



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Lord Jesus, as we gather together during this Easter Season, as family, friends and colleagues; we invite You once again into our lives.
 May the hope of Your Resurrection, colour our days.
 May the promise of Your spirit working in us, light up our lives.
 May the love You revealed to us, shape our giving.
 May the truth in Your word, guide our journeys, and may the joy of Your kingdom fill our homes.
 As we gather together underneath the banner of Your life, we thank you for all that we can now enjoy as we celebrate Your glorious Resurrection.
 Amen.*



The significance of this coming Easter season has indeed been commemorated and celebrated throughout our community!

This week we have engaged in a prayerful reminder during Homeroom about Holy Week.

We also came together as a whole school to experience the story of Holy Week as shared by the senior students under the guidance and coordination of Terry.



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Congratulations Year 11 and 12 VET Retail!

A massive thank you and acknowledgement for our VET Retail staff and students for the fabulous Easter Market Stall they prepared and facilitated for our community this week. It was wonderful witnessing the growth in skills that were displayed by our students as they stocked the items, visually presented them, welcomed customers, served customers, handled money and card exchanges, and maintained enthusiasm throughout!



Staffing Announcement re Senior First Aid Officer appointment

Our recent advertisement for a Senior First Aid Officer, attracted quality applications, many of whom were from a medical background. As a result of this process, we are pleased to announce that our new SFAO is Tara Abrahamian. Tara is a registered nurse, currently employed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at The Royal Hospital for Women. Along with qualifications in a Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced), Tara also holds a Bachelor of Communications, as well as experience in customer service, client relations and administration. Tara is extremely excited to be given the opportunity to join us here at St Edmund's, and will undertake onboarding requirements during the second week of the upcoming holiday break. Tara will join us full time onsite when Term 2 commences on Monday 28 April. I know you will extend a warm welcome to Tara when she joins us in a few weeks' time.

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Eddie's Big Night Out and Student Involvement

A decision has been made regarding student involvement in Eddie's Big Night Out this year, which we feel will achieve authentic inclusivity, as well as showcase the many ways our students shine here at St Edmund's.

The decision includes the following:

- All Year 11 and Year 12 students are invited to attend EBNO with their families at a discounted ticket price.
- Year 12 VET Hospitality will serve entrees with staff from Miramare Gardens.
- Year 11/12 VET Retail will be involved in the selling of raffle tickets early next term at Thornleigh Marketplace, and also Woolworths Head Office.
- Year 11/12 VET Retail will be involved in the preparing of some select hampers which will be photographed and labelled accordingly, and will be included in our silent auction.
- Year 12 VET Retail students who are attending EBNO will have the opportunity to assist the Mt St Benedict volunteers with the selling of tickets for the Diamond Raffle for a 30min period of time.
- Students will contribute to at least two collaborative artworks which will be displayed throughout the evening and included in our silent auction.
- Our Year 11 and 12 CAPA students will be montaged into a film which will be shown on the evening. We recognise that not all our students demonstrate creativity through performance, so having their creative talents shown in this format will allow their skills to still be viewed by those present on the night.
- Our Enrichment Ensembles in Dance, Drumming and KWS Choir will perform on the night. These will comprise of students from Years 5-12 who have been nominated by school staff. Parents/carers of those students who are part of these groups will be informed via a note home early Term 2. The students will also be informed at that time, and weekly rehearsals will commence during scheduled break times.
- Costuming and props used by the performers will be designed and created in Visual Arts lessons.
- The Enrichment Ensemble for Visual Arts will create bespoke table centres that will be placed on our Key Donor tables. A story/description which names the artists will be provided alongside each table centre on the evening.
- Our Student Leaders: College and Vice Captains, will speak on the night.

We hope you will see that this is a way to capture all that we witness within our students each day throughout our College, and will help to highlight for our guests on the night, why your children help make this place the special community that it is!

Mother's Day Event: Save the Date

We will be celebrating Mother's Day as a community on Friday 9 May from 7.30am - 9am. This will include breakfast, liturgy and open Homerooms. A detailed flyer is included within this newsletter – we hope to see our special guests there!

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Wishing Mrs Falvey Well!

Last Friday 4 April, we wished Teresa well as she commenced her parental leave in readiness for the arrival of her first child. We pray that she and her husband Sam continue to experience the healthy growth of their developing baby, and we look forward to celebrating the good news when it is received!



Congratulations Ms Ylamaki!

This week, we received the exciting news that Annika, our Year 5/6 Teacher, is pregnant. We are very happy for Annika and her partner, Tom, as they prepare for the birth of their first child later this year. We feel very blessed to share in this special time in Annika's life, and we pray that her pregnancy goes well.



A Baby Has Been Born

This morning we received the wonderful news that Rachelle and her husband, Anthony, joyfully welcomed the safe arrival of their first child, a little girl – Sofia! We congratulate Rachelle and Anthony, and extend our thoughts and prayers for them as they create many special memories together as a family.

