

Term 4, Week 8 – 30 November 2017

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

### Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstone

#### *Justice and Solidarity*

*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.*



Over the last two weeks, Mr Paul English, Hayden Bygott, Marcus Dickson, David Stockwell, Peter Dignam, Owen Chaperon (Year 12 students) and I attended an Immersion to Kenya in East Africa. The theme of this tour was **Kesheni**, which means 'Stay Awake' in Swahili. In attending this immersion, it is hoped that we are challenged to stay awake to the needs of those that are less fortunate. The program provided us with the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the work of Edmund Rice Ministries in Nairobi Kenya, with the hope of challenging and inspiring us to become agents for change in own community and to motivate others to support the impoverished and disempowered in our local context. The program also serves to continue to develop and strengthen connections between Edmund Rice Ministries in Nairobi Kenya and St Edward's College.



I would like to thank David, Marcus, Peter, Hayden, Owen and Paul for being great ambassadors for St Edward's College. Before leaving Australia, we spoke about the importance of opening our hearts and minds to the beauty of Kenya and its people. We were challenged in many ways, but the learnings were very rich. At the end of each day of the immersion, one of the participants were asked to write a reflection. The reflection below was written by Hayden Bygott at the end of the first day.



*“Today we visited the Ruben Centre within the Mukuru Slum of Nairobi. The Ruben Centre embodies a great sense of community within the slum, and offers many opportunities for the local people that would not be possible without it. It is a gated community containing several key buildings:*



**A local radio station**, which broadcasts music, talkback and messages within a 2.5km radius (which covers nearly all the slum) The entertainers of the radio station volunteer their time every day for free and use the radio as a platform to connect with the community through a new topic every day. Today’s topic was on social issues, with the aim to encourage listeners within the slum to report and recognise injustices around them. The radio station was a real highlight for all of us, as it actively shows the continued optimism and hope of the Kenyan people to improve their living conditions and lives.



**The Medical Clinic**, which is the only clinic within the slum that offers free (or incredibly cheap) healthcare and medical advice for the people. The nearest hospital is several kilometres away, so the medical centre is crucial in providing assistance for people who cannot travel, or afford commercial medicine. The Clinic has a heavy focus on HIV prevention and vaccination, which is helping to combat the growing rates of AIDS within the slum. They focus on Tuberculosis, with many signs detailing the importance of recognising early symptoms to prevent the spread. Their last major focus was on maternal needs, primarily the birthing and care of newborn babies. They provide several vaccinations within the first six months of a newborn’s life, which is crucial in the prevention and spread of disease. For me, the medical clinic was the real highlight of what this small community can achieve, you can really see how much the staff care and dedicate themselves to improve healthcare within Mukuru.



**The Schools:** at the time of our visit the students were on school holidays, however you can see the importance of education within the community in the long term. The majority of the buildings, and primarily the newer buildings, are dedicated centres of learning. They offer modern tools and equipment that is essential in the education of the students.



Yet, there were plenty of tragedies still within the community that made the Ruben Centre very confronting. Marcus noted the disparity of wealth between the Nairobi communities; kilometres of slums surround towering skyscrapers. As a result, it is very easy to get angry that the government allow this to happen. Areas within the slum are clearly more well-off than others. Peter noticed the lack of opportunity for a majority of the slum. While it is great that many people are able to live and work to earn a living for their families within the Ruben Centre, the majority of the slum will never access this privilege.

For me the most confronting part was the babies within the clinic, most notably at the physiotherapy room. The child in there was screaming while being helped. While the procedure was helpful for his spinal development, the obvious pain that he was feeling made the whole experience real for us.”



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### END OF YEAR REPORTS

The Year 7-10 Semester Two reports will be uploaded to the College Portal at the end of next week. These reports will provide an end of year grade, a teacher's comment and an indication of application an effort in terms of the College Code for Learning. I encourage all parents and students to take the time to read these reports carefully paying attention to the teacher's comments and the indicators associated with the Code for Learning. Students have been encouraged this year to establish learning goals based on the Code for Learning and the reports each term have provided valuable feedback for each boy in association with these goals. Students will be asked in 2018 to establish new learning goals for the year, and the feedback provided in this report will assist in developing these new goals.

