



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, come and make your dwelling within me.

Come, Holy Spirit, be my guide through life in good times and the not so good times.

Come, Holy Spirit, dispel the darkness felt by so many in war torn countries today.

Come, Holy Spirit, give courage and comfort to those who are displaced by war, having to travel to another country.

Come, Holy Spirit, comfort those who are ill or suffering at this time. Give them your peace.

Come, Holy Spirit, comfort those close to death and lead them safely to their eternal home.

Come, Holy Spirit, be a guide to those who are experiencing homelessness.

Give them courage and hope as they await a new home.

Come, Holy Spirit, give courage to young people preparing for exams at this time of year.

Come, Holy Spirit, guide Christians to follow Christ in their various vocations in life.

Come, Holy Spirit, inspire those discerning vocation to religious life, diaconate, and especially vocation to diocesan priesthood.

Come, Holy Spirit, be with me always.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Sunday 8 June marked the celebration of Pentecost Sunday in the Catholic Church. It is often referred to as the 'Birthday of Christianity' because this is when we read in Scripture



of the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' followers who were gathered together in readiness for the celebration of Pentecost, following Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. Jesus' followers were gathered together for Pentecost, and the Holy Spirit "filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2) "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4).

Pentecost is a Jewish festival that occurs during the beginning of the early weeks of harvest. In Palestine, there were two harvests each year. The early harvest came during the months of May and June; the final harvest came in the Autumn. Because

Pentecost was the celebration of the

beginning of the early wheat harvest, it meant that Pentecost always fell sometime during the middle of the month of May or sometimes in early June. Today, Pentecost in the Catholic tradition, occurs 50 days after the commencement of the Easter Season.

Edie's Big Night Out

This is such a fabulous event for our community, which brings incredible support and financial contributions to support the strategic purchasing of items that enhance the student learning and other big picture initiatives we have for our community. It brings with it a LOT of preparation, long hours and energy from staff too, in particular Meg and her awesome CAPA team, those associated with the Enrichment Ensembles, Susan and Cassandra, along with those in our Hospo, Admin Team and Business Office. I extend a huge amount of gratitude for all who were involved in the lead up to this BIG EVENING. We will share many photos in the next newsletter!

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St Edmund's School Renewal Process

St Edmund's undergoes its School Renewal Process from the 18-20 June. This is a process that is facilitated with all EREA School Communities around the country to support the analysis and evaluation of the school in its fulfilment of the Edmund Rice Charism. This Charism is captured in our four EREA Touchstones – Gospel Spirituality, Liberating Education, Justice and Solidarity, and Inclusive Community. It has been 8 years since the last school renewal, when both St Edmund's and St Gabriel's together underwent this helpful evaluation and reflection process. Part of the process is for the Principal to identify 5-6 Key Challenges. I have used our recently devised School Strategic Plan to inform these, and have shared the following with the visiting Panel members:

- 1 First Nations Culture
2. Community Engagement
3. New National EREA Structure
4. Succession planning and staffing sustainability
5. Student enrolment
6. Whole School Pedagogical Practice

In addition to this, all staff and students have been invited to participate and engage in the School Renewal Surveys. Parents/carers have also been invited to participate in giving feedback to the Panel members when they visit. The Panel members will include representatives from EREA National Council, EREA Flexi Schools and an external representative from the Diocese of Broken Bay. We look forward to welcoming our visitors next week, and also look forward to receiving the feedback which will continue to shape the future of St Edmund's.

School Disco

Our Winter Themed School Disco will take place in the school hall next Thursday 19th June from 5pm until 7pm, with students arriving from 4:45pm. There will be some 'fun, fab and flashing items' for students to buy upon arrival at \$5 each, and bottles of water will be available too for \$1 each. Entry will be via Braeside Street. DJ KitKat will be dialling up the dancing and we can't wait to see the joy being had by the students! Please RSVP your child's attendance by Monday 16 June.

Eddie's Onsite Disability Expo

Congratulations to Lisa D for coordinating a truly awesome Expo on Tuesday 10 June. All the stall holders and attendees found it to be incredibly worthwhile, and relevant to the needs of what they were seeking and providing. A lot of effort and planning went into creating such a success, and I thank Lisa and all who helped her to achieve this!

Vanessa Dillon | Principal

WINTER THEMED DISCO

All students from Years 5-12 are invited to attend our upcoming Winter Themed School Disco.

