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# ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

A WEEKLY COMMUNICATION FOR PARENTS, FRIENDS, STAFF & STUDENTS



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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

### **Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstone Liberating Education**

***As an Edmund Rice Community we encourage all members of the school community to work to the best of their ability, to become the person that each is created to be and to strive for equity and excellence***

**“Be the best that you can be”**

As explained in previous newsletters, the theme for the 2018 school year is “Be the best that you can be”. This theme is founded in the Liberating Education Touchstone as we challenge students to raise their expectations and to strive to achieve their personal best in all endeavours. In order to foster the importance of self-reflection in achieving their personal best we have continued the program of goal setting whereby students have been provided with the opportunity to establish SMART (Smarter, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely) goals for the year. Last Friday, Tutor teachers spent time working with students on setting goals. Students were guided through a process on how to establish SMART goals centred on what they would like to improve upon, work harder at and achieve this year. Tutor teachers will now continue to discuss with students throughout the year their progress in attaining these goals and provide further opportunity for reflection. Students were asked to discuss with their parents their goals for the year, then sign and return the worksheet that was completed during Tutor. Research strongly suggests that parental involvement in their son’s education contributes significantly to their success and attainment of goals. We therefore encourage all parents to regularly touch base with their sons on their progress. Feedback regarding application and effort will be once again provided on Interim and Semester Reports, as well as at Parent/Teacher Nights. The link below provides advice for parents on how to manage and communicate expectations about schoolwork and results with their sons.

<https://www.stedwards.nsw.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Tips-for-parents-to-manage-and-communicate-expectations-about-schoolwork-and-results.pdf>

A sample of goals set by students include:

*Year 11 student*

*I will accomplish a number of things this year such as good grades, an improved work ethic and an effective study routine. As well as better confidence in doing things.*

*Year 8 student*

*To get better results in English and Science. Also to get good interim report results so that I can play in the league and union teams.*

*Year 7 student*

*I want to be organised in my homework and to be focused in my work to get good grades.*

A link to the presentation used to guide students in setting goals appears below as does some examples of students goals established for the year.

<https://www.stedwards.nsw.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Goal-Setting-2018-Extended-Tutor-Presentation-1.pdf>

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT

This will be the last edition of the current format of newsletter produced each week. I am pleased to announce that the launching of the new approach to the newsletter will take place on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>. The new newsletter is in an interactive web-based format that will provide parents with a great deal of current information about the Mission and Identity, Curriculum, Sport, Social Justice and General Information about the College. The great work of our boys in all these domains will be highlighted both visually and through text, with increasingly more articles to be written by the boys themselves. The newsletter allows readers to drill down into specific areas of interest as well as provide information and links to upcoming events, previous newsletters and a community noticeboard.

The newsletter will move to fortnightly editions rather than weekly and parents will be emailed a link each Thursday fortnight, to the new page. A snapshot of the new format appears below. It is acknowledged that this new approach may take some families time to get used to and we will be asking for feedback in due course as to how we may be able to continue to improve the information and format of the newsletter.

The screenshot shows a web interface for the newsletter. At the top is a navigation bar with 'News & Events' and 'NEWSLETTERS' highlighted. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled 'February 2018'. It features a 'Principal's Blog' section with a photo of the principal and a 'Thought for the Day' about Edmund Rice Education Australia. To the right is an 'Upcoming Events' sidebar listing events like 'Year 8 Camp', 'Year 10 Retreat', and 'Year 7 Camp' with dates. Below the blog is a category filter with options: 'All', 'Mission & Identity', 'Curriculum', 'Sport', 'Social Justice', and 'General'. At the bottom, there are three featured articles: 'The Tatham Project - Working to Clean Up the College Grounds', 'College Uniform Shop', and '2018 Swimming Carnival'.

