



St Edmund's College

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Newsletter

Term 1, Week 1,
5th February 2021



Principal's Message ...

The energetic buzz in the yard on Monday as school resumed signalled the students were ready to move on from the Christmas break. It was great to see the College come alive again in what has been a smooth start to the year.

Welcome back to returning students and a special welcome to new students and families to St Edmund's. I hope your child is starting to make new friends and feeling at home and has responded well to the different routines that secondary schooling brings and is feeling a sense of belonging.

Building Update

You would have noticed the significant amount of work which was completed over the Christmas break. The College site is now operational with students able to access both general learning spaces and specialist areas to ensure the curriculum can be delivered. I wish to thank the staff for their extraordinary effort in making sure learning spaces were ready prior to the students' return and to the Maintenance team for preparing our College in readiness for the year ahead.

One area that has been affected is the Commercial Kitchen. Water has penetrated this area when the concrete slab above was exposed. The builders have a solution and are currently working on this to rectify the problem. Hospitality students will temporarily be using the Canteen but will move back into the Commercial Kitchen in readiness for their classes next Thursday and Friday. Please note that our Domestic Kitchen has not been affected and classes continue as usual in this area.

The builders will continue to work closely with the College to ensure minimal disruption to teaching and learning and provide advance warning should our normal routines need adjusting. Information will be provided to students and families during these occasions.

EREA Student Leaders' Conference

In January, 90 students from EREA schools across Australia and New Zealand gathered via a Zoom meeting including the two St Edmund's College Captains, Anant and Kori. This was a great experience for our two Captains who represented St Edmund's College admirably. I thank Rebecca Kirwan for her support and assistance on this day.

Opening College Mass

We thank Fr Paul Durkin for leading our Opening College Mass today. This was Fr Paul's first visit to St Edmund's College having only recently moved to Holy Name Parish this year from St Agatha's. We look forward to welcoming Fr Paul to our College community on a more regular basis and to our students engaging with the Holy Name parish throughout the year.

Eddie's Big Night In

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have had to adjust our program for this event. Given the restrictions with the numbers of adults on site we will conduct an online zoom meeting for all families on Tuesday 16th February which will be followed with Year level face to face Parent/Teacher meetings being held over a number of nights. Further information will be forwarded to you in the coming days and I strongly encourage parents to attend both the online and face-to-face component of our parent/teacher evenings.

Principal's Message continued ...

Staffing Update

We welcome **Regina Renfree** who replaces Ellana Hickman, taking on the full-time permanent Teacher Aide position. Regina has previously worked at Easylink, providing support to people with disabilities with travel training. Prior to this, Regina was employed at Guide Dogs and held positions as Team Manager, Regional Manager and Psychologist/Trainee O&M Specialist. Regina has qualifications in BSc Psychology, Diploma of Counselling and Orientation and Mobility.

We also welcome **Sharon Eldridge** who has been appointed to the position of Creative Arts Coordinator replacing Margriet Shaw-Taylor who retired last year. Sharon previously held the position of Leader of Learning Dance, Drama and Music at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta and has held this position since 2014. She has also held the position of Pastoral Leader at OLMC as well as Music and Special Education Teacher at Jack Tizard SLD School, London. On behalf of the College, I warmly welcome Regina and Sharon to St Edmund's.



Mrs Sharon Eldridge
Coordinator Creative Arts
9E Homeroom Teacher



Mrs Regina Renfree
Teacher's Aide
Class 11J

Over the Christmas break, Mr. Jon McMahon informed me of his intention to resign from his position as PDHPE Coordinator. Mr. McMahon has been appointed to the position of PDHPE Teacher at St Augustine's College commencing on 26th February. I know this was not an easy decision for Mr. McMahon given his work at both St Edmund's and St Gabriel's over the past two years but the need for him to move back to the mainstream in a community with a vibrant cocurricular program was too good an opportunity for him to pass up. We will have an opportunity to farewell Mr. McMahon prior to his departure to thank him for his dedicated service and commitment to both school communities.

