in a variety of Science and Engineering based problems which required critical thinking, collaboration, communication and critical problem solving skills. Teams from each school were allocated points for their designs and a winning team named each day. The St Edward's team consisted of the following boys from Mr Grant's Year 9 Science class: Alexander Bailey; Josh Bova; Daniel Brazier; Lars Cleeren, Mackenzie Cook, Jackson Darnley, Aidan Davis; Ethan Dehring; Declan Finn; Jake Hardiman; Tom Herbert; Aaron Judd, Ewan Krall; William Lambeth; Samuel Mashman; Riley McAlister; Dre McPhan; James Milburn; Brendon Nunn; Daniel Palmer; Daniel Pearce; Elias Prokopiou; Logan Pugsley; Jackson Robb; Manuel Rodriguez; Benjamin Selwood; Liam McFarlane; Jordan Terzian; Matt Williams; Jie-Di Zheng. Special mention to Brendon Nunn, Daniel Brazier and William Lambeth who came first in the Catapult Challenge.

St Edward's has made a commitment to the organisers of the event to host this wonderfully exciting and challenging day for the years to come. I would like to thank Mr Foster for his organisation of the day and for his ongoing commitment to the promotion of contemporary learning skills through the science based subjects. A special thanks also to Wendy Weir and our maintenance staff and Raeleen Giffin and her team of volunteers in the canteen for their assistance in the smooth running of the day.



YEAR 12 DRAMA NIGHT

Year 12 Drama students are currently preparing their HSC major work performances. To assist them in their preparation, their teacher Ms Jodie Connor organised a performance night on Monday June 26, to provide students with the opportunity to perform their items with a live audience. Students studying Drama are examined on a Group Performance and a choice of an Individual project in either Performance, Design, Scriptwriting, Video or Critical Analysis. The audience provided feedback through the completion of a written evaluation on each performance. The experience gained on the night was invaluable in their preparation, allowing them to reflect on their progress, building confidence in the lead up to the practical examination. The Year 12 students who are currently studying Drama include are, Bailey Evans, Lachlan Gower, William Jackson, Luke Ratcliffe, Andrew Ronning and Mathew Sharpe.

I would like to thank Mr Delury and the Year 11 Entertainment Class for supporting them on the night with managing the Production Elements (Front of House, Lighting, Sound, Vision and Stage Management). The Year 11 Students are Lachlan McGilvray, Ethan Mabblerley, Andre Jean-Louis, Harry Magriplis, Dale Hunt, Sean Selwood, Jack Kilrain, Brandon Kalischer, Aidan Sadler, Matt Surdich, Tynan McKenzie and Matt Rosine.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT

The Parents and Friends association have organised the Annual Trivia Night in support of the Haven Education Centre. This event is to be held on Saturday August 26th in the Edmund Rice Centre. The Parents and Friends Association invites all parents to consider establishing a team to participate in a wonderful evening in support of a great cause. Parents who would like to attend and but do not believe that they can make up a team are invited to purchase a ticket and you will be able to join a team on the night. Further details regarding the Trivia Night are available on the flyer below. Any parents who would be able to assist in the organisation of the night or who would be willing to donate prizes are asked to contact the P & F on the following email: pandf@stedwards.nsw.edu.au

P&F ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

6PM SATURDAY 26 AUG 2017

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO THE HAVEN EDUCATION CENTRE

The Haven Education Centre
Making a difference

ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE, IN THE EDMUND RICE CENTRE
BYO DRINKS & NIBBLIES · ENTRY FEE IS \$10 PER PERSON
PRIZES FOR THE BEST DECORATED TABLE (TABLES OF 10)
LOTS OF GAMES/PRIZES & RAFFLES

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A TABLE PLEASE VISIT:
TRYBOOKING.COM/QQLA**

YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMS

Year 12 students will be sitting their Trial HSC Examinations from Monday July 21st until Monday August 14th. These examinations contribute significantly to the final Higher School Certificate Assessment mark that is submitted to the NSW Education Standards Authority. All year 12 students are encouraged to use the upcoming term break wisely to best prepare themselves for these examinations. Some students will be attending lectures conducted at Universities and other organisations, teachers in some subjects will be organising revision sessions throughout the two-week break, and students are urged to avail themselves of these different opportunities. I would like to wish all of Year 12 the very best of luck in these examinations.