### ST EDWARD'S OLD BOYS UNION

On Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm, an Annual General Meeting will be held at the College for the St Edward's Old Boys Union. The current Executive members of the Old Boys have devoted countless hours over fourteen years in the promotion of this important St Edward's Community group and are looking to 'hand over the reins'. To sustain the Old Boys network into the future, we are calling for expressions of interest from any ex-students who would be interested in contributing to this group by generating new ideas and enthusiasm in the promotion of the work conducted by the Old Boys in supporting St Edward's College. Any ex-students who may be interested in joining this group are invited to attend the meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> or email the College on [info@stedwards.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@stedwards.nsw.edu.au) for further details.

### PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Student safety is being put at risk due to actions of parents in the mornings and afternoons. It is best if drop off and pick up is conducted a short walk away from the College entry towards the lights or in Duke Street, where there is less congestion. We have consulted with Council Rangers and police who have advised that pedestrian safety is a main priority, and drivers who put pedestrian safety at risk will be fined. We remind parents:

- Do not park in or across any driveway even for a short time (including the College driveway)
- Do not double park – you are blocking traffic and pedestrian view
- Do not use any driveway to turn around (including the College driveway)
- Please use the cul-de-sac at the end of the street near the water to turn around. It is the safest place to do so with few pedestrians.

**Mark Bonnici, College Principal**

## **JAPANESE VISITORS**

Japanese students will once again visit St Edward's College this year from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Host families are needed for our Japanese visitors, so please consider this great opportunity of bringing two cultures together. Students earn 80 Waterford hours for hosting a student and families receive \$300 to help out with added expenses during the homestay. Information and application forms to be a Host Family are now available from Mrs Papeix.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

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

## **FOUNDERS DAY**

This event is held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August and we raise approximately \$20000 for Christian Brothers ministries in Kenya and Edmund Rice Camps, for example. \$20 is required of each boy and it will be a casual clothing day with barbecue and soft drinks included, as well as raffles, fun rides and stalls. Please pay the \$20 before August and if you have any questions please contact me.

## **WATERFORD**

Your son in Years 8-11 has now received all the information in RE class for his Waterford requirements of 15 hours this year. Please visit the college website and click on SOCIAL JUSTICE, then Waterford, as all programs and documents are included there. Please encourage and ensure your son completes his mandatory 15 hours and encourage him to aim for 100 hours by end of Term 3 to receive **Edmund Rice Honours** for his wonderful efforts to serve others, especially our disadvantaged people.

Students will be offered opportunities at the college to complete this program; e.g. Coast Shelter, Kings Cross program, immersions to Walgett and Kenya and these opportunities are all listed in the Waterford booklet. The responsibility of completing Waterford is on the boys, i.e. they need to constantly seek ways in their local community e.g. sports clubs, surf clubs, parishes etc, along with school-based offerings to complete our program.

## **ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE VALUES**

As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, we stand proudly in solidarity with Aboriginal people, as well as groups seeking human rights such as asylum seekers. Our relationship with Muslims is important to us, as is our natural environment, people suffering homelessness/ poverty in Australia and overseas. Our programs are all about creating **Awareness, Advocacy and Action** in our young men.

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

## **SPORT**

### **BBSSA OPEN'S BASKETBALL**

Twelve players were selected in the Opens Basketball team which travelled to Terrigal to compete in the annual BBSSA Basketball Tournament. The team, led by Wendy Kokegei, renewed its traditional rivalry with a strong St. Leo's outfit and the challenge certainly lived up to expectation. The opposition started the game strongly and jumped out to a 0-6 lead early on. We found that we could not score consistently enough throughout the first half and went into half-time trailing by six points. Despite a more concerted effort offensively in the second period, led by Jacob White and Aiden Chambers, we were unable to contain their best player and St. Leo's powered away to a comfortable ten point win. Knowing that only the top two qualified for the final made the next game against Mackillop all the more important – it was to prove the turning point in the tournament! A hard fought eight point win, spearheaded by Hugo Varas and Matt McLean, put the team on the front foot moving into the third round. St Peter's offered minimal resistance in a blow-out win. Nick Dobrohoft was outstanding at the defensive end of the court, while Jacob White and Matt McLean scored freely to setup a convincing win.

