



*Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives*



## Principal's Message ...

It was great to see the return of the students to school this week, bringing a 'wintery bleak' and empty school 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.

**Relationships:** 'Relationships' are one of the St Edmund's College four foundational values, along with Faith, Joy and Community. Given the importance of good relationships between teachers and students, we sometimes stop at that point, at risk of downplaying the key role of other relationships. The relationship between parents and school can be even more important at times, in ensuring the successful outcomes for students. When a student is doing very well, or manages to deal with a crisis or problem constructively, usually that is the direct result of parents and school working together to make that happen. In contrast, a poor relationship often accompanies poor outcomes for the student. In light of this, I would ask that in the event you are unsure, concerned or just need to seek clarification about an issue, I would ask that you make this known to your child's Homeroom teacher so that these can be worked through constructively and positively in the best interest of your child.

**Personalised Planning Meetings:** Two evenings have been set aside to undertake Personalised Planning Meetings – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Information will be sent out to families shortly. Given the recent escalation of COVID-19 cases in Victoria and also locally, the advice from Catholic Schools NSW is that parent meetings should be conducted online where possible. Given this advice, we will be conducting Personalised Planning Meetings either online or over the phone. Further information about online details will be sent home to parents in the coming weeks. Thank you for your understanding and support with these changes as we ensure that we comply with these requirements.

**New Enrolments:** I received the sad news at the end of last term that Peter, Joseph, Shamro and Aadit would not be returning to St Edmund's but would commence home schooling with the Department of Education this term. I know all four boys will be greatly missed by the students and staff at the College and we wish them well for the future. We welcome Luke and Sam, who commenced this week at St Edmund's in Class 9F. We also welcome their families to our College and trust that they will find St Edmund's a warm and welcoming community.

**Internet Infrastructure:** As part of continually focusing on creating the very best possible learning environment and experience for all our students, we are very pleased to announce that the upgrading of our internet infrastructure to improve our students' connectivity has been completed. Funding for this upgrade was made available from the proceeds from Eddie's Big Night Out last year. All students and staff now have reliable internet connection making accessing the curriculum and available on-line resources faster. A **BIG** thank you to all our sponsors, supporters and families who made this possible.

**Building Update:** During the holiday break I received notification from the Sydney North Planning Panel that our Development Application was approved with building works for both Stages 1 and 2 at the College to commence in 2021. This news was very well received and is the culmination of much hard work and effort from the College Board, College Executive, Building Committee, College staff along with our various consultants. I also acknowledge the outstanding work of our Property Manager, Mr. Brenden Jones who has been instrumental in achieving this milestone. The College is currently working on its staging plans and will communicate these in due course, in preparation for next year.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Jon Franzin  
**PRINCIPAL**

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## Deputy Principal's Message ...

Welcome back to Term 3 Semester 2! At the heart of our Edmund Rice community are our College rules which reflect in a very practical way our Touchstones of Gospel Spirituality; Liberating Education; Inclusive Community and Justice & Solidarity.

These rules guide our students' behaviours and attitudes and are:

- ◆ Be Safe
- ◆ Be Caring and
- ◆ Be a Good Learner.

These highlight our student expectations and continue to motivate our students to be the best they can be in and outside the classroom. We encourage parents to emphasise these rules at home to create a common language and boundaries for our children.

**Communication:** As we begin the new term, a reminder that the process for contacting your child while at school is through the College Administration Office. Students hand in to the Office their phones or Smart watches (those with a sim card) so that they are not a distraction from learning or social interactions. Students cannot access external emails either. Thank you for supporting us with this process.

**Student illness:** As we continue to live through this health crisis, a 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 and possibly have a COVID-19 test.

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.

**Personalised Planning Meetings:** The Personalised Planning Meeting bookings are now open for Semester 2. Parents are asked to **make a booking by the end of week 4** so that Personalised Plans can be finalised.

These sessions will be held on Tuesday 18th and 25th August from 1.25 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Meetings are for 40 minutes and will be conducted via ZOOM or phone calls due to social distancing regulations.

Once you receive your log in details via the mail, you can make your preferred booking via EDVAL. If you are having issues with making a booking, please contact me here at the College on 9487 1044 or by email [scanlon@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scanlon@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au). Once you have made an online booking, your Homeroom teacher will email you an invitation for a ZOOM meeting. If this is not possible your Homeroom teacher will organise a phone meeting.