External Therapy

A gentle reminder that all external therapy sessions must be conducted outside of timetabled lessons so as not to impact on teaching and learning and ensure students complete the required hours of each of their courses of study. Once-off appointments are acceptable and need to be approved by the Deputy Principal but any ongoing sessions must be scheduled at alternative times and this includes pick up and drop off times. Thank you for your support with this matter and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to make contact with the Deputy Principal – Mrs. Rebecca Kirwan.

Condolances: Nadia Lolas

I received the sad news during the break that a former student of St. Edmund's, Nadia Lolas, passed away suddenly. Nadia will be sadly missed and is remembered for her love of her family and friends, her exceptional artistic talents and bubbly personality. There are many staff here at St Edmund's who fondly remember Nadia, her Mum, Susan, Dad, Elias and sister, Katie. Please pray for Nadia and keep her family in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

We also keep the students and staff of Studio Artes in our thoughts and prayers where Nadia has attended on a daily basis over the past 12 years.

This painting of St Edmund's was done by Nadia from memory, a few years after she had left the College.

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Jon Franzin
PRINCIPAL





Deputy Principal's Message ...

Welcome back to another full year of learning here at St Edmund's. The students have settled in well and seem to be learning new routines and timetables quite quickly. Please check the Important Dates in this Newsletter to keep you up-to-date with what is upcoming in our action-packed College calendar in the year ahead. It is important to review this from time to time as there could be changes occurring due to COVID restrictions.

Communication

A key element in helping your child succeed at school is communication between you and your child's teachers.

Class Dojo: I encourage all parents to ensure they are connected to Class Dojo where, during the term, we will share information regarding events and changes at school. You will also be able to view items which teachers share about learning taking place in classrooms in various subjects. If you are unsure about how to connect, please feel free to contact Vivienne Gilkes, Head of Teaching and Learning on email gilkes@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Email: The use of contact by email is encouraged and staff can be contacted by using their surname at the beginning of the email. For example; kirwan@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au Please feel free to make contact with staff should you have any questions or concerns.

Student Leaders' Conference

I was extremely impressed with our College Captains, Kori and Anant, who attended the EREA Student Leaders' Conference via zoom during the holidays. This Conference was attended by all the school captains from all EREA schools across Australia and New Zealand and both boys enjoyed participating and were enthusiastic in their approach to the sessions.



Buddy Program

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who were eager to welcome the new students who have started at St Edmund's this year. It was wonderful to see the engagement between both year groups and our Year 12 students showed maturity and leadership as they encouraged our newest arrivals to the College on their first day.



Rebecca Kirwan
Deputy Principal



Mission and Identity

Reflection – Seeing with eyes of the heart

Sometimes you can see a whole lot of things just by looking. Mostly we do a whole lot of looking without really seeing much. Seeing implies more than having good eyesight. Our eyes can be wide open and we can be seeing very little. In the Gospels, we see Jesus perform a number of healings. He heals lame people, deaf people, mute people and people with leprosy. What's important to see in these various miracles is that, almost always, there's more at issue than mere physical healing. Jesus is healing people in a deeper way; that is, he is healing the lame so that they can walk in freedom and in service of God. He is healing the deaf so that they can hear the Good News. He is healing the mute so that they can open their mouths in praise.

We see this most clearly at those times when Jesus heals people who are blind. He's giving them more than just physical sight; he's opening their eyes so that they can see more deeply, but that's only an image. How might it be unpackaged? How can the grace and teachings of Jesus help us to see in a deeper way? Here are some suggestions:

