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Principal's Message ...

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of St Edmund's,

It has been a big term and much has been achieved at school, individually and collectively, over the last 10 weeks. With this in mind, we prepare for the end of Lent with an Easter liturgy planned for the last Friday of the term.

The end of Lent, signals the end of the beginning for us. Beginnings, like the start of a new school year, hold a wealth of promise. Then, time passing and the lessons of experience, often accompany a waning of that initial excitement and a growing need to face the sober realities of our own limitations and inevitable disappointments. Lent is a time to come to terms with that - it is part of the story of being human and Christian and it is sometimes the story of each of us. Holy Thursday commemorates the beginnings of Jesus' agony, of the fear and confusion of the apostles and by Good Friday the apparent destruction of the hopes, not only of Jesus' followers but also of Jesus himself. For most of us, our initial hopes are not shattered so violently but we can relate to what has happened.

Then comes Easter! Which is why Lent is only the end of a beginning; not the ultimate end but the precursor to something better than we could have imagined - Jesus risen from the dead, gloriously. As humans and as Christians, we have high hopes; they can be lost but God gives us some kind of capacity, some innate faith and hope, so that we pass through our disappointments and emerge more alive than ever. Carrying the marks of our experience, as Jesus carried his scars, but unexpectedly and unpredictably richer and more human. Lent and Easter are not merely religious festivals; they help us make sense of the sacred and profane realities of our own lives and are the well-spring of our faith.

CLASS OF 2018: It was wonderful to have our class of 2018 return to the College to share a meal and provide feedback to us and their peers of the exciting activities they have been engaged in since leaving St Edmund's. I can report that our Old Collegians are doing very well, are contributing meaningfully to the community and making a mark on the world. We wish them well for the future and look forward to reconnecting with them at our College Discos and on our Feast Day, Edmund Rice Day early next term.

CESA STUDY TOUR: I have been invited by Catholic Education SA to participate in a study tour of Finland which will occur in the last week of this term. A delegation of Principals and Senior Catholic Education Executives from across Australia will undertake visits of schools, teacher training facilities as well as have an opportunity to speak with senior educationalists and Principals. I have been asked to undertake a review of Finland's Special Education support services for students with special needs. I will have an opportunity to speak with leaders in this field to better understand how students' needs are met both from a systemic and classroom perspective. I will be absent for the final week of term so Rebecca Kirwan will be Acting Principal.

As this is the last Newsletter from me this term I remind you that Term 2 commences on Tuesday 30th April. I hope everyone has an opportunity for a break from normal routines and that any who are travelling, return safely.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Jon Franzin
PRINCIPAL

Mission and Identity



Firstly thank you for your prayers for our students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They celebrated this sacrament on Tuesday evening at Holy Name Church, Wahroonga with Fr David and Fr Anselm. It was a very special moment in the lives of these young people as they experienced the joy of God's forgiveness in their lives.

Secondly, I would like to let you know about our Year 7 Spirituality Day that was held on Friday 22nd March. This year we have started a Spirituality Day program for Years 7 to 10. The students are able to develop their faith and spirituality in a different setting. They will explore different aspects of faith development leading towards the Senior Retreat experiences of Years 11 and 12. For Year 7 students, the focus was on the history of the College and the story of Blessed Edmund Rice. We all travelled to Oxford Falls, where St Pius X College have a campus, to work through the day. We began with our morning prayer and then explored the history of St Edmund's from its beginning, as a school for blind boys who all boarded during the week and went home on weekends, up to the new students in Year 7 starting their time the College.

We spent some time playing ball games, blindfolded, to understand the experiences of our early students. We also gathered old photos and created a time line from 1951 up until today in 2019. After morning tea we followed the story of Blessed Edmund Rice and the connection to the House team names.



Terry O'Keefe
Head of Mission

Relationships Matter

During House Meetings this term, we have been focusing on bullying and the definition of bullying. Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm.

Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time e.g. through sharing of digital records.

Bullying in any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

All the students watched the video below in their House Teams and discussed the video in their pastoral care groups, led by their pastoral care leaders.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/Resources/Videos/Pages/VideoPlayer.aspx?V>

Students were asked who could help them (OK helpers) if they were feeling sad, lonely or felt that they were being bullied at school. We discussed how it is important to have OK helpers both at home and at school.

