



Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives



Principal's Message ...

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

COVID-19

You would have received correspondence from me this week regarding changes to our response to COVID-19. I know for many families, particularly those in Year 12, there is a significant sense of loss given some of these changes, particularly in relation to our end of year functions and celebrations. These guidelines will be reviewed by NSW Health early next term so I am hopeful that with these enhanced measures, some aspects of our program will be able to go ahead next term. I will update families accordingly but, in the meantime, ask that parents comply and support the College with the following:

- ⇒ Students and staff with even mild symptoms of COVID-19 must remain at home;
- ⇒ Staff and students with any symptoms to immediately get tested for COVID-19;
- ⇒ Staff and students must not return to school or work until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free;
- ⇒ The COVID-19 test result must be sighted and received by the College for both students and staff members before their return to school.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with these new guidelines.

Senior School Parent Information Evening

In Week 7 we will commence planning for students in Years 10 and 11 who will be undertaking subject selection with two online meetings with parents. Information has been sent home and details of the Zoom meeting were also provided. Working through these choices and selections must ultimately be about the student and the constructive partnership between home and school. A lot of information will be presented and can easily overwhelm parents navigating the senior years for the first time. As such, if you have questions or concerns, please make these known on the night or Ms. Vivienne Gilkes can be contacted at the College for further information. On the day of the meetings, Ms. Gilkes will be speaking with the students about their choices so that they have a voice in the process. I look forward to seeing you online.

Science Week

I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all students for their enthusiastic approach to Science Week. I had the great pleasure to view the many wonderful dioramas which were produced by students with the theme 'Deep Blue'. Congratulations to our winners and to those who participated. I also thank the Science Faculty, led by Ms. Rachel Hopkins, for organising the many and varied activities presented this week which culminated in our annual Science Week Assembly, held online.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Jon Franzin
PRINCIPAL



Deputy Principal's Message ...

Personalised Plan Meetings:

The first of the Personalised Plan meetings took place this Tuesday via Zoom or phone call. Thank you to all our parents for your flexibility with the ongoing changes regarding face to face meetings on site. The feedback from teachers was very positive. Our next meetings will continue next Tuesday. If you have been unable to attend or cancelled a scheduled meeting, please email your child's Homeroom Teacher to organise another time. We ask that any rescheduled meetings take place between the school hours of 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

As mentioned, these PP meetings support our students to identify goals, review their progress from Semester 1 goals and ensure that the appropriate level of support is provided for them here at school. Finalised copies of your child's Personalised Plan will be sent home at the end of this term.

College Photos:

Student photos took place on last Tuesday, 11th August here at the College. Thank you to all parents for ensuring that your child was wearing their College winter uniform. They all enjoyed the morning, with the various individual, class and even whole College photos taken, all with big smiles. We thank Bernie Acret for the organisation of the day and Jane Morgan for her support.

A Reminder about Student illness:

As NSW Health provides our mandated process around COVID-19, a reminder that if your child is not feeling well, has a mild fever, runny nose, vomiting or diarrhea, bad pain or coughing that they need to remain home to rest and/or see your doctor. NSW Health now requires your child to have a COVID test prior to returning to school. Please ensure that the negative result of your child's test accompanies your child's return to the College, for our records.

Here at the College we are encouraging constant use of hygienic practices, especially hand sanitising for staff and students; please encourage this practice at home to promote health and reduce illnesses within our community.

Canteen:

Thank you for your support as we refine our process with canteen orders. Students do enjoy the opportunity to order their lunch each week. We will continue with the process of your child bringing a lunch order bag home for you to make your order and return with monies inside. Thank you to Julie MacPherson and our parent volunteers who look after our Canteen.

Assemblies:

A reminder that our College assemblies, held each fortnight, are recorded for your viewing at home via ClassDojo. Students have become very competent in their ability to be filmed with very few edits required. Students view the recorded assembly in their Homeroom, with this week being extra special as it is Science Week.

