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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstone Justice and Solidarity

As a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition 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.

Last week eight students from Year 10 were invited to attend the EREA Justice and Peace Symposium at the Edmund Rice Retreat Centre in Mulgoa. These students were selected based on their ongoing commitment to, and interest in, social justice. Students from all EREA schools in NSW attended this two-day conference, providing a wonderful opportunity for students to develop leadership skills, meet other like-minded students from across the state and be challenged to establish their own personal response to issues on refugees and asylum seekers, homelessness, inequities experienced by indigenous Australians and eco-justice. Alex Waite from Year 10 was one student who represented St Edward's at this symposium and his reflection of the experience appears below.



On Tuesday 31st October, I joined seven other boys from Year 10 who had the opportunity to attend the Mulgoa Symposium at the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, This was organised by Mr Bonnici and the College, along with Mr Dell and Brother Burton, to learn about social justice issues within our local communities, Australia and around the world.

During our time spent at the Symposium, not a moment was wasted as we had to partake in numerous activities and discussions over the two days. Within our group we discussed the issue of climate change and how St Edwards can potentially reduce its carbon footprint by raising money by introducing solar panels in addition to the ones we currently have.



The trip was filled with rewarding experiences and eye-opening discussions with passionate guest speakers. We discussed the important issues of homelessness, the injustices that our government once committed towards our Indigenous people, the lack of compassion Australia has towards desperate Asylum Seekers and the ignorance of our Government not acknowledging the damaging effects of climate change.



Speaking on behalf of the other students, I can comfortably say that we feel extremely privileged to have attended this event and to have had the chance to bond with like-minded individuals from other Colleges. I strongly encourage future Year 10 students if given the chance, to take part in this unforgettable experience.

Alexander Waite

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EDDIES KESHENI 2017

Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders

TRANSFORMATIONAL EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE AND LIBERATION

On Saturday November 11, Mr Paul English and I will be accompanying five Year 12 students on the Annual Immersion to Nairobi Kenya. The students attending this two-week program are: Peter Dignam, Owen Chaperon, Hayden Bygott, Marcus Dickson and David Stockwell. The groups will visit a range of Edmund Rice Ministries that work with the most underprivileged people who live in the Kibera and Mukuru slums. These ministries provide education, health care, occupational skill development, food, housing and clothing support, and working with them will be a privilege.



A Facebook page has been set up titled "Eddies Kesheni 2017" and daily posts will be added to this page for those interested in joining and following the group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/163009827621912/>

HSC EXAMINATIONS CONCLUDE

The last of the Higher School Certificate Examinations were conducted this week. Year 12 students will eagerly await their results which will be made available to them on Thursday 14th December via SMS or online. All year 12 students are invited back to the College on Friday 15th December for the annual BBQ to celebrate their results.

YEAR 7-10 EXAMINATIONS

Examinations will be conducted in Years 7-10 throughout weeks 6 and 7. These examinations are designed to allow students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the content covered in Term 4. In some subjects this will be the final major assessment for the year and will contribute significantly towards their final grade. A copy of the examination timetable for each year group is available on the parent portal.

GRADUATION

The Year 12 Graduation will be held in the Edmund Rice Centre on Friday 10th December. This event is a wonderful celebration for the graduating class and their families and the culmination of their time at the College. The Edmund Rice Centre is converted into a magnificent ballroom for this event through the tireless efforts of many staff from St Edward's College. It is always amazing to see how grown up the young men and their partners look on the night, with a highlight of the evening being the mother and son dance. I look forward to this great celebration.



Mr Mark Bonnici (College Principal)

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mr Pat Dell's contact details are 4321 6439 or 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 19th 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 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.

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 and you also earn Waterford hours. Please see Mrs Papeix ASAP if interested.

Mrs P Papeix

SPORT

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UNIFORM - SENIORS

Students going into Year 11 and 12 who wish to represent the College in Sport **must** continue to use the full College Sports Uniform. This includes the tracksuit, which is worn in the winter months (Term 2 & 3). If they choose not to buy a senior sports uniform – then they will have to arrange to borrow one. Otherwise, they will have to wear the full College summer/winter uniform – 'no casual clothing'.

Students will be unable to represent the College at future sporting events if they fail to wear the appropriate College sports uniform. However at the College athletics and swimming carnivals, senior students are allowed to attend these events in casual clothing.

