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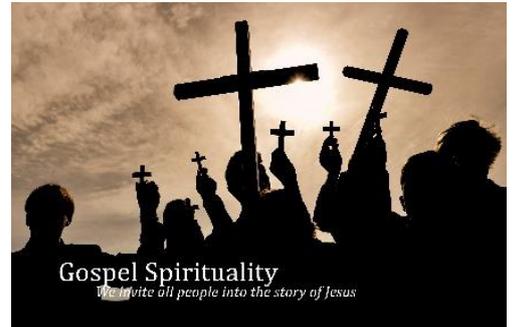
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstones

GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY

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

Students at St Edward's are constantly challenged to reflect on how the values of the Gospel and the message inspired by the life of Jesus, impact on their own values, decision making and actions. Students are provided with a range of experiences through Religious Education classes, College Masses, Liturgies and Retreat Program, to contemplate their place in this world and their relationship with God and others.



Throughout this week, we have celebrated as a community our 2018 College Commencement Mass and a liturgy on Ash Wednesday. The theme of our opening mass was **Be the best that you can be** which is the theme for the 2018 school year. Throughout this celebration, students were encouraged to reflect upon the idea that we have all been blessed by God with certain talents and gifts and we have a responsibility to ourselves to use these talents to be the best of our ability and to challenge ourselves to search for and develop new talents, knowledge and understandings.



In every endeavour, whether it be on the sporting field, in social justice or establishing friendships, we challenge boys to strive to be the best version of themselves that they can be. Most importantly this year, we encourage students to set high expectations of themselves academically and work with their teachers and parents on setting goals for improvement. I explained to the boys that their parents and teachers believe that they have so much potential and so much to offer, and settling for mediocrity is not good enough.

At our Ash Wednesday liturgy, students were reminded of the significance of this celebration within our Catholic community. Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season where we take time to reflect upon our own spirituality and how we can improve ourselves. Teachers and students received the ashes and prayed for forgiveness and blessings to do our best to be good people. Students were encouraged to give up some of their time throughout Lent, in the service of others as a commitment to the College Waterford Project.



The following is a link to a video of some of our Year 9 and 10 students singing at our Commencement Mass <https://youtu.be/PZ-QTbSonOM?rel=0&modestbranding=1>

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EXPLICIT LEARNING AGENDA

Staff at St Edward's have established an explicit learning agenda. Specific areas related to student learning have been identified and these will continue to remain our focus over the coming years.

The four priority areas established are:

1. Improvement in the application, effort and independent learning of students through the establishment of individual student learning goals.
2. An ongoing focus on Literacy and Numeracy
3. A focus on contemporary learning skills: Critical thinking and problem solving, Creative thinking, Communication and Collaboration.
4. Effective use of Information and Communication Technology.

These priority areas will guide teachers in their work with the boys, continually challenging them to work hard at achieving their personal best in relation to their learning.

ONE TO ONE LAPTOP PROGRAM

After conducting detailed research throughout 2016/17 that considered our student body, teachers and the school community, as well as looking at best practice in other schools, St Edward's College very successfully began the roll out of a One to One laptop program with Year 7 at the start of this year.

The learning objectives for students having a 1:1 personal device include:

- Enabling students to use technology to further their learning, independently and in structured lessons
- Providing teachers with the opportunity to consistently construct learning experiences that are geared towards collaboration and connection
- Increasing student engagement.

It is anticipated that this roll out will continue over the coming years with eventually all students in Years 7 to 10 being provided with their own personal device. Years 11 and 12 students for the past two years have been permitted to bring their own device and it is planned that this approach will continue into the future.

Further information will be provided throughout this year as to the next stage of the One to One program.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 9th February at the Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy. Students in attendance entered into the spirit of the carnival with great participation in all the events in competitive and non-competitive races. Spillane (Red house) was the winning house, and a variety of records and personal bests were set on the day. Congratulations and thank you to Mr Carpenter for his organisation of this important event on the yearly calendar. We wish all students, who now because of their performances will represent St Edward's at higher levels of competition, all the very best in these events.



YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY AND COLLEGE OPEN DAY- ENROLMENTS 2019 – Date change

The College will hold an Orientation Day – “A Day in the Life of St Eddies”, on Wednesday March 7th for prospective Year 7 2019 enrolments. The Year 6 boys from Catholic feeder schools will be picked up at their schools by St Edward's buses and returned in the afternoon in time to connect with buses home. The orientation experience will allow the boys to observe and participate in TAS, Visual Arts, Drama, Information Technology, Physical Education, Music and many other KLA's the College has to offer. The College Open Day will be held on Saturday March 10th from 10am to 2 pm. Families of future and current students are welcome to attend and will be escorted on a tour of the school by St Edward's students.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS NETWORK

Our first Parents and Friends' Network Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 21st commencing at 7.30pm. Venue is the Staff Lunch Room in the Shanahan Learning Centre. Parents of Year 7 boys are encouraged to consider attending and joining a wonderful group of parents (male and female) who support the College in many ways. It is a forum to discuss matters pertaining to the College and a chance to meet likeminded parents. It is a group that also has a lot of fun in carrying out this important work. We are always seeking new parents of boys in younger years to step forward and volunteer their services for this most worthwhile network. I find that when parents take the trouble to involve themselves within a voluntary capacity in the College, then inevitably the quality of their son's education improves. I look forward to seeing many more new faces at our first meeting.

