



Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives

Principal's Message ...



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

It was great to see the return of the students this week, bringing a 'wintery bleak' and empty College back to life again after the three-week break. Students are the beating heart of a school and make it an enjoyable privilege to work with and teach - complete with both their challenges and successes.

Annual School Report

Each year schools are required to prepare an Annual Report on school performance for their parents and the community as a requirement of the Schools Assistance Act. I write to advise you that the Annual Report for St Edmund's is now available on the College website. To view our Annual Report for 2018, please click on this link [Annual Report 2018](#).

I would encourage all members of the College community to take the time to look through this important document. For those who do not have access to the internet, hard copies will be available from Reception upon request. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions in relation to the Report.

New Staff

We welcome **Caitlin Hassell – Speech Pathologist** who replaces Claire Formby who is on parental leave. Caitlin comes to us from Autism Spectrum Australia and Small Talk Speech and Language at Hornsby. Caitlin has many years of experience as a Speech Pathologist, working with young people with a range of disabilities. She will be a great addition to the staff and benefited greatly from spending time with Claire prior to her going on leave. If you have any questions regarding your child or the support and assistance that Caitlin could provide, please do not hesitate to make contact with her directly.

We also warmly welcome **Victoria Hill** who has been appointed to the position of **Assistant Business Manager**. Since 2006, Victoria has been the Accountant for Giles Tribe Pty Ltd, an Architecture and Planning Consultancy Practice. Victoria comes highly recommended to this position and will be a great support to Mrs. Marilyn Noonan, Business Manager, as we commence the implementation phase of the building Masterplan as well as meeting the ever-increasing demands of compliance and legislative requirements in this area. I know that you will make both Caitlin and Victoria feel welcome.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Jon Franzin
PRINCIPAL



Ms Caitlin Hassell



Mrs Victoria Hill



Mission and Identity

As we begin another very busy College term, I would like to take the time to reflect upon the gospel reading from last Sunday. The gospel tells the story of Martha and Mary. As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught but Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." but the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it and it will not be taken away from her." [Luke 10:38-42 \(NLT\)](#)

The Gospel paints Mary in a discomfiting, even scandalous, posture, sitting at the feet of Jesus. In these Jewish times, no self-respecting woman would sit a man's feet. However, Jesus treats her as a disciple, equal in status to any of the male disciples that follow him.

In contrast to Mary, Martha is very practical and result orientated. She represents the typical overworked person who has little time left over for introspection or personal leisure. Jesus invites Martha to be more like her sister and listen to him speak.

In our busy world today, do we take time out to stop and be with our Lord?
Do we listen for his words?
Do we allow ourselves to sit at the feet of our Divine Master like Mary?

I would like to share with you a prayer from our staff briefing on Tuesday morning:

A Prayer for a Mary Heart in a Martha World

*Dear Lord Jesus, first of all, thank you for being so welcoming and desirous of our fellowship. Not only do we have access to your throne of grace 24/7, it's **you** who greets us there.*

*We're never a bother, are never "put on hold," never have to "take a number and wait." We'll never meet a tired and frustrated you, **Hallelujah**, we cry, many times over.*

We're the ones who get tired and frustrated. We live in a "Martha" world of many distractions, never-ending demands, and over-stimulation.

*Lord Jesus, help us—**help me**, cultivate a Mary heart in a Martha world. My problem isn't the world I inhabit, but the heart that inhabits me. I make King David's prayer mine, "Give me an undivided heart that I may live in awe of your name", Jesus ([Ps. 86:11](#)).*

***You** are the "one thing worth being concerned about"; **you** are the "one thing" that will never be taken from us.*

*My "must get done list" isn't going to change; but as you refresh and deepen my communion with you, I'm **certain** I can live with a quieter, gentler, kinder heart. By the compelling wonder of your beauty, and the relentless power of grace, I trust you for that work in my heart. In the gospel, I hear you say, "Come away, my beloved, my desire is for you." To which I respond, gladly, Lord Jesus. So very Amen I pray, in your compassionate and welcoming name.*



God Bless.

Terry O'Keefe
Head of Mission and Identity

Up and Coming College Events

College Disco - Friday 9th August at 7.00 p.m.

