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ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstone Liberating Education

We encourage all members of the school community to work to the best of their ability, to realise their potential and to strive for equity and excellence.

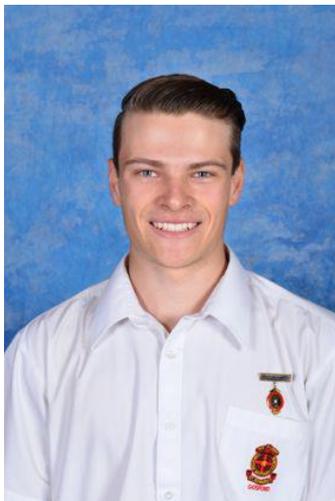
The Year 12 Final Assembly was held on Thursday September 21. At this assembly we took time as a college community to farewell our Graduating class of 2017 and acknowledge their many fine achievements in the areas of: academia, leadership, service to the St Edward's and wider community and sporting achievements.

At the start of this year we established the theme of **Rise To The Challenge**. Students have been encouraged and supported by their teachers and parents to strive to achieve their personal best in all facets of their school and personal lives. It was wonderful to see so many of the fine young men of this graduating class receiving awards for their efforts.



We are very proud of the young men that they have become and we are very confident that they will continue on in life, beyond the gates of St Edward's to be fine young men. Young men who are committed to being the best that they can be. Young men who have developed a social conscience and who are empowered to contribute positively to society in the promotion of inclusivity, justice and solidarity. Young men who will be good partners, fathers and friends to the special people in their lives.

To the Young Men of the Graduating class, I wish you every success in the HSC exams and for whatever your future holds. Recipients of the major awards presented at this assembly were:



Peter Dignam

**College Dux
 Principal's Award for College
 Leadership and Edmund Rice
 Honours – First Class**



Hammish Loader

**Michael Kokegei TEST Award,
 Justin Spittles Memorial
 Award and Edmund Rice
 Honours – First Class**



Mathew Sharpe

**Kevin Liggett Memorial Award
 for Computing and Edmund
 Rice Honours – First Class**



Mitchell Graham
Sportsman of the Year



Michael Frazer
**Mitchell Price Memorial Award
for Service to the College**



Owen Chaperon
**Br MJ Shanahan Award for
Meritorious Effort, ADF Long
Tan Leadership & Teamwork
Award and Edmund Rice
Honours – First Class**



Lachlan Gower
**Caltex Best All Rounder
Award**



Christopher Kfoury
**Reuben F Scarf Award for
Commitment**



David Stockwell
**Edmund Rice Honours – First
Class**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 4 BEGINS

Welcome back to all students and staff for fourth term. According to the College calendar, this is to be a very busy term and I encourage all boys to use it to their best by completing all assessment tasks on time, consolidating a good study pattern balanced by sport and activity.

Students in Years 7-10 will benefit from analysing the feedback provided in the Term 3 Interim Report that was uploaded to the portal at the end of last term. Students will be provided with the opportunity in class to analyse the goals that they have set for the year and gauge how they are working towards achieving these goals. They will be encouraged to identify areas that they believe they can improve and reflect on strategies to bring about this improvement.

Year 11 will receive their Preliminary Report in the coming weeks. This report provides excellent feedback in the form of an assessment mark, examination mark and a teacher's comment on their performance in the Preliminary Course. Students will begin to consider which subject they may wish to discontinue into the HSC year, but are encouraged to take their time in making this decision. Feedback from teachers, ongoing assessment and discussion with parents are vital in making an informed decision about their final pattern of study for the HSC. I wish everyone a successful Term 4.

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Teaching staff at St Edward's maintain a commitment to their ongoing professional development on all matters associated with education of young men. Each year focus areas for professional development are identified by staff and opportunities are provided for teachers to meet regularly to discuss teaching practice as well as attending external courses to support their knowledge and understanding on current pedagogy.

Throughout 2017, St Edward's teaching staff has continued to work in Professional Learning Partnerships. The focus of these groups is to challenge ourselves to continue to provide the best educational outcomes for boys at the college. This professional learning model provides opportunities for staff to meet in faculties and across faculties to discuss best practice in teaching boys.

Mr Mark Bonnici (College Principal)

WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFRICA

Funny things have been happening in the Library over the last two weeks. Boys, with downcast eyes, have been sneaking up to the Front Desk and handing over packets of women's underwear. Normally they comment, "My mum said to give you these!" Then they run out quickly – often before we can thank them. Currently we have collected around 300 pairs of underwear for the most underprivileged women and children in Africa. So why are we collecting underwear for women and children?