We also revised the definition of consent: "Consent means I ask - you say yes, you ask - I say yes". Students and staff gave examples about giving or not giving consent (e.g. sharing belongings, not sharing belongings, touching others, adding a friend on social media).

We referred to friends and community workers on the Talk Touch Triangle and discussed how consent is to be used for special cheek kiss and special hug. We then brainstormed occasions where it is OK to give a special hug/cheek kiss.

Karen Houlcroft
Head of Pastoral Care





From the Parent Group

Welcome to week 10 – can you believe Term 1 is nearly over and holidays are soon upon us?

Talking to other parents, we all have had a busy start to the year and if you're anything like me, you and your family will be looking forward to Easter and spending some well-earned time together.

As we lead into the end of the term, I'd like to encourage everyone to continue to ask your local businesses for donations for the **Eddie's Big Night Out** silent auction - the success of this important fundraising event relies on your help!

EBNO is always a wonderful night, so don't forget to gather your families and friends and book a table. Details of how to RSVP are in the flyer in the Newsletter.

Finally, another exciting opportunity on the St Edmunds calendar is the **Estee Lauder Shopping Night**. This event will be **on Wednesday 8th May**, so please see the flyer in this Newsletter and come along if you can. Aside from being a great night out for mothers and daughters, purchases from the evening help us with prizes for EBNO.

I hope you all have a great week and a restful Easter and holiday period.

*Jane Fryer - (Jake's mum)
Parent Group Leader*

School photos next Tuesday 9th April

Just a reminder that full summer College uniform is required for next Tuesday, 9th April for the school photos.

- ⇒ Ties for all boys
- ⇒ Correct socks for both boys and girls
- ⇒ Polished **black** school shoes
- ⇒ School colours only for any hair ties and/or headbands
- ⇒ No jewellery or nail polish

Absentees from the College

Absentees

If your child is absent from the College for any reason:

- ⇒ Please phone Mrs Acret in the College office or email: secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au on the first morning your child is absent so that the homeroom teacher can be advised; and
- ⇒ A written note (or email) must accompany your child when he/she returns to the College - this is a legal requirement for the class roll.

Requesting Leave during College term (for any reason)

It is expected that every endeavor is made for students' leave to be taken during the College holidays. If however, this is not possible, a request should be:

- ⇒ Emailed to Mr Franzin on franzin@erses.nsw.edu.au asking for permission and giving the reason for the leave. The necessary form will be emailed back to you to be completed and returned to the College. Mr Franzin will respond to your email, copying in the Homeroom teacher and Mrs Acret. This is also a legal requirement for the class roll.





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ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE AND EDDIE'S MATES EXTEND A
WARM INVITATION FOR YOU TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S

NEON *Nights*

EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT OUT

FEATURING GUEST MC **VINCE SORRENTI**

- Date:** Saturday 15th June, 2019, 7pm - Midnight
- Venue:** Miramare Gardens, 48 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills
- Tickets:** \$160pp includes 3 course meal,
beverages and live entertainment
- Booking:** Please secure your ticket(s) online
at <https://www.trybooking.com/BBBQU>
- Dress Code:** After Five
- RSVP:** 7th June
- Enquiries:** Please email events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au



CORPORATE TABLES AVAILABLE

Up and Coming College Events

Tuesday 30th April (first day back for students)

**Please join us for our ANZAC Day
Assembly Tuesday 30th April
10.00 a.m.**



Friday 3rd May

ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE celebrates
BLESSED EDMUND RICE DAY
ON **FRIDAY 3RD MAY**

MASS WILL COMMENCE AT **12.00 NOON**
FOLLOWED BY BBQ LUNCH AND ACTIVITIES
OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF WOULD LOVE TO BE JOINED BY OUR
PARENTS, CARERS AND PAST STUDENTS FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL
OCCASION.