Your Invitation is attached to this Newsletter for the next St Edmund's Disco. Please don't forget to click on the link to let us know you will be attending. The link is in the Invitation.



Senior Information Evening - Tuesday 13th August

Inviting all *Year 10 and 11 parents* to the Senior Information Evening on Tuesday 13th August from 6.20 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. On this evening we will be discussing subject choices for students for Year 11 and 12 2020. Further information will be sent home but any questions please contact Viv Gilkes, Head of Teaching and Learning, gilkes@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au.



Men's Group - Wednesday 28th August at 6.30 p.m.

The Men's Group is a get together for a few drinks and a sausage sizzle with other dads, grandads, uncles etc. from St Edmund's College, St Gabriel's School and St Lucy's School for a chat about the struggles and joys of loving and living with a child with a disability. At our next Meeting we will have a session on career paths. More information to follow in the coming Newsletters.

The next Men's Group meeting/BBQ is:

Date: Wednesday 28th August 2019
Venue: St Edmund's College
Time: 6.30 p.m. BBQ - meeting at 7.00 p.m.
RSVP: Cathy Laing on laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au



Father's Day Breakfast - Friday 30th August at 7.30 a.m.

You are invited to celebrate all our wonderful Dads at the St Edmund's Father's Day Breakfast BBQ to be held in the St Edmund's Quadrangle (Gym if wet weather).

The Breakfast starts at 7.30 a.m. and will go until 8.30 a.m.

Your child is very welcome to join you!

It is essential to RSVP to Wendy Scott on email scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au **no later** than Monday 26th August to avoid the dilemma of us running out of food for you all!



Awards

Best of Eddie's Best for Semester 1 Awards

7H	Christian R	7S	Shamro
8L	Athena	8V	Joseph
9F	Ryan	9C	Sid
10H	Lachie J	10J	Ben T
11M	Lachlan C	11S	Jack
12G	Rowan	12O	Imara

Congratulations everyone!



Class 7H - Table Manners

Last term the students in Class 7H enjoyed their preparation for Camp by holding lessons on 'table manners'. The lessons involved videos about what to do and what not to do followed by role playing sessions which were a lot of fun!



From the Parent Group

Welcome back families to what will be an exciting Term 3! There are a few key dates to save in your diary:

- ◇ Eddie's Golf Day is **Wednesday 21st August at Avondale Golf Club, Pymble**. Get a team together or join a team. Details are in the flyer in this Newsletter.
- ◇ Our next Parent Group Meeting is being held **Monday 9th September**. We are looking to have representatives talk about post school options for senior students. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this session. More details to follow soon.
- ◇ It's on again! Eddie's Family Fun Day **Sunday 15th September 11am-1pm**. Bring the family to Eddie's for a picnic on the lawn. Catch up with new friends and old. Hoping you can make it.

I wish you all an enjoyable term.



Jane Fryer (Jake's mum)
Parent Group Leader

Canteen - Term 3 Roster

	YEAR	NAME
30.07.19	7	Juliet Phelps Ann-Maree Zofrea Elise Lam
06.08.19	11	Sharon Gillett Susanna Weber Liza Barber
13.08.19	7	Mary Beijerink-Gooley Karen Neville Felicity Taylor
20.08.19	11 & 12	Alison Swinbourne Virginia Silvia Cathy Flynn Ruth Wastie-Pero
27.08.19	8	Dale Winckel Therese Yeung
03.09.19	9	Ingrid Beaven Geraldine Pickford Kim Wingrave
10.09.19		Athletics Carnival
17.09.19	12	Tenny Sutiono Yiennur Lisa Omega Wu
24.09.19	9	Sally Carson Maria Burwood

Football 4 All

A team of past and present St Edmund's students played together in the Football 4 All tournament at the Home of NSW Football, Valentines Park on Sunday 30th June. This team playing in the 15 plus age category, played teams from Canberra, Wagga Wagga as well as local Sydney sides. On the day they enjoyed a fair winning streak conceding only one goal and scoring nearly 20. Not only was it great to see a group of students play and demonstrate wonderful sportsmanlike behavior but it was also fantastic to see how friendships are really developed through the school connection.

Congratulations everyone - well done!

The **St Ives Special Needs Football** meets every Saturday at Toolang Oval between 1-2pm during the winter season and teams play regularly throughout the year at gala day events.



