

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

### Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstone Liberating Education

*As a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition we promote ongoing renewal by providing opportunities for reflective practice, formation and professional development.*

Edmund Rice Education Australia invites staff within their schools across Australia to attend core formation experiences that are designed to provide a time for renewal and reflection on the role that each of us play in providing a quality Catholic Education, which is underpinned by the values inherent in our touchstones. The various programs offered align with the different stages of staff experience and are available to both teaching and non-teaching staff. There are four programs including:

#### Galilee (the encounter begins)

An induction program for people new to EREA schools and Oceania Ministries. Galilee helps participants ground their awareness of what it means to be in community in a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition. It is also a place to grow our understanding of the Life of Jesus, the Response of Edmund and Our Participation – a participation that is open to being moved by the Spirit, Alive in Relationship and Called to Liberation.



#### Into the Deep (the call to leadership)

A program for 'middle' leaders in EREA schools and Oceania Ministries. Into the Deep provides participants with an opportunity to meet and connect with other people called to the service of leadership. It seeks to provide an atmosphere for sharing, reflection and exploration of the nature of leadership and to see how our work today sits alongside the work of Jesus of Nazareth and Edmund Rice as well as the many who have followed their example.



#### Break Every Yoke (leading for liberation)

A program for senior leaders in EREA schools and Oceania Ministries. This program provides people engaged in the service of leadership at a senior level with opportunities for personal reflection, dialogue with other leaders, and reflection on the stories that shape our identity as well as the opportunity to engage with people of other faith and cultural traditions and those on the margins. It offers participants the opportunity to experience contemporary responses to the pressing issues of our time.



#### Mt Sinai (encounters with the sacred)

A program for people working in Catholic education in the Edmund Rice Tradition for an extended period. Mt Sinai provides people who have been working in Catholic schools in the Edmund Rice tradition for an extended period (at least ten years), with opportunities for personal reflection, conversation with people from other schools and ministries, reflection on the stories that give us a sense of identity, as well as a chance to look to the future.



Staff from St Edward's have attended these courses throughout the year and they provide a wonderful opportunity to network with staff from other EREA schools as well as create time to reflect on our core mission as teachers in an EREA school.

Brief reflections from two St Edward's staff members who attended the Mount Sinai program last week appear below.

### **Damien Stockwell**

*At the end of October, Mrs Sue Devetak, Mr John Moloney and I were nominated to attend a spirituality retreat at the Christian Brothers Centre at Mulgoa, near Penrith. It is one of a number of retreats designed for all staff from all Edmund Rice Schools.*

*Most of our two days was spent exploring the Touchstones, which are the essence of every Edmund Rice Community. We concentrated, in particular, on the touchstone of Inclusive Community. The Touchstones appear in Eddies' classrooms and are the cornerstones of our regular student goal setting and classroom expectations.*

*Our Mt Sinai retreat offered us 'Encounters With The Sacred'. It allowed us time to examine the strengths of our own school community, and provided for us a reflection on our individual role in that community. The Inclusive Community touchstone held great relevance for us, as Eddies' staff, as a result of the strong social justice consciousness we share.*

*While the retreat programs allow each staff to celebrate the uniqueness of their own school, they also allow each staff to celebrate the fact that we are part of a larger collective understanding of education in the Edmund Rice tradition.*

### **John Moloney**

*On Mount Sinai, Moses heard God's message, bring the children of Israel out of Egypt.*

*Through Liberating Education, EREA teachers strive to help our young become hope filled and free to build a better world for all. As a planet, we are all in this together. The challenge is for all of us to reach beyond ourselves and try to make a difference in this world.*

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### **RESCUE OF THE MONTH**

NSW Surf Life Saving acknowledged Callum Sutton of Year 10 and his father Stuart Sutton for successfully resuscitating a man at Adcock Park on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Callum and Stuart's quick response in providing CPR until paramedics arrived were vital in sustaining this man's life. Congratulations to Callum and Stuart who have been widely praised by Surf Life Saving NSW for their efforts. A detailed account of the events is available at <https://www.stedwards.nsw.edu.au/spotlight/callum-sutton-3/>