- ◇ By shifting our eyes from seeing through familiarity to seeing through wonder. G.K. Chesterton once affirmed that familiarity is the greatest of all illusions and that the secret to life is to learn to look at things familiar until they look unfamiliar again. We open our eyes to depth when we open ourselves to wonder.
- ◇ By shifting our eyes from seeing through paranoia and self-protection to seeing through metanoia and nurture. It is not incidental that the first word out of Jesus' mouth in the Synoptic Gospels is the word "metanoia", a word that opposes itself to "paranoia". We open our eyes to depth when we shift from a posture of self-protection to a posture of nurture.
- ◇ By shifting our eyes from seeing through jealousy to seeing through admiration. Our perception becomes distorted whenever we move from the happy state of admiration to the unhappy state of envy. Our eyesight is clear when we delight in admiration.
- ◇ By shifting our eyes from seeing through bitterness to seeing through eyes purified and softened by grief. The root of bitterness is wound and the way out of bitterness is grieving. Tears clear our eyesight because they soften a heart hardened by wound.
- ◇ By shifting our eyes from seeing through relevance to seeing through contemplation. Our longing for relevance makes us look out at the world with restless, dissatisfied eyes. We practise mindfulness and see the richness of the present moment only when our disquiet is stilled by solitude.
- ◇ By shifting our eyes from seeing through anger to seeing through forgiveness. Nothing taints our eyesight as much as anger. It's the most debilitating of all cataracts. And nothing cleanses our vision as much as forgiveness. Nobody holding a grudge sees straight.
- ◇ By shifting our eyes from seeing through longing and hunger to seeing through gratitude. Longing and hunger distort our vision. Gratitude restores it. It enables insight. The most grateful person you know has the best eyesight of all the people you know. Love is the eye! Seeing straight has more dimensions than we normally imagine.

Mission & Identity Activities

We begin a new year with a multitude of opportunities. Within our Identity and Mission, we seek to bring to life the person of Jesus Christ and the vision of Blessed Edmund Rice. We do this by engaging all within our community to connect to our story whether it is through one's head, heart or hands. Our calendar for the year contains various activities for each of us to connect and I am very excited to continue to build upon the wonderful work that has shared and celebrated our story.

A letter of invitation was sent home to families this week regarding Sacraments of Initiation. If you are Catholic and would like your child to receive any of these Sacraments please complete the form and return it to the College office.

Jason Scanlon
Assistant Principal
Religious Identity & Mission

Mission and Identity continued ...

TERM 1	EVENT
27	INDUCTION LITURGY
28	STAFF MASS
5 FEB	OPENING COLLEGE MASS
17 FEB	ASH WEDNESDAY
23 FEB	THE DISH
15 MAR	HARMONY DAY
19 MAR	YR 7 SPIRITUALITY DAY
1 APR	HOLY WEEK LITURGY
TERM 2	
23 APR	ANZAC DAY LITURGY
5 MAY	BL. EDMUND RICE DAY MASS
7 MAY	MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY
25 MAY	THE DISH
28 MAY	YR 9 SPIRITUALITY DAY – MacKillop Place & St Mary's Cathedral
TERM 3	
6 AUG	YR 10 SPIRITUALITY DAY
10 AUG	ASSUMPTION MASS
24 AUG	THE DISH
27 AUG	SENIOR WINTER SLEEP OUT
3 SEPT	YR 8 SPIRITUALITY DAY
3 Sept	FATHER'S DAY LITURGY
15-17 SEPT	SENIOR RETREAT
TERM 4	
26 OCT	THE DISH
1-2 NOV	All Saints/Souls day
11 NOV	REMEMBRANCE LITURGY
3 DEC	YR 12 GRAD/END OF YEAR MASS
5 DEC	DIOCESE DISABILITY MASS
7 DEC	ERSES STAFF MASS



Administration - The College Timetable

A big welcome back to the 2021 school year and the warmest of welcomes to our new parents who are joining our College community. Hopefully at St Edmund's you will find support, develop friendships and feel involved as a partner in your child's education.

For our new Year 7 students, the first few weeks can be daunting with new people and learning a completely different routine. Within our high school setting, your child will experience a wide curriculum with many new subjects and be taught by several different teachers throughout the day. Each lesson, the teachers and students will be supported by a number of different teachers' aides. The lessons will also take place in a number of different classrooms including specialty classrooms such as Science, Music or Art. With the building works, we have endeavored to minimise the amount of movement around the College for all classes.

My responsibility as Head of Administration it is to coordinate the timetabling team, liaise with teachers and aides to support the Principal and College Executive as well as to organise the timetable with replacement staff when scheduled staff are absent.

