



*Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives*



## Principal's Message ...

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

### **ALL SOULS & ALL SAINTS DAY**

This Sunday is All Saints Day and Monday is All Souls Day. These are very special days in our Church as we celebrate those who have modelled an authentic Christian life and are in heaven, then moving to All Souls Day which commemorates all those who have died. We take time to pray and remember our dearly departed.

On the feast of All Saints we remember the countless multitude of men, women and children who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: Humility, a concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy and courage. In other words: They loved and served the Mystery we call God and their fellow pilgrims as they served and loved themselves.

*We pray for all in the St Edmund's community, Christian Brothers, former staff and students, parents and friends, our own family members and friends who have died, that they may rest in the eternal embrace of God.*

*Amen.*

*We Live Jesus in our Hearts forever...*

### **NATIONAL EREA CHARTER LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Mrs. Margriet Shaw-Taylor has been awarded the EREA National Inclusive Community Award for 2020.

This is the highest award a staff member can be awarded in EREA and nominations were received from over 50 schools across the nation. This is a testament to Margriet's hard work and dedication to the students of St Edmund's College over many years and a fitting way for her to conclude her career when she retires at the end of the year.

Margriet was acknowledged during the EREA National Principals' Conference which was held online yesterday afternoon. On behalf of the College community, I congratulate Margriet on this outstanding achievement and recognition.



# Principal's Message continued ...

## STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of 2020 all College Executive positions conclude with interviews and appointments taking place this term. I can report that all interviews have taken place and appointments confirmed for 2021. I am pleased to announce the following:

**Mr. Jason Scanlon** will take on the very important position of Assistant Principal – Religious Identity and Mission. This is a new position that will support the religious identity across both St Edmund's College and St Gabriel's School. Mr. Scanlon will spread his time evenly across both school communities and we congratulate him on this significant position bringing to life our Catholic identity and Edmund Rice Charism.

**Mrs. Karen Houlcroft** will continue in the role of Head of Wellbeing and Ms. Vivienne Gilkes will continue to support our curriculum endeavors as the Head of Teaching & Learning.

We welcome **Mrs. Tiffany Hosken** to the College Executive team as she takes on the position of Head of Administration in 2021.

I take this opportunity to thank **Mr. Terry O'Keefe** and **Mr. Carl Southern** for their dedicated service to the College Executive over many years and we thank them for their input to the strategic directions of St Edmund's. Both Mr. O'Keefe and Mr. Southern will take on other responsibilities next year and as a College, we will have an opportunity to thank them for their contributions.

Finally, this week we welcomed **Mrs. Sharon Eldridge** who met with Mrs. Margriet Shaw-Taylor to undertake a handover meeting prior to Margriet's retirement at the end of the year. We look forward to Mrs. Eldridge sharing her expertise in the area of Creative Arts in 2021 and we will have a chance to formally welcome her to the College in the new year.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Jon Franzin  
**PRINCIPAL**

## Term 4 Mufti Day - next Tuesday 3rd November

At this week's College Leaders' Meeting, the students decided that the final Mufti Day for the year will raise funds to go to the Edmund Rice Foundation in support of their **Best Foot Forward program**, aimed at providing education for women and girls all over the world. This EREA -endorsed initiative is designed to encourage students to walk beside women and girls to be advocates for change.

For the fun of wearing **mufti clothes** and perhaps, **crazy socks**, please bring along a gold coin to go to the very worthy cause the students have chosen.

Please remember to bring your **canteen money separately** to the gold coin for Mufti Day.





## Deputy Principal's Message ...

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for the very warm welcome back to St Edmund's this term - it's great to be back!

It is wonderful that due to the easing of some of the COVID restrictions, our excursions can now resume. Unfortunately our very first one for the term, Year 7 to Sydney Zoo this Monday, was cancelled due to the rain. It has been rescheduled, however, for Monday, 23rd November.

Please remember the very important rules around keeping your child at home if they are unwell - a child with flu symptoms does need a COVID test with a negative result before returning to the College. We also need written evidence of this result.

### WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Today we celebrate World Teachers' Day which has a theme this year of 'Teaching a Bright Future.' This is a day to celebrate and be proud of the important work that we do with our young people. We acknowledge all staff at St Edmund's on this day as we are all teachers of our students in so many different ways. We thank our staff, especially this year, for their efforts in ensuring education has continued for our students despite the many challenges.

Thank you to our parents for the wonderful messages and gifts that have been sent to staff today - they are all very appreciative of your kind gestures and thoughts.

A very big thank you to Janine Eastham and the Parent Group for the sweet treat and book marks provided to our staff during our morning tea. It was a fantastic way to end the week!

Rebecca Kirwan  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**





## Mission & Identity



On **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**, we have our fundraising Mufti day for Term 4. On this day, all funds raised will go to the Edmund Rice Foundation. We will be supporting their Best Foot Forward program aimed at providing education opportunities for women and girls all over the world.

Below is a quote from the Edmund Rice Foundation website:

“We believe all women and girls should have equal access to education. Sadly, right now they don't. We need your help to raise funds to empower women and girls through education.”

I'd like to share a short reflection from the Edmund Rice Foundation as we prepare for our fundraiser next week.

### **Short Reflection on Women and Prayer ...**

Around the world, women pray. They pray before God however they know him.

They pray for families and children and friends.

They pray for healing from sickness, for peace and patience in difficult times, for strength and forbearance.

They are moved by the plight of others and pray for relief and for justice.

They pray over the big issues – war and famine and disaster – and over the small things of everyday life.

In poor communities, women pray. They pray for food for hungry children, for water that won't make them sick, for schools so their children can learn – their sons and their daughters.

They pray that the rice harvest will be bountiful, the cow will give birth safely, their husband will find work today so there will be a meal this evening.

They pray for safety, from bombs, from violence and from disaster.

Please remember to send along a gold coin with your child in their Mufti clothes - you can add in some crazy socks if you have them! Next Tuesday: it is for a very worthy cause.

### **All I want for Christmas is an education!**

God Bless!

Terry O'Keefe

**Head of Mission & Identity**

**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.



## Curriculum Chat

### Semester 2 Reports

Reports for each student in Years 7-11 will be published on the Sentral Parent Portal on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00 p.m. These Reports give an overview of your child's learning and progress this semester, as well as strengths and areas to focus on next year. These Reports also give you a glimpse into some of the exciting experiences in lessons as well as your child's commitment to their own learning.

I encourage you to read these Reports with your children and help them reflect on the progress and achievements they have made in 2020. If you would like to request a printed copy of your child's Report, please contact Cathy Laing on [laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au).

The Parent Portal user guide is attached to this Newsletter. New users can register at <https://sentral.erses.nsw.edu.au/portal/register> and current parent portal users can login at <https://sentral.erses.nsw.edu.au/portal>. If you have questions about accessing the parent portal, please contact the College.

### Educational App of the Week - ePlatform by Wheelers Books

The College has a subscription for all students to access ebooks and audio books online. They can access these books through a variety of devices. I encourage you to use this subscription at home, perhaps in the upcoming holiday break!

#### What devices can you use ePlatform on?

**Apple devices** (e.g. iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch (requires iOS7 or higher))

Download the app from [Apple App Store](#).

**Android devices** (e.g. Galaxy Tab, Galaxy S, Galaxy Note, HTC devices)

Download the app from [Google Play](#).

**Windows tablets** (NOT Windows phones)

Download the app from [Windows store](#).

**Desktop or laptop** (PC or Mac)

Read via your browser or download reader software and create an Adobe ID. See our [guide to setting this up](#).

**Kobo eReader, Sony eReader or Nook eReader**

Download Adobe Digital Editions and create an Adobe ID. See our [guide to setting this up](#).