When Mr Bonnici went to Kenya earlier this year, he was confronted and shocked by the level of poverty and hardship, and the challenge to provide just the basics. There was no food, limited water, no sanitation, make-shift homes, if any, and no means of employment. He was astounded by what a mother would do to feed her child, to clothe them and shelter them. It was a very confronting experience and formed the basis of doing something very simple, such as providing new underwear, to women so that they were protected and able to travel outside their homes. You can view the daily lives of the women and children of Kibera on this YouTube clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzaxrKmX1Yk>



If you'd like to donate underwear here's the brief:

All you have to do is buy a packet of women's or children's undies and send them to the Library staff in the Shanahan Learning Centre. They must be **new** and size wise for **children aged 8-14** or **ladies size 8-16**. Your undies will be delivered to Kenyan women and children in need in December with Mr Bonnici and students from St Edward's College.

CANTEEN

The canteen is still looking for any new volunteers to help in the canteen. This year our volunteer numbers have halved and we are struggling to get the amount of food made to feed our hungry boys. We try to give the boys good healthy choices at a minimal cost. If we don't get more help this will mean we will have to look for alternative ideas and prices will increase. We may also have to look at cancelling lunch orders on Fridays. If you have a spare day over the next two terms we would appreciate your help. You can contact the canteen through the College phone number – 4321 6400. Thank you in advance

Mrs Sue Devetak (Canteen Supervisor)

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mr Pat Dell's contact details are 4321 6439 or pdell@stedwards.nsw.edu.au

WATERFORD

Please ensure that your son has submitted his Waterford commitments to his RE teacher this week. Many boys registering for EDMUND RICE HONOURS award (100 hours or more of service and outreach) is pleasing.

GOSFORD HOMELESS SUPPORT

The lunch meal service is on this Sunday at Gosford Uniting Church. Please call me this week if you can support this. Parents are needed to provide and work at this service, as other parents and their sons have now left the college. Please contact me if you can assist.

OUR COLLEGE VALUES

St Edward's as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, continues to stand in solidarity with

- Human rights for asylum seekers and other disadvantaged groups
- Reconciliation with Aboriginal people
- Positive relationships with Muslims in our community
- Inclusion of same gender families and transgender students
- Educating our boys about these issues and other important SJ issues, in the curriculum and Waterford.

The college values are counter-cultural to popular media views and some politicians' views, which seek to make profits or win votes and are based often on fear and ignorance.

The college message on Human Rights and other Justice issues is based upon and supported by:

- Edmund Rice Education Australia (Touchstones)
- Catholic Church
- Gospel values, teachings of Jesus
- United Nations humanitarian principles
- Edmund Rice Centre for Justice Sydney

Mr Pat Dell (Social Justice Coordinator)

SPORT

U14 COAST TO COUNTRY CUP STATE FINALS

2017's rugby season started in peculiar fashion with our team, St Edward's, named Central Coast Champions due to all the other schools not wanting to play against us! Although this was a flattering gesture, it made preparations difficult, as we had no warm up matches to fine-tune our play before the state finals.

The NSW Coast to Country Cup state finals were held in Forster and our boys were keen to impress. They played with speed, aggression and the skill shown would have put some of the professionals to shame - The Eddies boys came to play!

Results from the pool stage were:

36-7 Win vs Bellambi HS

10-0 Win vs St John's Woodlawn

15-5 Win vs Westfields Sports

12-6 Win vs St Peter's Maitland.

The success from the day meant we were pitted against Endeavour Sports High in the final, who also topped their pool in convincing fashion. They were a well-drilled unit who started strongly, yet we fought back to breathe life into the contest. The match was only 16 minutes long and unfortunately time got the better of us meaning Endeavour won the match 15 points to 14. The black and red of St Edward's was once again on the big stage and this monumental achievement shows just how strong our school is at rugby union: The second best team in NSW.

Congratulations to all the players and a special thank you must go to Mr Foster for his continued support. We also had a wonderful group of parents and friends who travelled to Forster to cheer us on and the positive feeling that followed the team was infectious.

Mr Paul Sullivan (coach)

NSWCCC REPRESENTATIVE SPORT TERM 4

Students interested in trialling for the following sports need to register via the NSWCCC website (www.csss.nsw.edu.au)

- Cricket 15 years - (Mon 23 October)
- U17's Waterpolo – (Thurs 9 November)

SPORTS AWARDS ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

This year we have decided to move the Sports Awards Evening to a daytime assembly on Friday 1 December (Week 8). This will be held in the morning, with all students in Years 7-11 in attendance. The daytime assembly will allow for full College participation and peer recognition.

Invitations for our awardees and their families will be sent out in the coming weeks with details regarding the assembly.

Mr J Carpenter (Sports Coordinator)

CALENDAR - TERM 4, 2017

Term 4		
Week 2B	Mon 16 Oct	Blood Donation Drive for Over 16's
	Wed 18 Oct	P&F Meeting
	Fri 20 Oct	PDHPE Year 7 Water Safety 07EN1 and 07EN2
Week 3A	Mon 23 Oct	Blood Donation Drive for Over 16's
	Fri 27 Oct	PDHPE Year 7 Water Safety 07EN3 and 07EN4

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY - 16 October 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Melisa Lienesch Angela D'Bras Bill Mclean Sharyn Cottam Kathy Finn	Jo Smith Katrina Pugsley Deborah Foster Nicole Fallon	Nichole Holborow Ursula Best Kate Glasson	Nora Koleszar Valerie Crowe Cathy Borg Kristy Martin	Lisa Vincent Karen Hislop Von Wood Janine Paull Maryanne McHugh Julia Conroy



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SUNDAY 15TH
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Fun For Everyone!