Our College is structured with two classes with up to 11 students to each Year group from Year 7 to Year 12. The classes are supported by a Homeroom teacher and a Homeroom aide. Communication with your Homeroom teacher is via email or Class DoJo. Phone conversations are also important and these can be scheduled with notice. If you have a query or concern, usually the Homeroom teacher is your first point of contact. Below are the Homeroom teachers and aides for 2021:

- 7F: Mark Fawkner and Genevieve Funk
- 7V: Diana van Esch and Katie Peacock
- 8T: Tracey Snell and Catherine Heuzenroeder/Amanda Keegan
- 8S: Eva Southern and Lynda Grogan
- 9C: Teresa Cox and Emma Fotheringham
- 9E: Sharon Eldridge and Lisa Stokes/Sarah Inglis
- 10O: Terry O'Keefe and Julie Modra
- 10M: Sheena Macdonald and Janine Brackenreg
- 11J: Ben James and Regina Renfree/Sangeeta Gupta
- 11S: Carl Southern and Zoe Starkey
- 12G: Vivienne Gilkes and Lisa O'Neil
- 12L: Victoria Lee and Julie MacPherson

Our College day starts at 8.30 a.m. with 15 minutes for Homeroom, which is a time for prayer, for preparation of the day ahead as well as a time to share news from home. The curriculum is taught over 5 periods of 60 minutes per day with a recess of 30 minutes between periods 2 and 3 and a lunch break of 30 minutes before period 5. College ends with a brief Homeroom, after which students go home independently, with parents or carers or by taxi.

Timetables for Term 1 should have been sent home with your child and you can request a copy via email from your Homeroom teacher. The timetable, together with regular posts on Class DoJo from your child's Homeroom and subject teachers, should help foster conversations at home about the day and prepare for the next, enabling you to feel included in your child's learning experience.

Tiffany Hosken
Head of Administration



Around the College - Important Dates

Term 1

Fri 5th Feb	Opening College Mass
Fri 12th Feb	Term 1 College Disco (<i>cancelled for Term 1</i>)
Tue 16th Feb	Eddie's Big Night In via evening Zoom meeting
Wed 17th Feb	Year 8 Parent/Teacher meeting on site
Thu 18th Feb	Year 7 Parent/Teacher meeting on site
Mon 22nd Feb	Year 9 Parent/Teacher meeting on site
Tue 23rd Feb	Year 12 Parent/Teacher meeting on site
Wed 24th Feb	Year 11 Parent/Teacher meeting on site
Thu 25th Feb	Year 10 Parent/Teacher meeting on site
Tue 2nd Mar	Term 1 Mufti Day
Tue 9th Mar	Open Day via evening Zoom meeting
Tue 9th Mar	Personalised Planning Meetings (<i>details to be advised</i>)
Tue 16th Mar	Personalised Planning Meetings (<i>details to be advised</i>)
Tue 23rd Mar	Term 1 Parent Group Meeting
Wed 31st Mar	2020 Year 12 Reunion (pizza night)
Thu 9th Apr	Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Mon 19th Apr	First day of Term 2 for students and staff
Wed 21st Apr	Year 7 immunisation
Fri 23rd Apr	ANZAC Day Ceremony
Tue 4th May	College photos
Wed 5th May	Blessed Edmund Rice Day celebrations
Fri 7th May	Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy
Wed 12th May	Year 10 Immunisation
Fri 14th May	Term 2 College Disco
Tue 25th May	Term 2 Mufti Day
Wed 2nd - Fri 4th Jun	Years 7 & 8 Camp
<i>Fri 11th Jun</i>	<i>Staff Day (pupil free day)</i>
<i>Mon 14th Jun</i>	<i>Queen's Birthday public holiday</i>
Wed 16th Jun	Term 2 Parent Group Meeting
Fri 18th Jun	Leadership Assembly
Fri 18th Jun	Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Mon 12th Jul	First day of Term 3 for students and staff
Sat 17th Jul	Eddie's Big Night Out (Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills)
Tue 3rd Aug	Subject Selection Evening
Fri 6th Aug	Term 3 College Disco
Tue 17th Aug	Term 3 Mufti Day
<i>Fri 13th Aug</i>	<i>Staff Day (pupil free day)</i>
Fri 3rd Sep	Father's Day Breakfast
Tue 7th Sep	Term 3 Parent Group Meeting
Thu 9th Sep	St Edmund's Golf Day
Fri 10th Sep	Eddie's Got Talent
Wed 15th - Fri 17th Sep	Senior Retreat
Fri 17th Sep	Last day of Term 3