Important Information for Parents regarding entitlements Good to know!

Disability Carers Allowance

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/caring-someone-illness-or-disability>

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/>

Companion Card

<https://www.companioncard.nsw.gov.au/>

Gold Opal Card

<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions>



Important Dates to Remember - 2019

Term 3

Fri 9th Aug	Term 3 College Disco (see Invitation attached)
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) (see flyer attached)
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
Sun 17th Nov	HOPE Mass - Holy Name Church Wahroonga
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

Birthdays

This week we have celebrated the birthdays of Thomas E, Kori and Sean Y. We hope you all had fantastic celebrations.



PLEASE JOIN US

Eddie's
**Family
Fun Day**



St Edmund's
COLLEGE

All families past and present welcome

Sunday, September 15: 11am-1pm

Please bring your own family lunch and blanket.

Coffee and Tea provided.

This is an alcohol free event

Please RSVP via www.trybooking.com/BEGTC
by Thursday 12 Sept
Enquiries : 9487-1044

Play Golf & Support Eddie's

2019 CHARITY CHALLENGE GOLF DAY

**Wednesday
21st August, 2019**

**Avondale Golf Club
Avon Rd, Pymble**

8am Shotgun Start

Cost: \$220/player
(Includes breakfast, golf, lunch & drinks)

GOLD \$5,500.00 (incl GST)

3 Teams of 4 players + 3 Hole Signage

SILVER \$3,300.00 (incl GST)

2 Teams of 4 players

DRINKS \$4,000.00 (incl GST)

3 Teams of 4 players

HOLE \$1,100.00 (incl GST)

1 Team of 4 players

SINGLE \$220.00 per player incl GST or

A TEAM \$880.00 Team of 4, \$200 Extra for two carts

Contact:

Gary Dawson: smokey1@ozemail.com.au

0412 600 062 www.bullantsports.com



An Invitation to...

St Edmund's College

DISCO

When: Friday 9th August 2019

Time: 7pm-9pm



Where: St Edmund's College Gym
60 Burns Road, Wahroonga

Enter via the side gate to the left of the College main entrance
marked 'Pool'

- * Cost: \$15 per person
- * All St Edmund's students must be signed in by a parent at the door
- * Drinks and snacks available on the night

NB: Smoke and bubble machine and laser sometimes used.

Please click on the link below
to register your attendance for the Disco!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeApm2MvO-LzCdhGDLRVLf0soD-aCUhHDvVWKd880h0GqXt_w/viewform?usp=sf_link

FRIDAY NIGHT TEEN TIME

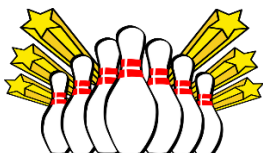


Join us at Sahara Hornsby for some awesome teen activities on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month between 5pm and 8pm.

This group is for Teens with an intellectual disability aged between 15 and 19 years old.

The aim is to provide a safe, fun and sociable environment to facilitate making new friends and social connections as well as enjoy stimulating recreational activities.

The program will provide a variety of planned activities including movies, BBQ's, Tenpin Bowling, Arcade games, Karaoke, Bare Foot Bowls, Laser tag, outdoor games, cooking and much more.



For more information on Friday Night Teen Time contact Sonia from Sahara on **02 8406 0842** or s.zgolak@saharaservices.com.au




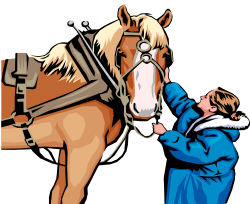
Name:

School Holidays with Sahara

OCTOBER 2019

School students from age 10 and up

- Nominations for your preferences must be **received** via email or phone by **Monday 2nd September 2019**
- Please prioritise your activities in order of preference over the nine days
 - 1 = Activity you most wish to attend.**
 - 9 = Activity you least wish to attend.**
 - X = Activities you do not wish to attend.**
- Please consider carefully the suitability of the activity for your child, we want everyone to have a fantastic day out.
- **If you have not accessed Sahara Services programs previously, please contact Sahara to arrange the completion of intake and participant information forms on: ph – 8406 0842**