Jason Scanlon
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL





Mission & Identity

This term in our RE classes we have been learning about people throughout history who have had a great impact on our world through their devotion to God and the Church - the saints - from the first apostles to our own St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

We all spent some time researching and reflecting upon the first saint, Mary the mother of Jesus and her role within our world and our church.

On Saturday 15th August, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption. This year, due to COVID-19, we were not able to celebrate as we normally would with a Mass at the Holy Name Parish Church. This feast is the only Holy day of Obligation we have during the school year. On Friday, 14th August, we celebrated with a special liturgy, run by our Year 12 leaders and broadcast to all our classes during period 3. It was a great opportunity to join together prayerfully, listen to God's word and reflect upon the amazing life of Mary and her devotion to God.



The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary, the mother of Jesus, as she was taken, body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

During this week, we have been learning about Mary and the special role she played in the life of Jesus and the early days of the Church. She was the daughter of God the Father and the mother of God the Son; a unique role in the history of the world. Mary became the Mother of the Church, which Jesus began through the apostles. When we pray to Mary she brings our prayers straight to Jesus.

During this term, we have become more aware of the great women in our Church and their qualities that we all can aspire to.

- ◇ St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, a woman of faith; a woman of vision and a woman of compassion;
- ◇ Mother Teresa, now known as Saint Teresa of Kolkata, because of all she did for the poor in India.
- ◇ St Joan of Arc was canonised because she fought and died for what God wanted her to do.
- ◇ St Lucy is the patron saint of the blind.

We can look to these and all the saints as examples of how to live our lives and do our best every day to serve our God and others.

God Bless
Terry O'Keefe
Head of Mission & Identity



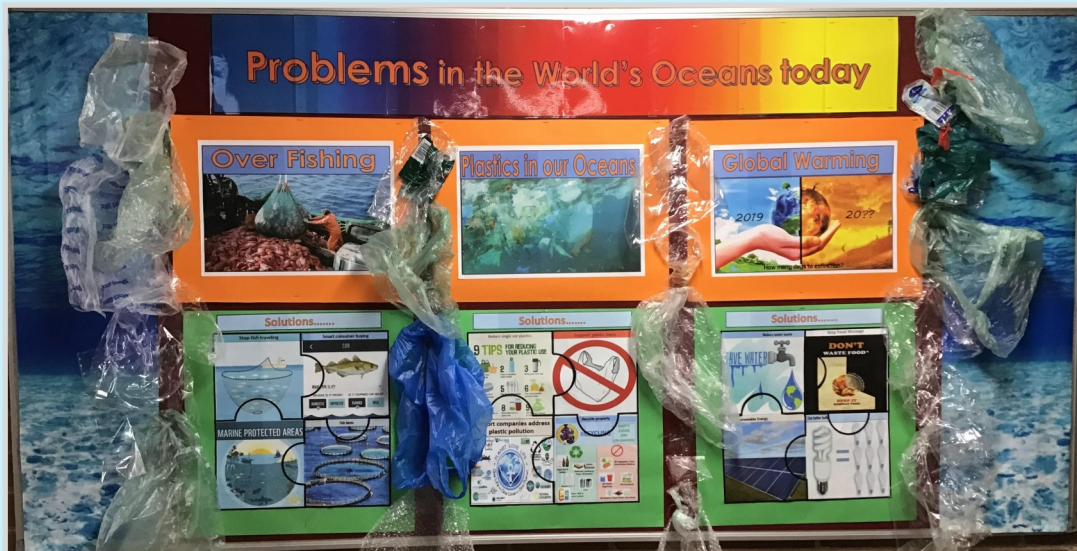
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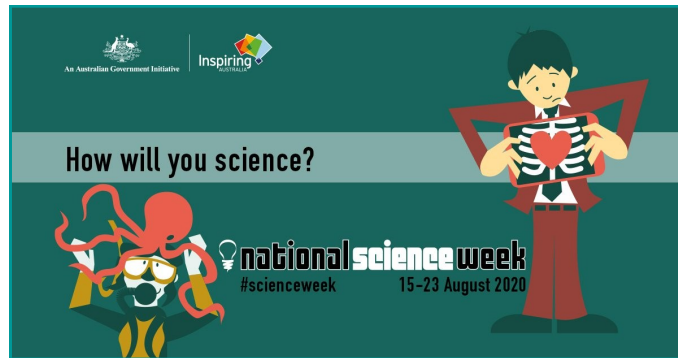


