



## Principal's Message ...

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

### Term 4

The Term 4 dusting off of the summer uniform brings the inevitable discoveries that the school uniform is too tight – the child has grown! The deeper question to be considered in Term 4 is whether your child has grown through the year in a more essential way – as a person. It helps to have points of reference to consider this. Edmund Rice schools identify with four 'touchstones' as signs of being authentic to their mission– those things to which they aspire for the benefit of the students whom they serve.

So much of what we do is aimed at unlocking the potential in each student, not only so that every child can discover and start to realise their God given potential but so that they, in turn, can step into their future and contribute that potential for the good of all – be it through work, relationships, leadership or particular skills – each in their own way. Term 4 is when both school and students can reflect on how much our teaching and learning, as well as wider school experiences, have been liberating and contributed to student growth.

### Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Kilkenny House on winning our Swimming Carnival last week. It is always a wonderful community event with our generous hosts, Pymble Ladies College, providing wonderful facilities as well as keeping us hydrated and well fed during the event. It was also great to see so many parents in attendance, supporting their child and relevant House team. However, the most important aspect of the day is the support the students provide to each other and the sense of connection they have with their House. Our students are always generous with their praise of others, regardless of the House Team or year level and are wonderful ambassadors of the College. A big thank you to Ms. Georgia Buckley, supported by many staff, for her coordination and organization of the day.

### Parent Meeting

You should have received a letter this week about our upcoming Parent Meeting which will be held at the College on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 p.m. I plan to provide parents with an update of our plans for the proposed building works at the College. I do hope that you will be able to attend so that I can share the exciting plans for the College and the benefits this will provide to your children and the broader St Edmund's College community.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Jon Franzin  
**PRINCIPAL**





## Deputy Principal's Message ...

Term 4 is certainly progressing at a speedy rate and already students have participated in many events and valuable learning activities thus far.

We have many more events ahead in the next few weeks and I would like to bring some of these to your attention. Next Tuesday (5th November) there will be a Mufti day with details for this following in this Newsletter. The College leaders voted on the particular charity for the day 'Best Foot Forward' and this day provides an opportunity for our students to be able to engage in a social justice activity where they can look outwardly from our community.

Next week, Thursday 7th November, we also have the annual **Music 'Count Us In'** event where students will participate in singing a song simultaneously with other schools right across Australia. I know that students have been practising hard for this year's song during Music lessons with some students using percussion instruments to accompany the singing - it will once again be an enjoyable event. As students are all encouraged to wear **red** on this day, **all students should wear their sports uniform for Count Us In next Thursday, 7th November.** Please see the article in this Newsletter and all parents and carers are welcome to join us to sing along.

The student Leadership Assembly will be held at 10:10 a.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> November and I extend a warm welcome to parents who wish to attend to congratulate students on their progress.

### Thank you

On behalf of **all** of the staff at St Edmund's I would like to thank parents who contributed to the World Teacher's Day morning tea held last week. From cooking for the event to assistance on the day, many people made it a truly special occasion. All our staff were so touched by the effort and sentiment and have asked me to pass on their thanks for such a kind gesture. I would particularly like to acknowledge Janine Eastham for her wonderful coordination and management of this event.



### Reminders

As per a recent email sent to all parents, I would like to remind you to ensure that your child brings their hat to school each day. This is particularly important due to the fact that our resident butcher birds are nesting at present in the playground trees and a hat will assist in some protection for students from potential swooping from protective birds. The weather is becoming much warmer and sun protection is also vital. I also ask that you ensure that your child has a water bottle at school each day so that they are encouraged to drink regularly and keep hydrated.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Rebecca Kirwan  
**Deputy Principal**



## Mission and Identity

On **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**, Holy Name Parish Church will be celebrating the second HOPE Mass of this year and St Edmund's will be organising this celebration. We will be joining with families from St Lucy's School as well as other families of people with disabilities from around the area.



HOPE is a local community group that may be of interest to you and your families and friends. H.O.P.E. stands for Hearts Open to Everyone. The group came into existence at the initiative of the Diocese of Broken Bay but it is a community organisation, which draws on a wide geographic area; people from all kinds of backgrounds, with children in regular schools, special schools, Catholic and government. It is a self-managed group of people who come together for mutual support and understanding as well as sharing of experiences and insider knowledge about disability. They also provide access to information and advice relating to services and advocacy for people with disabilities. A member of Catholic Care attends meetings and other visiting speakers are invited. If you are interested in getting more involved with this group please contact me at [okeefe@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:okeefe@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au) for more information.

I would like to invite as many of our families as possible to come along to the Mass at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. I will also be sending out an invitation by email to all families asking for any students who may be interested in being involved on the day as readers, singers, servers, greeters or bringing forward the gifts at the offertory. If your child is interested, please contact me by email at [okeefe@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:okeefe@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au).