Each Semester your Homeroom teacher will work with you to prepare a number of SMART goals. These goals will inform the teaching, learning and wellbeing approaches for your child throughout the semester. Once finalised, the completed Personalised Plan will be provided to all parents for signing. If you are having trouble with booking meetings through EDVAL please contact me here at the College.

**College Assemblies:** During this term our Assembly will, once again, be recorded 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 via Class Dojo.

A **big thank you** to Millie Chan who has made 50 face masks for our Hospitality and Domestic cooking classes. These have helped our students learn about safe and hygienic practices in this time of COVID-19.

Jason Scanlon  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**





**St Edmund's College**

EXCELLENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

# Play Golf & Support Eddie's

## 2020 CHARITY CHALLENGE GOLF DAY

**Thursday**  
**10<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**

**Terrey Hills Golf & Country Club**  
**116 Booralie Road, Terrey Hills**  
**8am Shotgun Start**

Limited to 72 players

**NEW DATE AND VENUE!**

**For Enquiries and Bookings:**

**Gary Dawson: [smokey1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:smokey1@ozemail.com.au)**

**0412 600 062      [www.bullantsports.com](http://www.bullantsports.com)**

The  
**Charity**  
Challenge

[www.thecharitychallenge.com](http://www.thecharitychallenge.com)



## Mission and Identity

As we begin another very busy school term, I would like to take the time to reflect upon the gospel 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 these unusual times, when being bombarded with so much bad news and world wide troubles, 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 relating to this story:

### A Prayer for a Mary Heart in a Martha World

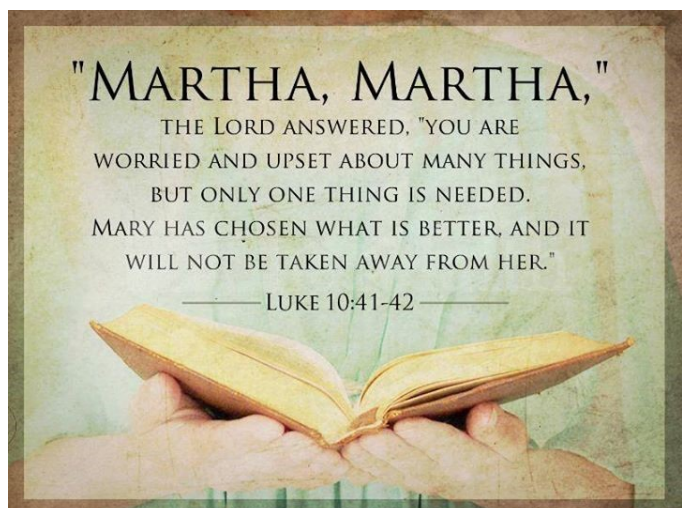
Dear Lord Jesus, first of all, thank you for being so welcoming and desirous of our fellowship. Not only do we have access to your throne of grace 24/7, it's **you** who greets us there. We're never a bother, are never "put on hold," never have to "take a number and wait." We'll never meet a tired and 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 & Identity





## Community News

### From the Parent Group

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and sleep ins. Hopefully everyone has settled back into the first week of school routines, although the cold early morning starts are hard to get used to.

We have something to look forward to, although it is a year away - we can put in our diaries next year's 'Eddie's Big Night Out'. It was sorely missed this year so we are looking forward to a night to celebrate all that is 'Eddie's'.

Please lock in **Saturday 17th July 2021** in your diary. With so much notice we are hoping everyone will be available!

Activities and events that normally take place in Term 3 will likely take place in a different format. Please be patient and mindful of the changes that are taking place as we all work together to bring back normality whilst respecting the boundaries that COVID 19 has created.

Have a great week!

Janine Eastham – Tom's mum

**Parent Group Leader**

St Edmund's  
COLLEGE

EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT OUT

*Save The Date* 2021

SATURDAY 17TH JULY  
Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills

**Eddie's Mates**  
PROUDLY SUPPORTING ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOLS & THEIR STUDENTS

# national science week 2020

The **theme** for this year's **SCIENCE WEEK** is **DEEP BLUE**. You will be learning about **our oceans**, **why we need them** and how we can **keep them healthy**.