### **YEAR 7 2018 INFORMATION NIGHT**

An information evening is being held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November for families enrolled in Year 7, 2018. This meeting provides important information about starting high school at St Edward's College. Topics covered include the approach to Pastoral Care, settling in to Year 7, the College Code for Learning and expectations of students at St Edward's, Use of Technology, the Parents and Friends Association and the Cafeteria. Students currently enrolled will provide entertainment in the form of musical items and show off their talents in Visual Arts. A highlight of the night will be Ronan Grattan and Liam Knott of Year 7 talk about their highlights and challenges since starting at St Edward's.

### **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](mailto:marmstrong@stedwards.nsw.edu.au). Final applications need to be emailed back to [principal@stedwards.nsw.edu.au](mailto:principal@stedwards.nsw.edu.au) by Friday 3rd November. Enquiries can be directed to Meagan Armstrong via email or by phone 43216403.

### **YEAR 12 GRADUATION**

I am looking forward to the Year 12 Graduation that will be held on Friday 10th November 2017 in the Edmund Rice Centre. Tickets are available from the front office.

**Please note there are to be no tapered or stiletto heels in the Edmund Rice Centre.**

**Mr Mark Bonnici (College Principal)**

### **WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFRICA**

When Mr Bonnici heads off to Africa in November, packed away in his luggage will be 440 pairs of women's underwear! That was the final tally of undies which were kindly donated by the St Edward's College community for distribution to disadvantaged women in Africa.

Because of the enormous number of undies donated, some will be distributed through the Women 4 Women program, and the remainder will be distributed to women and young girls in the Kibera slums through the Kibera Youth Group. This simple gift of providing new underwear to women will enable them to travel outside their homes and, more importantly, be viewed as worthy individuals and protected against violent acts.

Thank you most sincerely to the teachers, students and their families who donated underwear and also to the Library staff who supported the initiative and managed the collection.

### **CANTEEN**

The canteen is still looking for any new volunteers. The number of volunteers halved this year 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](mailto:canteen@livedwardsnswedu.onmicrosoft.com). Thanks in advance.

**Mrs Sue Devetak (Canteen Supervisor)**

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Mr Pat Dell's contact details are 4321 6439 or [pdell@stedwards.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pdell@stedwards.nsw.edu.au)

### **LOCAL HOMELESS SUPPORT**

St Edward's continues our commitment to assisting local homeless people and we are pleased to now to be working alongside Star of the Sea Primary School Terrigal, as a combined action, to support the Gosford Uniting Church program for Sunday lunches. Mrs Rosemary Dobrohotoff (St Edward's parent) and Star of the Sea at Terrigal, is our main contact and it is good to have a connection in sharing this program with another local Catholic school.

Four boys are needed for **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 11.30 - 1.30pm** (5 Waterford hours) and please contact me on 43216439 if your son can assist.

### **COAST SHELTER**

Volunteer parents and boys are needed for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 will be 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.

## **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

## **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.

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

## **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 - 8 weeks in June – August next 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!

**Mrs P Papeix**

## **SPORT**

### **YR 7 & 8 BASKETBALL**

This team came together late and really worked hard to get ready for Broken Bay. Our first game was against St Brigid's and the boys won that game 29 – 10. Our second game was Mater, 26 – 8, Mackillop 30 – 9 and then St Leo's, who we beat 25 – 6. In the final we came up against St Brigid's again and we won that game 22 – 6.

State is a tough competition and we didn't have long to prepare. However, the boys trained their hearts out and gave themselves the best chance they could after winning Broken Bay. We came up against McCarthy from Tamworth. McCarthy came out hard and they had the intermediate team cheering and making a racket on the side line. It took a little while for our boys to settle but they did and played cool, calm and collected when we finally were able to get in front with only two minutes to go. This gave us a win for our first game 23 – 20. In our second game we came up against the team that went on to the finals, Parramatta. This was a huge team that were very well drilled. The boys were intimidated but finally settled down to play a structured game, we went down by 15 points 23 – 38. This put us through to the quarter finals. The boys came out against Illawarra well, our teams were well matched and it was basket for basket. All the boys put in a huge effort and played well, but unfortunately we missed too many shots under the basket and our outside shooting just didn't gel. We lost in the final couple of minutes with Illawarra getting away from us by 10 points.