Family Movie Night

It was lovely to see families attend our Family Movie Night on Friday evening. Inside Out 2 was a great choice, appealing to students and adults alike! It was wonderful seeing students socialising and connecting in such a fun and easy way, as they got comfortable on their cushions and beanbags whilst enjoying some snacks. Parents and carers also had the opportunity to come together and connect in a relaxed and enjoyable way, too. Thank you to Mr Brannan, Mrs Le Patourel and Jayel for assisting on the night! We look forward to inviting you along to more Community Events throughout the year.



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Wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe holiday break!

This term has provided for us many events and happenings that have brought to life our school values – Faith, Community, Joy and Relationships.

I wish to thank all staff for the care, compassion, expertise, cooperation and enthusiasm they have maintained and extended throughout these past 11 weeks.

I wish to congratulate all our new students and new staff for the contributions they have made to our community, all of which have enhanced and enriched who we are.

I wish to extend my gratitude to all parents and carers for the way you have participated, supported and collaborated with us, recognising the valued relationship we share in bringing about the very best for our students, your children.

I wish for you all a happy, safe and blessed Easter and school holiday break. We look to welcoming students back on Tuesday 29 April.

Vanessa Dillon | Principal





Mother's Day

Breakfast & Liturgy

FRIDAY 9 MAY

7.30am - 9am

Guests will enjoy a light breakfast from 7.30am in the St Edmund's Hall then join their child's homeroom at 8.30am for a class-based liturgy and shared activities.

We ask all families to provide a photo of your child with their mother/mother figure for use in the liturgy slideshow. You can upload this when you RSVP at stedmunds.nsw.edu.au/mdc or by emailing events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

RSVP HERE

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Staff Professional Learning Day 1 Term 2 Monday 28 April

A reminder that Monday 28th April, the first Day back in Term 2, will be a Professional Learning Day for the dedicated St Edmund's staff, focusing on the development of teaching and learning programs and experiences and trauma informed practice. We hope students enjoy their Long weekend on the back of ANZAC Day (Friday).

We then have a busy start to the Term including:

ANZAC Commemorative Assembly - Friday 2 May at school Period 5

Edmund Rice Feast Day - Founder of the Christian Brothers - Monday 5 May

Mother's Day - Friday 9 May 7.30 - 9am. All mothers and mother figures welcome to breakfast and to join their child for a brief liturgy in homerooms.

Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 Camps - Wednesday 14 May - Friday 16 May Week 3 of Term

Reconciliation Week 27 May - 3 June

Eddies Big Night Out - Saturday 14 June

Birthday Ice Blocks

Our food safety protocols have been developed to safeguard our students from allergens and food cross contamination.

In this context the "Class Birthday Celebration" procedure has been simplified. A class serve of Ice Blocks purchased through the canteen replaces cupcakes, cakes, lolly bags, etc brought from home. The Ice Blocks are very popular amongst the troops.

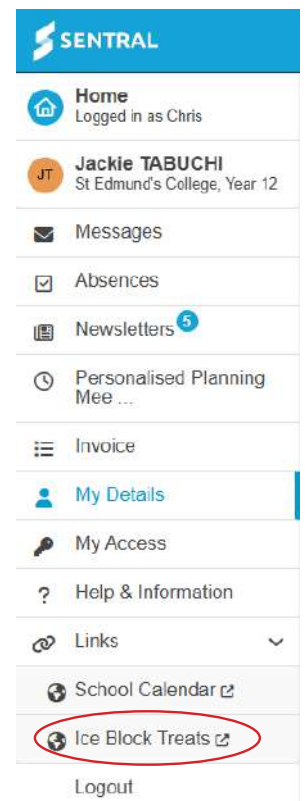
As such please see below the Sentral Parent Portal, through which ice blocks can be ordered for your child's class or year group. (Refer bottom tab). \$10 buys sufficient ice blocks for a Year group. You can also access the [link directly here](#).

I know that Birthday season has been upon us this week, and I thank all of you for adjusting seamlessly to this hopefully streamlined procedure.

If you have any questions or difficulties with the portal, or this process, please contact me through the school admin team.

Red Dirt

Preparations continue for our RAP initiative in the first (NAIDOC) week of the July Holiday break when a group of our senior student leaders will connect with elders, remote schools and Aboriginal communities on Country in Western NSW regions of the Warrumbungles, Walgett, Brewarrina, Bourke and Dubbo Zoo. We look forward to our students and staff sharing their learning when they return in Term 3.



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Visit by Greg Barake, Communications Officer of Edmund Rice Education's Ruben Centre located in the overcrowded slum in Nairobi, Kenya

Mr Barake visited St Edmund's to learn about our school on the day of our last Assembly on 28 March. He is responsible for a centre with hospital, radio station, small workshops and primary school of over 3500 students, some 50 of whom are learning with disability similar to St Edmund's students.

Greg is in Australia to learn about the network of Edmund Rice Education Services, study wellbeing initiatives and learn about our First Nations Culture and stories.