Term 4

<i>Mon 4th Oct</i>	<i>Public Holiday</i>
Tue 5th Oct	First day of Term 4 for students and staff
Fri 22nd Oct	Term 4 College Disco
Tue 2nd Nov	Term 4 Mufti Day
Wed 10th Nov - Fri 12th Nov	Nov Years 9 & 10 Camp
Tue 23rd Nov	Term 4 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 10th Nov	Orientation Day
Fri 19th Nov	Abbotsleigh Concert
Fri 26th Nov	Year 12 Graduation Formal
Tue 30th Nov	Presentation Ceremony
Fri 3rd Dec	Year 12 Farewell Mass
Fri 3rd Dec	Last day of Term 4

Around the College

Congratulations and Awards Well Deserved!

Two members of our St Edmund's community received very well deserved Awards. We are very proud of their achievements and are thrilled that they have been recognized for such outstanding work.

Mr Perry Gilsenan:

Dad to Grace (Year 12) - Perry received the 2021 Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his unwavering support and dedication to the Down Syndrome community.

Perry established the annual Scrapheap Adventure Ride fundraising event which raised an amazing \$115,131 in 2019 - a record breaking tally lifting the 10 year contribution to over \$800,000. The ride had to be postponed last year due to COVID-19 but it is hoped it will be able to proceed in October this year. With Perry's unswerving passion and dedication, the host communities for the ride destination embrace the event and band together with the riders and their supporters to form a passionate and caring network for each other and people with Down Syndrome while raising much needed funds.

For more information regarding the 2021 Scrapheap Adventure Ride please go to: www.scrapheapadventureride.com.au



Major Ian Carter:

Most of our St Edmund's community will know Major Carter from his appearances at our end of year Presentation Ceremonies. He presents the Long Tan Youth Leadership Awards to our students on behalf of the Australian Defence Force.

Ian and his family have also awarded a Year 11 student each year with the Mary Rose Award - in recognition of their solid demonstration of fairness, honesty, respect and moral courage.

In January Ian was named Adult Citizen of the Year for the City of Parramatta for his passionate work as an advocate for suicide prevention and positive mental health support in the local community. Ian shares his experiences and actively contributes to the development of initiatives that aim to reduce the stigma around mental health and improve treatment and awareness.



Around the College

Good luck Zane

Zane (Year 9) is doing the Krazi Kosci Klimb with his own team walking approximately 19km on 13th February.

This is a fundraiser for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance who helped Zane progress from barely walking to now running 8.5km so fast that his family can barely keep up with him!

To donate to this wonderful organization that has helped Zane so much along with many other families, please go to

<https://contact.cerebralpalsy.org.au/t/j-l-ciiadt-ijtuljhwh-y/> Zofrea family.



Congratulations Jackson

Over the holidays we heard from a former student, Jackson, that he has secured a position in a law firm. Thank you for sharing your photos with us Jackson - the St Edmund's community is extremely happy for you and very proud of your success.



Off to Work

Great to see our 2020 Year 12 students on their first day of work. Hope you all enjoyed your day!



Get Well Lachie

Thinking of our classmate, Lachie C from 11S who has undergone surgery this week. We wish you well and hope that you have a full and speedy recovery and we look forward to having you back at school soon.



Around the College

Congratulations to our 2021 College Leaders

College Captains:

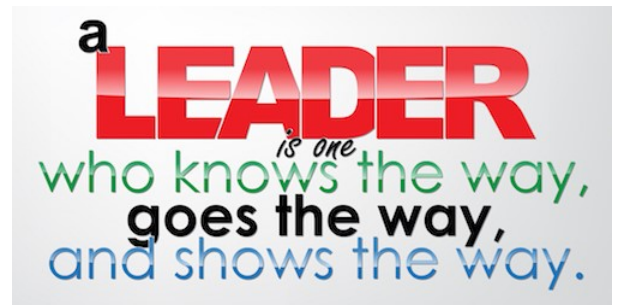
Anant Kapoor
Kori Chung

College Vice Captains:

