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## Principal's Message ...

### **Choose Joy! ... Learn to be happy!**

Those were the start and finish words of one of those pithy motivational statements you find on Facebook. I confess to being attracted to those words of wisdom that pop up on social media. Surprisingly, they sometimes arrive at a time when a prod to 'snap out of it' or 'get on with it' is needed.

I found this one on 'Joy' interesting because it reminds us that Joy is something chosen and something learned. We sometimes receive Joy without any effort or action – those delightful, unexpected joyous moments but if you look closely, you will find that there was an action that made Joy possible. Joy isn't reliant on luck.

Observing our students learning and expressing themselves in a multitude of ways brings me Joy but it requires me to leave my administration work and my office to meet the students where they are at. You can find Joy in a beautiful sunrise but you must position yourself, at the right time and place, to enjoy it. Sometimes the pursuit of that Joy requires discomfort and sacrifice – the Joy of a job well done and realising a goal that has required hard work. We have witnessed extreme examples of sacrifice and hard work watching Winter Olympians pursue their goals and the Joy of success.

One of our College values is Joy. Joy is recognised as an essential ingredient and foundation of learning and life at St Edmund's. What does that mean and how do we foster it? We must be intentional and create opportunities that allow Joy to flourish? We already do this well and we can expand opportunities. We have chosen Joy and we will learn and teach how to promote Joy in all that we do – including in the challenges that life throws our way.

### **Parent Newsletter**

I am keen to gain your feedback on this Newsletter. Is it meeting your needs? We want to put our energy into communicating what you need, not what we think you need. There is a lot of information shared through other, more immediate, channels. To gain your feedback we will put out a survey towards the end of this term.

### **Building Update**

We are still on track to move into Stage 1 of the new build at the beginning of Term 2. Hopefully Stage 2 demolition disruption will occur during the holidays but is likely to impact on the first couple of weeks of Term 2. We will keep you informed of any adjustments needed to ensure the demolition work doesn't impact on the health and wellbeing of students and staff.

### **Eddie's Big Night In**

Thank you for your participation in Eddie's Big Night In. We started with a few technical issues and I would like to thank you for your patience. I hope your time on Teams with your child's teacher was helpful and informative. We hope to hold another event with the social element of Eddie's Big Night in Term 2.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Michael Farrell  
**PRINCIPAL**





## Deputy Principal's Message ...

### Ash Wednesday

We will mark the beginning of our Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday liturgy. This will be fore shadowed by Shrove Tuesday and the student community truly enjoying pancake treats in preparation for Lent. The Blessed Ashes that will be sprinkled on our heads call us to make a new commitment to love others as Christ loves us. We strengthen our commitment this lent through renewing our 3 most important relationships:

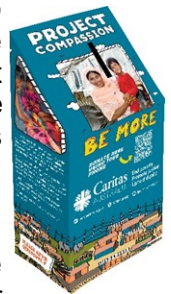
**Relationship with Self** – Fasting: self-control and discipline is an important reflection of understanding ourselves, setting goals for growth;

**Relationship with Others** – Almsgiving: Charity or Social Justice works is a key expression of our love for God in building the reign of God by reaching out to those in need, those forgotten by society;

**Relationship with God** – Prayer: Prayer is communication with God and making time to build this relationship provides an opportunity to speak and, more importantly, to listen. Prayer can provide us with moments of being able to see ourselves as God see us.

Our liturgy will engage our students and staff to recognise this season of commitment, to renew our 3 relationships so as to be ready to celebrate Easter and its promise. The season of Lent also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au). The proceeds from our Mufti Day on Tuesday 1st March will also be sent to Caritas Australia.



### Mufti Day - Tuesday 1st March

At this week's College leaders' meeting, the students decided that the proceeds from our first Mufti Day (casual clothes day) on Tuesday 1st March will go to Project Compassion. Our contribution will go towards empowering communities with hope and help those in great need to shape a better future for people who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

#### On Mufti Day:

- Please come dressed to school in mufti dress (casual clothes)
- Please remember to also bring your gold coin for the fun of wearing Mufti - this will go towards the very important work of Project Compassion.



### Canteen

This year due to our building works, unfortunately our canteen will be unavailable. In its place, soon the College will be installing a healthy option vending machine. Further details on prices and items will be provided when we have finished this installation. As another alternate option, our Year 12 CAFS classes will be selling snack items this term. All items are \$1 and will be sold on Tuesdays during Recess. Students can purchase ice blocks (GF/DF), muffins, sausage rolls (GF option available) and popcorn (GF/DF). Hospitality students are also selling milkshakes for \$1 each on Tuesdays (Yr. 7,8,9 only) and Fridays (Yr 10, 11,12 only).