Mark Bonnici (College Principal)

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to the many boys, staff and parents who volunteered at Coast Shelter during the holidays, as well as surf club volunteering, rural fire brigade, and other community groups. Your service and care for others is valued.

WATERFORD PROJECT

Our compulsory Service Learning program for all boys in Years 8 - 11 continues and your son will be given all information in RE classes, assemblies and daily notices for opportunities. Please contact me if you have any questions about Waterford.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day will be held in September this year and the College requires all families to contribute \$20 per boy to allow us to support Christian Brothers in Kenya, Edmund Rice Camps and the Edmund Rice Centre for Justice Sydney, as key examples. This fun day in September will include a BBQ, over 100 raffle prizes, and fun activities around the school. This money is due between now and Term 3, so this is just an early reminder to allow some families to plan for payment. The college holds this Founder's Day every second year, to avoid difficult financial situations for families.

Mr Pat Dell (Social Justice Coordinator)

SPORT

2018 COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Another successful day was had at the 65th St Edward's College Swimming Carnival at PLC Woy Woy on Friday 9th February.

Our Year 7 students got their first taste of high school carnivals and were greeted with an array of colours and costumes from the senior boys. This did not dampen their enthusiasm as many of them got in and had a go on the day.

The Year 12 boys took advantage of this being their last swimming carnival and adopted a carnival like approach to their swimming. Colour, costumes and a variety of floatation devices crammed into their one heat approach to each event.

We started the day with a record being broken in the early 200m heats - Jacob Curcio (Intermediate 2:06:51).

The following Age Champions resulted on the day:

U12	Harley Dimech	B
U13	Aymn Hamilton	R
U14	Daniel McLoughlin	W
U15	Riley Marotta	G
U16	Jacob Curcio	B
Opens	Tim Scherer	G

We also had a record broken in the U14 Relay with Spillane (Nick Green, Ryan Green, Nathan Irvine, Declan Richardson) bettering the previous 1996 record to set a new time of 2:00:53.

Overall Spillane (Red) House won the day on 1301 pts which was a fantastic improvement on last year's result. They were followed by Doolan (White) on 1202pts, Shanahan (Blue) on 1022 pts and Knights (Green) on 790 pts.

Many thanks to our fantastic staff for their tireless efforts on the day. Their support in ensuring the carnival ran smoothly and the many helpers who assisted with the set-up and pack-up of the carnival. The behaviour, participation and enthusiasm of the students was tremendous and greatly appreciated also. A great start to our sporting year.

THIS WEEK IN SPORT

Week 3 Term 1:

- BBSSSA Open Basketball – Terrigal (Thurs 15 Feb)

NEXT WEEK IN SPORT

Week 4 Term 1:

- BBSSSA Open & U15 Rugby League Selections – Morrie Breen Oval (Tues 20 Feb)

NSWCCC DATES

Term 1:

	Closing Date	Selection Date
• Cricket (U19 's)	8 Feb (WK 2)	20-21 Feb (WK 4)
• Softball	16 Feb (WK 3)	27 Feb (WK 5)
• Triathlon (individual)	21 Feb (WK 4)	28 Feb (WK 5)
• Triathlon (team)	21 Feb (WK 4)	Team entries completed by Mr Ristuccia
• Tennis (individual)	26 Feb (WK 5)	5 March (WK 6)
• Baseball	6 March (WK 6)	13 March (WK 7)
• Hockey	7 March (WK 6)	12 March (WK 7)
• Volleyball	9 March (WK 6)	14 March (WK 7)
• Golf	30 March (Wk 9)	T2 8-11 May (WK 2)
• Diving	4 April (WK 10)	6 April (WK 10)
• Basketball	6 April (WK 10)	T2 21 May (WK 4)
• Swimming (Long Dist.)	20 March (WK 8)	6 April (WK 10)
• Sailing (All Schools)	Not Given	17-21 April (Holidays)

Mr Jason Carpenter (Sports Coordinator)

CAREER OPPORTUNITY (EX YEAR 12 STUDENTS)

Trilogy Professional Group is looking to employ a school leaver/2nd year University student as a Cadet Accountant.

Key characteristics:

- Currently studying or about to commence a Bachelor of Commerce or similar degree
- Minimum band 5 in HSC General Mathematics, with any higher level/marks looked upon favourably.
- Preferably Business Studies/Economics were units studied for HSC to provide a foundation for the role.
- Available 2-3 days per week around study commitments with a view to working full-time in holiday periods.

Contact: **Taylor Hulls** (Ex-Student of St Eddies) Ph: 4365 0377

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS – EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



The Council of Catholic School Parents is looking for a part-time '**Communications and Development Manager**', working 3 days / week. Follow this link for further information:

<http://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/communications-and-development-manager-ccsp-sydney/>

HOMEWORK HELP 2018

As the new academic year begins, parents and students are advised that Homework Help and task support is held each morning in the library from 8:00 am till 8:45am. Students are able to access assistance and, in particular, receive additional maths support. Students should just visit the Innovate Room which is located alongside the quiet reading area.