When he returns to the Ruben Centre run by Warrnambool born Christian Brother Frank O'Shea, Greg would like to maintain contact, connection and exchange of ideas and material with St Edmunds College. We welcome any support from our community with ideas and material we can use to connect with our Kenyan cousins similar to our connection earlier this year with Damien Memorial Edmund Rice School in Hawaii.



ANZAC Day

St Edmund's College will be proudly represented at Wahroonga Park Memorial at the 7.30am ANZAC Day Commemoration by College Captain Arpita and Vice-Captain James who will lay a wreath in honour of all those who have served and suffered as the result of war. If other students would like to attend and support our student leaders, please attend in full polished uniform so that our school can be recognised for the pride we have in our school and in those who serve Australia.

There is also scope for students to represent the College at the 11.30am Sunday 27 April ANZAC Commemorative Service at St John Anglican Church of St John the Evangelist, Gordon. Please email me brannan@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au before Tuesday 15 April if you would like to represent the College in full polished uniform at this service.

We remember service and sacrifice of the people like Lt Col Alan Scott who grew up at Wahroonga, was a hero of the Battle of Lone Pine at Gallipoli (4th Bn), and sadly lost his life at the conclusion of the battle Polygon Wood, Ypres, Belgium on 1st October 1917. As commander of the 56th Bn, Alan Scott led his brother Lt Lee Scott and also my Grandfather Cpl Kevin McCarthy, all local boys listed on the Wahroonga and St Ives Memorials respectively.

We will remember them Lest we forget.

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EBNO

Preparations continue for our 14 June Eddies Big Night Out where many of our students and their skills will be celebrated. Please promote this event across your connections to fly the flag and promote the great work and learning of our students at St Edmunds.

Community Movie Night

The Community Movie night held last Friday 4 April was a great success with approximately 50 of our community in attendance. Popcorn and ice blocks were popular fare as our students enjoyed "Inside Out 2". We look forward to our Term 2 Disco on Friday 20th June.

Holy Week Liturgy

In preparation for Holy Week next week our senior students led the school in eloquently dramatising the story of Jesus Passion on Thursday. All students have been prepared to develop their understanding of Jesus' story and the values he shared with us during recent RE lessons. And the way our Year 12 students led a spirit of quiet reflection, mindfulness and contemplation through this process was exemplary. It would certainly be worth having a conversation with your child over the coming days to consolidate this learning in a manner that reassures him/ her that we have efficacy and great role models who show us how to be good people and do great work in the world for the common good.

Wishing a safe, holy and happy Easter to all in our extended community, as well as a reflective Holy Week and ANZAC Commemoration. We look forward to seeing all our wonderful students back safe and sound and ready for another exciting Term 2 of learning and community on Tuesday 29 April.

Lest we forget,

Sean Brannan | Deputy Principal



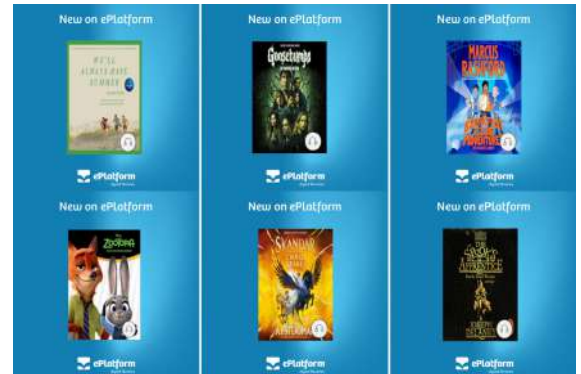
CURRICULUM CORNER

Holiday Learning Fun!

Looking for ways to keep young minds engaged over the break? The holidays are a perfect time to spark curiosity and encourage creativity at home! Try a family reading challenge, keep a holiday journal, cook a recipe together using measurements for a little maths fun, or spend some time on Mathletics to keep those number skills sharp. Don't forget to read a great book—and check out the new titles just added to our ePlatform digital library! From exciting adventures to laugh-out-loud stories, there's something for every reader to enjoy. Happy reading and happy holidays!

[New titles to the ePlatform Library this month](#)

Judi North | Head of Teaching and Learning



FOOD AND ALLERGY REMINDERS

Please label your child's lunch box and water bottle.



**Do not share
food or eating
utensils**

Please remind your child that food, fluids and utensils are not to be shared so that we keep our friends safe.



A reminder that St Edmund's College is an allergy aware environment.



WELLBEING

Online Safety

The holidays might mean students are spending more time on devices than usual. This week in Homerooms and Pastoral Care, students have been reminding themselves what it means to Be Safe, Be Caring and Be a Good Learner online. To support this at home, there are 3 social stories posted on

Class Dojo, one for each of the rules, relating to Cyber Safety. These can be used at home to reinforce the language and messages that students are receiving at school.



Parenting Support

Stepping Stones Triple P online platform is free for parents, specifically designed for children with disabilities and funded by the Australian Government. It provides parents with strategies for life skills such as daily routines, communicating and building relationships.