### Personalised Planning

As mentioned at EBNI, Personalised Planning meetings will occur this term. These meetings will be held on March 1 and 15 between 2pm and 7:15pm and will be online via Teams. Parents need to book a slot with their child's Homeroom teacher via the Sentral Parent Portal. These must be booked no later than February 24. Further information will be emailed to parents to assist you to complete this. There are also 'How to' guides on Class Dojo for accessing the parent portal.

Rebecca Kirwan - **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

# Around the College - Important Dates

## Term 1

Tue 1st Mar	Term 1 Mufti Day
Tue 8th Mar	Open Day ( <i>details to be advised</i> )
Tue 15th Mar	The Dish
Wed 30th Mar	2021 Year 12 Reunion (pizza night)
Thu 31st Mar	Men's Group meeting at St Edmund's
Wed 6th Apr	Year 7 Immunisation
Fri 8th Apr	Last day of Term 1

## Term 2

<b>Tue 26th Apr</b>	<b>Staff Day (pupil free day)</b>
Wed 27th Apr	First day of Term 2 for students
Thu 5th May	Mother's Day Breakfast
Fri 6th May	Blessed Edmund Rice Day celebrations
Tue 10th May	College photos for students
Tue 24th May	The Dish
Tue 31st May	Term 2 Mufti Day
Wed 8th - Fri 10th Jun	Years 7 & 8 Camp - Stanwell Tops
Thu 9th Jun	Men's Group Meeting
<b>Mon 13th Jun</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday public holiday</b>
<b>Tue 14th Jun</b>	<b>Staff Day (pupil free day)</b>
Sat 18th Jun	Eddie's Big Night Out
Fri 24th Jun	Leadership Assembly & Cadet Graduation
Fri 24th Jun	Last day of Term 2

## Term 3

Mon 18th Jul	First day of Term 3 for students and staff
Tue 2nd Aug	Athletics Carnival (to be held at PLC Pymble)
Tue 30th Aug	Term 3 Mufti Day
Thu 1st Sep	Men's Group Meeting
Fri 2nd Sep	Father's Day Breakfast
Tue 6th Sep	The Dish
Wed 21st - Fri 23rd Sep	Senior Retreat
Fri 23rd Sep	Last day of Term 3

## Term 4

<b>Mon 10th Oct</b>	<b>Staff Day (pupil free day)</b>
Tue 11th Oct	First day of Term 4 for students
Tue 11th Oct	Swimming Carnival (to be held at PLC Pymble)
Tue 25th Oct	The Dish
Tue 8th Nov	Term 4 Mufti Day
Thu 17th Nov	Men's Group Meeting
Fri 25th Nov	Year 12 Graduation Formal
Wed 30th Nov - Fri 2nd Dec	Year 9 & 10 Camp - Canberra
Thu 8th Dec	Presentation Day
Fri 9th Dec	Year 12 Farewell Mass
Fri 9th Dec	Last day of Term 4



## Around the College

### Awards

#### Students of the Week:

**7E** Matthew and Ashley

**8D** Riarna and Finley

**9C** Rosie and Lucy

**10J** Kate and Harry

**11A** Mackenzie and Rafe

**12M** Sarah and Brendan

**7V** Ruby and Rachel

**8F** Campbell and Isabella

**9E** Will and Arpita

**10S** Chloe and Brandon

**11S** Daena and Mark

**12O** Ben M and Samuel

#### Eddie's Best:

**7E** Zara

**8D** Ben

**9C** Liam

**10J** Tom P

**11A** Sebastian

**12M** Niki

**7V** Holly

**8F** Christopher

**9E** Toby

**10S** Zane

**11S** Teena

**12O** Lachie

Congratulations everyone!

## Lost Property



Please contact Ms Acret in the College office on [secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au) if any of these items belong to your child.

**YEAR 12 CAFS presents  
SNACKIES - a brand new enterprise!**

**These items will be on sale at Recess.  
EVERY TUESDAY for \$1.00 each!**



**ICE BLOCKS**

**SNACKIES**  
EVERYTHING WE SELL IS ONLY  
**\$1.00**



**MUFFIN**



**SAUSAGE ROLLS**



**POPCORN**

**WE ARE OPEN EVERY TUESDAY  
AT RECESS**

**EDDIES FOOD INDUSTRIES**

**PIC•COLLAGE**



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## Online Open Evening

**TUESDAY  
8TH MARCH  
6.30PM – 7.30PM**

Our **information session** will be held this year via **Zoom**.

Small College tours will then be scheduled during **Term 1**.