#### How do you read eBooks or listen to Audiobooks?

The simplest way to read eBooks or listen to audiobooks is to access the free ePlatform app. Through this app you can easily find your library (Edmund Rice Special Education Services), then access all your titles and read or listen to them via the browser – even if offline, all via your tablet or smartphone. The app can be accessed on an iPad, iPhone, Galaxy and most other devices:

1. Download the ePlatform app from the [Apple](#), [Google Play](#) or [Windows](#) app stores;
2. Look for the Edmund Rice Special Education Services library and log in - you'll only need to do this once;
3. Search for, borrow and read or listen to any book you want!

For more information on the app and where to download it from [read this app information](#). Both the ePlatform app and website allow eBooks to be read via the browser. This means users can read either online or offline and have access to a full range of display settings so they can customize their reading experience to match their preferences. For more on this see our [browser reader information](#). Audiobooks can be accessed just like the eBooks, but for offline listening, you will have to download the title first. To download an Audiobook you only need the ePlatform app - no extra software is required. After that you can listen to your Audiobook anywhere and anytime. A letter with the login details for students was sent home earlier in the year; if you need login details please email me [gilkes@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gilkes@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au). More information can be found on the website <https://erses.wheelers.co/help/faq>

Vivienne Gilkes  
Head of Teaching & Learning

# Around the College

## Congratulations boys!

Last week we received the wonderful news that two of our students had excelled at the Swimming NSW 2020 Multi-Class Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

**Matthew (Year 12)** smashed all his personal best times and came home with 3 gold medals in the 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke and a silver medal in the 50m Freestyle!



**Zac (Year 11)** received silver and bronze medals for the 100m and 50m Backstroke and also came 4th and 6th in the 100m and 50m Freestyle! Zac also received the David Mitchell Memorial Trophy for the Most Outstanding Cadet at the Presentation Night for the Mona Vale Surf Club. The values for the cadets are respect, inclusion and community and the President of the Club commented that Zac is a young man who displays these in spades, saying that he has brought a tremendous amount of energy, enthusiasm and spirit to the Club and its members are better as a result.



The students and staff at St Edmund's send our sincere congratulations to both Matthew and Zac on these outstanding achievements!

# Around the College

## Awards

### Students of the Week:

**7S** Parmida and Toby  
**8C** Christian and Sonnet  
**9F** Nathan and Mikayla  
**10J** Sarah and Piper  
**11G** Arabella and Mitch  
**12M** Archie and Sophia

**7T** Liam and Bradley  
**8L** Harry and Chris  
**9H** Lachie K and Mackenzie  
**10V** Lorelle and Niki  
**11T** Kori and Anant  
**12O** Jarvis and Zack

### Eddie's Best:

**7S** Lucy  
**8C** Kavya  
**9F** Sam  
**10J** Bianca  
**11G** Ryan  
**12M** Lachlan

**7T** Ella  
**8L** Harry  
**9H** Anna  
**10V** Claire  
**11T** Jayden  
**12O** Jack



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EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT OUT

*Save The Date* 2021

SATURDAY 17TH JULY  
Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills



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## Community News

### From the Parent Group

The busyness of Term 4 is certainly starting to set in and with November starting on Sunday, many will see this as the home stretch for 2020.

The whole College community celebrated World Teacher's Day today. On behalf of all the families at Eddie's, I would like to say to all the teachers and staff a very heartfelt and well deserved **thank you!**

We appreciate the effort and time it takes to prepare the day for our children and for the added extra care you provide to them so that they can feel comfortable and confident to learn. We acknowledge that some days are harder than others and we know more than anyone that those days exist. We thank you for always being present and for staying committed. We are grateful for providing a school environment that is safe, happy and welcoming so that our young children and young adults can be who they are and feel comfortable to learn. Happy World Teacher's Day!

A reminder that we are selling Gingerbread Houses this year as a way for Eddie's families to have a shared Christmas experience. No matter what age you are, young or old, male or female, everyone loves making a gingerbread house. Details to place an order are in [this](#) Newsletter. They are \$30.00 and orders need to be placed **by 5th November** so please complete your order now so you don't miss out.

Please don't forget about the free counselling to parents and family members. This is a unique opportunity for parents and carers to receive 10 x 50 minute one on one counselling. All sessions are completely confidential and the College does not know who takes up this opportunity. These sessions are also open to siblings of our students aged 16 years and over.

