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A WEEKLY COMMUNICATION FOR PARENTS, FRIENDS, STAFF & STUDENTS



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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstone

Inclusive Community

Our community is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationship and committed to the common good.

As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, a key component of our Inclusive Community Touchstone is to demonstrate a preferential option for the poor by standing in solidarity with those who are powerless and marginalised and promote social inclusion and views diversity as beneficial to a liberating education.

I write this newsletter on behalf of the principal, Mr Mark Bonnici who is currently in Kenya on an Edmund Rice Beyond Borders immersion with our Pastoral Care Coordination, Mr Paul English and five Year 12 students (Peter Dignam, Owen Chaperon, Hayden Bygott, Marcus Dickson and David Stockwell).

To begin with, I would like to share a recent Facebook post from one of boys, David Stockwell, attending the immersion to Nairobi Kenya. David wrote:

“Today we visited the Ruben centre for the last time (very sad). We were welcomed by the ballistic aerobic dancing as usual but with warmer welcomes as we saw familiar faces from the day before and fresh ones we were yet to meet.

The groundskeeper (who is a wizard of growing organic food and supporting the environment) invited us down to the field to educate the kids in planting trees. The relaxed nature of this activity made room for us to have some chill time to get to know the kids better resulting in many laughs in attempts to teach us Swahili. The students introducing us as relatives, and asking whether we eat snakes. More dancing followed but Kelvin taught us the salsa. Even I struggled at this despite being the superior dancer of the group. I have to admit the children were far better dancers than all of us.

The day came to an end as we gave them lollies and biscuits and said our goodbyes with many photos and cuddles especially from a little lively spirited girl called Faith who never struggled to put a smile on our faces. Was such a blessing to be a part of the Ruben Centre and its beautiful and dedicated team. A memory we will all cherish and hope to visit again.”

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Closer to home, the Year 12 Graduation was held in the Edmund Rice Centre on Friday 10th November. It was a privilege to be the MC on the night. The night was an opportunity to celebrate, a chance to reflect on the past six years and a chance to look towards the future. Graduation is a wonderful achievement that in time you will look back with pride regarding the friends you have made, the battles you have both won and lost, the experiences you have enjoyed and the success you have achieved. I wish all our graduating class for 2017 the very best in their future endeavours.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who have completed the on-line survey that I forwarded to parents last week. The College Board and Executive continues to focus on developing ways to improve the quality of the overall education experienced by students at St Edward's. To assist in determining ongoing priorities for improvement, your feedback on a range of domains of College life is vital. The survey focused on five domains: Spiritual and Religious, Pastoral Care, Teaching and Learning, Administration and Communication and Extra Curricular activities. Results of the survey will be made available in the 2017 Annual Report.

Mr Jay Sutton (College Deputy Principal)

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

2017 EDMUND RICE HONOURS

Edmund Rice Education Australia Distinction Award for Outstanding Commitment to Justice and Solidarity Touchstone: In recognition of four years or more of achieving Edmund Rice Honours.

Aidan Reid Benjamin Smith Lachlan Smith Liam Seymour Thomas Judd
Thomas Kennedy Harry Magriplis

YEAR 11 FIRST CLASS HONOURS

Liam Bruchhauser Toby McNeill

YEAR 11 EDMUND RICE HONOURS

Nick Armstrong Liam Seymour Sam Edwards Michael Missak Clayton Ball
Adam Bing Alejandro Murdoch

YEAR 10 FIRST CLASS HONOURS

Sebastian Waugh Luke Brien Harry Smith Hayden Hansen Sam Harris
Tyrone Mahfolo Matthew Sturt Deklan Smith Alex Waite Liam Dickson
Callum Sutton Joshua Ferragamo George Butlin Cooper Boelhower Jack Conroy
Brent Mayol Leo Madden-Evans

YEAR 9 FIRST CLASS HONOURS

Kai Darwin Matteo Krumm

YEAR 8 EDMUND RICE HONOURS

Connor Adams Beau Brackham Bailey Brown Liam Oakes Nathan Ella
Joshua Armstrong Joseph Hussein Aidan Davis Benjamin Sellwood Lars Cleeren
Daniel Osling Aaron Judd Ben Kidd Logan Pugsley Lars Cleeren
Tejay Hodges Keegan Heber Daniel Palmer Matthew Palmquist

YEAR 8 EDMUND RICE HONOURS

Jayden Beard Toby Powick Joshua Partier Joshua Gower Eli Rickard
Kyle Graham Kai Wheelock Charlie Crimmings Jamie Zacher Jack Gower
Hayden Smith Andrew Prazauskas Otis Farrugia Harrison Martin Daniel Rosine

YEAR 7 EDMUND RICE HONOURS

Shawn Turnbull

Parents are welcome to contact me at the college if you have any questions about Edmund Rice Honours award.

Mr Pat Dell (Social Justice Coordinator)

SPORT

DOWNIE TROPHY ROUND 2

In round two we were unlucky to draw All Saints College – St Mary's Maitland, which are one of the competition heavy weights. This game home game was played at Jubilee Park, Long Jetty. After winning the toss on a slight under prepared wicket we decided to bat. St Edwards's had a lot of trouble building partnerships and regularly lost wickets. Tom Owen of year 8 showed maturity way beyond his years and was the only one in the top 8 to make double figures against a quality pace bowling attack. Some useful runs were also scored by Luke Jacobs who top scored with 19.

St Edward's were dismissed for 61 in the 24th over. In reply, All Saints achieved the target of 62 in the 12th over for the loss of one wicket. Whilst St Edward's was outclassed by a much older team, we did show enough skill and potential for future success.

Mark Austin (Coach)

NSWCCC REGISTRATIONS 2017/2018

Registrations are open for the following sports

Cricket - U/19 years Closing Date: Thursday 8th February 2018

Softball Closing Date: Friday 16th February 2018

Triathlon (Individual) Closing Date: Wednesday 21st February 2018 (Team entries will be done early next year)

For more information, please go to the CSSS website

<https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx>

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 6 Term 4:

- Berg Shield Round 3 Game v – St Peters Maitland (Wed 15 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 as 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 2017/18

OLD BOYS NEWS

An article was recently published in the Central Coast Express Advocate (Thursday November 9, 2017) about ex student Sam Vickery, an Army captain who is the force protection officer for NATO's assistance mission. Full article can be read by visiting <http://www.defence.gov.au/OurPeople/nsw/20171103>

CALENDAR - TERM 4, 2017

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 Tech – Prepare and Serve Espresso Course Year 10 PDHPE Sports Day
Week 8B	Mon 27 Nov	Annual Drama Night
	Wed 29 Nov	LOTE: Alliance Francoise Workshop Science Marine Studies Excursion

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY – 20 November 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Melisa Lienesch Angela D'Bras Bill Mclean Leah Fotofili Kathy Finn	Jo Smith Katrina Pugsley Gill Wilkins Louise Grattan	Nichole Holborow Heather Quill June Cooper Carmel Burton	Nora Koleszar Valerie Crowe Cathy Borg Kristy Martin	Lisa Vincent Karen Hislop Von Wood Laura Scott Susan Brown Cathy Pakes Julie Waugh



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.