### ANNUAL DRAMA EVENING

On Monday 27th November, the Annual Drama Evening was held in the College Theatre. Some wonderful talent was on show from students studying drama in Years 9 to 11. Group performance and monologues were presented, and the talent displayed was excellent. The Year 11 Entertainment class assisted on the evening, with lighting and sound with a very professional final product. The many parents who attended the evening were thoroughly entertained. Mr Kim Delury and Ms Jodie Connor, our two wonderful Drama and Entertainment teachers, are to be commended on the brilliant job they do in developing the students' skills and confidence to be able to perform so admirably.

### CHRISTMAS LITURGY

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, the Annual Christmas Liturgy will be celebrated in the Edmund Rice Centre and hampers will be presented to the organisations mentioned above. This is a special day in the life of the College, and is a fitting end to the school year. The liturgy will commence at 11.00am and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend to experience the wonderful warmth and giving nature of the St Edward's Community.

### AWARDS EVENING

A reminder that this important event as advertised in our school calendar will be conducted in the ERC on **8<sup>th</sup> December**, commencing **at 7.30pm sharp**. Parking will be available in Russell Drysdale Street, in Frederick Street, in the St Joseph's College Staff car park in Russell Drysdale Street and other nearby streets. Award winners need to start assembling at **6.45pm** and be attired in the **complete winter uniform, including the blazer, college tie and black polished school shoes**. There are no reserved seats for this function, so early arrivals will have the choice of seating in the ERC. In order to receive a nominated award, a student must be present on the night, unless there is a very valid documented reason for his absence. *I am making a very special appeal that all award winners and their families remain in the ERC until all awards have been presented. This small gesture and courtesy provides appropriate recognition to all Award winners.*

### PARKING IN FREDERICK STREET

Attention parents and carers who pick up or drop off their sons in Frederick Street. The following incidents have been seen:

- Parking across our neighbours' driveways
- Parking **in** our neighbours' driveways
- Double parking
- Reversing into and waiting in the space in front of the College gates – sometimes three cars!

We implore you to refrain from taking these risks as not only are they inconsiderate to all our neighbours, it obstructs the view of students trying to cross the road, and other drivers trying to drive on the road. Parents are to collect their students from either Duke St, Albany St or the northern side of the speed hump in Frederick Street up towards the lights, in a legal parking position. It can also be advantageous to pick your son up after 3.15pm when traffic has cleared considerably. We don't want our neighbours calling on council parking rangers to enforce the rules.

**Mr Mark Bonnici (College 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.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Mr Pat Dell's contact details are 4321 6439 or [pdell@stedwards.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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 Stephens	Lachlan Smith	Liam Seymour	Thomas Judd
Thomas Kennedy	Harry Magriplis	Matthew Kokegei		

### **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	Daniel Phillips		

### **YEAR 10 FIRST CLASS HONOURS**

Jack Conroy

### **YEAR 10 EDMUND RICE HONOURS**

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

### **YEAR 9 FIRST CLASS HONOURS**

Kai Darwin	Matteo Krumm	Logan Pugsley
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### **YEAR 9 EDMUND RICE HONOURS**

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

### **YEAR 8 EDMUND RICE HONOURS**

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

### **YEAR 7 EDMUND RICE HONOURS**

Shaun Turnbull

### **THANK YOU**

To the boys and parents who have recently supported our Sunday homeless lunch meal at Gosford Uniting Church, working with Catholic Primary school at Terrigal. Thank you also to the 15 senior students who are giving up a week in January to provide a holiday for disadvantaged kids at Mulgoa, the surf club volunteers, rural fire brigade and others. Your support for Waterford and more importantly, for our local community, is generous and treasured.

