



*Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives*



## Principal's Message ...

Dear Parents

I would like to provide you with an update on a few things.

Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) is changing its Governance Structure. The new Entity will come into effect on the 1st January 2023. It's called the Regeneration Project. EREA is undertaking a significant and bold change to move the organisation forward and to build confidence in EREA's governance. The change will regenerate its reputation as schools underpinned by strong Edmund Rice values, with a vibrant and inclusive culture that holds the highest standards of Child Safety and wellbeing at its core.

The Regeneration Objectives are:

- Delivering safe, student-centred learning inspired by the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice
- Developing culture to best serve our students and young people and to live the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice.
- Ensuring that our leaders are clear about their relationships, responsibilities and accountabilities
- Building trust and confidence within ourselves, our schools and our broader community

Philomena Billington, the President of EREA Council reminds us that -

“Whilst we are deeply engaged in the Regeneration of the governance of EREA, it is timely to remind ourselves that this ‘Change of EREA’ is focused on providing to students and their families a Liberating Education based on Gospel Spirituality within an Inclusive Community committed to Justice and Solidarity ensuring safety, wellbeing, and optimal learning opportunities.”

EREA has undertaken considerable planning to arrive at this point and we are ready and look forward to the positive outcomes the change will bring.

### **Sony Camps**

Most Sony Camps could not operate during COVID and it will take some time for them to be fully re-established. I have checked with the Sony Foundation, and they have confirmed that the following camps will be running this year.

- Pymble Ladies' College/ Sydney Church of England Grammar (Shore)
- St Andrew's College, University of Sydney
- St. Ignatius' College, Riverview / Loreto Kirribilli / Monte St Angelo
- St. Joseph's College, Hunters Hill / Brigidine College, St Ives / Marist Sisters College, Woolwich
- The Illawarra Grammar School

You may have noticed that ABBOX of Fun Camp (Abbotsleigh & Knox) is not on the list but they hope to be back next year. Knox is running a day of fun activities and they are keen for our schools to be involved. I will forward you the invitation when it arrives.

Many of you will have experienced or know about the Sony Camps and you need to apply as soon as applications are open. There is a link from the Sony Foundation website [Sony Foundation Australia : Application for a child to attend Sony Camp](#) or you can check each school's website for details.

Kind regards,  
Michael



## Deputy Principal's Message ...

### Parent Group Meeting and New Classrooms

It was wonderful to see a great turn out at our parent group meeting last week. It was fabulous to finally have an opportunity to gather together, as well as to show our parent community our wonderful new facilities. For those of you who haven't yet seen the new building, I have included a few photos of these new learning spaces in action. Hopefully this is something you will see in person in the coming months.

Thanks to the wonderful work of Mrs Hosken in the timetabling department, all students from Year 7-12 have been able to enjoy the benefits of our long building project. Although Years 7-9 use the spaces as homeroom spaces, all year groups are timetabled to use the rooms throughout the day, particularly for subjects such as English and Maths. Specialist lessons such as Science and Art still occur in their original spaces. Staff and students have commented on how much they are enjoying having more space and teachers have been able to use the space to support small group learning and creative ways to deliver the curriculum.

### Goodbye Mrs Laing! Welcome Ms Drescher!

We were able to give one final farewell to Mrs Laing this week when she was at the College to provide some handover and to finalise her role. The students enjoyed giving Mrs Laing a 'send off' via the arch they formed to say their goodbyes. We have welcomed Ms Louise Drescher to the role this term. Louise has settled in to the College very well and we have thoroughly enjoyed introducing her to the Eddies community. I am sure many of you will get to know Louise in the next few months through her work supporting Mr Farrell. Her friendly and supportive nature is already making us feel like she has been here for much longer!

### Feast of the Assumption

On Monday, the whole College attended Mass at Holy Name parish for the Feast of the Assumption, a holy day of obligation for Catholics. On this day, we celebrate Mary being taken up to heaven, body and soul. The church was filled with parishioners but also the wonderful students of Prouille primary school. Some of our students did readings and Prayers of the Faithful and were great representatives for our College. All students showed a great deal of respect and reverence during the Mass which also made me proud.

Thank you to Mr O'Keefe who coordinated transport and readers for the day and to Father Paul and Father Sam for welcoming us all.

This feast day reminds us that we try to follow Mary's example and say 'yes' to God's will – she is a role model in our everyday life. We ask Mother Mary to guide us, to care and protect us. We hope to have compassion for one another and to treat each other how we would like to be treated. Mary had a life of service and we too are called to serve others even in small ways to make the world a better place.