The team moved confidently into the fourth round, however, Mater Maria played with spirit in an entertaining encounter. Aidan Chambers lead the team at point-guard and was tough defensively, while Hugo Varas rebounded the ball well at both ends of the floor. Although the game was tied half-time, our defensive persistence told on the opposition who gave up many easy possessions in the second half. St Paul's and St Brigid's both ran out of steam as our offense proved too fluid for both groups. Luke Dalton found his range with the ball, while Logan Grattan stepped up in defence and rebounded the ball well at the defensive end of the floor. The team secured top spot on the ladder and found themselves up against St Leo's again, this time in the final.

A change in our defensive structure proved effective in limiting the oppositions scoring opportunities and began to frustrate them. Their star player was starved of possession and space against our 'box & 1' defensive setup. The team jumped out to a 6-0 lead with St Leo's failing to connect with a field goal for the first four minutes. However, free-throws kept them in the contest and the scores were level at half time. The second half began much the same way, with our tenacious defence proving dogged and frustrating. The momentum of the match was now well in our favour and the once rigid St Leos' zone was now more porous, allowing for easier scoring. Jacob White and Hugo Varas made a string of easy baskets and led the team to a satisfying eight point victory.

**TEAM:** J. White (Captain), T. Barrett, A. Chambers, M. McLean, L. Dalton, H. Varas, M. Varas, B. O'Mullane, N. Dobrohotoff, N. Hobson, F. Gallagher, L. Grattan

The team now moves onto the CCC tournament in Term 2.

**BBSSSA RESULTS:**

Round 1.	St Leo's	11-21 Loss
Round 2.	Mackillop	35-27 win
Round 3.	St Peter's	31-9 win
Round 4.	Mater Maria	26-17 win
Round 5.	St Pauls	32-17 win
Round 6.	St Brigid's	50-6 win
Final.	St Leo's	35-27 win

**Mr Richard Ellis, Manager**



**THIS WEEK IN SPORT**

**Week 5 Term 1:**

- BBSSSA Opens Touch Football - Doyalson (Tues 27 Feb) [cancelled] Back-up date (Mon 12/3)
- All Schools Triathlon [Teams] - Penrith Regatta Centre (Thurs 1/3)

**NSWCCC Dates**

**Term 1:**

	<b><i>Closing Date</i></b>	<b><i>Selection Date</i></b>
• Tennis ( <b>individual</b> )	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)	<b>T2</b> 8-11 May (WK 2)
• Diving	4 April (WK 10)	6 April (WK 10)
• Basketball	6 April (WK 10)	<b>T2</b> 21 May (WK 4)
• Swimming ( <b>Long Dist.</b> )	20 March (WK 8)	6 April (WK 10)
• Sailing ( <b>All Schools</b> )	Not Given	17-21 April (Holidays)

**STUDENT'S SPORTING SUCCESS**

Last week **Lincoln Hey** competed at a National level for track cycling. Lincoln was selected as one of seven U/17 boys for the NSW State team two weeks ago. Lincoln was excited to make the NSW team, as there was a field of over 80 boys competing for a spot.

Nationals were held at the Darebin International Sports Stadium in Melbourne. Each day from the 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February the velodrome was kitted out with competitors from the U/15 – U/17 state teams from across Australia.

Lincoln competed in three events across the weekend, achieving amazing results. In the Individual Pursuit, Lincoln managed to finish with a PB by 2 seconds, finishing in the top 10 riders. In the 50 lap (12.5km) points race Lincoln rode an unbelievable race, crossing the line in the final lap first and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall on 17 points (gold medal going to Victoria with only 18 points), and in the 30 lap scratch race Lincoln rode a very tactical race and was 2<sup>nd</sup> across the line, scoring himself a second silver National medal.

NSW finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall with Victoria coming first. Competing at a National level for track cycling is a fantastic achievement and Lincoln is to be congratulated on his excellent results.