We will have 2 competitions that you can enter. **Only one competition entry per student** (so create a diorama **OR** choose a colouring sheet to colour). Colouring sheets will be distributed in Science classes.

**Due Date: Friday 14/8/20 (Week 4)**

## Deep Blue DIORAMA Competition !!

Make an  
**UNDER the OCEAN**  
DIORAMA  
(in a box)



**OR**

## Deep Blue COLOURING Competition !!

Colour  
in an  
**UNDER the OCEAN**  
picture  
(**from your teacher**)



# Around the College

## Knit for Cancer

St Edmund's will be joining the **Knit for Cancer** initiative run by the Cancer Council. There will be a Knit Club during Wednesday Lunch 2 in the Chill Out area for any students interested in participating. There will be lots of support so anyone can join in!

Parents and friends of the College can knit or crochet a scarf or beanie in Cancer Council colours (blue grey and white) to be donated at the College. Patterns can be found here: <https://www.doitforcancer.com.au/event/knit-for-cancer/knit-for-cancer-patterns>.



## College photo day - Tuesday 11th August

Just a reminder that our College photos will be taken on Tuesday, 11th August - week 4 of Term 3. The order envelope will be coming home early in the term.

**Full College winter uniform** will need to be worn for the photos so if you need to purchase some items, please contact Wendy Scott in the office on [scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au) so that you have everything that is needed.

### Uniform to be worn:

- All students to wear **full winter uniform** which includes blazers
- Ties for all boys
- Correct socks or tights for girls
- Correct socks for boys
- Polished black school shoes only (no joggers)
- College colours only for any hair ties and/or headbands
- No jewellery or nail polish

Please remember to **put your child's name** on all blazers and jumpers before they leave home.



## Around the College - Important Dates

### Term 3

Fri 31st Jul	Men's Group Meeting (Warrawee) ( <b>confirmed new date and location, see Newsletter below</b> )
Fri 7th Aug	Men's Group Meeting (Long Reef) ( <b>confirmed new date and location, see Newsletter below</b> )
Fri 7th Aug	Term 3 College Disco ( <b>cancelled</b> )
Tue 11th Aug	College photos ( <b>confirmed</b> )
Thu 13th Aug	2019 Year 12 Reunion pizza night ( <b>confirmed new date</b> )
Tue 18th Aug	1st PP meeting date by ZOOM
Tue 25th Aug	2nd PP Meeting date by ZOOM
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
Thu 10th Sep	St Edmund's Golf Day ( <b>confirmed new date</b> )
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	Staff Day ( <b>new date</b> )
Tue 13th 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 ( <b>to be amended</b> )
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 - ( <b>new date</b> )
Wed 9th Dec	Year 12 Farewell Mass & BBQ lunch and Last day of Term 4

### Men's Group Meeting - new date and location

The Men's Group is a quarterly 'get together' with other dads from St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College. We have lots of laughs, share stories and discuss relevant topics around the pressures that our families encounter from day to day including the very real pressures of recent times.

Trying to organise a meeting has been difficult so we would like to nominate **2 locations** you can choose from:

- ⇒ Warrawee Bowling Club Friday 31st July at 6.00 p.m. **OR**
- ⇒ Long Reef Golf Club Friday 7th August at 6.00 p.m.

Having a choice of place to meet will ensure a smaller group and provide a closer location to home. All our Dads are in need of support during the best of times but this coronavirus period increases pressures that we may not even realise are there. It's so good to get together for a chat.

For booking purposes could you please send an RSVP to [hopleywarren@hotmail.com](mailto:hopleywarren@hotmail.com) or [brendan.wingrave@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.wingrave@gmail.com)



# HORNSBY SUPPORT GROUP- ONLINE

Supporting complex learners and their families in the Hornsby Shire



## When I'm gone

Wednesday 5th August @ 7pm

The thought “what will happen to my child when I’m gone” is not far from our minds but hard to talk about.

Tim Chate, a lawyer from IDRA, will give a short presentation on the topic of guardianship and wills. Come with questions!

Email Helen at [helent@ransw.org.au](mailto:helent@ransw.org.au) to register. All welcome!

Where:  
Online- Zoom

When:  
Wednesday 5th  
August, 2020  
Time: 7-9pm

Cost: Free

Facilitator:  
Helen Tozer

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