Rebecca Kirwan  
Deputy Principal



## Wellbeing



*Frank Baum was a newspaperman who put his writing talents to use in a series of children's books about a fairyland called the Land of Oz. His characters had wonderful adventures. Frank later adapted his book into a musical. Twenty years after his death, a musical film called "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" had its opening on the 18<sup>th</sup> August in 1939.*

*In the story there are four unhappy characters: - a scarecrow who thinks he has no brain; - a tin woodsman who thinks he has no heart; - a lion who thinks he has no courage, - and a girl called Dorothy who thinks she has no power to change anything in her life. These four characters - all thinking little of themselves - believe that if they reach the Wizard of Oz he will change them so that they have the qualities and talents they would like.*

*What they discover is that the Wizard doesn't force people to change; instead he cares about them. He sends each of them an invitation to see in themselves what they had not seen before. And so, the scarecrow discovers that he already does have a brain. The tin woodsman realises that he does already have a heart. The lion possesses all he needs to be courageous. Dorothy has what it takes to change things in her own life.*

*When Dorothy returns to Kansas (from where she had been taken by a tornado) she says to her aunt: "Oh, Aunt Em, I've been to many strange and marvellous places, looking for something that was right here all along... right in my own back yard!"*

We are all unique and special, and it is important for our own self-care and self-compassion to discover in ourselves the treasures that we have within. As we learn of these, may we continue to develop them and put them to good use.

May it be that we see in others, their gifts, so that we can nurture them and encourage them to be fulfilled, and live in a way that brings for them a greater sense of the person they are. It is in treating others with respect, care and understanding that we promote the significance of goodness and happiness in our lives and the lives of others – which enhances everyone's wellbeing.

Jesus helped us to learn the importance of treating others in the way we would want to be treated ourselves. So, may we all bring out the best in one another and grow in the way we truly look at ourselves, and the way we truly look at others.

### AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEN'S GROUP MEETING:

Brendan, Jono and Warren would like to extend a warm welcome to all dads, uncles, grandads within the St Edmund's and St Lucy's communities, to join them at the next Men's Group 'get together' on **Thursday 1 September at St Edmund's**. The evening will begin at 6.30pm with a light dinner and drinks, followed by a conversation about the dynamics of healthy, supportive relationships and their impact within our lives.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP via one of the following emails:

[brendan.wingrave@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.wingrave@gmail.com)

[hopleywarren@hotmail.com](mailto:hopleywarren@hotmail.com)

[jonathanc@stlucys.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jonathanc@stlucys.nsw.edu.au)

Vanessa Dillon  
Head of Wellbeing

# “FAREWELL”

MRS LAING



# “WELCOME”

Ms Drescher (Executive PA)



# “WELCOME” to NEW STAFF

- ☆ Jayel March (Teachers Aide)
- ☆ Ken Miyamoto (IT)
- ☆ Juliann Lee (Risk & Compliance Officer)
- ☆ Tracey Daly (Classroom Teacher)
- ☆ Judi North (Classroom Teacher)
- ☆ Daniel Tan (Finance Manager)

## Men's Group Gathering - Term 3

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 1<sup>st</sup> September**

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

**7.00 p.m.** Discussion: Examine/discuss conflict within family relationships and the sometimes lack of support. How do we manage this stress? How can we manage 'caring stress' on our relationship – particularly with our wives? How can we manage that balance of having trusted family and friends and people we can be vulnerable with and not shut out everyone in order to avoid possible frustrations.

**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 3: Thursday 1st September  
Term 4: Thursday 17th November

Looking forward to seeing you.  
Warren and Brendan.



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Remember to vote for our film  
**August 24 - 30, 2022**  
School Entrant

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2022  
**FOCUS ON ABILITY**  
SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

OVER \$100,000 IN PRIZES

**St Edmund's College**  
**Unique Aliens**

School Entrant  
Official Selection - Short Film

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

The poster features a laurel wreath, a clapperboard icon, and a popcorn bucket icon.

# national science week 2022

## Stained Glass Colouring COMPETITION !!

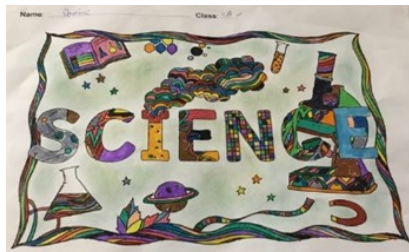
Congratulations to everyone that entered the Stained Glass Colouring Competition!