On **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**, we have our fundraising Mufti day for Term 4. On this day, all funds raised will go to the Edmund Rice Foundation in support of their Best Foot Forward program, aimed at providing education opportunities for women and girls all over the world.

**Together we can make lasting change for women and girls all over the world.**

To give them an opportunity for education and to put their best foot forward.



16 million girls will never set foot in a classroom.



Two thirds of the world's 750 million illiterate adults are women.



At the primary level 34 million girls (53%) are not attending school.



In Sub-Saharan Africa 56% of all out-of-school children are girls.

\* UNESCO Institute for Statistics, eATLAS of Gender Inequality in Education, May 2019

Please remember to send along a **gold coin** with your child in their **PINK mufti clothes** next Tuesday; it is for a very worthy cause.

Hope to see plenty of you there at HOPE mass on the 17<sup>th</sup> November.

God bless.

*Terry O'Keefe  
Head of Mission and Identity*

# Around the College

## Important Dates

### Term 4

Wed 30th Oct - Fri 1st Nov	Years 9 & 10 Camp
Tue 5th Nov	Term 4 Mufti Day (wear pink)
Mon 11th Nov	Term 4 Parent Group Meeting
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/last day of Term



### 2020 - Term 1

Thu 30th January All students return to Term 1

### Mufti Day - Tuesday 5th November

The Year 12 College leaders voted on the recipient for the final Mufti Day of the year - this will be 'Best Foot Forward', an EREA-endorsed initiative which is designed to encourage students to walk beside women and girls to be advocates for change. Best Foot Forward believes that all women and girls should have equal access to education but sadly, right now, they don't.

**Please wear pink next Tuesday 5th November** and bring along a gold coin. All proceeds on the day will be sent to the 'Best Foot Forward' campaign.



Please remember to bring along your *Canteen money* separately to the gold coin donation.

### Music Count Us In - Thursday 7th November

St Edmund's students will participate in **Music: Count Us In 2019** on Thursday 7th November in the College hall. Music: Count Us In is Australia's biggest school initiative, with more than 600,000 participating students from over 3,400 schools nationwide. More than half a million people unite to **sing the same song at the same time**, right across the country.

The 2019 song is called 'We Are' and celebrates the joy of uniting together.

*All students should wear their sports uniform on this day.*

**All parents and carers are welcome to join in. Please wear a red top** to support our students and arrive by 12.15 p.m. as the singing will commence at **EXACTLY 12.30 p.m. all around the country!**





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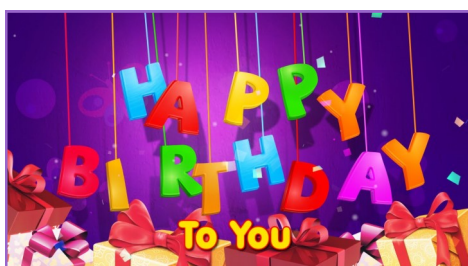
### Swimming Carnival

The 2019 Swimming Carnival at Pymble Ladies College was a great success! Thank you to all the staff who helped make the day run smoothly and of course to PLC student volunteers, as we couldn't hold such an event without them. Congratulations to every student who swam and to Kilkenny who were the overall winners on the day!

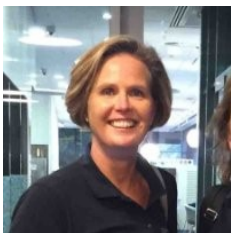


### Birthdays

This fortnight we celebrate the birthdays of Clement, Anna, Rowan and Chloe with both Clement and Rowan celebrating the BIG ones - 18! Happy birthday everyone!



# Community News



## From the Parent Group

Hello everyone – well we are well into Term 4 now and the end of year is fast approaching. Please take note of the key dates that Bernie circulated last week for this term – there is so much on and time gets away. Last week our children enjoyed their Swimming Carnival and it was great to see so many parents there to cheer on all the swimmers.

A big thank you to Janine Eastham (Tom's mum 8V) for organising the Teachers' Morning Tea last Friday – the spread looked delicious and I hear the staff very much enjoyed the thanks and recognition of their commitment and hard work that they provide to our children. Thank you Janine and all the parents who supported this special event.

Coming up in the next few weeks, we have the Term 4 Parents' Group Meeting – this will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, not the 4<sup>th</sup> as previously communicated. At this Meeting Jon Franzin will share with us the College site Masterplan, proposed new improvements and how these developments will benefit our children. A letter will be sent home with more information. On this evening we would also like to celebrate another wonderful year at St Edmund's and hear from you any suggestions or ideas for Parent Group Meetings. As my son is in Year 12 this year, I will be finishing up as Parent Group Leader and encourage interested parents to forward your expression of interest for the role to Jon Franzin via email. I am more than happy to talk to anyone about the role. In the meantime, I hope you all have an enjoyable week.