national science week
15–23 AUGUST 2020
scienceweek.net.au #scienceweek

Science Week - Deep Blue

This year's Science Week theme is Deep Blue: innovations for the future of our oceans. In lessons this week, students have been investigating why the ocean is so important to us. We have looked at the negative impact humans have on the ocean and the things we can do every day to help improve the ocean. We have done an eBook, flipchart, played a board game and Minecraft. All classes competed in a Science Week Kahoot. Each day we have had special Science Week bells to celebrate and on Friday we had a Science Week virtual Assembly to congratulate prize winners. We hope everyone enjoyed all the fun activities for Science Week this year. Thanks to all the Science teachers and support staff who helped make this year so much fun!





Science Week

Diorama Competition

Certificates of Appreciation for Non-place winners

Year 7

1st Place Nathan A.(7S)
 2nd Place James P. (7T)
 Liam
 Jameson
 Antonio
 Lauren

Year 10

1st Place Lorelle (10V)
 2nd Place Angelica H (10J)
 Ben M
 Ryan
 Sarah
 Claire
 Sid

Year 8

1st Place Sonnet (8C)
 2nd Place Moses (8L)
 Hugh
 Christian R
 Chloe S

Year 11

1st Place Ben T (11T)
 2nd Place Angelica M (11G)
 Highly Commended Emilia (11G)
 Arabella
 Corey L
 Grace
 Jayden

Year 9

1st Place Dominic (9F)
 2nd Place Tom E. (9F)
 Highly Commended David M. (9H)
 Rafe
 Sebastian
 Teena
 Ben P
 Ben W

Year 12

1st Place (only!) Dan S (120)
 Sophia
 Aaron
 Joshua G

Science Week Colouring Competition

Colouring Competition: 3rd place
Colouring Competition: 2nd place
Colouring Competition: 1st place

Mackenzie (9H)
Olivia (9H)
Samuel (10J)

Highly Commended : Sam C(9F), Michael G(7S), Christian V (10V), & Ella (7T)

Certificates of Appreciation for Non-place winners

Alessio, Amie, Parmida, Lachie K, Lucas, Tague, Kori C, Jack T and Lucy C

Kahoot! Year Group Winners:

Year 7 Michael G
Year 8 Christian R
Year 9 Ben P
Year 10 Brendan
Year 11 Kiara
Year 12 Zack

Kahoot Junior Winner - Brendan J

Kahoot Senior Winner - Zack S

College Kahoot Winner - Athena





St Edmund's College

EXCELLENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Play Golf & Support Eddie's

2020 CHARITY CHALLENGE GOLF DAY

Thursday
10th 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

0412 600 062 www.bullantsports.com

The
Charity
Challenge

www.thecharitychallenge.com



Community News

From the Parent Group

What a fabulous response we had to our last Parent Group meeting via zoom. Thank you to those who participated and to Tanya, Netta and Pol Miles for presenting their services to us. It's unfortunate that Tanya's sessions had to be postponed due to new COVID rules this Saturday however please be assured that all avenues are being explored for alternative options. Appointments are being taken for self care and counselling please look for details below.