Enjoy the weeks ahead.

Janine Eastham  
(Tom's Mum)  
**Parent Group Leader**





Parents and Carers are invited to attend our

# DIGITAL PARENTING AND CYBER SAFETY WEBINAR

Presented by Leonie Smith, The Cyber Safety Lady, via Zoom

THE CYBER SAFETY



keeping you and your family safe online

Keeping Kids Safe Online

Parental controls

Tik Tok, Instagram, Snapchat,

Roblox, Fortnite, Minecraft

Cyber Bullying advice

Texting/Sexting

Screen Routines

Online 'friends'

Digital Reputation

Less Drama, more Fun!

[www.thecybersafetylady.com.au](http://www.thecybersafetylady.com.au)

**TUESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER 2020 • 7:00 - 8:30PM**

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS WEBINAR AND TO  
RECEIVE YOUR FREE E-BOOK**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_f06mUOtyRcmgVUxdnk95rw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_f06mUOtyRcmgVUxdnk95rw)

MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE THE E-BOOK

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email to join the webinar and coupon code for your free e-book.

**This is a free webinar for adults only due to the sensitive nature of the content.**



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Any enquiries, please contact Candice Palin on [palin@erses.nsw.edu.au](mailto:palin@erses.nsw.edu.au)



St Gabriel's  
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# 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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## Around the College - Important Dates

### Term 4

Tue 3rd Nov	Term 4 Mufti Day - see this Newsletter for details
Tue 3rd Nov	Term 4 Parent Group Meeting ( <b>online</b> )
Tue 17th Nov	Orientation Day
Fri 20th Nov	Abbotsleigh Concert ( <b>cancelled</b> )
Fri 27th Nov	Year 12 Graduation Formal ( <b>proceeding</b> )
Tue 1st Dec	Presentation Ceremony ( <b>new format - to be filmed</b> )
Fri 4th Dec	Year 7 Immunisation
Wed 9th Dec	Year 12 Farewell Mass
Wed 9th Dec	Last day of Term 4

## Absentees

If your child is absent from the College for any reason during term time:

- ⇒ Please phone Mrs Acret in the College office or email: [secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au) on the first morning your child is absent so that the Homeroom teacher can be advised; and
- ⇒ A written note (or email) must accompany your child when he/she returns to the College - this is a legal requirement for the class roll.

## Requesting Leave during College term (for any reason)

It is expected that every endeavor is made for students' leave to be taken during the College holidays. If however, this is not possible, a request should be:

- ⇒ Emailed to Mr Franzin on [franzin@erses.nsw.edu.au](mailto:franzin@erses.nsw.edu.au) asking for permission and giving the reason for the leave. The necessary form will be emailed back to you to be completed and returned to the College. Mr Franzin will respond to your email, copying in the Homeroom teacher and Mrs Acret. This is also a legal requirement for the class roll.



## Community News

### For Sale:

- ⇒ Fantastic 3 wheeler adult bike (owned by a former St Edmund's student)
- ⇒ Excellent condition (hardly used)
- ⇒ \$220.00
- ⇒ Please contact Karla on 0402 065 650