*Best wishes, Jane (Jake's mum)*  
**Parent Group**

## 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>



## 2019 NSWCCC Athletics

Four students competed at the NSWCCC Athletics, competing in the 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump and Shot Put. Ben P (Year 8) won a Silver medal in Long Jump and a Bronze medal in Shot put. Blaney (Year 12) won a Silver medal in the 800m. Rowan in his first time at NSWCCC (Year 12) won a Silver medal in the 100m. Belinda (Year 12) won a Gold medal in the 200m and a Gold medal in the 800m. All students would like to thank Georgia Buckley for supporting them on the day.

Well done everyone!





# Community News

## Canteen Roster

	YEAR	NAME
5 Nov	7	Karen Neville Felicity Taylor Richelle Risi
12 Nov	9	Ingrid Beaven Geraldine Pickford Kim Wingrave
19 Nov	11 & 12	Alison Swinbourne Virginia Silvia Cathy Flynn Ruth Wastie-Pero
26 Nov	12	Tenny Sutiono Yiennur Lisa Omega Wu
3 Dec		<b>Presentation Day No Canteen</b>

## Lost Property



## Requesting Leave During the College Term

It is expected that every endeavor is made for students' leave to be taken during the College holidays. If this is not possible, a request should be emailed to the Principal, Mr Franzin, by email [franzin@erses.nsw.edu.au](mailto:franzin@erses.nsw.edu.au), asking for permission and giving the reason for the leave. Mr Franzin will respond to your email by sending the necessary form that will need to be completed. Once this has been returned, an email will be sent to you.

# Community News

## Abbotsleigh Concert

When?	Friday 22nd November
Time?	Starts at 7.00 p.m. through to 8.30 p.m.
Where?	Abbotsleigh Auditorium, 1666 Pacific Highway, Wahroonga (corner Ada Avenue)
Parking?	Best parking Wahroonga Village carpark and walk over the footbridge or Ada Avenue
Cost?	Gold coin on entry
Who?	All welcome - it's a wonderful night!



St Edmund's  
COLLEGE

### ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

**TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2019**

To be held at the  
Gillian Moore Centre for Performing Arts  
Pymble Ladies' College  
Avon Road, Pymble

10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.

**All students** will be travelling to and from the venue by coach, departing St Edmund's at 8.45 a.m.

**All students** to return to the College following the Ceremony to resume normal College timetable for the remainder of the day.

We will dedicate and mark our Year 12 students' conclusion of their schooling at St Edmund's College with a special farewell on **Friday 6th December** (last day of term) by conducting an **End of Year Mass (11.00 a.m.)** followed by a **Barbeque (12.30 p.m.)** and **leave taking ceremony**.

Please remember: Full summer College uniform for **all students** including ties for boys and blazers for both boys and girls. No jewellery please. Please contact Wendy Scott on 9487 1044 or email [scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au) if you need any items of the uniform.





## It's In the Bag – Homeless Women Handbag Campaign

Year 12 Community and Family Studies (CAFS) have been learning about homelessness as a part of their unit on Groups in the Community. Over the past three years Year 12 have supported the “It’s in the Bag” campaign for Homeless women and girls. This is run by the charity *Share the Dignity* and involves donations of handbags, backpacks or tote bags filled with personal hygiene items for homeless women. In the past we have collected these items as a school and the Year 12’s have put the bags together with donated items and dropped the bags off at a collection point where they are then donated to the women in need.

We are asking the College community if they would like to contribute to the Year 12 campaign.

Some things to note if you would like to donate items to this campaign:

- ◇ Bags can be used or new, but you do not have to donate a bag, only if you have a spare one you no longer need;
- ◇ Personal hygiene items must be new and unused, see attached list – please note we only ask for a couple of these items to be donated per family – not the whole list!!
- ◇ Other ideas to include could be a novel, a scarf, a notepad, hair items, jewellery, a wallet, a gift card;
- ◇ Unused travel packs from airlines or hotels are also ideal;
- ◇ You don’t need to fill a bag, you may like to donate just shampoo or a few toothbrushes, ultimately we need multiple numbers of each for the students to make up complete bags;
- ◇ Please leave items the front office by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

In the past, this has proven to be an authentic outreach experience for our students.

Rebecca Kirwan  
Deputy Principal

*All items included in your bags MUST BE NEW and in sealed packaging for health, safety & hygiene reasons. Medium to large sized handbags or backpacks may be in good to excellent second hand condition or brand new.*

### ESSENTIALS

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo     | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pads    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conditioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tampons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush  | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste |                                  |

### EXTRAS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Wipes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen     | <input type="checkbox"/> Stationary  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Face Wipes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Tickets | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues     | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Vouchers | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perfume     | <input type="checkbox"/> Meal Vouchers | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarf       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Card    | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewellery   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair Ties   | <input type="checkbox"/> Book          | <input type="checkbox"/> Moisturiser |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair Brush  | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks         | <input type="checkbox"/> Handwritten |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comb        | <input type="checkbox"/> Undies        | note or card                         |



#ITSINTHEBag