[Click this link](#) to find out more about the service and how it could support you.

Niamh Mulkeen | Head of Wellbeing



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

On 1 March, Sebastian BM participated in the Festival of Fun in Wollongong, an event designed to provide unforgettable experiences for everyone, with a special focus on accessibility and ensuring that everyone, regardless of their disability can join in!

Sebastian entered their talent contest and performed an original song he wrote and produced, with the assistance of his music teacher, called Comic Book Hero. He knocked his performance out of the park and for his first ever music competition, he came out the ultimate winner! Not only did he win a huge trophy but he has also won a paid spot at next year's event! Nothing stops this young man from doing what he loves to do!

Well done Sebastian, your St Edmund's friends are very proud of you.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Mothers day stall



Mug #4
Hand Sanitiser #3
Cards #1
Bear #5
Balm #3
Rose soap #3
Hand cream #4
Note pads #
Bookmarks # 1
Pen #1.50

When we come back from school holidays, Mother's Day will be right around the corner. This why the Year 9 Work Education students in cooperation with the Retail students will organise a Mother's Day Stall for all students on Tuesday 6 May, Wednesday 7 May, Thursday 8 May and Friday 9 May. There will be more info after the holidays, but for the moment we have a glimpse into what will be on offer.

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NSWCCC Swimming Championships

Congratulations to the following students who were selected into the CSBB Swimming Team to compete at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships on Thursday, 3 April at Sydney Olympic Park.

CSBB Swimming Team: Dylan, Bara, Elodie, Jaydon, Sophia, Indigo, Ruby (abs), Isabella, Gemma, Lucy, Isaac and Cameron.



NSWCCC Swimming Results

Our students all competed extremely well, achieving many personal best times. However, with 2 full heats in most multi-class events and up to 10 competitors in each heat, it was exceptionally difficult to finish in the top 3 in this State competition. Our St Edmund's students represented the College and Broken Bay as exemplary role models in the multi-class events, and performed to the best of their ability on the day. We did not win any medals this year at State, but the number of 'Personal Best' results, together with the positive energy and comradery displayed by the athletes, was a win for St Edmund's. Congratulations to all!

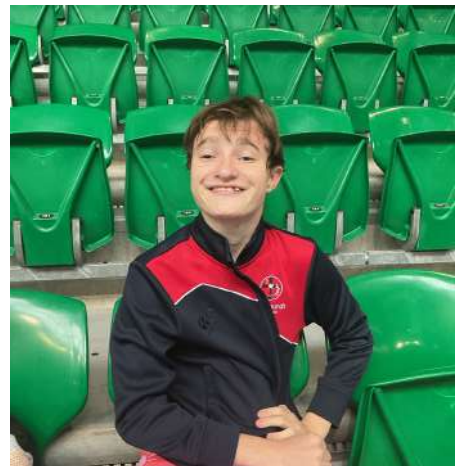
	50m	50m	50m	100m	50m
Bara	BR- 7 th	BK- 8 th PB	FR- 9 th		FLY- 8 th PB
Elodie	BR- 5 th PB	BK- 6 th PB	FR- 6 th PB	FR- 7 th	
Jaydon	BR- 5 th PB	BK- 7 th PB	FR- 6 th	FR- 6 th PB	
Dylan		BK- 10 th	FR- 11 th		
Sophia			FR- 5 th PB	FR- 5 th	
Indigo			FR- 6 th		
Isabella		BK- 5 th			
Gemma	BR- 4 th PB				
Lucy		BK- 4 th PB			
Isaac	BR- 7 th PB	BK- 5 th PB	FR- 7 th PB	FR- 7 th PB	
Cameron		BK- 9 th PB	FR- 11 th		

Some of the competition highlights were:

- St Edmund's having the 4th highest number of entries of the 36 successful Broken Bay schools
- St Edmund's having the highest number of Multi-Class entries for the Broken Bay Diocese
- St Edmund's contributing 309 points to the Broken Bay points tally
- 16 personal best times
- Good sportsmanship displayed throughout the day.



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Other News in Sport

Ben

Congratulations to Ben for participating in the [March Charge](#).

'The March Charge is a fun, personal fitness challenge that has an enormous impact on how cancer is researched and treated. Just by walking or running for the Cancer Council this March, and by raising funds you can help us Charge ahead with research and support services.'

In March, Ben took on this challenge at the beginning of the month to raise awareness and fundraising support for the Cancer Council. He raised \$1,642.00 all up for the Cancer Council by running/walking 101km. Congratulations on completing this amazing challenge for charity Ben!

Elodie

Congratulations Elodie for qualifying to compete at the Australian Swimming Championships. Elodie is competing at the 2025 Australian Multiclass Age Championships in Brisbane this week. She will be swimming on Friday morning (11 April) in the Girls 50m Freestyle which will be shown on 9Now. She is very excited to be flying in an airplane and staying in a hotel. Here is Elodie's national photo and some info.