The boys were a pleasure to coach. They really took to learning to play structured basketball and work as a team. I was very proud of them.

**Wendy Kokegei (Coach)**

## **YR 9 & 10 BASKETBALL**

The following players represented St Edward's College as part of the Intermediate Basketball team: **Alex Bailey, Tommie Barrett, Aidan Chambers, Jack Conroy, Liam Dorfling, Flynn Gallagher, Logan Grattan, Nathaniel Hobson, Nathaniel McLean, Antonio Peng, Sam Wilson & Mackenzie Zammitt.**

August saw the team at Terrigal Basketball Stadium, where they performed exceptionally well at the BBSSSA tournament. With a record of five straight wins, the team claimed the title of BBSSSA Champions. Fine performances in the pool stage against St Leo's and Mater Maria laid the foundations for a very successful day. The team then went on to defeat St Paul's in the semi-final before facing a very determined Mackillop College in the final. The team found themselves behind by six points at half time and on the back foot. However, a change in the game tempo, coupled with outstanding play from Alex Bailey and Liam Dorfling, saw the team lift to a convincing 24-14 win.

The next stop for the team was the NSWCCC tournament. The tournament pitched us against the best school teams in the State where our skills and athleticism were sure to be tested. We were drawn in a tough pool alongside Patrician Brothers Blacktown, McCarthy College Tamworth and Edmund Rice Wollongong. The competition started well with a strong win against McCarthy College. The boys eventually overcoming some determined defence to record a strong 42-32 victory. Edmund Rice College proved a different proposition in the second game and we struggled to adjust to their style of play. Nathaniel Hobson worked tirelessly at both ends of the floor and displayed great courage when attacking the opposition's basket. Despite Nathaniel's efforts the team went down 36-45. Our last pool game against Patrician Brothers was a 'must win' fixture if we wanted to progress to the Championship finals draw. This was, however, to be our toughest opponent of the whole campaign with the team eventually losing 35-65.

Day 2 saw the side up against Trinity Goulbourn in the Plate quarter-finals. Tommie Barrett, Nathaniel McLean and Jack Conroy lead the way in a comprehensive 52-32 win. Our fast-break transition and solid rebounding were highlights of this game, and we progressed to the semi-finals. St Andrew's Maryong stood between us and a place in the final at 3pm. We started the game well, jumping to a 6-0 lead. However, a clogging style defence slowed our momentum as St Andrew's started to close on our lead. The team pressed the opposition in a high press, but were not able to close the gap, eventually losing 37-50. Despite this loss, all players displayed tenacity and sportsmanship throughout both tournaments.

**Richard Ellis (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](http://www.csss.nsw.edu.au))

- U17's Waterpolo – (Thurs 9 November)

## **STUDENT SPORTING SUCCESS**

Congratulations to **Noah Pagden** (Year 11) who was notified late Monday night that he had been selected in the Australian U19's Football team to contest the Asian Football Confederation U19 Championships (AFC) Qualification matches to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam. Noah made a rush trip to Melbourne early Tuesday morning to play a warm-up game against Melbourne Victory. On Wednesday he jetted out to Hanoi with his Young Socceroos teammates to play group games against Northern Mariana Islands (Nov 4), Hong Kong (Nov 6) and DPR Korea (Nov 8).

Well Done Noah.

## **BBSSSA WATERPOLO**

On 20<sup>th</sup> October, the St Eddie's boys travelled to Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre to compete in the sixth Broken Bay Water Polo Tournament. Well, at last, we broke the mold! Since BBSSSA WP inception, we have finished 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and now at last FIRST! The boys played exceptionally well as a team, listened to the coach and delivered the goods. The younger players in the team held their own, the 'new to water polo' members played as though they played every week, the more experienced players held the fort and guided their team mates commendably. Again, thank you boys, such a pleasure to take away, polite, relaxed and hard working. Well done gentlemen, your good sportsmanship in such a physical environment is a credit to St Edward's.