So that we can cater for lunch, please RSVP to
Cathy Laing 9487 1044 or
email laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au by Friday 12th April 2019

Mother's Day Liturgy followed by Morning Tea

Friday 10th May

8.50 a.m. College Liturgy
9.30 a.m. Morning Tea

Please RSVP to Wendy Scott
scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au



Important Dates to Remember - 2019

Term 1

Tue 9th Apr	Students' school photos
Fri 12th Apr	Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Mon 29th Apr	Staff Day (no students)
Tue 30th Apr	Students return to Term 2
Tue 30th Apr	ANZAC Day Ceremony
Fri 3rd May	Edmund Rice Day celebrations - Mass and BBQ lunch
Tue 7th May	Year 10 Immunisation
Fri 10th May	Mother's Day Liturgy and Morning Tea
Tue 14th May	Post School Transition Parent Evening (see invitation attached)
Fri 17th May	Term 2 College Disco
Tue 28th May	Term 2 Mufti Day
Mon 3rd Jun	Term 2 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 4th Jun	Term 2 Men's Group Meeting
Fri 7th Jun	Staff Day (pupil free day)
Mon 10th Jun	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Sat 15th Jun	Eddie's Big Night Out (Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills)
Wed 19th - Fri 21st Jun	Years 7 & 8 Camp
Fri 28th Jun	RFS Cadet & Leadership Award Assembly
Fri 28th Jun	Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Mon 22nd Jul	Students & Staff return to Term 3
Fri 9th Aug	Term 3 College Disco
Tue 13th Aug	Senior Information Evening
Tue 20th Aug	Term 3 Mufti Day
Wed 21st Aug	St Edmund's Golf Day
Wed 28th Aug	Term 3 Men's Group Meeting
Fri 30th Aug	Father's Day Breakfast
Mon 9th Sep	Term 3 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 10th Sep	St Edmund's Athletics Carnival
Sun 15th Sep	Family Fun Day (St Edmund's field)
Wed 25th - Fri 27th Sep	Senior Retreat
Fri 27th Sep	Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Mon 14th Oct	Staff day (no students)
Tue 15th Oct	Students return to Term 4
Tue 22nd Oct	St Edmund's Swimming Carnival
Fri 25th Oct	Term 4 College Disco
Mon 28th Oct	Year 7 Immunisation
Tue 29th Oct	Term 4 Men's Group Meeting
Wed 30th Oct - Fri 1st Nov	Years 9 & 10 Camp
Mon 4th Nov	Term 4 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 5th Nov	Term 4 Mufti Day
Tue 12th Nov	Orientation Day
Fri 22nd Nov	Abbotsleigh Concert
Fri 29th Nov	Year 12 Graduation Formal
Tue 3rd Dec	Presentation Ceremony
Fri 6th Dec	Year 12 Farewell Mass & BBQ lunch
Fri 6th Dec	Last day of Term 4

Awards

Students of the Week

7H	Tom and Christian A	7S	Summer and Elliot
8L	David and Mikayla	8V	Joe and Olivia
9F	Ryan and Lachie	9P	Samuel and Bianca
10H	Emilia and Jayden	10J	Grace and Kori
11M	Sam and Kingsley	11S	Luca and Logan
12G	Jake and Abby	12O	Sean and Harry

Eddie's Best

7H	Chris M	7S	Krish
8L	Mikayla	8V	Tom E
9F	Ella	9P	Christian V
10H	Corey	10J	Arabella
11M	Melanie	11S	Dan
12G	Douglas	12O	Scotia

Eco Warriors

7H	Sonnet	7S	Shamro and Hugh
8L	Mikayla and Teena	8V	Ben P
9F	Claire and Ryan	9P	Christian V
10H	Emilia	10J	Ben T
11M	Archie	11S	Zack S
12G	Ryan	12O	Daniel C

Mathletics information



There seems to have been a glitch with the Mathletics website this week - our IT staff are aware of the problem and are working on it right now - all should be back on track for next week. We apologise for any inconvenience.

*Sheena Macdonald
Coordinator Mathematics*

Eddie's Best Badges

Those students who receive an Eddie's Best badge at Assembly **must return** their badge to Mrs Houlcroft or Bernie in the front office before the next Assembly - that will allow us to have enough badges for the next Eddie's Best students.

These badges are not meant to be kept at home. Thank you!

*Karen Houlcroft
Head of Pastoral Care*



Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very happy birthday in the last few weeks of school and over the Easter break: Niki, Zac, Piper, Christian A, William, Joshua W, Ben W, Christos, Gus, Grace, Jarvis, Mark, Jack R and Elliot. Special congratulations to William as he turns the BIG ONE - 18!