Lois Horne | PDHPE and Sports Coordinator



LOST PROPERTY

If any of these items belong to your child please organise collection from lost property.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

As I reflect on Term 1 in the role of Family Engagement Officer, I feel excited about the proactivity that families have shown around understanding funding, supports, and options for their child, as we have worked together around increasing knowledge and confidence for self-advocacy when navigating complex systems such as the NDIS.

I have had the privilege of seeing 'knowledge is power' in action when families interact with the NDIS. So often, feelings of empowerment start with translating complexities, understanding the system, and being able to relate key changes and information to your personal experience and rights.



On 8 April I presented an information session where we tackled NDIS legislation including recent and upcoming changes, as well as how we can use key NDIS documents and language when self-advocating for reasonable and necessary NDIS funds. [The recording is shared here](#) for those that were not able to make it:

Two of the topics we discussed at this information session were Support Needs Assessments and New Framework Plans. One of my colleagues in the sector has written a fantastic summary of these two new concepts, and where things are at right now: teamdsc.com.au/resources/an-update-on-needs-assessments

I would also like to share an upcoming event being facilitated by the NDIS: **Understanding the NDIS Webinar Series: Pathways to Post School Life**

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/events/10629-understanding-ndis-webinar-series-pathways-post-school-life>

<https://events.humanitix.com/understanding-the-ndis-webinar-series-pathway-to-post-school-life>

Wednesday 16 April, 6-7pm: <https://events.humanitix.com/understanding-the-ndis-webinar-series-pathway-to-post-school-life/tickets?dateId=67b5292ff70ee7606cb8c0ff>

Tuesday 29 April, 1-2pm: <https://events.humanitix.com/understanding-the-ndis-webinar-series-pathway-to-post-school-life/tickets?dateId=67b5294a80b6ab7a8391f2f2>

I have registered for this webinar on 29 April and will share any key messages or resources with the school community.

Call for parent representatives

I have been developing a template that families can use when collating key essential information when preparing for an NDIS Planning (Reassessment/Review) meeting. This document is similar to what you may expect when working with a Support Coordinator, however I am aware that the vast majority of school-aged NDIS participants do not have funding for Support Coordination in their NDIS Plan.

I have made a draft of a document, and I would love to meet with some parent representatives in Term 2 for your feedback, thoughts, input, and edit-suggestions.

If you are interested, please email me on duffy@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

What is up next?

The theme for Term 2 is Post School Options (all sessions are **open to all families**, not just the families of Year 11 and 12 students). Please pop the following in your calendars: more details to follow in Term 2:

Post-School Transition Planning	Face to face (onsite)	6.5.25 6-8pm	Big picture thinking and discussion about 'what next' after school, when considering goals, support needs, services, and options beyond NDIS funding
NDIS: Social and Community Participation	Live webinar (recorded)	9.5.25 Daytime 12-1:30pm	'Core funded' NDIS options: Social programs, Day Programs, making sense of funding categories and support ratios etc
Employment Supports	Live webinar (recorded)	13.5.25 Daytime 12-1:30pm	NDIS funded (including SLES, School Leaver Employment Supports) + Mainstream Employment supports
Parent Group Post School Evening	Face to face (onsite)	27.5.25 6-7:30pm	Hear from Eddie's Alumni about their post school journeys and share and learn together
Transport, Travel, Travel Training, NDIS Recurring Transport, Taxi subsidies	Live webinar (recorded)	3.6.25 Daytime 12-1:30pm	Making sense of NDIS funded and Mainstream support options
Disability and Post School Expo	Face to face (onsite)	10.6.25 3-7pm	Social and Community Participation + Employment Support Providers + Allied Health + Mainstream + TAFE + etc

Until next time! Yours in Community,

Lisa Duffy | Family Engagement Officer

YEAR 12 RETAIL EASTER STALL

Our Year 9 to Year 12 Food Technology students have once again shown incredible generosity, skill, and heart as they prepared and served meals for The Dish—a local Hornsby-based organisation that provides food, friendship, and a welcoming space for people doing it tough.

Over the last year, students were inspired by the much-loved Nagi Maehashi from RecipeTin Eats. A favourite among our classes, Nagi's recipes have sparked enthusiasm in the kitchen and a passion for giving back. With her step-by-step photos, easy-to-follow videos, and of course, the ever-popular Dozer the golden retriever, Nagi has become celebrity in our Food Tech classrooms.

For their recent contribution to The Dish, students cooked up Nagi's hearty Cheesy Mexican Beef and Bean Bake, served with Mexican Red Rice, and finished with delicious Lemon Bars for dessert. All meals were prepared under the supervision of staff, with college staff volunteers then transporting and serving the food after school to over 40 people in need.

Our students have embraced this opportunity to serve others, while also learning about Nagi's own charitable work through RecipeTin Meals and her commitment to fighting food insecurity. As one Year 10 student shared:

"We're doing good work for less fortunate people—just like Nagi."

