



Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives



Principal's Message ...

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

Return to Face to Face Learning: Our return to face to face learning this week was most welcome and I wish to recognize the efforts of the College staff who have worked tirelessly to deliver off campus learning while at the same time, supporting those families of essential workers by providing face to face learning during this period.

The return to normal routines this week will no doubt be a relief to families who, for a significant period of time, have had to juggle work commitments, family needs and online learning. During this return I am sure there will be an adjustment period for all students, particularly those in younger classes who will need to refamiliarise themselves with being back at school. Our staff are well aware of this and will be working hard to redevelop these positive routines and structures from the outset to ensure a smooth transition back to the College. Should you have any questions or concerns during this period please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's Homeroom teacher who will work closely with you to ensure a positive transition back to the classroom.

Staffing: I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Alison Andrews** to the position of College Nurse. Alison has extensive experience as a Registered Nurse having worked at the Royal North Shore and Macquarie University Hospitals as well as the College Nurse at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill. She has a BSc Hons in Nursing and comes highly recommended to this position. Alison will commence on Tuesday 9th June when she will be introduced to staff and students. On behalf of the College community I congratulate Alison on this significant position and look forward to welcoming her to St Edmund's.

Off Campus Learning Survey: We would appreciate parent feedback about your child's experience of off campus learning. Please find a parent survey to complete below. We value your input and we are keen to find out more about how your child responded to off campus learning. Please note that information obtained from the survey is confidential and no individuals will be identified.

Link: <https://forms.gle/jNlinG4Hj8VadwUo7>

Pupil Free Days: As previously communicated, our scheduled staff day for the beginning of Term 2 was moved to **Friday 19th June** with **Friday 5th June** retained as per the College calendar. The staff days will be used for Report writing as well as to undertake professional learning. No supervision will be available for students on either of these days.

Eddie's Big Night Out: Right about now, the College would usually be abuzz with students rehearsing, parents wrapping and staff finalising plans for our biggest community event - Eddie's Big Night Out. It is sad to think that after 13 years, we have had to forgo this wonderfully high spirited event in response to COVID-19. Who would have thought this would be the case as we started the school year? As it is 2020 and a new decade of development for the College, we have prepared a video acknowledging the support and work of so many in providing resources, facilities and programs for the benefit of our students over the past 10 years. We thank Eddie's Mates, their contacts and networks, our supporters and you, our families, for your ongoing generosity to the success of St Edmund's. Please enjoy this video with your families and friends by [clicking on this image](#).



Best wishes for the week ahead.

Jon Franzin
PRINCIPAL



Deputy Principal's Message ...

This week and been a smooth return for our students back to face to face teaching and learning. As students reconnect with routines, friends and staff, the wonderful atmosphere of joy and friendships fills the corridors. We hope students, while at home, have been able to engage in some of the learning activities online which has provided us with an opportunity to continue to integrate further technology into our learning. For the remainder of the term there will be no excursions in buses or external sports, however we are being creative in developing new activities here at the College. We have imbedded routine hygiene practices for all our community, ensuring everyone is safe during this time.

Mufti Day - Next Tuesday 2nd June: Next Tuesday 2nd June students are joining in solidarity to support the work of the Mithra Rehabilitation Centre in Chennai India (www.mithra.org.in). Our College has been a proud supporter of this Centre over the years. Students are encouraged to wear clothing reflecting aspects of the Indian Flag - orange, white and/or green and to bring along a gold coin donation for the day. A reminder that mufti day clothing needs to ensure that students are modestly dressed with closed-in shoes. We thank you for your support and especially thank our College leaders for their organization of this event.

A Reminder about student illness: As our weather is in constant flux, a general reminder that if your child is not feeling well, has a fever, vomiting or diarrhea, bad pain or coughing that will not stop they need to remain at home to rest and/or see your doctor. Here at the College we are encouraging constant use of hygienic practices, especially hand sanitizing for staff and students. Please ensure that this is also encouraged at home to promote health and reduce illnesses within our community.

Winter Uniform: As we return to Term 2, the College winter uniform is to be worn as the weather is becoming cooler. If you require any new items of uniform, please contact Wendy Scott in the front office who can help supply uniform items. scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Year 7 and Year 10 Immunisation - Thursday 4th June: NSW Health has been working with education authorities to implement additional measures to ensure that students in Years 7 and 10 can be safely vaccinated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite concerns around COVID-19 it is important that our College vaccination program continues, to provide timely protection against other diseases.

NSW Health will be offering the following vaccinations at St Edmund's on Thursday 4th June 2020 and have asked that all students involved wear their **sports uniforms on the day** for ease of accessibility.