# Parent User Guide – Sentral Academic Reports

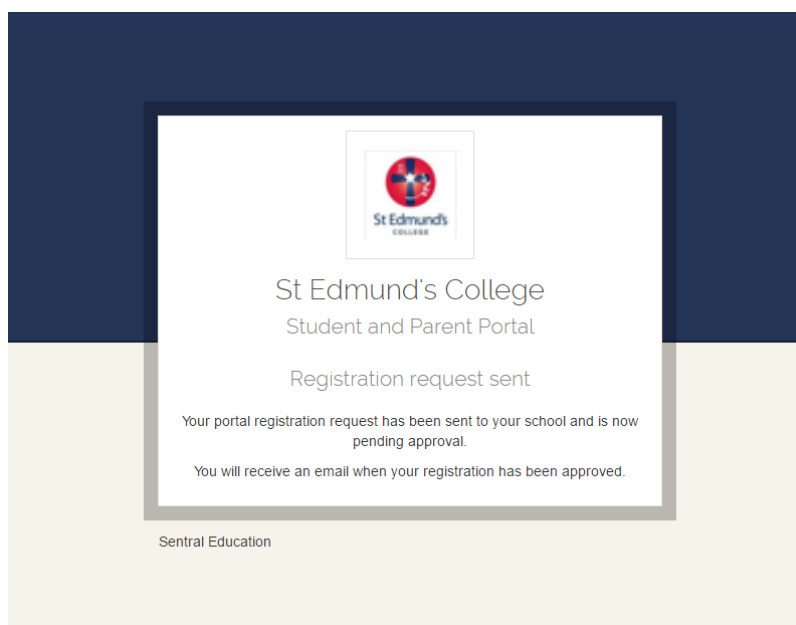
The Sentral Parent Portal provides online access for parents to a range of information specific to their child including their timetable, attendance records, the College calendar and reporting. This guide outlines the steps needed to access the student reports.

## **New Users**

1. Open your browser (e.g. Chrome/ Firefox/Internet Explorer) and go to <https://sentral.erses.nsw.edu.au/portal/register>
2. Use your email address as a username and fill in the other required details to create your account.

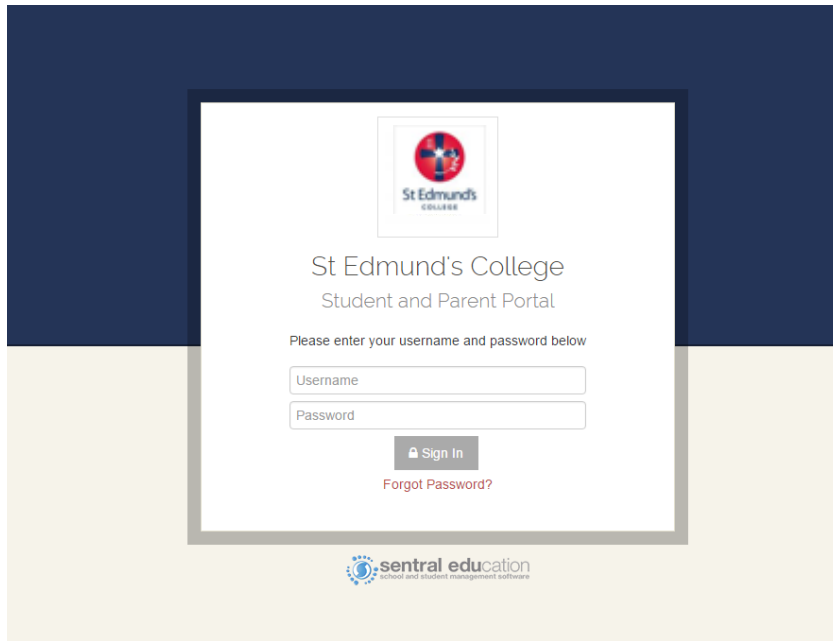
A screenshot of the registration form for the St Edmund's College Parent Portal. The form is titled "St Edmund's College Create a Portal User Account" and includes fields for Username (with a note "MUST BE A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS"), Password (with a note "MUST BE AT LEAST 8 CHARACTERS"), Password (Confirm) (with a note "PLEASE CONFIRM PASSWORD"), Title (a dropdown menu), First Name (with a note "PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FIRST NAME"), and Surname (with a note "PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR SURNAME"). A "Create your Account" button is located at the bottom of the form.

3. You will then see a screen which looks like the one below – wait for your approval email from the school. This may take 24-48 hours.