SPORTS AWARDS ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER

This year the Sports Awards Evening will be a morning assembly on Friday 1 December (Week 8) with all students in Years 7-11 in attendance. The daytime assembly will allow for full College participation and peer recognition. The assembly will commence 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. Invitations for our awardees and their families will be sent out in the coming weeks with details regarding the assembly.

THIS WEEK IN SPORT

Week 5 Term 4: CCC Waterpolo – Closing date to register (Thurs 9 November)

Mr J Carpenter (Sports Coordinator)

MOVEMBER

Over the next month, some of the prefects, senior and junior students, and I will be participating in Movember, an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues such as prostate cancer, Testicular cancer, and men's mental health and suicide prevention.

We will be raising funds that will go towards supporting the Movember Foundation's research, as well their various health promotion initiatives that aim to address these prevalent issues through prevention, rather than just a cure.

During Movember, the moustache is a ribbon – a reminder to people in your life about the importance of men's health. When in public, the moustache will often become a conversation starter that can lead to talking about more serious health issues that affect men of all ages, and are often overlooked by individuals, the media and by society as a whole.

Here are some statistics taken directly from the official 'Movember Foundation' Website:

- Prostate cancer is the **second most common cancer in men**, and the rates are on the rise
- By 2030, therefore, there'll be **1.7 million men living with prostate cancer**.
- Most **men affected by testicular cancer are between 15 and 40 years old**
- In most cases, the outcome for men with testicular cancer is positive, but a 95% chance of survival is no comfort to the **1 man in 20 who won't make it**.
- Around the world, **on average we lose a man to suicide every minute of every day**.
- **Three out of four suicides are men**. It is therefore apparent that too many are keeping silent and are struggling alone.

If anyone would like to donate to the Movember Foundation, or sponsor the students individually, **please phone Mrs Pearson at the college or email her at apearson@stedwards.nsw.edu.au**

For more information, please visit the official 'Movember Foundation Australia' Website on

<https://au.movember.com/>

Adam Bing, College Captain 2027/18

CALENDAR - TERM 4, 2017

Week 5A	Fri 10 Nov	Year 12 Graduation
Week 6B		Years 7 to 10 Assessment Period
	Mon 13 Nov	Blood Bank Drive – Over 16's
	Thu 16 Nov	English Extension 2
Week 7A		Years 7 to 10 Assessment Periods
	Mon 20 Nov	Year 7 2018 Uniform Fitting Day
	Wed 22 Nov	Hospitality Sydney Tower Restaurant
	Thu 23 Nov	Year 10 ROSA Grades Drive Food Tec – Prepare and Serve Espresso Course Year 10 PDHPE Sports Day

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY – 13 November 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Frances O'Sullivan Karen Trenholme Karlene Knighton Kellie Cox	Kathleen Cullen Jenny Davies Jenny Nguyen	Rosanne Dominello Sharon Palmer Jo-ann Edwards	Joanne Frazer Robyn Ryan Jackie Gallagher Joanne Shaw Jenny Stevens-Hofer	Lorelee Farley Liz Fortune Paul Clunas Jackie Schram Danyelle Beaumont Lana Meggs



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



The Great Benefits of the School Bus

Have you considered looking into using the school bus service as a way of getting to and from school? Here's some information you may not have known that will help you make up your mind.

Kids catching the bus instead of parents driving them to school has so many benefits, mainly it can help by reducing the congestion that increases unsafe behaviours.

Did you know that bus travel is the safest form of land travel in Australia?

Did you know that school children between the ages of 5 and 16 years, travelling to and from school, are substantially safer travelling by bus than other modes of transport?

Did you know that studies run by the Institute of Transport and Logistical studies, University of Sydney show that travelling by bus is 4.4 times safer than walking, 55 times safer than riding a bike and 1.38 times safer than being driven to school?

Did you know that until the end of Year 2 bus passes are free for all students?

Did you know that if you live over 1.6km (most direct route) from the school, you can get a free bus pass?

Did you know that it only costs approx \$1/per day (\$52/term) to get a bus pass?

Other benefits of catching the bus to and from school include:

- Reducing traffic around the school, thus increasing safety for all our kids
- Reducing environmental damage from running your car
- Not having to get to school ½ hour early to get a parking space
- Promoting and encouraging safe independence with our children
- Drop off right outside the school gate (or closer to the school gate then you can get dropping your child safely with your car)
- Extra 'me' time for busy mums.

Talk to your school office or local bus company about bus routes for your school and getting a bus pass.