Ben Tregale
Angelica Mudbidri

College Student Voice:

Jesse Hughes



College House Captains:

Mount Sion (white)	Shontelle Joseph
Waterford (green)	Corey Lipovac
Kilkenny (blue)	Grace Gilsenan
Callan (red)	Kiara Misciagna

Interesting Information

2021 will see some doubling up of names for our students. These students will be identified with their first name and the first initial of their surname in the Newsletter:

- 3 x Christians/Krish – Christian V, Christian R, and Krish
- 2 x Nathans – Nathan V and Nathan A
- 3 x Lachlan/Lachie – Lachie J, Lachie C and Lachie K
- 2 x Michaela/Mikayla – Michaela G and Mikayla H
- 4 x Bens – Ben T, Ben M, Ben P and Ben W
- 2 x Samuels – Samuel B and Sam L
- 2 x Ryans – Ryan W and Ryan M
- 2 x Kori/Coreys – Kori C and Corey L
- 2 x Angelicas – Angelica M and Angelica H
- 2 x Seans – Sean D and Sean Y
- 2 x Lukes – Luke L and Luke B
- 2 x Thomas – Tom E and Tom P
- 2 x Ellas – Ella P and Ella T
- 2 x Alexanders – Alexander S and Alexander P
- 2 x Brendans – Brendan J and Brendan W



Around the College



St Edmund's is an 'Allergy Aware Zone'

To minimise the risk of allergic reactions at St Edmund's, the College supports the 'Allergy Aware' approach. Please do not send any foods containing nuts to the College with your child. For packaged items, the ingredients are listed on the packaging.

College bell times in 2021

Please remember:

- ◆ School commences at 8.30 a.m. and
- ◆ School concludes at 3.00 p.m.

Please note that at 8.30 a.m. during Homeroom our day commences with the College prayer. It is therefore appreciated that all students arrive on time.



Absentees

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

- ⇒ Please phone Mrs Acret in the College office or email: 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 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.



Around the College

Mobile phones, iPads and iPods

All mobile phones, iPads and iPods that come to the College **must** be handed into the office in the morning on arrival at the College. They can then be collected in the afternoon as students leave for their taxis or parent pick up. They should not remain in school bags or pockets during the day.

All mobile phones, iPads and iPods, earphones etc. **must be placed in their own individual pouch/case and labeled with your child's name** (something similar to a pencil case) to make them easily identifiable when they are all laid out for collection. Many of these items are the same for several students and have gone home with the wrong student, causing great distress.

Name Tags

Please label **all** items of clothing and all other belongings (e.g. lunch boxes, drink bottles, pencil cases, soccer balls, socks and even shoes). Lost property items are kept for a **short** period in the office. Please email Mrs Acret in the office if you have a missing item: secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au.

Newsletter

The College Newsletter will be distributed by email to parents every alternate week. It is also uploaded on the College website www.stedmunds.nsw.edu.au.

Vehicle and Pedestrian access to the College

In order to make the entry to the College as safe as possible for all school users, we would like to separate vehicle and pedestrian access as much as possible.

When walking into and out of the College, please use the pedestrian gate rather than walking in through the vehicle gate as shown in the photos below.



Around the College

From the Parent Group



Welcome back everyone and a very warm welcome to our new families. We hope you and your child have settled in well to St Edmund's. Christmas was disappointingly different to what we expected for all of us but especially for our families in the Northern Beaches. We do hope that you were all able to find some joy in your Christmas and holiday break.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our gingerbread houses. We have had some lovely feedback and some photos are in this Newsletter. Thank you for sending them in. We will look to do this again this year.

The College looks very different. It is exciting that our school is undergoing changes that are going to see our learning spaces become more diverse and more open. However with change comes challenges for our kids. If you are finding that your child is experiencing anxieties around the changes please remember to communicate these with your Homeroom teacher.

We will still be holding our traditional Eddie's Big Night In (EBNI) however due to building works and COVID restrictions it will be held in a different format. More details are in [this](#) Newsletter. I encourage all parents to attend where possible as this is a valuable night to meet your teacher and to be updated with what is planned for the year ahead.