Week 1		
DATE	ACTIVITY	PRIORITY
Mon 30/09/19 	Ten Pin Bowling & Kalkari Discovery Centre Everyone loves bowling so if you're a beginner or an expert join us today at Zone bowling for a few games. Lots of fun and skills development involved in this activity so come give it a try. After Bowling we will have a lovely lunch at Bobbin Head and visit the Kalkari Discovery centre and go on an easy discovery bush trail. Time: 9am- 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost:\$20	
Tues 1/10/19 	Featherdale wildlife park Discover over three hundred species of Australia's diverse wildlife at one of Australia's best wildlife sanctuaries. You will be able to hold koalas and baby kangaroos as well as get up close to reptiles, birds, penguins, wombats, wallabies and dingos. Enjoy your lunch in the tranquil forest surroundings. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost:\$25	
Wed 2/10/19 	Sailing at Pittwater Join us on our trip to Rowland Reserve to experience sailing and even learn a few skill along the way. Each person will be taken 1:1 on a sailability access dinghy by an experienced sailor. Usually a minimum of four boats go out at a time so you may even be able to enjoy a race with your friends, or try the sailing orienteering course for a bit of fun. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$20	
Thurs 3/10/19 	Horse Riding & Whale Watching Join us today as we head to Kurnell to go horse riding at the Kurnell riding stables. Afterwards we will head to the National Park at Kurnell, (Captain Cook's Landing Place) for whale watching, lunch and ball games and the Discovery Centre. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$20	

<p>Fri 3/10/19</p> 	<p align="center">Time Zone and Picnic Lunch</p> <p>Who loves arcade games? Car racing, tenpin bowling, air hockey, basketball, skill tester games, video games and so much more. Today we will enjoy all these games and once we have accumulated our tickets pick a prize at the end. Once we are all gamed out we will head to Crosslands Reserve for a for a nice picnic lunch and outside play.</p> <p>Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$25</p>	
<p>Tues 8/10/19</p> 	<p align="center">Lunch and Movies</p> <p>Today we will head to Events Cinemas to enjoy a new latest release movie over some movie snacks. For lunch we will head to the food court where you can choose from the many food options available.</p> <p>Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring morning tea & drink) Cost: \$30</p>	
<p>Weds 9/10/19</p> 	<p align="center">Taronga Zoo</p> <p>Taronga Zoo is home to over 4,000 animals from over 350 species from all over the world. Today we will be able to visit all of your favourites and enjoy the many shows on offer including the seal show, the bird show and the reptile show.</p> <p>Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$25</p>	
<p>Thurs 10/10/19</p> 	<p align="center">MCA-Bella Art Program</p> <p>The Museum of Contemporary Art <i>Bella Room</i> is a unique art experience for young people of all abilities. This session is tailor made for our group and uses art therapy and education techniques to assist us create something amazing from artworks to costumes, maybe even movies, sculptures or paintings. Every session is different.</p> <p>Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$15</p>	
<p>Fri 11/10/19</p> 	<p align="center">Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre</p> <p>Let's go swimming! The swimming centre out at Homebush has it all. A Rapid River Ride, Water Slide, Water Fun Park, fun water features, spa and of course 3 swimming pools. Even better, because it is all indoor and heated, we do not have to worry about the weather conditions.</p> <p>Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$20</p>	

N.B. Applying via email is our preferred option for a speedier service!

s.zgolak@saharaservices.com.au

Please READ & Note:

- **The Meeting and Pick-up point for all days will be at Sahara Services Hub, Unit 8, 1 Ashley Street, located in Hornsby (not far from Hornsby train station)**
- Please bring your own lunch, snacks and drinks with you to each activity unless otherwise specified
- **Please remember to bring your concession/companion card to all activities.**
- Once you have nominated your preference of activities a confirmation letter will be emailed out to you 2 weeks before the program starts.
- **This Program only shows the cost of activity and does not include the associated NDIS cost of staffing support on the day. This additional cost will be determined by the level of support required by your child, the numbers of children in the group and the nature of the activity.**
- If you are unable to attend any of the above activities, or if you have any queries, please contact s.zgolak@saharaservices.com.au

We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sonia Zgolak
Sahara Services
s.zgolak@saharaservices.com.au

Referral/Intake Form

Date of Referral: _____

With the introduction of the NDIS individual funding, it is important to complete the referral/intake form for Sahara Services ensuring that you receive the information and support required in achieving your goals and aspirations.