Meet Olivia!

Olivia is Jayden's sister (Class 10H). During March's World's Greatest Shave, she shaved off her hair and raised close to \$4,000 - funds that will go towards helping to give families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need and fund vital research to help more people survive blood cancer. Olivia we congratulate you on such a wonderful effort! You are amazing!



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Year 11 and 12 Parents
Please join us for our

POST SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 14th May 2019
at St Edmund's College
6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Lewin Ellis
Community Engagement Officer, Uniting
and
Past Parent Presenters

Light refreshments will be served

Please RSVP to Jacqui or Lisa on work@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au
by 7th May 2019



FOR PARENTS

What is YouTube?

YouTube is a free, user-generated video sharing website that allows users to watch, create and upload their own videos to share with others. Anyone is able to access the videos on the service online however users must create an account to upload and share their own content.

How are young people using YouTube?

Young people use YouTube to watch, create and upload videos. It is used to socialize, interact, learn, share and watch content. Popular types of videos include music, pranks, parodies and 'how to videos'.

What are the age restrictions for YouTube?

Users are required to be 13 years old to use the site. Users under 13 are recommended to use YouTube Kids. Age restrictions are difficult to monitor as age is only verified when users create an account, however, it is not necessary to have an account to use the service. YouTube restricts videos it has deemed inappropriate for people under 18 by requiring users to sign in to an age verified account before they are able to access restricted content.

What are the recommended settings on YouTube?

As YouTube users do not have to have a personally identifiable account to use the site, the privacy settings are somewhat limited. Privacy settings can be created on user accounts and the videos that are uploaded. Videos have 3 setting options; public; private or unlisted. It is recommended that young people set their videos to private or unlisted.

Public	anyone is able to search and view your videos
Private	only people you allow can search for and watch your videos
Unlisted	only people that you send the link to can view your videos

Commenting on videos is set as a default option, however, this can be disabled.

How do I turn on restricted mode?

You can enable restricted mode to filter inappropriate content on the browser on your computer/device. To turn on restricted mode you must be logged into a YouTube account. Restricted mode can be locked and removed with a YouTube account username and password. Once enabled, restricted mode will remain on regardless of whether you are logged in or not, or if another person is logged into a different YouTube account.

How do I delete my child's YouTube channel?

After talking with your child about the responsible use of YouTube and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete a YouTube channel. If an account is deleted, any content on that account will be deleted and unable to be recovered. Be aware that you cannot delete a channel on a mobile device. You can delete a channel by:

- ◇ Signing into the account you want to delete
- ◇ In the top right, click your account - YouTube settings
- ◇ Under 'Account settings' select 'Overview'
- ◇ Under the channel's name, select 'Advanced'
- ◇ At the bottom, select 'Delete channel'.

Art Gallery Excursion

11M had a lovely day at the Art Gallery of New South Wales this week. When we arrived we stayed outside for morning tea and had a good look at and discussion about the two huge bronze sculptures of horse and rider outside the main entrance of the Gallery.

We then went into the Gallery and met the artist educator who was taking us to look at many portraits by artists like Picasso, Modigliani and contemporary artists like Tom Polo. Looking at different styles of portraits is so relevant as Year 11 is busy doing a unit about the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo who painted many self-portraits.

We had a stimulating time looking at some beautiful art, guided by the educator who asked our students good questions and told them many interesting things about each painting.

We all then went to a work space set in the Gallery with a spectacular view of the city and each student created three portraits - one using collage paper, glue, oil pastels and textas; one using watercolour paint and the other using any of the mediums on offer. The students were all really absorbed by the tasks. We then took our completed work and 'exhibited' them.

After Archie thanked the educator for such a wonderful experience, we went to see the amazing HSC artworks by 2018 students that were chosen to be exhibited in the Gallery. We ended the day by enjoying our lunch in the Domain gardens.

Margriet Shaw-Taylor and Sangeeta Gupta





**On
Thursday
the 4th of
April, year
7&8 went to
see**



Mary Poppins

**We saw it at
Brigidine
College st
Ives**



**There was a lot of singing
and dancing and there was
also some magic happening
in the show. There was
acting of course and there
were creepy dolls coming
out of the bed.**

**By
Chris**

PIC•COLLAGE



MARY POPPINS

On Thursday the 4 of April we went to see Mary Poppins with year 7 and 8 and other schools at Brigidine college.. it was a musical play. First there was a not too good nanny but then Mary Poppins came. Next the toys came to life and it was scary.