The college is proud to support The Dish four times each year, and we are even prouder of our students, who continue to show compassion and community spirit in everything they do.

Cherie Pisani | Technologies & VET Hospitality Coordinator



YEAR 12 FORMAL COMMITTEE

The Year 12 Formal is confirmed for Thursday 27 November at Avondale Golf Club. If any Year 12 parents would like to be involved in the planning committee for the Pre-Formal and Formal please email Susan at dickenson@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT OUT

It is just two months until our biggest night of the year! Eddie's Big Night Out will be held on 14 June at Miramare Gardens. Enjoy an unforgettable evening that will raise funds to transform our Quad into a piazza-style space that can be enjoyed by our students and community.

There will be a silent auction, a live auction, raffle and more, including live performances by our incredible students, and the fabulous band, The Headliners. Mark Beretta OAM will be our Master of Ceremonies. Mark is

best known as the Sport Presenter on Sunrise, and as the host of Seven's major sport broadcasts. Our auctioneer is former Eddie's Parent and Mate Ian Hyman OAM from Hymans Valuers and Auctioneers.

There are many ways you can get involved and there are flyers with further information on the following pages:

- **Buy tickets.** Discounts are in place for tables of 10 and St Edmund's students in Years 11 and 12.
- **Spread the word** about the event with family, friends and colleagues.
- **Organise a Corporate Mates Table** - these tables are great advertising tools and generate goodwill amongst our community. Businesses such as McCarroll's Automotive Group, Lexus of Chatswood, Kennards, Acrow, Ampol, AAA Tyres, Snap Printing and more are already committed to Mates tables. Eddie's Big Night Out could not happen without the generosity of sponsors such as those listed above.
- Donate item(s) for our silent auction, live auction or raffle. You may wish to organise donations from businesses you may work at or frequent. **A letter is attached here** you may use in support of this request.

We thank the St Edmund's families and businesses that have already donated in support of our event, including Pilu at Freshwater, Mercure Kooindah Waters, Ormeggio at The Spit, Chiosco by Ormeggio, Postino Osteria, a'Mare, Cibaria Manly, Agence de Parfum, Dive Centre Manly, Taronga Zoo, Kula Body, Billabong Retreat, Australian Turf Club, Sydney Seaplane, Blue Bungalow, Mer Claire, RecipeTin, The Sydney Swans, Silky Shapes Studio, Belvoir St Theatre, ReformU Pilates, Urban Surf, Verve Portraits and more.

Please contact Susan or Cassandra if you have any queries or are able to assist. You can also email events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Susan Dickenson and Cassandra Brading | Marketing and Development





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YOU ARE INVITED TO

Eddie's Big Night Out

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ENJOY AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING WHILE RAISING FUNDS TO TRANSFORM THE EDDIE'S QUAD.

TICKETS INCLUDE A 3 COURSE MEAL, BEVERAGES AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT.

Date Saturday 14 June • 7pm - Midnight

Venue Miramare Gardens
48 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills

Tickets \$210pp or \$2000 for a table of 10

Dress After 5 with a touch of green

RSVP Monday 2 June

Booking www.stedmunds.nsw.edu.au/ebno

Queries events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Eddie's Big Night Out

Mates Tables

TOP MATE \$12,000

- 2 tables of ten guests each
- Table signage & company logos on screens during evening
- Acknowledgement throughout the evening
- Half page advertisement in the Events Program
- \$8000 tax deduction – sponsorship

BEST MATE \$8,000

- 1 table of ten guests
- Table signage & company logos on screens during evening
- Acknowledgement throughout the evening
- Quarter page advertisement in the Events Program
- \$6000 tax deduction – sponsorship

GREAT MATE \$4,000

- 1 table of ten guests
- Table signage & company logos on screens during evening
- Acknowledgement throughout the evening & in the Events Program
- \$2000 tax deduction – sponsorship

BOOKINGS

- Online www.stedmunds.nsw.edu.au/ebno-mates
- Enquiries events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Thank you for your support



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Eddie's Big Night Out

Donation Request

The silent and live auctions are central to the success of Eddie's Big Night Out. If you, your employer or one of your contacts have any items or experiences that can be donated it is much appreciated.

The live auction is centred around premium items/experiences such as box seats to a sporting match or concert or a stay in a holiday home. The silent auction is based upon smaller scale items that can be made up into hampers.

All donations are welcomed and valued. Below are some suggestions.



ELECTRONICS

Headphones, electronic equipment, tech items, electronics vouchers



GOURMET

Wooden boards, aprons, bbq equipment, gourmet products, vouchers to restaurants/cafes



SPORTS

Sports equipment, footballs, sports memorabilia, team clothing, vouchers to sporting fixtures



VOUCHERS

All vouchers including supermarkets, retail, restaurants, theatre, experiences and hotels



SPA PRODUCTS

Luxury soaps/lotions/bath products, perfumes, bath robes, gift certificates to day spas



ALCOHOL

Wines and spirits bottles, glasses, vouchers for bottle shops, beverage experiences

Please email events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au if you would like to discuss potential donations.
Thank you for your support.