<u>Class: 7E</u> Zara Jackson	<u>Class: 8D</u> Cameron Bridie Gemma Finley	<u>Class: 9C</u> Ella T. Alessio Michael Liam	<u>Class: 10J</u> Kate Hugh	<u>Class: 11A</u> Lachie K. Dominic Mackenzie Olivia	<u>Class: 12M</u> Bianca Sarah Christian V. Brendan
<u>Class: 7V</u> Indigo Ruby	<u>Class: 8F</u> Christopher Brendan Isaac Sam L.	<u>Class: 9M</u> Toby Parmida James	<u>Class: 10S</u> Brandon Kavya Sonnet Sean Chloe	<u>Class: 11S</u> Mikayla Ben W.	<u>Class: 12O</u> Ben M. Ryan Claire Lorelle

**Lizard Window Winner:**  
Kavya (10S)



**Science Window Winner:**  
Dominic (11A)



**Chruch Window Winner:**  
Mikayla 11S)



**Jellyfish Window Winner:**

Bridie (8D)







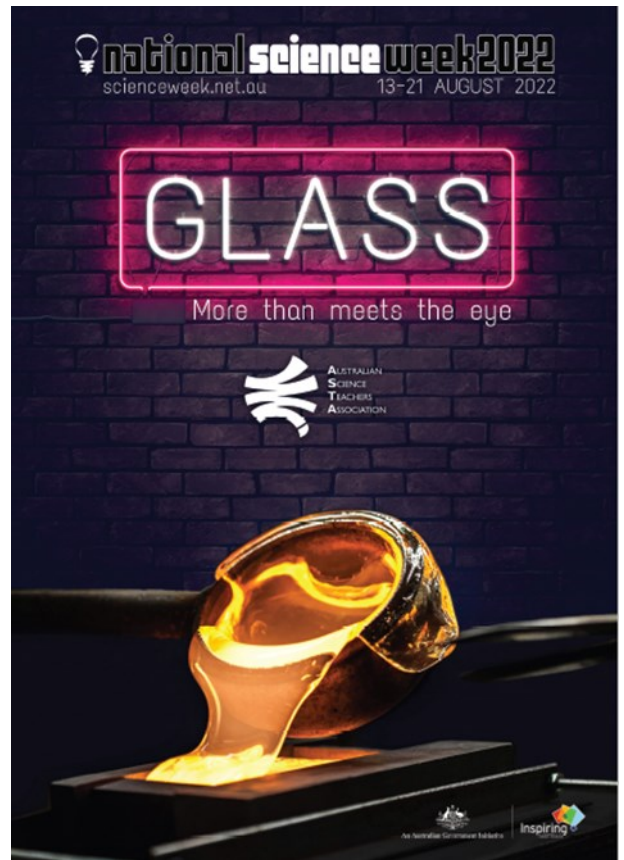
# national science week 2022

Miss Hopkins has asked me to speak about Science Week.

This year's theme was GLASS.

During the week we have been learning about:

-  The **uses** of glass
-  The **properties** of glass
-  How we **make** glass and **recycle** it
-  The **Technologies** that use glass



There are 2 different competitions:

**Glass Colouring Competition**

And

**Class Kahoot! Challenge**



## Properties of Materials



## Glass Colouring Competition

Congratulations to all the people that entered the Glass Colouring Competition!





# Science Week GLASS Kahoot! Winners!

# Kahoot!



**JUNIOR WINNER**  
Isaac (8F)  
17,580



**SENIOR WINNER**  
Ben W (11A)  
16,652



**COLLEGE KAHOOT!  
Champion**  
Jackson (7E)  
18,027





## HT PDHPE / Sports School Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday, September 6, 2022, St Edmund's will be having their Annual Athletics Carnival at Pymble Ladies College, Avon Road Pymble. Parents are welcome to attend this event, however, no parking will be available onsite.

The first race will commence at 9:45 am and conclude at 1:30 pm.

If you would like to pick up your child from the carnival you will need to be there by 1:30 pm, as roll call and departure will occur at 1:45 pm.

Please contact the school office before August 30, to let them know if you will be taking your child home directly from the carnival [secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au) or 9487 1044. You will also need to let your child's homeroom teacher know.

If your child travels on transport, please remember to let your driver know of the change.

Students can wear their house colours and are to bring their morning tea, hat, drink bottle & sunscreen. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for students by PLC.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lois Horne  
HT PDHPE/Sports Coordinator



## A Message from our Nurse

This week is National Stroke Recognition Week. In a small annual survey from the Stroke Foundation (5400 people)– 40% of people could not recognise one sign of a Stroke. While you may think a stroke is something that happens to elderly people it can happen to people of all ages. A stroke is a medical emergency, and you call 000 in the same way you would for any other emergency, but because a stroke happens inside a person's head it is sometimes not as obvious. The acronym **F.A.S.T** is used to recognise a stroke (has their **F**ACE drooped, can they lift both **A**RM**S**, is their **S**PEECH slurred and can they understand you and **T**IME – call 000). All is explained in this clip:

Check out "Learn the F.A.S.T. signs of stroke" from Stroke Foundation on Vimeo.