**Mr J Carpenter (Sports Coordinator)**

## **COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP - MEASUREMENT FOR BLAZERS**

It is now time to think about having your son fitted for the College Blazer which will be needed for Term 2 and Term 3. Fittings will be held every Monday and Friday 8am – 9am from Friday 23 February to Monday 26 March.

The College Uniform shop, supplied by Cowan & Lewis, operates from the room on the northern corner of the ERC, accessed via the laneway between the two colleges. The on-campus hours during school terms are Mondays and Fridays only, from 8:00am – 9:00am. It is only during school holidays that Cowan & Lewis operate from the warehouse at West Gosford, as they supply many schools in the area. Days and times are notified via our newsletter and website in the week prior to the holidays. The contact for Cowan & Lewis is 9449 9777 and website is <http://www.cowanlewis.com.au/shop/category/st-edwards>. Dates and times are listed also listed on their website. Please contact them directly for enquiries.

## **HOMEWORK HELP 2018**

Parents and students are reminded that Homework Help and task support is held each morning in the library from 8:00am till 8:45am in the Innovate Room. Students are able to access assistance and, in particular, receive additional maths support.

**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](mailto: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 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>

## 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 2.45pm to 4.30pm from 5<sup>th</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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

## HELP AVAILABLE AT CENTRAL COAST LIBRARIES

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

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.

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: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

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](mailto:catherine.krause@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

## Red BUS SERVICES

Dear Parents and Students,

As you may be aware, students have been allowed to travel with no questions asked since the start of the 2018 School Year due to the School Travel Moratorium. Red Bus wish to advise the Moratorium ends today, Friday 23/02/18 for all students.

As from Monday 26/02/2018, all students will be required to produce an Opal Card, Cash Fare or Receipt of application for travel to be allowed travel on any bus.

Regards

Danny Moloney

Red Bus Services

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## GOSFORD TIGERS



### Gosford Tigers

**Teams for 5 - 17 year old boys and girls**

**Use your Active Kids voucher and play Auskick for FREE!**

**For more information contact Gavin on 0468 570 545**

**Sign up for junior footy at [play.afl](http://play.afl)**

## ERINA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Erina Juniors are looking for players in the 13's, 14's, 15's, 16's and 17's years age groups.

Registration cost after applying the NSW Government's Sports rebate is \$50 and includes a Polo (for all new players) playing shorts and socks.

Go to the Erina Juniors Webpage for more information and the link to Register

<http://erinajuniors.com.au/cgi-bin/home.cgi>

Come and play with the Erina Juniors as we celebrate 50 years of Junior Rugby League on the Central Coast



## CANTEEN WEEK COMMENCING 5 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Michelle Hardy Gayna Harvey Jacqui Clayton Samantha Le Mesurier	Kathleen Cullen Nicole Reynell Meaghan Ruskin Angharad O'Malley Jenny Davies Jenny Nguyen	Michelle Shedden Jo-ann Edwards Barbara Livingstone Naomi Siro	Robyn Ryan Jackie Gallagher Joanne Shaw Jenny Stevens-Hofer Siobhan Whitehead	Kim Bettison Kristy Martin Alison Dawkings Pieta Lyons Ilonka Hilhorst Patti Cox

## CALENDAR - TERM 1, 2018

<b>Week 6 B</b>	Tue 6 Mar	Year 10 Retreat
	Wed 7 Mar	Year 7 Camp - Wednesday 7 March to Friday 9 March A Day in the Life at St Edwards
	Fri 9 Mar	Year 11 First Aid Course
	Sat 10 Mar	College Open Day
<b>Week 7</b>	Tue 13 Mar	Year 10 Retreat
	Wed 14 Mar	TAS Industry Visit
	Thu 15 Mar	Year 10 Retreat



**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 2018: "My Spirituality: Then and Now"**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in November. Enquiries: Maryke - 4328 2596 or 0498 588 261*