Please contact **Mrs Jackie Reilly**, Registrar on [reilly@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:reilly@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au) or **9487 1044** for Zoom registration and details on how to book a College tour.

[www.stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stedmunds.nsw.edu.au)

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St Edmund's  
COLLEGE

*Save The Date*

# Eddie's BIG NIGHT OUT

Saturday 18th June, 2022

7pm-midnight

Miramare Gardens

Terrey Hills



PROUDLY SUPPORTING ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOL & THEIR STUDENTS

## Men's Group Gathering - Term 1

The Men's Group is a quarterly 'get together' for a few drinks and a light dinner with other dads from St Edmund's College and St Lucy's School. We have lots of laughs, share stories and discuss relevant topics around the pressures that our families encounter from day to day. Come along and bring another dad from your child's class!

Our next gathering is **Thursday 31st March (please see change of venue)**

**6.30 p.m.** Light dinner and drinks  
**7.00 p.m.** Discussion

**Venue:** St Edmund's College, Cnr Wahroonga Ave & Burns Road, Wahroonga

**RSVP:** Warren or Brendan  
[hopleywarren@hotmail.com](mailto:hopleywarren@hotmail.com) or [brendan.wingrave@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.wingrave@gmail.com)

### Dates for our 2022 gatherings are:

Term 2: Thursday 9th June  
Term 3: Thursday 1st September  
Term 4: Thursday 17th November

Looking forward to seeing you.  
Warren and Brendan.



Please watch for reminders in these Newsletters and also information on who the guest speakers will be at the upcoming meetings.

## Absentees

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

- ⇒ Please phone Ms 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 Farrell on [farrell@erses.nsw.edu.au](mailto:farrell@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 Farrell will respond to your email, copying in the Homeroom teacher and Ms Acret. This is also a legal requirement for the class roll.



# Around the College

## From the Parent Group



A few weeks into the school term already! Our Eddie's Big Night In was very much appreciated by all parents. Many schools have not been able to host their start of year introductions, however the team at Eddie's always seem to pull it together for us, thank you!

At the meetings it was mentioned if you could consider taking on the role of Class Representative. Many classes still have this role vacant. The role of a class representative is to encourage and foster friendships through get togethers amongst students and parents, support your homeroom teacher to distribute information and to also encourage your class to support College events. Please consider this role; it is a valuable role that is quite easy and not very time consuming.

Our **Parent Group** meets once a term. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. It is normally held onsite at 7pm. This term the meeting will be **29th March** with the format to be confirmed. Please mark this date in your diary.

“Community is much more than belonging to something; its about doing something together that makes belonging matter”

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mom  
culture

Janine Eastham – Tom’s mum  
**Parent Group Leader**

**APRIL 20-23 FOR CAMPERS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS**

**APRIL 19-24 FOR CAMPERS WITHOUT ADDITIONAL NEEDS**

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# Community Event

## PICNIC IN THE PARK

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF  
WAHROONGA PARK AND ROTARY AUST/NZ



**Saturday 26th February, 4pm-7pm**

Wahroonga Park: Cnr Millewa and Illoura Ave, Wahroonga

- Live entertainment
- Food and coffee van
- Time capsule dedication

Rotary   
Club of Wahroonga



Bring a picnic. All welcome!

CELEBRATING  
**100**  
— YEARS

In the event of wet weather, Council may cancel this event.

[info@wahroongarotary.org](mailto:info@wahroongarotary.org)

[www.wahroongarotary.org/page/wahroonga-park-centenary-2021/](http://www.wahroongarotary.org/page/wahroonga-park-centenary-2021/)



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5 April 2022

One Community warmly welcome teachers, support staff, parents and carers to attend their disability networking event **Ready-Set-Connect** being held on Tuesday 1st March at Club Willoughby from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Ready-Set-Connect is an informative (and fun!) event based on a speed dating format. It connects teachers, support coordinators, parents and carers of people living with disability with NDIS disability service providers.

National and local service providers will be sharing information about their services and products. The event will help you keep in touch and up to date with services in your local community. In the space of two hours, you will build your connections and get to meet and know a variety of providers servicing your region.

It's FREE for Attendees!  
Come and join us.

Let us know you are coming by registering as an Attendee using the link below.

Here are the event details. Click on the link below to register for the event:

EVENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE	REGISTRATION LINK
North Shore Ready-Set-Connect	Tuesday 1st March 2022	10:00 AM to 12:30	Club Willoughby, 26 Crabbes Ave, North Willoughby, NSW	<a href="https://www.onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect/Event/266-north-shore-sydney">https://www.onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect/Event/266-north-shore-sydney</a>