## RESULTS

Defeated St Peter's 8-2

Defeated St Paul's 8-1

Defeated Mater Maria 14-0

Defeated Mackillop 11-3

Lost to St Augustine's 2-3 (A much older, more experienced and physical team)

**Grand Final** Drew with St Augustine's 5-5. (A nail biter game but great water polo)

**Finished equal FIRST.**

## THE TEAM

Year 8: Jonty Clayton, Riley Marotta

Year 9: Kai Darwin

Year 10: Jacob Barrett, Harry Carpenter, Sam Horwath

Year 11: Byron Chadwick, Finnegan Flaherty, Campbell Sheppard, Damien Yates (Goal Keeper)

Coach and bus driver: Mrs Vanessa Henderson

## **BBSSSA BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

On 24<sup>th</sup> October, the St Eddie's boys travelled to Manly Beach Volleyball Courts to compete in the Broken Bay Beach Volleyball Tournament. After finishing last in 2016 the boys delivered skill and enthusiasm in order to finish minor premiers. Unfortunately, in the semi-final, we went down to Mater Maria in a closely fought game, 2 sets to 1. This meant the boys finished a very commendable 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The boys had limited training sessions, due to the HSC in the ERC, but improved enormously. They learned real volleyball skills and set up some good combinations, switching positions to cover the court well. Thank you to the team, who were polite, fun and enthusiastic.

## RESULTS

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Defeated St Paul's 2-0

Defeated Mackillop 2-0

Defeated Mater Maria 2-1

Lost to St Peter's 0-2

**Semi-Final** Lost to Mater Maria 1-2 in a fantastic display of volleyball, with lots of exciting rallies.

**Finished THIRD.**

## THE TEAM

Year 11: Noah Ajala, Benjamin Gardner, Harry Gibbons, Kyle Lang, Orlando Moors, Brandan

Naprawski, Isaac Riviere, Anthony Sparacino, Hugo Varas, Jacob White

Coach and bus driver: Mrs Vanessa Henderson

## **SPORTS AWARDS ASSEMBLY - (FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER)**

This year the decision has been made 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. The assembly will start at 9.30am in the ERC and conclude around 11.00am. A morning tea for the award winners, their parents and coaching staff will immediately follow the presentation in the ERC Foyer.

**Mr J Carpenter (Sports Coordinator)**

## **CALENDAR - TERM 4, 2017**

<b>Week 5A</b>	Thu 9 Nov	Allwell Catch-Up Exam
	Fri 10 Nov	Year 12 Graduation
<b>Week 6B</b>		Years 7 to 10 Assessment Period
	Mon 13 Nov	Blood Bank Drive – Over 16's
	Thu 16 Nov	English Extension 2



## CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY – 6 November 2017


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Terri Attenborough Nathalie Thornton Helen Fuller Sarah Engelbrecht	Nicole Crouch Kylie James Jenny Nguyen Lisa Brazier	Jane Ure Sonia Costa Justine Ella	Natalie Judd Kelly Adams Chris Smith	Jenny Head Jenny Pryde Nobayeni Lusunzi Melissa Campbell Claudia Joseph Tracey Calamatta Donna Higgins Jasmine Castle

## WHITE RIBBON DAY

A reminder to get your tickets for the White Ribbon Day event , 'Domestic Violence is Not Trivial' (see flyer below). All members of our college community are warmly invited to this event so book your table today.

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](http://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](mailto: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!

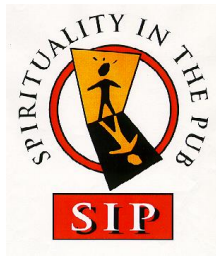
**JOIN US** for a night of trivia, raffles, laughter and music, as we raise  
awareness and funds for Kara's Refuge and White Ribbon Australia.

**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](http://www.stickytickets.com.au/53293)



# 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**”

**Second Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in November.*

*Enquiries: Maryke - 4328 2596 or 0498 588 261*