**By
Christian
R**



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Welcome back Class of 2018!

Last night we held our annual Reunion for our Year 12 students from the previous year. This is always an event both past students and our staff look forward to.

After much excitement greeting each other, everyone enjoyed pizza together and lots of laughter. Each person shared with the group what they were doing this year and we loved hearing how 2019 is shaping up for them. Lots of stories of their work at the SAN Kitchen, TAFE courses, University courses, Coles at Asquith and Chatswood, Meals on Wheels, Job Support, CNS Hornsby, Studio Artes, Northcott, Jigsaw, The Avenue, Fighting Chance - as well as independent travel and travel training.

Of course, the night finished with the customary disco dancing, following the brilliant moves of Jesse and Tom! Lots of silly photos, wonderful videoing by Jamie and a heartfelt toast to each of his friends from Kyle.

We look forward to catching up with you all again at the Edmund Rice Day celebrations on Friday 3rd May and also at our next Disco! Thanks for coming along!



Ladies' Shopping Night



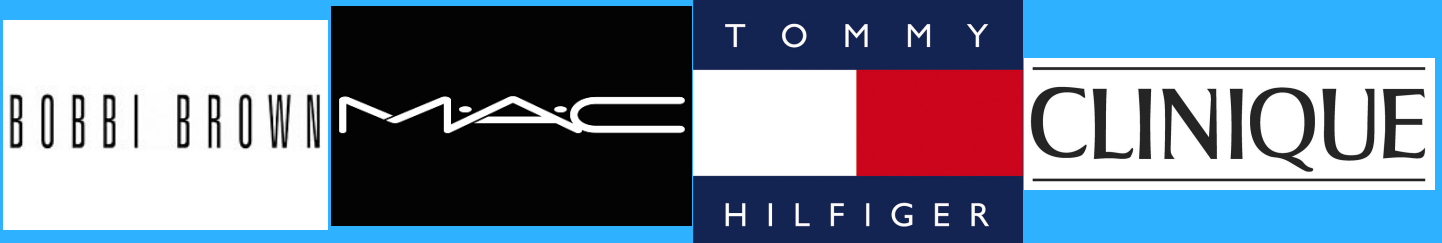
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Grab a gift for
Mother's Day



Wednesday 8th May, 4.30pm-7.30pm



Enjoy huge reductions on a massive range of
branded make-up, perfumes and skin care

\$10 per ticket

Tickets can be purchased at the door

Please RSVP to Wendy at scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

165A Mitchell St, ERSKINEVILLE

School Holiday Program Tuesday

16/4/2019 at 9-3pm

Registration from 8:30am

PYCY Northern Beaches
40 Kingsway, DEE WHY

Teen Fitness Challenge

Tel: 0401 222 582

The program is specifically designed for Teens with special needs who want to challenge their physical abilities, further develop strength, power, endurance, agility, stamina and have fun !

The group will be kept small to ensure that individual needs of each participant are met in a fun and encouraging environment. The program will have a support team ratio of 1:5 Teens.

Program Cost: \$80

Pre-Payment is required to reserve your spot in the Group

NDIS Funding Available via Health & Wellbeing or Social & Community Participation
Should your Teen require additional support, we welcome Support Carer's to attend at no charge

Activity Program

- ✧ Movement Circuit
- ✧ Fit Boxing
- ✧ Ball Games
- ✧ 4km Beach Walk & Activities
(Dee Why to Long Reef Beach)
- ✧ Stretch & Relaxing Meditation

What to bring

- ✓ Healthy Morning Tea & Lunch (Nut Free)
- ✓ Water Bottle
- ✓ Fitness Clothing, Hat & Jacket
- ✓ Sports Shoes
- ✓ CAN DO ATTITUDE :)

Only 20 Spots Available – Register your Teen NOW !

Email: fbaintraining@yahoo.com

Tel: 0401222582

A registration form will be sent to you prior payment

REGISTRATION CLOSING TUESDAY, 9/4/2019