The Dish is happening on Tuesday. This Dish is a program organised by St John's Uniting Church to feed the homeless in the Hornsby community. This is an opportunity for us to give back to those less fortunate. We do this by providing a meal that can serve up to 20 people. I encourage you to consider helping; it is a way for us to unite as a community to help those in need of help in this cold weather, especially when other services are limited because of COVID. Please contact Bernie in the office for further details.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Janine Eastham

(Tom's Mum)

Parent Group Leader

ONE ON ONE COACHING FOR FAMILIES

PART OF OUR SELF CARE AND
NOURISHMENT PROGRAM

- Please book in for your confidential and private coaching session with AccessEAP professionals, Netta Dolev or Pol Miles McCann.
- 10 Sessions available per person. Be early, limited spaces.
- Sessions up to 50 minutes at a time.
- Support strategies, Self care, Networks, Counselling



Call 1800 818 728 to book your appointment
or visit AccessEAP's website
on <https://www.accesseap.com.au/>

* Cost of these sessions are covered under the My Community Project Grant funded by the NSW State Government



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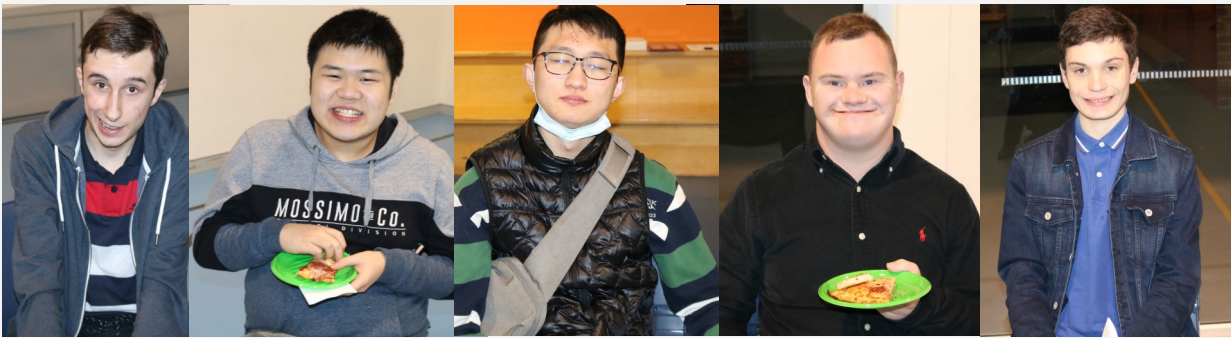
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2019 Year 12 Reunion

Last week we welcomed back our 2019 Year 12 students. We were able to keep safely distanced in the hall, enjoyed some pizza together and heard all about what they have been doing so far this year. Despite the disruptions to some of their work programs and travel training due to COVID-19, they were all eager to talk about their daily routines and what they have experienced this year. They were all very excited to see each other and reconnect although most of them have been zooming each other the whole time! It was a wonderful catch-up!



Around the College

Awards

Students of the Week:

- 7S** Saskia and Adam
- 8C** Hugh and Christian
- 9F** Rafe and Mikayla
- 10J** Brendan and Samuel
- 11G** Ryan and Jesse
- 12M** Chloe and Emily

- 7T** Emma and Arpita
- 8L** Elliot and Moses
- 9H** Sebastian and Anna
- 10V** Claire and Niki
- 11T** Shontelle and Tague
- 12O** Gus and Zack

Eddie's Best:

- 7S** Michael
- 8C** Kavya
- 9F** Athena
- 10J** Ben M
- 11G** Kiara
- 12M** Melanie

- 7T** Will C
- 8L** Elliot
- 9H** Mackenzie
- 10V** Christian V
- 11T** Anant
- 12O** Jarvis



St Edmund's
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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