<https://vimeo.com/460037924>

Prevention and early recognition of strokes play a crucial part in the complex recovery of the person and the extent of disability they may have. Being able to recognise stroke symptoms could make such a difference, not just to the victim but their family as well

Alison Andrews  
College Nurse

# St Edmund's College Post School Provider Webinar Series

Thursday 25th August  
Thursday 1st September

6pm - 7pm

We are excited to organise and provide for you three online webinars for you to engage in over three consecutive weeks.

These evenings will allow for you to listen to a variety of providers speak about the services they offer. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

A full program of presentations and links for each evening will follow shortly.





## From the Parent Group

What a wonderful turnout we had for our parent group meeting. Thank you everyone who came along. It was great to hear feedback from parents about what the parent community would like from the group. Stay tuned for updates in the coming weeks about how we as a parent community can communicate together as a group more easily.

Our Eddie's Charity Golf Day Challenge is taking place 13th September. It's held at Terrey Hills Golf and Country Club, the cost is \$275 per player which includes breakfast, golf, lunch and drinks. (more details can be found in the newsletter).

Gary Dawson has been running this Golf Charity for Eddie's for over 10 years. We appreciate greatly his support to our students and school. Our thanks to him and his golf supporters who attend on the day. He needs our support though too. **The challenge really needs players and teams.** It is only a few weeks away and we need player commitment. Please contact Gary Dawson directly if you would like to participate in this fundraising event. It's a great day on the course, so form a team with other parents or use it as a networking opportunity for your workplace or clients. Terry Hills is a great course and a great opportunity to play on it if you are not a member and enjoy a game of golf. It does not matter if you are not a golfer, you just go enjoy the day and give it a try, it's for our kids!

Janine Eastham  
**Parent Group Leader**  
(Tom's Mum - Year 11)



*"I smile at obstacles." — Tiger Woods*

## Student absences from College:

### Absentees

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

- ⇒ Acret. This is also a legal requirement for the class roll.
- ⇒ 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.

**We need Corporate support and players for our Golf Day on 13th September and would appreciate if you would share this event to your colleagues, neighbours and friends.**

**Thank you for your ongoing support**

## **2022 CHARITY CHALLENGE GOLF DAY**

**Supporting St Edmund's College  
Tuesday 13th September, 2022**

**Terrey Hills Golf & Country Club  
Kingfisher Drive, 116 Booralie Rd,  
Terry Hills**

**8am shortgun start**

**Cost \$275 per player  
(Includes breakfast, golf, lunch & drinks)**

**GOLD \$5,500.00 (incl GST)  
3 Teams of 4 players +3 Hole Signage**

**SILVER \$3,300.00 (incl GST)  
2 Teams of 4 players**

**DRINKS \$4,000.00 (incl GST)  
3 Teams of 4 players**

**HOLE \$1,400.00 (incl GST)  
1 Team of 4 players  
SINGLE \$275.00 Per player incl GST  
Or  
A TEAM \$1,100.00 Team of 4, \$200 Extra  
for 2 carts**



### **Contact:**

**Gary Dawson: [smokey1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:smokey1@ozemail.com.au)  
0412 600 062 [www.bullantsportds.com](http://www.bullantsportds.com)**

**The  
Charity  
Challenge**  
[www.thecharitychallenge.com](http://www.thecharitychallenge.com)

# Awards

## Students of the Week:

7E	Lucy and Jackson	7V	Holly and Charlie
8D	Finley and Cameron	8F	Louis and Lia
9C	Nathan and Ella	9M	Emma and Jameson
10J	Claudia and Krish	10S	Brandon and Zane
11A/H	Victoria and Rafe	11S	Bryon and Anna
12M	Josh and Sarah	12O	Claire and Lorelle

## Eddie's Best:

7E	Ashley	7V	Indigo
8D	Alexander P	8F	Alexander S
9C	Lucy	9M	Will
10J	Moses	10S	Elliot
11A/H	Mackenzie	11S	Daena
12M	Ella	12O	Piper

**Congratulations everyone!**

## Around the College - Important Dates

### Term 3

Tue 30th Aug	Term 3
Thu 1st Sep	Men's Group Meeting
Fri 2nd Sep	Father's Day Breakfast
Tue 6th Sep	Athletics Carnival (to be held at PLC Pymble)
Tue 6th Sep	The Dish
Tue 20th Sep	Mufti Day
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 25th 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



St Edmund's  
COLLEGE

You are invited to our  
**Father's Day Breakfast**

**Please join us for  
breakfast to  
celebrate all the  
great Dads at St.  
Edmund's!**

When: Friday, 2nd September

Time: 7.30am – 8.30am

Where: St. Edmund's College



RSVP by Friday, 26th August to Wendy Scott

[scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au)