Parents who would like some information on how to assist their son in preparation for examinations are encouraged to visit the Independent Learning –Online Study Skills Handbook on: <https://www.stedwards.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-learning/independent-learning/>

MICHAEL GROSE – PARENTING IDEAS: BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AWAY FROM SCREENS

Wonderful advice for parents from Parenting Ideas tech expert Martine Oglethorpe about how parents can counteract the negative impact of social media on their teenagers. A great read! <http://parentingideasschools.com.au/getattachment/8d4f908b-5634-414f-b54b-31e545dffb8>

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The St Edward's College 2016 Annual Report is now available for parents and community members to view on the College Website on www.stedwards.nsw.edu.au. Printed copies are also available from the College office.

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. Please feel welcome to contact me to discuss anything about this human rights issue.

WATERFORD

The college asks parents to check with their sons about Waterford progress. The upcoming school holidays time may be a good time to gain some hours for Waterford. The Waterford booklet is on the college website under SOCIAL JUSTICE, then click WATERFORD REFLECTION BOOKLET and SUMMARY SHEET for all information. We are pleased with the number of boys who have made progress but some students need to be reminded that this program is due to their RE teacher by end of Term 3.

Students are encouraged to strive for 100 hours and therefore receive EDMUND RICE HONOURS award at the end of the year Awards Night.

Mr Pat Dell (Social Justice Coordinator)

SPORT

NSWCCC OPENS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Last week a squad of ten young men and two staff travelled to Penrith for the above tournament. The Squad consisting of Jed Joyes, Hammish Loader, Luke Dalton, Hugo Walker, Tommy Barrett, Jacob White, Ethan Schonkala, Will Cullen, Isaac Rivière and Hugo Varas played four games. Their pool consisted of Coffs Harbour, Albury, Revesby and Wollongong. All games were played at a very fast pace with some outstanding plays from the team.

Hamish Loader was extremely strong in all games and led the team from the front. Other players to really show some fine form on the day and look to be leaders of the future were Jacob White, Luke Dalton and Hugo Vargas.

Results were in order of teams above 41-49, 32-31, 38-48, 31-74 (a very strong Wollongong team). Well done to all boys for supporting Eddies Basketball and again many thanks to Wendy Kokegei for coaching the team and Paul Bell as manager, driver and chef.

OPEN RUGBY LEAGUE

On Wednesday 21 June, the Opens Rugby League team played Singleton High School in the QF's of the Country Cup.

Finally, we had a dry track to play a more expansive game against a very formidable Singleton team. We got off to a flying start with Bailey Coombes on the end of some support play to score in our opening set and lead 6-0. Eddies had all the running in the first 15 minutes and when Campbell Sheppard barged over our lead extended to 10-0. Singleton to their credit fought back into the game and scored on the stroke of halftime to trail 10-4.

Singleton continued to mount pressure in the early stages of the second half and mounted wave after wave of attack on the St Eddies tryline. Urgency and the desperation of the St Eddies boys to keep turning up in defence saw them repel a well-drilled Singleton side. Ethan Caruana gathered a dangerous cross-field kick to finally wrestle back possession for the team. From the ensuing set, Sam Paul led a short-side raid to put Ethan away in the corner and extend our lead to 14-4. On the back of that try, Bradman Best displayed some individual brilliance to push our lead out to 18-4.

The result was just reward from a fantastic team effort with contributions from the whole team. The boys now progress to the Semi Finals in Coffs Harbour (Week 2 next Term). Well done boys.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A reminder about **the new date of Friday 25 August (Week 6 - Term 3)**.