Around the College - Important Dates

Term 3

Tue 25th Aug	2nd PP Meeting date by ZOOM or phone
Fri 4th Sep	Father's Day Breakfast (cancelled)
Tue 1st Sep	St Edmund's Athletics Carnival (cancelled)
Thu 10th Sep	St Edmund's Golf Day (confirmed new date)
Sun 13th Sep	Family Fun Day (St Edmund's field) (cancelled)
Tue 22nd Sep	Term 3 Mufti Day (theme to be advised)
Wed 23rd -	
Fri 25th Sep	Senior Retreat (new format to be advised)
Fri 25th Sep	Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Mon 12th Oct	Staff Day
Tue 13th Oct	Students return to Term 4
Tue 20th Oct	St Edmund's Swimming Carnival (cancelled)
Fri 23rd Oct	Term 4 College Disco (cancelled)
Wed 28th Oct	Years 9 & 10 Camp (new format to be advised)
Tue 3rd Nov	Term 4 Mufti Day
Tue 3rd Nov	Term 4 Parent Group Meeting (online)
Tue 10th Nov	Orientation Day
Fri 20th Nov	Abbotsleigh Concert (to be advised)
Fri 27th Nov	Year 12 Graduation Formal (to be advised)
Tue 1st Dec	Presentation Ceremony (to be advised)
Fri 4th Dec	Year 7 Immunisation - (new date)
Wed 9th Dec	Year 12 Farewell Mass & BBQ lunch (to be advised)
Wed 9th Dec	Last day of Term 4

Dental Checks

In light of the current COVID climate and our need to keep risk factors to a minimum for our students and staff, the College has made the decision to postpone dental checks for this year.

Hopefully we will be able to reschedule dental checks in 2021.

If you would like to access free dental health checks this year outside school hours, please see the flyers attached to this Newsletter.

Many thanks for your understanding.
Ali Andrews
College Nurse



Lost Property

Please contact Bernie in the College office if any of the items here belong to your child.

DENTAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

General dental treatment **for children under 18 years of age** is **free** at NSW Public Dental Health Clinics

It's
Free!^{*}
call today



Clinic locations:

Brookvale | Hornsby | Royal North Shore | Top Ryde

Ph: 1300 732 503

If you need an interpreter please call the free Translating and Interpreter Service (TIS) on 131 450. Ask TIS to call us on 1300 732 503.

* Some specialist services may require additional eligibility and/or may incur a fee



Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

Northern Sydney Public Dental Service

Who can get free dental care?

- ✓ All children under 18 years of age
- ✓ Adults who hold one of the following Centrelink concession cards



- * Anyone listed on your card is also eligible for free public dental care
- * All patients must be eligible for Medicare and should have a valid Medicare card

How do I access the dental service?

Phone the Northern Sydney LHD
Health Contact Centre during the day:

1300 732 503

If you do not speak English very well and need an interpreter,
call the national Telephone Interpreting Service on

131 450

before calling the dental service.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please share with families



Dear Colleagues

'Texts 4 families' is a new project just launched by Positive Partnerships, a national program funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training that specialises in professional learning for supporting students on the autism spectrum.

The 'Texts 4 families' service is available in 6 languages: English, Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Hindi and Korean.

The service will support families to:

- learn more about their child's strengths and interests, sensory processing and communication needs
- connect to resources that are evidence based
- consider ways of working with their child's school and other professionals
- understand the importance of looking after themselves

The service is suitable for all families of school aged children on the spectrum that would benefit from receiving informative and supportive text messages, directly to their phones.

Attached is an English version flyer that gives more information about the service. You can connect families to this service by sharing the English flyer with parents, carers and families or directing them to the translated flyers and information via the links below.

Click for translated flyers and information:

- Arabic – <https://tinyurl.com/text4families-arabic>
- Vietnamese – <https://tinyurl.com/text4families-vietnamese>
- Korean – <https://tinyurl.com/text4families-korean>
- Simplified Chinese – <https://tinyurl.com/text4families-chinese>
- Hindi – <https://tinyurl.com/text4families-hindi>

Any questions, please call 1300 881 971 using TIS 131 450

www.positivepartnerships.com.au

Kind Regards

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