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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

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

As and Edmund Rice Community we are engaged in inter-faith dialogue and respect the spirituality authentically lived by those who come from other religions.

The St Edward's College community values the importance of interfaith dialogue as a means of raising awareness and developing respect of the values and traditions held by other faiths. Through gaining a better understanding of the spirituality of other religious denominations, we are more informed and are therefore encouraged to think counter culturally about the negativity and generalisations that are portrayed through today's media. In a show of support for these ideals, the College Board attended an evening excursion to the Gallipoli Mosque in Auburn with staff from St Edward's.



Members of the Board participated in a tour of the Mosque and were provided with a detailed explanation of the faith and spiritual life of Muslim people by a volunteer at the Mosque. We gained insights into the rituals, prayers and history of the Islamic faith. I would like to thank the members of the Board who attended this excursion for their support of this initiative and Mr Pat Dell, College Social Justice Co-ordinator for organising the event.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HSC BEGINS

Year 12 students began their Higher School Certificate examinations on Monday of this week. The English examinations were the first of many exams to be conducted over a four-week period. I would like to wish all Year 12 students the best of luck in these examinations and look forward to celebrating them finishing their time with us at St Edward's at their Graduation on November 10th.

JOSIE MITCHEL PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Ikey Allen of Year 7 for winning the Josie Mitchell Public Speaking Competition last week. Ikey took out the Year 7 division with a convincing speech on 'Monopoly'. Congratulations also to Jackson Robb of Year 9 who delivered a great speech on Racism, and Lachlan Smith of Year 10 who was also fantastic speaking on issues of the youth today and why the voting age should not change to 21. Lachlan Smith was the well-deserved recipient of the Encouragement award, with which he was very pleased.

2017/18 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CURRENT YEAR 10 AND YEAR 8 STUDENTS

The process for scholarships has changed as of this year and there will only be two scholarships for which parents can apply for their son. Other College scholarships will be determined by the Principal and the Executive, and are not open for individual application.

Scholarships open for application:

Year 10 students going into Year 11: Catholic Women's League Scholarship

Year 8 students going into Year 9: Judy Skeahan Bequest (St Vincent de Paul – Gosford)

Further information and electronic application forms can be obtained by emailing Meagan Armstrong marmstrong@stedwards.nsw.edu.au. Final applications need to be emailed back to principal@stedwards.nsw.edu.au by Friday 3rd November.

Enquiries can be directed to Meagan Armstrong via email or by phone 43216403.

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 term or can put your name down for next year, we would appreciate your help. You can contact the canteen through the College phone number – 4321 6400 or via the canteen email address canteen@livedwardsnswedu.onmicrosoft.com. 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

COAST SHELTER

Volunteer parents and boys are needed for Monday 23rd October and Monday 30th October. Please contact me asap to arrange. Time is 5.30-7.30pm at Gosford. 5 Waterford hours for the boys.

EDMUND RICE CAMP LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This event occurred last week and camps for disadvantaged kids held in January. Thank you to the many boys who volunteered.

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

NSW ALLSCHOOLS ATHLETICS - SOPAC

The NSW All Schools Athletics meet was held last week at SOPAC Homebush from Thursday 12 - Sunday 15 October. We had five boys qualify to compete:

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| • Gabe Scott (13 yrs 1500m) | 13 th in 1500m |
| • Sean Rae (14 yrs 400m) | 14 th in 400m |
| • Tom Herbert (14 yrs 400m) | 7 th in 400m |
| • Cameron Steer (14 yrs 100m, 200m & Long Jump) | 5 th in 100m, 4 th in Long Jump |
| • Callum Sutton (16 yrs Discus & Hammer) | 1 st in Discus
3 rd in Hammer |

Callum's excellent results now mean he has qualified to represent NSW at the Pacific School Games (PSG) in Adelaide (December 7-10).

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 1 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)

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS 2018

Stationery Requirements for 2018 are now available on the College Website. Year 7 receive a complimentary book pack on their first day of school 2018. Years 8-12 are responsible for purchasing their own supplies.

Parents may choose to purchase their stationery requirements through their own supplier or parents are now able to access OfficeMax to purchase stationery online and have it delivered directly to their home.

If you choose to purchase online through OfficeMax, please see the flyer below or the College Website. The St Edward's College Access Key for OfficeMax is **5QX5Z**. Any enquiries please direct to OfficeMax on 1800 004 427.

Shop your requirements list with OfficeMax

Get off to a great start and cross Back to School off your to-do list for 2018. Shop now to take advantage of the free delivery period.

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and search for our school.

CALENDAR - TERM 4, 2017

Term 4		
Week 3A	Mon 23Oct	Year 10 Camp – all the week Blood Donation Drive for Over 16's
	Tue 24 Oct	BBSSSA Volleyball
	Thu 26 Oct	Board and Finance Meeting
	Fri 27 Oct	PDHPE Year 7 Water Safety 07EN3 and 07EN4
Week 4B	Mon 30 Oct	Drama Excursion
	Tue 31 Oct	TAS – Metal and Engineering Industry Visit
	Thu 2 Nov	Allwell Catch-Up Exam Year 7 for 2018 Parent Evening

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY - 23 October 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Elizabeth Lamont Katie Ercan Karlie Slattery	Mary Stubbs Karen Strybis Leonie White Judith McIntosh	Katie Diamond-Hanhan Kylie Bell Sophie Gillings	Belinda Carroll Rowena Brooks Megan Waterhouse Maddy Zucconi Paul Fox	Tania Dewey Susan Medaglia Mia Beavis Veronica Gagliard Sharon Palmer Sunni Robinson Janelle Campbell-Taylor

WHITE RIBBON DAY

This year in support of White Ribbon Day, an event has been organised called 'Domestic Violence is Not Trivial' (see flyer below) 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.

**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



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.

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