- Year 7 - Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis vaccines (dTpa).
- Year 10 – Meningococcal ACWY

Please make sure your Consent forms have been returned to the front office and any questions can be directed to Cathy Laing. laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

College Assemblies: During this term we have three College Assemblies programmed. Each Assembly will be recorded and/or live streamed and shared into individual Homeroom classes. This supports our social distancing as guided by NSW Health at this time. Unfortunately, parents and friends are not able to be present at Assemblies at the moment, however they will be recorded and shared with our families. The themes for our Assemblies are: Community, Sustainability and Leadership.

Staff Development Days / Pupil Free Days: A reminder that we have two Staff Development days / Pupil Free Days - the first one being next Friday 5th June and the second one on Friday 19th June. These days will enable staff to develop and finalise Semester 1 Reports and engage in further learning around the integration of iPads and Apps into the classroom.

Jason Scanlon
Deputy Principal



Mission and Identity

What a great week we have had this week at St Edmund's as we saw the feelings of excitement and joy of our students as they reconnected with each other and shared their stories from their time away from the College. Community is so important to all of us to keep our life balance and to maintain a positive mental attitude.

In our Church calendar, it is also a very special time in relation to community. As we draw to the end of the Easter season, we have been talking about the time that Jesus spent visiting with his friends after his resurrection. He appeared many times to explain what he wanted his new community to do after he returned to his Father. He told them to go and tell everyone about his Father and himself and his new commandment. He promised them the Holy Spirit to help them follow these instructions.

On Sunday, we will celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Pentecost is the Feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles in Jerusalem. In class, we have talked about the symbols of wind and fire and the profound effect the Holy Spirit had on Jesus' disciples. They had been praying and waiting for the gifts of the Spirit to enable them to move out and preach the Good News about Jesus to all people.



Peter stood up and spoke to the crowd of Jews who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Shavuot, 50 days after the Feast of the Passover. Peter spoke to them about Jesus and the power of the Spirit and it is said, "About 3000 people joined the Church that day." The first Christians.

We are members of the Church today and praying is still an important part of our lives. We pray to thank God for all we have. We pray for his assistance in times of worry and sadness. We pray for healing for people around us. We can pray individually or as a group. When we pray as a group, we gather all our voices and talk to God in the hope that he hears us and responds favourably to our requests.

In recent times, we have been offering the students the opportunity to have prayer requests as a regular part of our morning prayers and they have been very enthusiastic in offering prayers for a wide variety of people, including close friends and family as well as people around the world affected by the Coronavirus.

I would like to share with you a special back to school blessing for our students.

*Dear Heavenly Father,
For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.
Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm.
Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace.
Let them learn and grow strong.
May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts.
Help us to mature as parents, teachers and caregivers.
Bless every family, oh Lord.
We entrust our children to you, dear God.
Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.
In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.*

God Bless
Terry O'Keefe
Head of Mission & Identity





Community News

From the Parent Group

This week is a big week with school resuming for all students. It is exciting to go back and see friends and teachers and the familiarity of school is always settling for our children. However whilst it is good to be back, there can be anxieties and a period of unsettlement ahead as our children adjust to being back at school and to some of the differences in place, such as social distancing. We should be aware that our children may not be able to express their "back to school worries" and this can result in restlessness and outbursts.

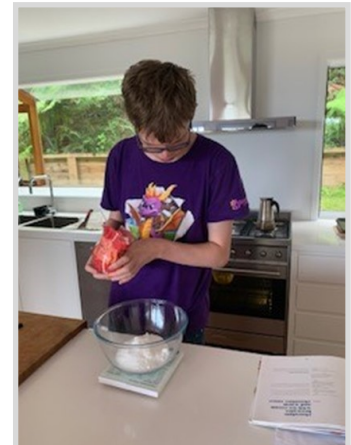
I know for us, we have been hounded with fear about the question "Will I get coronavirus?". We have all been impacted by coronavirus so it's hard, as parents, to reassure them when we are also stressed out about the same fears. As parents, we have an important role in helping our kids adjust. I have learnt that if I can stay calm and patient (which can be difficult when I get asked the same question 50 times in 10 minutes), it helps the whole situation.

Our children are very in tune with us and they sense any of our anxieties verbally and non verbally. We have been reassuring our children that changes at school are to keep everyone safe and reminding them that things like proper handwashing and hygiene when sneezing and coughing, gives us power to keep ourselves and everyone else safe. Mums and Dads are allowed to hug their children so I have found that lots of hugs have helped too.....

We are thankful that our children have been able to return to school and thank all the staff at St Edmund's who have made the home learning and changes manageable.