WHEN Thursday 19 June

WHERE School Hall from 5pm until 6.45pm

WHO DJ Katka www.djkitkat.com.au

WHAT

- Supervision provided from 4.45pm until 7pm
- Entry via Braeside St entrance
- Bottles of water will be available for purchase
- Dress to include enclosed footwear and appropriate casual wear (similar to that worn for a school mufti day)



RSVP Monday 16 June at
www.stedmunds.nsw.edu.au/disco

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

National Reconciliation Week Consolidation

Year 9 students represented the College with great distinction on Friday 30 May when they travelled by train to attend the Hyde Park ANZAC Memorial commemoration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service personnel. After all students participated in a Gadigal Smoking Ceremony, Aaron and Holly proudly laid a native floral tribute at the cenotaph in honour of all who have served and sacrificed in the defence of our nation and peoples.

Sunny Hyde Park picnic lunch preceded a visit to the Australian Museum in College St and a fascinating tour of the First Nations, Wild Planet and Treasures Galleries.

Sincere thanks to Lisa O and Lynda who supported our excursion and a great travel training experience for our students!

The students thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to remember our First Nations people who served!

Lest we forget



On Friday 6 June, D Day!

We hosted a visit from EREA Flexi Schools First Nations Director Andrew Kirkpatrick from Townsville. Andrew is a good friend of St Edmund's and looks forward to supporting our student RAP Team.

NSW Parliament Student Leadership Program

Congratulations to College Captain Nathan Amm and Mr Terry O'Keefe who represented us at state parliament on Thursday 5 June in a great day of learning

EREA News

Our students and staff proudly represented us and won great acclaim and respect for St Edmund's at the recent gathering of EREA Flexi School leaders in Glebe Town Hall on 5 June, and at the National EREA Gathering in Melbourne on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

The great work of our students, staff and community is highly regarded and we can be justifiably very proud of our students who continue to thrive, in partnership with the many generous and great organisations with whom we work. Bringing faith, joy, relationships and community!



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Red Dirt Expedition

Five students from St Edmund's will travel with three staff onto country to visit schools, communities and significant cultural sites in the Coonabarabran, Walgett, Brewarrina and Bourke regions of rural and remote NSW between 29 June and 5 July.

If any members of the St Edmund's community have access to literacy stationery or sports equipment / apparel (footy cards etc are popular amongst the kids we will be interacting with) that we can share with the local schools etc they would be gratefully accepted at school early in Week 9 before we leave.

Singing Up Country

As recently promoted, this upcoming event showcases Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as well as local music arts and culture as an important part of the Gai-Mariagal Festival hosted by Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish at St Anthony in the Fields 46 Myoora Rd Terry Hills. I'd love to see some other representatives of the St Edmund's Community there to support.

Office of eSafety Commissioner

Please stay tuned for upcoming offerings of learning and safety in the online paradigms for our students and community.

Upcoming College Events

18 June | Year 8 Spirituality Day at The Treacy Centre Oxford Falls

18-20 June | EREA Identity Audit of St Edmund's College by Mr Ray Paxton, Mrs Fiona Dignan and our own Mrs Rebecca Kirwan

18 June Inclusion in Australian Sport Forum featuring St Edmund's Students and Staff participation

19 June Jarjum CSBB Initiative 1-3pm

19 June St Edmunds College Winter themed Disco 5-7pm

29 June 6am Our St Edmunds Red Dirt Expedition Team departs for the Warrumbungles!

Please contact Mr Brannan through the admin team at the College if you have any questions.

Never a dull moment at St Edmund's.

Yours in St Edmund's and Edmund Rice Education

Sean Brannan | Deputy Principal

Singing Up Country

6th July 2025
46 Myoora Rd,
Terrey Hills,

3.30pm Regenerating bush tour - then smoking ceremony - 4pm Music - 8.30pm Finish

St Anthony in the Fields

Featured musicians are: **Stiff Gins, Michael Birk and The Recognisers, Aunty Cyndy Drummond, Black Turtles, Nadeena Dixon, and Magpie.**
It is a good start to kick off NAIDOC WEEK 2025.