Ms Betty Kiekebosch, Learning Support Coordinator

DISABILITY PROVISIONS FOR HSC 2018

The New South Wales Education Standards Authority (previously Board of Studies, Teacher and Education Standards) has developed the Disability Provisions program to assist students completing the HSC examinations, who have a special examination need. This may be related to a physical condition, mental health issue, visual impairment, hearing loss or difficulty in reading and / or writing. The Authority aims to offer practical support to students with higher needs by providing provisions, such as separate supervision, extra time to rest/read/write, writers and / or readers.

On behalf of these students the College makes an application online to NESA submitting specific supporting documentation. When a final decision has been made, NESA will send both the College and student written notification of the approved and/or declined provisions. Please be aware that if you have been granted the use of special examination provisions by the College for internal examinations and assessments, this does not automatically deem that you will be eligible for the same provisions in the HSC examinations.

If your son wishes to apply for these special examination provisions for the HSC exams, you should contact me, the Learning Support Coordinator, Ms Kiekebosch, at the start of 2018 academic year. In completing the application process evidence of the special examination need must be included, such as medical evidence, timed essay samples, reading test results, in addition to relevant subject teacher comments. Please note that these applications should be submitted online to the NESA by the last day of Term 1, 2018, but can also be applied for up to the day prior to the commencement of the formal, external HSC exams.

If you have any queries in regards to the above please do not hesitate to contact me, either by phone or email at the College. bkiekebosch@stedwards.nsw.edu.au

Ms Betty Kiekebosch, Learning Support Coordinator

NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY 2018

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they are receiving. This information helps teachers, principals and educational authorities better plan to support students with disability so that they may take part in school on the same basis as other students.

The national data collection provides an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes with the aim of improving education outcomes for their students with disability. This takes place early in each year and only involves numbers, not personal information. For further factual information you may visit the following link:

https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/2017_-_nccd_-_fact_sheet_for_parents_and_carers_v5.pdf

HELP AVAILABLE AT CENTRAL COAST LIBRARIES

Central Coast Libraries **will be hosting a demonstration on a free, online tutoring program, Studiosity on Thursday 22 March, 5.30pm - 6.30pm.** Studiosity is an online, on-demand study help service accessible through Central Coast Council Libraries.

Is your son feeling overwhelmed, stuck on a study question or not sure where to start on an assignment?

Help is here! Free, online tutoring available for students from Year 3 to Year 12 -- you just need a Central Coast Library card! Students, parents, carers and teachers are invited to Erina Library for a free Studiosity information session.

Demonstration at Erina Library

When: Thursday 22 Feb 2018

Time: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Please Phone: [43047650](tel:43047650) to book a place or book online at

<http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/libraries/event-detail/2018/02/22/libraries-calendar/studiosity-live-demonstration>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cathy on 43047027 or catherine.krause@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

CANTEEN WEEK COMMENCING 19 February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wendy Whitmore Veronica Vogel Angela D'Bras	Sue Offner Karen Orr Alison Sterland Sarah Healey Sue Hookey Julie Dominguez	Lisa Livesley Janelle Jack Helen Rousell Vanessa Van Aaldren Belinda Healy	Michelle Snedden Leonie Austin Melissa Boffo Shirley Wright Janice Gardner	Alysia Murray Meghan Byrnes Amanda Green Jo Hardiman Lynette Taylor Joanna Heginbotham Gianna Cunico Karen Hibbert Shirley Pipa Jane Macbean

CALENDAR - TERM 1, 2018

Week 4B		2019 College Enrolments now open
	Fri 23 Feb	Year 12 Food Tech excursion
Week 5 A		Year 8 Camp Wednesday to Friday

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 2018: "My Spirituality: Then and Now"
Tuesday 6th March, 2018, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Gwen Shave: Born during the Depression years in Young, Gwen later moved to Eastwood where the Methodist Church had a big influence on her life. She and husband Roy spent many years as missionaries in Fiji, Malawi, and outback Australia. Such experiences have enriched her life and shown her different ways of "seeing".

Clive McCormack: A retired Civil Engineer from a Methodist background, Clive spent 10 years working overseas in various developing countries. He is married with 4 children and 11 grandchildren. A qualified Lay Pastor with the UC, his spirituality has been profoundly influenced by the wide variety of denominations of churches he attended in multiple cultures.

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

FREE FOOT AND LEG CHECKS

The University of Newcastle Podiatry Clinic at **Wyong Hospital** is offering children age 0-17 free lower limb assessments. Children will be assessed by final year students, supervised by a podiatrist. Children and their families can receive advice on footwear, flat feet, and normal development, and receive treatment of foot warts, foot and leg pain, walking problems, and night-time 'growing pains'.

When: Mondays from 2.45 to 4.30pm from 5th March to 4th June 2018

To make a booking, or for more information, call 4394 7280