Janine Eastham – Tom's mum
Parent Group Leader

Working from home



Around the College - Important Dates and Changes

Term 2

Tue 2nd Jun	Term 2 Mufti Day - please wear something green, white or orange
Thu 4th Jun	Year 7 and Year 10 Immunisation new date confirmed
Fri 5th Jun	Staff Day (pupil free day) confirmed
Mon 8th Jun	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tue 9th June	Students' school photos to be rescheduled to Term 3
Tue 9th Jun	Term 2 Men's Group Meeting (St Lucy's) cancelled
Sat 13th Jun	Eddie's Big Night Out (Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills) cancelled
Wed 10th - Fri 12th Jun	Years 7 & 8 Camp to be rescheduled if possible
Fri 19th Jun	Staff Day (pupil free day) confirmed
Fri 26th Jun	Leadership Award Assembly streamed to Homerooms and to parents
Fri 26th Jun	Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Mon 20th Jul	Students & Staff return to Term 3
Fri 7th Aug	Term 3 College Disco
Tue 11th Aug	Term 3 Mufti Day
Wed 19th Aug	St Edmund's Golf Day
Wed 26th Aug	Term 3 Men's Group Meeting (St Edmund's)
Fri 4th Sep	Father's Day Breakfast
Tue 8th Sep	Term 3 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 1st Sep	St Edmund's Athletics Carnival
Sun 13th Sep	Family Fun Day (St Edmund's field)
Wed 23rd - Fri 25th Sep	Senior Retreat
Fri 25th Sep	Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Mon 12th Oct	Students return to Term 4
Tue 20th Oct	St Edmund's Swimming Carnival
Fri 23rd Oct	Term 4 College Disco
	Wed 28th Oct - Fri 30th Nov Years 9 & 10 Camp
Tue 3rd Nov	Term 4 Mufti Day
Tue 3rd Nov	Term 4 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 10th Nov	Orientation Day
Tue 17th Nov	Term 4 Men's Group Meeting (St Lucy's)
Fri 20th Nov	Abbotsleigh Concert
Fri 27th Nov	Year 12 Graduation Formal
Tue 1st Dec	Presentation Ceremony
Fri 4th Dec	Year 7 Immunisation - new date
Wed 9th Dec	Year 12 Farewell Mass & BBQ lunch and Last day of Term 4

Immunisation - Thursday 4th June

As parents have been advised, the Year 7 and Year 10 Vaccination program will resume next Thursday 4th June at St Edmund's with Year 7 students receiving the first dose of HPV together with the dTPA vaccination. Year 10 will receive the one-off Meningococcal vaccination. Only those students who have returned their consent forms will be vaccinated.

Please see the notice from NSW Health attached to this Newsletter setting out the additional measures that have been put in place to ensure that students in Years 7 and 10 can be safely vaccinated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NSW Health have asked that students receiving these vaccinations wear their **SPORTS UNIFORM** to school on Thursday for ease of accessibility to their upper arms.

Any questions, please contact Cathy Laing on laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au or phone the College office.

Around the College

Awards

Students of the Week:

7S Toby and Michael
8C Will and Summer
9F Dominic and Byron
10J Luke and Ryan
11G Angelica and Corey
12M Sam and Ruby

7T Arpita and Emma
8L Christos and Tom
9H Mackenzie and Anna
10V Ella and Owen
11T Anant and Ben
12O Jarvis and Luca

Eddie's Best:

7S Alessio
8C Hugh
9F Rafe
10J Lucas
11G Ryan W
12M Lachlan C

7T Antonio
8L Christos
9H Sebastian
10V Josh W
11T Michaela
12O Josh G



Term 2 Mufti Day

At this week's College Leaders' meeting it was decided that the proceeds from our Term 2 Mufti Day which is to be held next **Tuesday, 2nd June** will go to the Mithra Rehabilitation Centre in Chennai, India. Our staff have travelled to Mithra over the past few years to provide resources and work with the students and staff. During COVID-19 they have been unable to send home their boarding students so any contributions towards food and clothing will be very well received.