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AWARDS

Student of the Week

5/6	Ally and Charlie
7S	Cody, Tom and Jeremy
7V	Lachie
8B	Chloe and Bara
8P	Lucas and Jack
9M	Nathan and Holly
9P	Elodie and Oscar
10L	Holly and Olive
10O	Daniyal and Oscar
11A	Sam and Cameron
11J	Finley and Ben
12D	Amie and Emma
12E	Ella and Andreas

Eddie's Best

Laurence
Caitlyn
Haydon
Seb
Leah
Aaron
Matilda
Charlie
Rachel
Sienna
Bento
Lauren
Alessio

congratulations

CAPTAIN'S CORNER



So much has been happening around Eddie's and we can't wait for the Disco which is being held on Thursday 19 June. DJ Kit Kat is ready to have us all dancing and entertained. We are also so happy with the 2024 yearbooks that went out. If anyone didn't receive a copy please email Susan dickenson@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au and she will get one sent home.

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

PDHPE AND SPORT

Catholic Schools Broken Bay Cross-Country Championships 2025

The CSBB Cross Country Championships were held at The Entertainment Grounds, West Gosford on May 30. St Edmund's College took 12 representatives to compete on the day. The weather was kind and our students competed extremely well, displaying determination, good sportsmanship and consistent effort throughout the 3km run.

The students who competed as part of the St Edmund's Cross-Country Team were:

Jaydon, Jonny, Oscar R, Monique, Sophia, Isabella, Joshua, Cameron, Ben, Isaac, Bradley and Will.

The CSBB Cross-Country Multi-Class results are outlined below:

12-14 Boys

1st Jaydon 16.52
2nd Jonny 18.26

15-16 Boys

1st Oscar R 15.58
2nd Joshua 20+

15-16 Girls

1st Sophia 20+
2nd Monique 20+

17+ Boys

1st Cameron 13.34
2nd Ben 14.37
3rd Will 14.39
4th Isaac 15.29
5th Bradley 18.27

17+ Girls

1st Isabella 20+



NSWCCC Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to Jaydon, Jonny, Oscar R, Monique, Sophia, Isabella, Joshua, Cameron, Ben and Isaac for participating in the NSWCCC Cross-Country Championships as part of the Broken Bay Cross Country Team. These students competed admirably and with consistent effort on Wednesday June 11, at Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park. A special mention goes to our Principal, Vanessa Dillon, who not only attended the event, but participated as a volunteer runner behind the multi-class athletes.

The NSWCCC Cross-Country Multi-Class results are outlined below:

12-14 Boys

5th Jaydon 18.48
9th Jonny 20+

15-16 Boys

5th Oscar R 18.56
6th Joshua 20+

15-16 Girls

3rd Monique 20+
4th Sophia 20+

17+ Boys

2nd Cameron 14.39
3rd Ben 15.39
4th Isaac 17.36

17+ Girls

1st Isabella 20+

Congratulations to all students who were selected to compete in this state wide event. The St Edmund's Community is extremely proud of your achievements.

PDHPE AND SPORT

NSWCCC Cross Country Team

The 4 students who qualified to represent NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools Championships are to be commended on their outstanding achievement. Monique, Cameron, Ben and Isabella will be competing on Tuesday, July 22 at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre.

Lois Horne | PDHPE and Sport Coordinator



PDHPE AND SPORT



OTHER NEWS IN SPORT

Monday 9 June was the 2025 Netball NSW All Abilities State Carnival.

It was held at Campbelltown District Netball Association in Minto.

Gemma, Lucy, Rosie and Sienna all represented the Manly Warringah Netball Association and Mia represented to Eastwood Ryde Netball Association.

It was a fabulous day with lots of Netball games played against all the All Abilities team across the state. Some very tired and cold girls at the end of the day.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

It's been a big few weeks for Family Engagement at Eddie's!

2025 Disability and Post-School Expo

To start things off, I'd love to thank our community for a great Disability and Post-School Expo on Tuesday 10 June, with over 30 service providers and around 40 members of our Eddie's families attending. I hope that for those attending, you were able to learn about some new options and ask some questions direct to providers.

Please let me know if you have any questions or feedback about the Expo, so that we can continue to provide an event that meets the needs of our community: next year and beyond.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Parent Group Post-School Evening

At our recent Parent Group Post-School Evening on May 27, we were very lucky to hear about the post-school journeys of 3 Eddie's Alumni: Luca Weber, David Teichtahl, and Angelica Mudbidri.