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

## **SPORT**

### **'WOMBATS CUP' CENTRAL COAST SCHOOLS WATER POLO – 27 November 2017**

This event was hosted by Woy Woy Wombats Water Polo Club and was another positive, fun day of Water Polo at Wyong Pool! Thank you to Campbell Sheppard and Kai Darwin from St Eddie's who helped out on the day refereeing, setting up and packing up. All the players were positive role models for other students and excellent ambassadors for our school.

The *Wombats Cup* is in its third year. As a water polo player, it is so nice to watch the players support, encourage and teach their 'footie' and 'clubbie' school mates. The banter and sportsmanship between all the schools is wonderful to see. All the students play the tournament in the spirit of the day – participation and fun - but with competitiveness in the finals series. It is also a great opportunity for the

girls and boys teams from all over the coast, Catholic, Independent and Public to mingle and see at what standard the other schools are.

## RESULTS

Defeated TLSC 4-0

Defeated St Peter's 7-1

Semi Final defeated CCGS 6-2 (Sweet victory as we lost to them last year in semi)

Grand Final defeated Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College 3-1

**Finished 1st overall.**

## THE TEAM

Year 8: Jonty Clayton, Riley Marotta, Beau Newlands

Year 9: Kai Darwin

Year 10: Jacob Barrett, Harry Carpenter, Sam Horwath

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

Congratulations to Damien Yates who saved some absolutely crucial and amazing goals during all games and was awarded the St Edward's College team player for the tournament. Thank you to captain Campbell Sheppard for his maturity and leadership on the day.

**Mrs Vanessa Henderson (Coach, bus driver and convenor)**

## **NSWCCC REGISTRATIONS 2017/2018**

Registrations are open for the following sports

**Water Polo** Closing Date: Friday 10th November 2017

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

**Softball** Closing Date: Friday 16th February 2018

**Triathlon** Closing Date: Wednesday 21st February 2018

For more information, visit 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 and 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 – TOMORROW)**

The Sports Awards Assembly will be held tomorrow, Friday 1 December in the ERC. The assembly will start at 9.30am in the and conclude around 11.00am. A morning tea for the award winners, their parents and College staff will immediately follow the presentation in the ERC Foyer.

**Mr J Carpenter (Sports Coordinator)**

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

<b>Week 9A</b>	Tue 5 Dec	LOTE Year 8 Maritime Museum Year 9 PASS Snorkelling Excursion
	Wed 6 Dec	PDHPE Year 10 Sports Games Day
	Thu 7 Dec	RE Australian Catholic Youth Festival Level One – Day Out Haven Race Day
	Fri 8 Dec	Christmas Assembly Last Day for Students for 2017

**CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY – 4 December 2017**

If anyone has a free day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December and can help out in the Canteen, it would be much appreciated by students and staff. Please contact either Sue or Raeleen on 43216461.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Michelle Neilson Iiona Norman Dilan Rabot Alexis Kalos	Sandy Norquay Karen Orr Sue Hookey Naomi Sirio	Lisa Livesley Maria Cross Janelle Jack Vanessa Van Aaldren Belinda Healy Helen Rousell	Michelle Snedden Karen Keiler Kellie Pink Lyn Woods Maree Hickey	<b>CAN YOU HELP???</b>

**YOUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE  
ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH,  
EAST GOSFORD**

**Christmas Eve**

@ St Edward's College [ERC] Russell Drysdale St, E/Gosford:

**5.30pm Children's Mass** [*Carols from 5.00pm*].

@ St Pat's Church, 76 York St, East Gosford

**8.30pm Youth Mass** [*Carols from 8.00pm*]

**Evening Mass: 10.30pm** [*Carols from 10.00pm*]

**Christmas Day**

**7.30am, 9.00am & 6.00pm Masses.**

**Christmas Mass at St Francis of Assisi Chapel, Somersby:**

**Christmas Eve @ 6pm.**