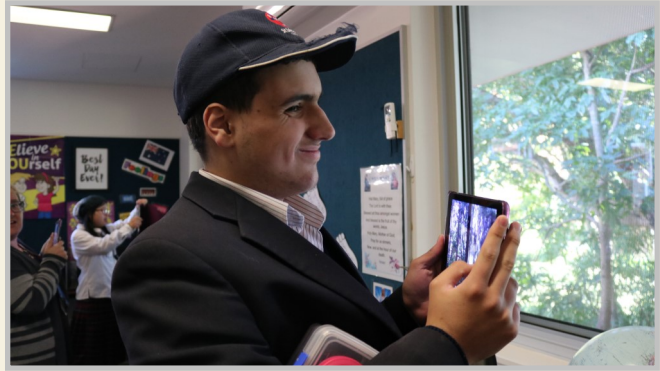
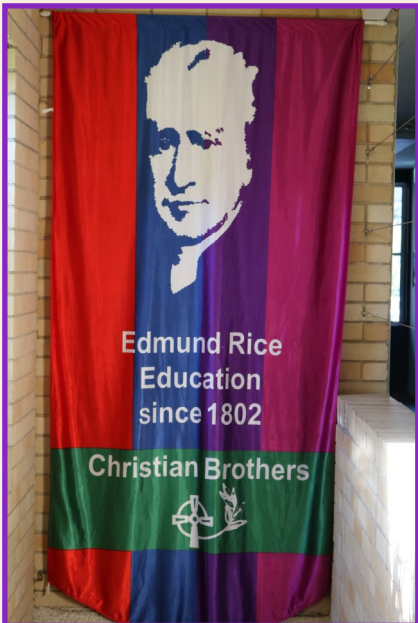
Our College Leaders decided that wearing something in the colours of the Indian flag - white, orange or green on our Mufti Day would be fun and easy for most people to achieve.



On Mufti Day:

- Come to school dressed in mufti clothes (something green, white or orange)
- Bring along a gold coin to go towards the Mithra Rehabilitation Centre





Blessed Edmund Rice Day activities

NSW School vaccination clinic for Year 7 & 10 students; Thursday 4th June

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Additional measures

NSW Health has implemented additional measures based on expert clinical advice to reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission in school clinics, including:

- Health screening of nurses before clinics
- Pre-vaccination screening of students
- Physical distancing restrictions at the clinic entrance, in the clinic and in the observation area
- Ensuring the number of students & nurses at the clinic does not exceed the maximum allowed
- Enhanced hand hygiene by nurses
- Enhanced environmental cleaning of all surfaces

What parents should do

Parents who have given consent for their child to receive vaccinations at school do not need to take any extra action. Parent who have not provided consent should contact their school on how to consent for vaccination, or their local public health unit on 1300 066055. ***Parents must ensure that their child is well and completely free of any acute respiratory illness before they attend school.***

More information

Information about school vaccination is available; <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination>

A Record of Vaccination card will be provided to each student. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

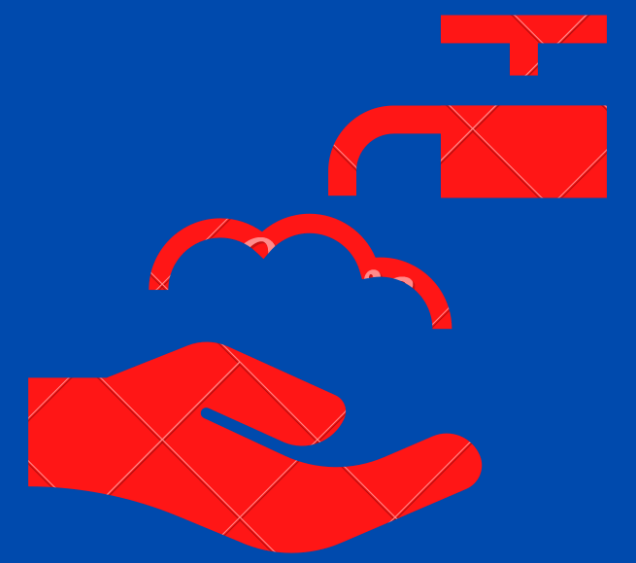
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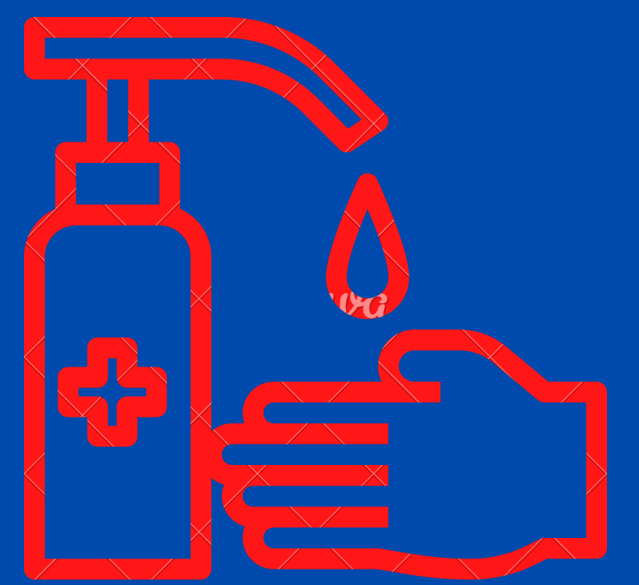
1 AT TAXI DROP OFF

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