Our first Parent Group Meeting will be held on **23rd March**. The format of this is to be confirmed. Parent Group meetings are held once a term and are focused on information topics that are relevant to our children and families. Please look for notifications regarding our meetings and participate when you can [as they too are a](#) great way to meet each other and to access some great tools to assist us.

As mentioned last year we are still able to access the NSW grant that was issued to our schools. The grant is providing free counselling to parents and family members of [students of St Edmund's](#). 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 St Edmund's does not know who is accessing the service. These sessions are also open to siblings of our students who are 16 years and over. This opportunity is valid until May 2021. There is more information in the Newsletter. If there are new families who would like more information please feel free to contact Candice Palin at palin@erses.nsw.edu.au

We know that there are many of you who have your own businesses in our community. This year we will be putting together a Business Directory that supports our parent community and those that support our school. We think that this will be a wonderful tool to be able to use services that we can trust, whilst supporting those we know.

Hope you all enjoy the first term.

Janine Eastham – Tom's mum
Parent Group Leader



*"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says
I'm Possible!"*

Audrey Hepburn

**Gingerbread houses equaled
happy faces at Christmas!**

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'



St Gabriel's
SCHOOL



St Edmund's
COLLEGE

Around the College

Canteen Roster

Please see our Canteen Menu attached to this Newsletter

DATE	YEAR	NAME
2.2.20		NO CANTEEN
9.2.20		Sharon Gillett Wendy Scott
16.2.20	8	Samantha Gojak Con or Cordelia Kalantzis Suzie Moran Audrey Yim
23.2.20	11	Frances Bull Kerry Pickford Kerry Soussou
2.3.20	7	Suzanne Casey Georgia Hicks Tessa Tobin
9.3.20	9	Karen Neville Juliet Phelps Felicity Taylor Anne-Maree Zofrea
16.3.20	10	Sabrina Forte Marie Martin Dale Winckel
23.3.20	7 & 8	Lucy Jessup Paula Rofail Sanh Duong Angela Roberts
30.3.20	10	Maria Burwood Sally Carson Therese Yeung

College Disco dates

Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 restrictions that are in place, there will be *no Disco at St Edmund's for Term 1*. We will keep you informed as to whether the below dates can go ahead later in the year.

Term 2 Friday 14th May
Term 3 Friday 6th August
Term 4 Friday 22nd October



Around the College



Book Club LOOP

for Parents


LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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Book Club LOOP


The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!




Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?


LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!





Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP** and register today!





DON'T FORGET!





Book Club

orders are due:

Friday 19th February 2021

The Dish

What do we need?



We are looking for members of our parent community to volunteer to help us in 2021 to supply dinner to the homeless people of our local community.

Our rostered days for this year are:

Tuesday 23rd February - Term 1

Tuesday 25th May - Term 2

Tuesday 24th August - Term 3

Tuesday 26th October - Term 4

What is involved?

- ♦ We need **two main courses** and **two desserts** prepared and delivered to school on the set Tuesdays (see above).
- ♦ Each dish should be able to feed about **10 people**. Some of the people attending have poor dental health and so the meals should not be too hard to chew (pizza and steak are not recommended) so this often includes casseroles, sausages, meatballs and sometimes baked meals. Last year we supplied meatball and sausage casseroles and some very special butter chicken.
- ♦ Mains are complemented with potato based dishes, pasta or rice. Green vegetables served are appreciated by most.

If you are interested, ***please complete the slip below and return to Bernie in the College office*** and she will allocate you to a date. If you have a specific date in mind, please inform Bernie and she will roster you for that date. Also indicate whether you will be providing a main or a dessert.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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THE DISH

I _____ am interested in providing some food for 'The Dish' in 2021.