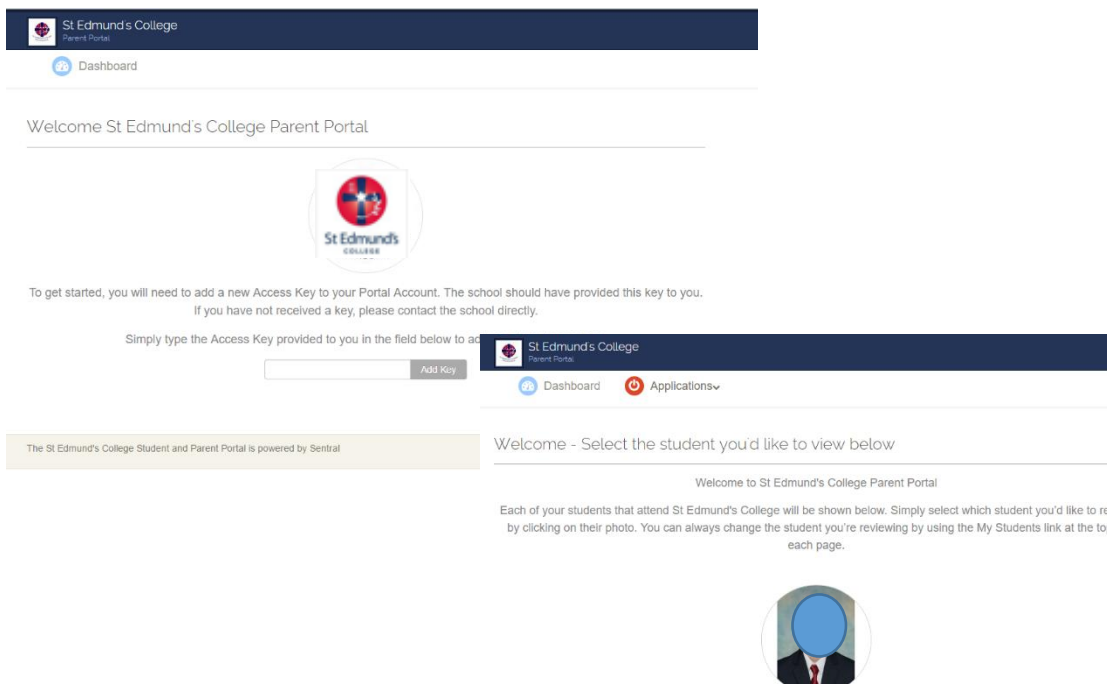




- Once you have received the email confirming your registration, use your web browser again and go to <https://sentral.erses.nsw.edu.au/portal> Log in using the username and password you created earlier.

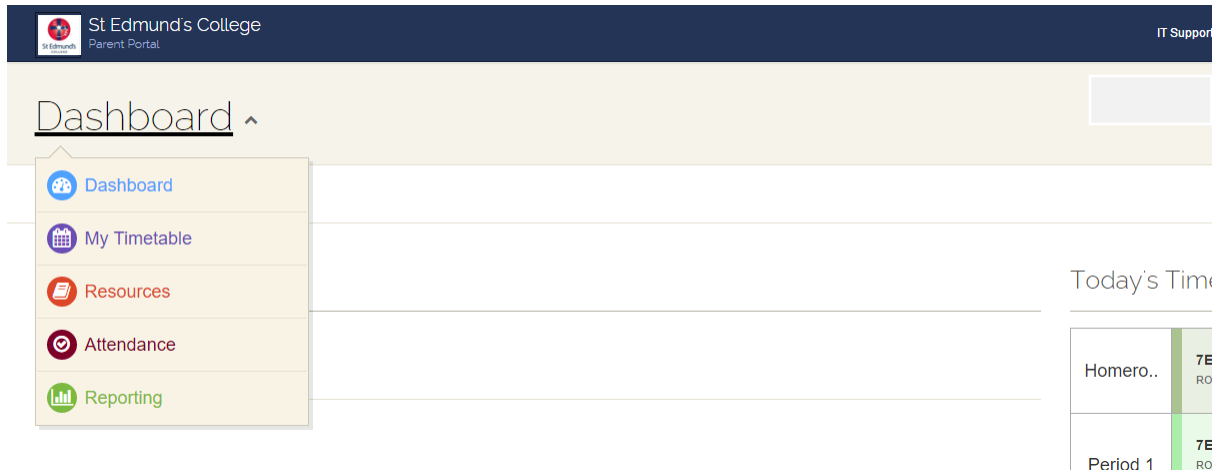


- You will then be prompted to add your child to your account by entering an Access Key. This Access Key was provided in both letters sent to you during this Semester and consists of letters and numbers e.g. **JZZ45m22jF**. Your child's photo will appear when you have successfully linked your account.