Angelica spoke about her online videos and jewellery-making business, and she has shared the links with me as requested by parents on the evening:

• [Tik Tok](#)

• [Instagram](#)

Sony Foundation Camp - MLC School

Information has been released for the 2025 Sony Foundation Camp in December this year. I have heard from some Eddie's families about the wonderful experiences their children have had on previous camps.

This year's camp is being hosted by MLC School and will be held from Saturday 6 December to Tuesday 9 December 2025.

Here are some words from MLC:

'Last year marked MLC's first time hosting a Sony Camp, and it was a great success.

We understand how precious respite is and are keen to support your community. Again this year, MLC School Sydney warmly invites families to apply for an opportunity to be a part of our Sony Foundation MLC School Children's Holiday Camp. This is a fully funded program provided at NO COST for successful applicants.

The Children's Holiday Camp is a unique respite program that sees carefully selected, trained high school students, under the supervision of teachers, nurses and community volunteers, take on the responsibility for the care of children, aged between 7 and 13 with additional needs.

The camp is designed to allow their families to have valuable time off in the lead up to Christmas.

Children attending the camp will be treated to a range of fun-filled activities from time at the beach to discos, magic shows, drumming workshops, craft and so much more! We might even have a special visit from Santa!

The four-day, three-night respite camp, hosted by selected Year 11 students and staff (including 24-hour onsite medical staff) of MLC School and partner schools is being held from Saturday 6 December to Tuesday 9 December 2025 at Land's Edge Foundation Harbour Lodge, Chowder Bay Rd, Mosman.

To apply to be a part of the camp, families are required to complete the application form via our [school website](#).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by email - sonyfoundation@mlcsyd.nsw.edu.au or by calling the school 9747 1266.

<https://www.sonyfoundation.org/what-we-do/childrens-holiday-camps>

<https://www.sonyfoundation.org/disability-camp>

Thank you for your continued support.

Deputy Principal and Camp Coordinator MLC School

Sunnyfield Dungeons and Dragons Community Workshop

Sunnyfield Disability Services is co-creating a fun, imaginative, and inclusive Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) program with their clients, and they have created an [online survey](#) to seek expressions of interest to join.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Special Olympics Upper North Shore

One of the stallholders at our expo this week was Special Olympics Upper North Shore (SOSUNS). They have shared some information about options and opportunities that your child may like to try out: For 50 years, Special Olympics has been an organisation dedicated to providing and promoting regular sport activities and competition pathways (from grassroots, all the way to World Games), from 6 to 80 year olds with an intellectual impairment.

At the Sydney Upper North Shore Club, we offer the following eight sports, over 26 sessions each week, including Basketball, Cricket, Dance, Futsal, Golf, Swimming, Tennis and Ten Pin Bowling.

To find out more or book a free trial, please contact Lisa (SOSUNS Sports Coordinator) on

0407 051 138 or E: SydneyUpperNorthShore.Sport@specialolympics.com.au

<https://www.specialolympics.com.au/find-a-sport-near-me/nsw/sydney-upper-north-shore>

Webinars

There are 2 more Family Engagement Information sessions happening online via Teams meetings this term. Below are the links to join- all will be recorded, with recordings and related slides available for families afterwards.

1. Employment Supports: making sense of NDIS and Mainstream employment supports

Tuesday 17 June, 6-7:30pm [Teams Link](#)

2. Core Supports: making sense of NDIS core supports funding, including Assistance with Daily Life, and Assistance with Social, Economic and Community Participation, group supports, and support ratios

Tuesday 24 June, 6-7:30pm [Teams Link](#)

Please note any external events or organisations shared 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.

Yours in Community,

Lisa Duffy | Family Engagement Officer

VET RETAIL

On Tuesday some of the Year 12 Retail students went to Woolies Head Office and sold more than \$1300 worth of raffle tickets for Eddie's Big Night Out. Bella Vista is a very busy and big office, and they did very well.

From next week we will be selling fidget toys in the store to raise some money for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. They will all be \$5 and the students will post some promotion material later in the week. Thank you for your ongoing support for our store.

Diana van Esch | Retail Coordinator



COMMUNITY

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WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025 -
FRIDAY 18TH JULY 2025

TRANSPORT INCLUDED!
BETWEEN 08:00AM - 16:00

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