I will be able to provide (please tick which box applies)

☐ a dessert course

☐ a main course

☐ I am available **any date**

☐ I am **only available on this date**



St Edmund's College

EXCELLENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

INVITATION

**THE PRINCIPAL, MR JON FRANZIN
INVITES YOU TO**

EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT IN ONLINE

for Year 7-12 Parents and Carers

Tuesday 16 February, 2021

6.30pm - 7.15pm

Please register for our Zoom meeting

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcuc-Gsrj4jGNEhncgyH1UhF9_kJhdXpo5X

**Hear updates on our new build and upcoming College
programs and projects for 2021.**

Face to face meetings with your child's homeroom teacher will take place in the following days. Details will be provided.

This event has been moved to online due to COVID-19 restrictions

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Canteen Menu 2021

Hot Food

Fried Rice (gf)	\$2.50
Chicken Nuggets (gf) 6 per serve	\$2.50
Potato Hash Browns 2 per serve	\$1.00
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Meat Pie	\$2.50
Ham & Pineapple Pizza	\$2.50
Margherita Pizza	\$2.50



Rolls

Cheese & Salad Roll	\$4.00
Chicken Burger	\$3.00
Chicken & Salad Burger (no cheese)	\$4.50



Drinks

Bottled Water	\$1.00
Apple Juice (just juice)	\$1.00
Orange Juice (just juice)	\$1.00
Coloured Carbonated Mineral Water	\$1.00
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00
Strawberry Up & Go Milk	\$1.50



Snacks

Plain Chips 28g	\$1.00
Salt & Vinegar chips 28g	\$1.00
Yoghurt Frogs 5 per bag	\$0.50



House Teams 2021

Callan	Kilkenny	Waterford	Mount Sion
Kiara (Captain)	Grace (Captain)	Corey (Captain)	Shontelle (Captain)
Michaela G	Ryan W	Angelica	Arabella
Tague	Mitchell	Anant	Lachlan J
Jesse H	Zac	Jayden	Kori
Niki	Sam B	Benjamin	Ciaran
Lucas	Ryan M	Piper	Emilia
Owen	Josh W	Sid	Koosha
Bianca	Brendan J	Claire	Lachlan C
Sarah	Indira	Ben M	Ella
Olivia	Mikayla H	Lorelle	Angelica H
Mackenzie	Teena	Thomas E	Christian V
Athena	Dominic	Sebastian	Victoria
David	Ben W	Anna K	Mark
Sam C	Lachlan K	Ben P	Byron
Rafe	Harry P	Nathan	Daena
Sonnet	Elliot	Johann	Luke M
Christian R	Summer	Chloe S	Sean Y
Annamieke	Moses	Hugh	Kavya
Nathan A	Emma	Kate	Thomas P
Seul Yi	Jameson	Luke B	Zane
Michael	Toby	Rosie	Krish
Adam	Ella T	Alessio	Will C
Amie	Bradley	Arpita	Lucy
Campbell	Isaac	Antonio	Liam
Finley	Gemma	Parmida	James
Lilly	Daniel	Saskia	Lauren
Bridie	Brendan W	Cameron	Sienna
Sam L	Christopher	Oscar	Alexander S
Elle	Cooper	Leela	Isabella
Evangelia		Alexander P	Louis



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Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

NSW PARENT/CARER ONLINE WORKSHOP




Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young people on the autism spectrum, from across New South Wales.

This online workshop is for parents, full-time carers and grandparents. Join other families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.

During the online workshops, we will cover three topics:

- diversity of autism
- understanding behaviour
- working together with your child's school

Location:

 New South Wales
via zoom online

Date:

Wednesday 24th February 2021

Time

Wed 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM (AEDT)

<http://>



For more information and to register, visit www.positivepartnerships.com.au
or contact Alison Macrae amacrae@autismspectrum.org.au



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- diversity of autism
- working together with your child's school
- understanding sensory processing
- understanding behaviour.

These workshops are part of a series of sessions but you can choose if you would like to register for each session or just the individual ones you are able to join.

**Please note that this is not a webinar but is an online workshop where we will work collaboratively together online across the sessions.*

Location:

NEW SOUTH WALES
via zoom online

Dates & Times (AEDT):

Diversity of Autism

⚡ Tues 2 Feb, 2021
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sensory Processing

⚡ Tues 9 Feb, 2021
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Understanding Behaviour

⚡ Tues 16 Feb, 2021
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Working Together

⚡ Tues 23 Feb, 2021
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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