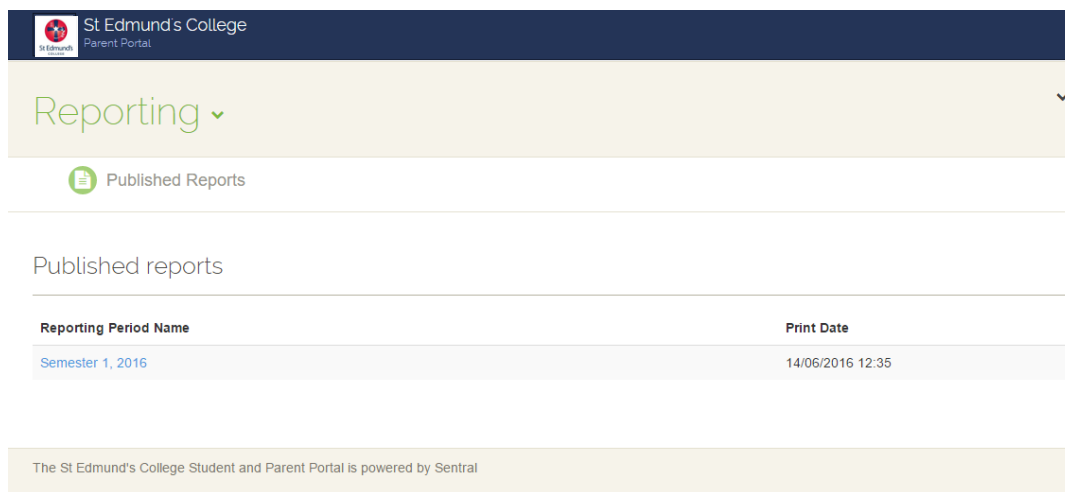




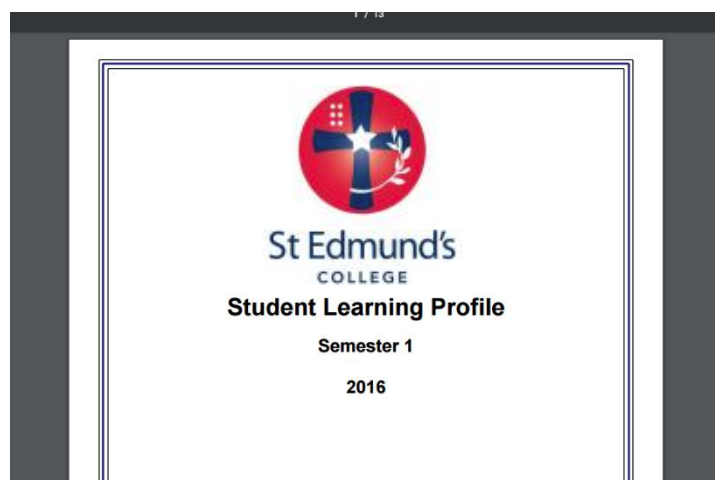
- Click on the photograph of your child and you will see the 'dashboard.' Click on the word 'Dashboard' and you will see the drop down menu below. Select 'Reporting.'



- The published report will appear once released and you will see as below:



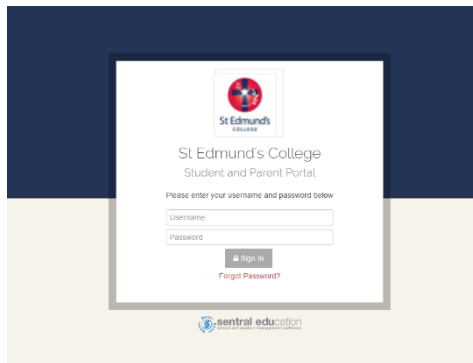
- Once you click on 'Semester 1, 2016', a PDF file will open and you will be able to view the report.