AWARDS

	Student of the Week	Eddie's Best
5/6	Laurence and Milla	Adam
7S	Cody and Caitlyn	Lucinda
7V	N/A	Beau
8B	Diesel and Jaydon	Chloe
8P	Will and Sam	Lizzie
9M	Alex and Monique	Dylan
9P	Ted and Matilda	Maxyne
10L	Jackson and Indigo	Ashley
10O	Sophia and Lucy	Matthew
11A	Leela and Christopher	Sienna
11J	Dash and Bento	Finley
12D	Rosie and Toby	Nathan
12E	Bradley and Adam	James

congratulations

CAPTAIN'S CORNER



We have enjoyed our first term as leaders at St Edmund's College. Today we all took part in a liturgy for Holy Week. Our Year 12 Retail students also coordinated some great Easter Markets. We hope everyone enjoys Easter and the Holidays. We will see you back soon for an exciting Term 2!

Nathan, Arpita, James, Ella, Will and Liam | Student Leadership Team

CAMP ROCK AT THE ZENITH THEATRE



COMMUNITY

Please note any external events or organisations listed in the Community section are not endorsed by the College, but are included as they may be of interest to our families. As with any service provision sourced by families for their young person, we encourage due diligence in making informed decisions.



 **NEED TO**
clear out
YOUR WARDROBE AND GET SOME FRESH ITEMS?
AFTERNOON TEA AND GOOD VIBES PROVIDED!

FOR 12-20 YEARS OLDS

COME TO OUR FREE CLOTHING SWAP AT GORDON LIBRARY

SUNDAY 13 APRIL ♦ **REGISTER: [NETZERO.KRG.NSW.GOV.AU/TEENSWAP](https://netzero.krg.nsw.gov.au/teenswap)**

 **THE CLOTHING EXCHANGE**



 **Kuring Gai Council**

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Sustaining Sydney's green heart

 *reaching net zero together*



**Disability
Sports**
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SUPPORTED BY

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Sydney Abilities Unleashed Kids

A fun and inclusive day connecting children with disabilities to local sport and active recreation opportunities.

Friday, 28 Nov 2025
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
**Perry Park Recreation
Centre, 1B Maddox St,
Alexandria NSW 2015**

Click here
or scan the
QR code
to register:



Contact: abilitiesunleashed@sports.org.au





DRAMA CLASSES

At MSTYP, we're passionate about developing young people's potential. Our weekly classes are led by industry-trained actors and directors, committed to enhancing student's abilities in a vibrant, supportive setting.

- ✓ Confidence, Creativity & Public Speaking
- ✓ Kindergarten - Year 12
- ✓ End of Year Showcase
- ✓ Classes in St Ives, Killara, Turramurra, Hornsby & Asquith

JOIN
US!



HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

MSTYP is all about making school holidays a blast with our drama workshops, perfect for Kindergarten to Year 12 students. These workshops offer a chance to make friends, discover the performing arts, enhance confidence, and enjoy fun-packed activities in a supportive environment.

- ✓ For beginners to advanced students
- ✓ Kindergarten - Year 12
- ✓ Workshops in Killara & Hornsby



Sony Camp

Since 1999, The Sony Foundation Children's Holiday Camp Program has given Year 11 students the opportunity to care for children with a disability who are aged between seven and 14 years over a four-day period. The Children's Holiday Camp is a unique respite program that sees high school students take on the responsibility for the care of children, aged between seven and 14 with special needs, allowing their families to have valuable time off.

The children are treated to a camp full of thrilling and exciting adventures and are cared for in either Pymble or Shore's (Sydney Church of England Grammar School) Boarding Houses, 24 hours a day, by Pymble and Shore students. These Year 11 students, supported by a team of dedicated teaching and medical staff, will quickly learn about the challenges and demands involved in caring for a child with special needs in a life-changing experience.

A gentle reminder to apply for an opportunity to be a part of the Pymble/Shore Sony Foundation Children's Holiday Camp. This is a fully funded program for successful applicants.

Applications must close Wednesday 30 April 2025. [Please learn more and apply here.](#)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on the number and email provided below. For any enquiries, please email sonycamp@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au or contact Camp Co-ordinator Mariel Lombard on 9855 7610 or email mlombard@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au



Children's Respite School Holiday Calendar April 2025

Exciting School Holiday Adventures Await!

Looking for a safe, supportive, and fun school holiday experience for your child? At Cerebral Palsy Alliance's Dee Why Respite Cottage, we've planned an exciting lineup of activities designed to spark creativity, build new skills, and create lasting memories for children and teens aged 7–17 with disabilities.

Whether your child enjoys arts and crafts, outdoor adventures, or making new friends, our holiday calendar is packed with engaging experiences that promise plenty of fun and discovery!