Person Referred

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Suburb: _____

Post Code: _____ Phone No. _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: _____ Language Spoken at home: _____

Next of Kin: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Does the Participant live Alone? Yes No Does the Participant have a carer? Yes No

If Yes, does the carer live with the Participant? Yes No

Is the Participant currently receiving Formal Support Services? Yes. No

If yes, can you please provide details _____

Is the Participant receiving informal support? Yes. No If yes, How often? _____

Primary Disability/Diagnoses: _____

Secondary Disabilities: _____

Specific medical needs/conditions: _____

Referral

Referrer's Name/ Organisation Name: _____

Contact Details: _____ Phone No: _____

Email Address: _____

Referral/Intake Form

Consent

Participant (If appropriate)

Parent/Carer

Guardian

Name: _____ Mobile No: _____ Phone No: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NDIS Plan Information - Alternatively, please send through a copy of the participant's NDIS Plan

NDIS Number: _____

Plan start date: _____

Plan review date: _____

Funding Support Area: E.g. (Core) _____

Budget Amount: _____

How will support be paid:

Managed by the NDIA

Self-Managed

Managed by Plan Nominee.

Managed by Plan Manager

Person Referred Details

Please provide a brief detail of the support services required in achieving your NDIS goals.

Community support In-home support Short Term accommodation Long Term Accommodation Capacity Building
 Group activities Transport Support Coordination Plan Management After School Care Any Other Services
 may not be included

Support Details:

How did you find about us: Website Friend Social Media (Specify) _____

Others _____

Once completed, please send referral/intake form including supporting documentation to the following email address - admin@sahaservices.com.au

Disclaimer: Sahara Services Australia Pvt Ltd is committed to providing equal access to all facilities, programs, and services. We encourage you to provide complete, candid, and realistic information concerning the nature of your disability and any support you believe you need to begin. The information provided on this form will be kept confidential and will not be shared with anyone without your permission.

Learn to Swim Lessons – Allambie

Want to try our weekly swim program?

WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM INVOLVE?

- Work on stroke correction
- Develop endurance
- Build strength
- Gain greater confidence in the water

WHO IS THIS PROGRAM FOR?

- 5 – 18 yrs
- Suitable for children of all diagnoses
- Able to get in and out of the pool independently
- Comfortable in group lessons and can follow instructions (good receptive language)

WHEN DOES THIS PROGRAM RUN?

TERM 2: 2 May – 4 July

TERM 3: 25 July – 26 Sept

TERM 4: 17 Oct – 17 Dec

Times/location:

30 minute group lessons between
3.30pm – 5.00 pm each Thursday
afternoon @ Captain Ron Patrick
Memorial Pool

RSVP:

RSVP – to your customer service
consultant or email
ASK@cerebralpalsy.org.au if a new
participant.

NDIS:

Use your NDIS funding (Social
Community & Participation) to
purchase this service or pay privately

Cost:

\$300 per term per participant



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Cerebral Palsy
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Water polo, Allambie

Interested in trying the exciting sport of Water Polo?

This is a social opportunity for youth to be active, learn and develop their team work and build on their ball skills and co-ordination. The learning environment is fun and supportive, with individual and group challenges.

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM INVOLVE?

- Learning the basic skills of water-polo
- Increase your fitness and have fun
- Play modified games
- Improve confidence in water
- Take part in a team sport




WHO IS THIS PROGRAM FOR?

- High school age students
- Suitable for children of all diagnoses
- Able to get in and out of the pool independently
- Comfortable in group lessons and can follow simple instructions

WHEN DOES THIS PROGRAM RUN?

Start date:	Tuesday 24 th July 2019
End date:	Tuesday 25 th September 2019
Group times:	4:30 – 5:30pm
Location:	Cerebral Palsy Alliance, Allambie 5 Aquatic Drive, Frenches Forest
RSVP:	By 10 th April to secure your place
NDIS:	Use your NDIS funding to purchase this service or pay privately



-  Call us on **1300 888 378**
-  Email us at ask@cerebralpalsy.org.au
-  Visit cerebralpalsy.org.au

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