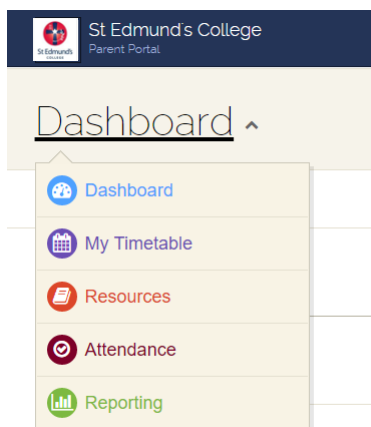


## Registered Users

1. Open your browser (e.g. Chrome/ Firefox/Internet Explorer) and go to <https://sentral.erses.nsw.edu.au/portal/>



2. Click on the photograph of your child and you will see the 'dashboard.' Click on the word 'Dashboard' and you will see the drop down menu below. Select 'Reporting.'



3. The published report will appear once released and you will see as below:



4. Once you click on 'Semester 1, 2018', a PDF file will open and you will be able to view the report.



## GINGERBREAD HOUSES

This year the Parent Group thought it would be fun to celebrate Christmas as a School community by making Gingerbread Houses.

With social gatherings being restricted, we are having to run this activity a little differently than first planned earlier this year.

So we are selling Gingerbread House packs to families, sourced from  
**Gingerbread Folk**



**COST per pack : \$30.00**

**Includes: baseboard, gingerbread house parts, cellophane, ribbon, prefilled piping bag of Royal Icing**

**Selection – Original/Chocolate/Gluten Free**  
*(NB: provide your own lollies for decorating)*

**ALL HOUSES ARE EGG-FREE, DAIRY FREE, NUT FREE, and PALM OIL FREE.**

**Please complete the attached form and return to the School Office by 5 November for your order to be processed.**

This year gingerbread houses will need to be assembled at home. However, we would love for you to send us photos of your completed houses so that we can share them.

Gingerbread houses are easy to assemble and instructions are provided  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpX7lViaTkg&ab\\_channel=GingerbreadFolk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpX7lViaTkg&ab_channel=GingerbreadFolk)

For any enquiries, please contact Janine Eastham (Tom's mum) on 0412 779 580





# GINGERBREAD HOUSE

## ORDER FORM

To place an order, please fill out this order form and return to the College office or via email to Wendy on [scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au). If cash or cheque, please send order form with this in an envelope with your child.

Please ensure your order is placed **by 5/11/2020** to avoid disappointment.

Student/Family Name: .....

Student's Class: .....

Best contact number:.....

### CHRISTMAS GINGERBREAD HOUSE




Take a gingerbread house kit home to enjoy with the family and create a tradition that children will treasure. A joyous, creative activity...Keep and enjoy or give as a gift!

Gingerbread Kits include everything required to build your gingerbread creation including gingerbread parts, baseboard + piping bag, royal icing, cellophane and ribbon. Add your own lollies.

- Delicious gingerbread made with the finest pure ingredients
- All natural and free from added colours, flavours and preservatives
- All products are dairy, egg-free & nut free
- Gluten free option same price!
- Gingerbread Folk products are made in Sydney's Blue Mountains

For more information about the supplier and product nutritional details, please view product info at [www.gingerbreadfolk.com.au](http://www.gingerbreadfolk.com.au)



	Qty	Price Each	Total Price
<b>TRADITIONAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE KIT</b>			
		\$	\$
<b>GLUTEN FREE GINGERBREAD HOUSE KIT</b>			
		\$	\$
<b>CHOCOLATE GINGERBREAD HOUSE KIT</b>			
		\$	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$

Method of Payment  Credit Card  Cash (*enclosed*)  Cheque (*enclosed*)  
 For Credit card

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return to Wendy in the College Office or email [scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au). All orders will be sent home with your child by end of November. **THANK YOU**