Information for selection trials for the BBSSA carnival will be placed in the morning notices on the first Monday back at school. The trials will run as follows:

- Opens selection trials will be conducted during lunchtimes in Weeks 1 & 2
- U12-16's selection trials will be conducted during Friday Afternoon Sport
 - Week 2 (28/7) and
 - Week 3 (4/8)
 - Friday 11/8 will be a back-up day

THIS WEEK IN SPORT

Week 10 Term 2:

- Open Rugby 7's State Titles - Kings School, Parramatta (played Tues 27 June)
- U14's Futsal Nth NSW Finals – Newcastle (played Tuesday 27 June)
- U13, 14 & 16's Rugby League Finals Day - Brendan Franklin Oval, Terrigal (played Wed 28 June)

U15 AFL GALA DAY 2017

On Thursday 1st June St Edward's U/15 AFL team participated in the Central Coast Swans Cup at Adcock Park. Unfortunately three teams forfeited at the last minute which enabled us to play a full game against Wadalba High.

Aiden Chambers was a workhorse in the middle controlling much of the play on the day while Ayden Gunn displayed his all-round skills. Nate Maclean's wonderful long kicks and marking also gave us a strong advantage. Our backline led by Harry, the Enforcer, Elias, Mitchell Brooks and Ben Kidd made our defence virtually impassable. Mackenzie Zammit similarly was tough all day.

Our two year 7's, Chris Murray and Lorcan Hayes, demonstrated a great knowledge of the game and were notable in their movement around the ball. Riley Jones, with great evasion and multiple goals, together with Zac Knight and Daniel Hope lead the forward line.

A special mention to our captain Cooper Ebrington who led us with distinction even though he was injured. In summary, **a great** performance, **a great** team effort and **a great** win.

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YEAR 12 – GRADUATION

The College Graduation will be held on Friday 10th November 2017. Graduation tickets will be available to purchase from reception this week. Year 12 students are asked to begin organising their tables as soon as possible – there are 16 guests per table. Ticket cost is \$75 per person. Boys are able to bring a partner and their parents, ie total of 4 tickets per student. Please let reception know if there are any food allergies when purchasing tickets.

MS READ- A-THON 2017

This year, the boys of St. Edward's will be participating in the MS read-a-thon. Each boy is encouraged to participate for this wonderful cause. The rewards for participating are knowing that we are helping those with MS and building our literacy skills through reading.

Each student will be able to add to their Waterford hours through this fundraising event. Year 7 students will be able to receive Service Certificates for their efforts too!

Registrations are open now. You can follow the link to register

<https://www.doitforms.org.au/index.cfm?fuseaction=register.start&eventID=519>

A note when registering: make sure you put a full stop after the St. in St. Edward's.

Reading will take place throughout the month of August. If you are looking for an interesting read, make sure you go to the library to see what is on offer. Final monies raised are to be submitted before 31st October, 2017. Please contact me at lalcorn@stedwards.nsw.edu.au should you have any questions. Happy reading !

Ms Lisa Alcorn (Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator)

NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they are receiving. This information helps teachers, principals and educational authorities better plan to support students with disability so that they may take part in school on the same basis as other students.

The national data collection provides an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes with the aim of improving education outcomes for their students with disability. This will take place in August and only involves numbers, not personal information.

For further factual information you may visit the following link:

<https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/2017 - nccd - fact sheet for parents and carers v5.pdf>

Similarly you may contact our Learning Support Coordinator via email

bkiekebosc@stedwards.nsw.edu.au

CALENDAR - Week 1, Term 3, 2017

Week 1A	Mon	17 Jul	First Day of Term 3
	Tue	18 Jul	Year 12 Chemistry and Physics Excursion to ANSTO
	Wed	19 Jul	Parent and Friends Meeting
	Thu	20 Jul	Year 12 Transition night
	Fri	21 Jul	English Excursion to Belvoir Theatre and NSW Art Gallery

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 17 July 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Frances O'Sullivan Karen Trenholme Jacqui Clayton Lorna Walters	Sheila McInnes	Rosanne Dominello Sharon Palmer Jo-ann Edwards Barbara Livingstone Marie Partier	Joanne Frazer Robyn Ryan Jackie Gallagher Joanne Shaw Jenny Stevens-Hofer Siobhan Whitehead	Ksenija Lackner Alison Dawkins Julie-Ann Stiffle Joanne Smith Colleen Smith Wayne Smith Lorelee Farley Lana Meggs Liz Fortune Tracey Smeed