Rides	Bargain Boutique	Devonshire Tea
Treasure Trove	Kids Corner - Face Painting,	Garden Stall
Country Kitchen	Colour Hair Sprays, Tattoos	Book Stall
Craft Stall	Toys Stall & Sno Cones	Kids Games
Silent Auction	Chocolate Wheel - Prizes	Tombola & more...

Updates on:   fairbythesea.com.au

WHITE RIBBON DAY

This year in support of White Ribbon Day, an event has been organised called 'Domestic Violence is Not Trivial' (see flyer attached) and members of our college community are warmly invited to this event. Why not get a table together and make a night of it?

This evening is not a school organised event, but does have the endorsement of Mr Mark Bonnici, St Edward's College Principal, and money raised will go to Kara's Refuge in Gosford (a Coast Shelter initiative), with a small portion going to White Ribbon.

To book tickets visit www.Stickytickets.com.au/53293 or should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brenda Donnelly at bdonnelly@stedwards.nsw.edu.au.



Spirituality in the Pub

SIP CENTRAL COAST

The Grange Hotel Function Room

Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING

1st Tuesday of the month March – October

2nd Tuesday in November

Bistro opens at 5-30pm

Theme 2017: "My Spirituality: Influence on the Way"

Second Tuesday 14th November, 2017, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Rev Neil Smith: An ordained minister of the Uniting Church with an interest in interfaith relations and cooperation, Neil has an 8 year relationship with members of the Newcastle Mosque and a close personal friendship with Imam Sheik Khamis.

In conversation with

Sheik Mohamed Khamis: Educated in Alexandria, Egypt, Sheik Khamis came to Australia in 2008 as Imam at the Newcastle Mosque and is on the Executive of the Imams Council of NSW.

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 2nd Tuesday in November.

Enquiries: Maryke - 4328 2596 or 0498 588 261

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS NOT TRIVIAL

ONE IN THREE Australian women has experienced violence.
Of those women, more than half have children in their care.
These statistics are not okay.

To **END VIOLENCE** against women and children we **MUST** stand up,
speak out and act!

JOIN US for a night of trivia, raffles, laughter and music, as we raise awareness and funds for Kara's Refuge and White Ribbon Australia.

WHEN: 6:30pm on Saturday 25th November

LOCATION: Gosford Golf Club - 22 Racecourse Road, Gosford

TICKETS: \$60 pp or \$550 for a table of 10. This includes dinner, a drink on arrival, trivia plus a gift for you AND a donation.

Tickets are available at www.stickytickets.com.au/53293

 In support of
White Ribbon



Help our James!



HELP JAMES AND HIS FAMILY GET THE HELP THEY NEED!

- BE A PART OF THE EVENTS
- DONATIONS WELCOME

<https://www.gofundme.com/thebarryfamilyfundraiser>

James is a local 11 year old boy who lives with his parents Nicole & Keiran and two brothers Joel and Tom. James has had ongoing issues with his gut since birth and as a result had multiple abdominal surgeries, commencing when he was a small baby. In August this year, James had a serious episode that involved emergency life saving surgery. In the weeks since, James has undergone several more surgeries and has remained in intensive care at Westmead hospital. James' medical future is uncertain but he certainly faces long term health issues and many future surgeries. He will also require medical support for daily living. Over the years Nicole and Keiran have spent countless hours bedside at Randwick and Westmead hospitals in Sydney, as any concerned parent would, but this has meant his brothers have missed out on a lot as well. Your support will help James toward a healthier future by getting him the care and treatment he needs and hopefully making his life a lot easier.

4 Ball Ambrose Golf Day

Where: Shelly Beach Golf Club

When: Friday 24th November 2017

Time: 7am breakfast for 7.30am shotgun start

Cost: \$100 per player

Includes: BBQ Brekky, 18 holes Golf + Lunch

(Carts **not** included; \$40 per cart and limited to 30)

Call club directly for cart bookings – (02) 43323400

Corporate options:

1. \$600 hole sponsorship – includes 4 players
2. \$300 hole sponsorship only

For individual, team bookings and Corporate Options please go to www.trybooking.com/318535

For Sponsorship enquiries contact:
Colin Crook 0437 101 770

Family Movie Night – THE SON OF BIGFOOT

Where: The Entrance Cinema

When: 6.00pm arrival, Monday 30th October 2017

Time: 6.30pm movie starts

Costs: \$20 per person

To **book & pay** for your seat at the movies go to www.trybooking.com/318535

For any general enquiries contact:
Kath Graham 0416 152 382 or
Rebecca Crook 0410 487 360

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