When & Where

Dates: Monday, 14 April – Sunday, 27 April
(excluding ANZAC Day, Friday, 25 April)

Time: 10am – 4pm

Location: Drop-off and pick-up at
28 Lynwood Street, Dee Why

What to Bring

To ensure a comfortable and safe experience, please pack:

- Sunscreen, hat, and a water bottle (labelled with their name)
- Any required medications
- Opal and Companion Card (for outings)

Please note that activities may be subject to change due to unexpected conditions or based on the level of support required for each child.

**Monday
14th April**

10:00am – 4:00pm

Fun cooking workshop

Help plan and prepare the meals for the week! Choose your own recipes, make a shopping list and go shopping. Learning how to plan your weekly meals and shop within a budget.

Location: *Dee Why / Forestville Cottage*



**Tuesday
15th April**

10:00am – 4:00pm

Clay making

Get your hands dirty and make your own pottery! Make your own cup, plate, bowl or anything of your choosing. Mold, shape, and build unique creations, boosting imagination, fine motor skills, and self-expression in a fun, hands-on activity!

Location: *Dee Why / Forestville Cottage*



**Wednesday
16th April**

10:00am – 4:00pm

Picnic @ Freshwater Beach

Enjoy calm waters, shady picnic spots, and stunning ocean views while soaking up the fresh air in a fun, accessible outing!

Location: *Freshwater Beach*



**Thursday
17th April**

10:00am – 4:00pm

Ball games; basketball, netball + other sports

Jump, throw, and laugh with exciting ball games! Boost fitness, coordination, and teamwork while having a blast.

Location: *Allambie Heights Oval and Basketball Court*



**Friday
18th April**

10:00am – 4:00pm

Sydney City Farm Volunteer Working Bee

Friday mornings involve working in the plant nursery and depot area. Tasks include raising seedlings, collecting and processing seed, and caring for our small potted fruit trees. These sessions suit volunteers who want to develop plant propagation and nursery skills. **Location:** *Sydney City Farm*



**Saturday
19th April**

10:00am – 4:00pm

Blaxland Riverside Park, walk and BBQ

Explore the activity park with tunnel slides, a water play area, a multi-level treehouse and electric BBQs.

Location: *Blaxland Riverside Park*



**Sunday
20th April**

10:00am – 4:00pm

Bowling Trip

Roll, laugh, and strike up some fun! Enjoy a lively bowling outing, boosting coordination, socialising, and friendly competition.

Location: *Timezone Chatswood*



Funding options

This service can be funded through your child's NDIS package under the following categories:

- Daily Activities (Category 1)
- Social and Community Participation (Category 4)
- Increased Social and Community Participation (Category 9)

For cancellations, please provide at least 2 business days' notice to avoid charges.

How to book

Call **1300 888 378** (Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm)

Email ask@cerebralpalsy.org.au

Let's make this school holiday one to remember!

Flexible Respite Options

We provide flexible options to suit your family and child's needs and goals, including:

- ✓ **Afternoon Club**
(3pm – 8pm, incl. school pick-up)
- ✓ **Shorter overnight stays** (3pm – 9am)
- ✓ **24-hour overnight stays**
- ✓ **Individual Support** (3 hours minimum)

Whether it's a casual afternoon stay/activity or overnight sleepover, your child will enjoy a safe, and comfortable environment designed to encourage social interaction, creativity, wellbeing and physical activity. Parents can relax knowing their child is in trusted hands, allowing extra time to work, run errands, attend events or simply recharge.

Monday 21st April

10:00am – 4:00pm

Homemade Pasta and lasagna making

Discover a hands-on pasta-making experience, fostering creativity and skill-building while having fun and tasting delicious homemade pasta.

Location: Dee Why / Forestville Cottage



Tuesday 22nd April

10:00am – 4:00pm

Art in the park!

Draw inspiration from the environment for your art.

Location: Jamieson Park, Narrabeen



Wednesday 23rd April

10:00am – 4:00pm

Fish and chips at Dee Why beach

Savor crispy fish and chips at Dee Why Beach! Enjoy sea breezes, great company, and a delicious meal in a beautiful, relaxing outdoor setting.

Location: Dee Why Beach



Thursday 24th April

10:00am – 4:00pm

Manly to Shelly beach walk

Explore the iconic Manly to Shelly Beach walking track, enjoying fresh air, nature, and gentle exercise while fostering well-being. Then enjoy some time relaxing on the beach.

Location: Manly and Shelly Beach



Saturday 26th April

10:00am – 4:00pm

Taronga Zoo Sydney

Roam wild at Taronga Zoo Sydney! See awesome animals, enjoy exciting adventures, and make unforgettable memories while exploring nature and having fun with friends!

Location: Taronga Zoo



Sunday 27th April

10:00am – 4:00pm

Bondi Beach

Feel the sand, watch the waves, and soak up the vibes at Bondi Beach! A fun-filled day of sun, sea, and smiles awaits.

Location: Bondi Beach

