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As we continue our journey through the season of Lent, it's a wonderful time to reflect on growth, gratitude and the ways we support one another in our school community. In that spirit, I'm pleased to share a few updates from the past fortnight below.

Open Day

Our recent College Open Day was a wonderful success, with more than 70 visitors joining us to experience the warmth and spirit of St Edmund's firsthand. Our students were the true stars of the day, proudly showcasing the many opportunities and programs that make our community so unique. Families were especially impressed by our wonderful facilities, the energy of our Eddie's Drummers performance, and the return of several alumni who, alongside our College Leaders, helped lead tours and share their own experiences. It was a fantastic celebration of who we are as a community, and we look forward to continuing to spread the word about the rich, supportive and engaging education that St Edmund's offers. A huge thank you to all that contributed to the success of the day and in particular Jackie Reilly, our registrar, who led the event.



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International Women's Day

Following on from our wonderful assembly which highlighted International Women's Day, our community joyfully marked this occasion this week with a special morning tea event for the amazing women in our school. Staff enjoyed a relaxed morning tea on the day itself, sharing stories, laughter, and plenty of delicious treats. It was a beautiful reminder of the power of community and the importance of honouring the women who shape our world with faith, courage, and love.



Personalised Planning Meetings

Thank you to all parents, carers and students for your time, openness and partnership throughout our recent personalised planning meetings. These sessions are now complete, and we are deeply grateful for the thoughtful contributions that helped shape meaningful and achievable goals for the year ahead. Your insights play an essential role in ensuring each student's plan reflects their strengths, needs and aspirations within our supportive community. Staff are now busy drafting and reviewing the plans, and we look forward to sharing the completed versions with you in the coming weeks.

I wish you all a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Rebecca Kirwan | Principal

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Year 13 Pizza Dinner

On Tuesday afternoon, following a busy and highly successful Open Day at which our College presented its best Teaching and Learning and student centred approach to the community, we celebrated one of the highlights of the year in welcoming back our Class of 2025 for a Pizza Dinner and catch up to see where our recent alumni are three months after graduating.

Some of our leaders including Arpita and Ella were backing up after leading Open Day Tours with other recent student leaders earlier in the day. However we had a great representation and all enjoyed sharing their recent learning and adventures at Omnia, Jigsaw, working in book stores and other retail opportunities etc.

Thank you to Toby, Lucy, Rosie, Adam, Liam, James, Ella, Antonio, Lauren, Michael, Parmida, Seul Yi and to Will who travelled down from the Central Coast as well as staff: Mrs Hosken, Regina, Mrs Pisani, Mrs Daly, Ms Hopkins, Lin and Mr Elcoate who were able to attend this special reunion. Paper copies of references which were presented on the night will be posted to those who couldn't make it and keyrings etc can be collected from Ms Drescher at the office next time you visit Eddies.



St Edmund's Red Dirt Expedition EOIs - Senior Students

Expressions of Interest forms are now available from Mr Brannan as we look to shore up bookings and staffing requirements for this joint initiative we share with schools including Brigidine, St Ives and Mater Maria, Warriewood.

The Expedition departs 6am Sunday 28 June from St Edmund's Braeside Ave Carpark and returns via the Wahroonga Ave gate on the late afternoon of Saturday 4 July.

Enroute we will spend 3 nights at Camp Cypress Cabins Baradine, 2 nights in Bourke: boys at the PCYC and girls at Bourke Public School gym and Friday 3rd July at Dubbo Taronga Zoo Snooze.

We will visit:

Schools including: St John's Baradine, Baradine Central School, St Brigid's Coonamble, St Joseph's Walgett, St Pat's Brewarrina, St Ignatius Bourke and Bourke Public School.

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Township Communities: Coonabarabran, Baradine, Coonamble, Walgett, Brewarrina, Bourke, Nyngan, Dubbo and Orange / Bathurst.

Significant cultural and geographical sites including: Siding Springs Australian Astronomical Telescope, Warrumbungles National Park Breadknife Grand High Tops Walk, Dandry Gorge Reconciliation Sculptures in the Pilliga Scrub, Sandstone Caves habitation site, Brewarrina Fish Traps and Cultural Museum (40,000 year old archaeological site), Gundabooka National Park and Western Plains Taronga Zoo.

Please contact Mr Brannan for an EOI or for more information.

Kuring-gai Seniors Festival

Our Year 12 Hospitality students did an outstanding job, incredibly well supported by Mr Elcoate, Genevieve, Lin and Diane as they tirelessly brewed coffees for the large crowds in attendance at the festival on Wednesday 11 March at Turramurra Uniting Church. This service is incredibly well received and offers our students the chance to accrue hours of practice and competencies in the Hospitality VET Course. The students and staff were overrun with orders and good will.



The Dish

A reminder that we have our Termly Social Outreach support of The Dish at St John's Hornsby Church on Tuesday 24 March. Our Food Technology classes will prepare meals for the patrons there, however as a community we can support by donating grocery and hygiene products through Bernie at the front office. Senior students and parents who would like to volunteer to help serve meals to the patrons on the evening should see Mr Brannan for details.

Sean Brannan | Deputy Principal



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Upcoming St Edmunds College Calendar Events		
When & What	Where	Why and Who
Mon 23 March Walk Safely to School Day 9-12pm	4 House Rotations	All students in House Groups and Staff with Facilitators Liberate Team, Allied Health, PDHPE Team, Local Police
Tues 24 Mar The Dish Social Justice Outreach	Hornsby Uniting Church	St Edmunds supporting with "Food Tech & Domestic Cooking" students preparing dinner and school community donating grocery items via front admin.
Wednesday 25 March CSBB Jarjum	Mercy College Chatswood 1 - 3pm	Gathering of First Nations students and supporters - Student RAP Team reps
Monday 30 March	Mufti Day and Project Compassion Gold Coin / Note collection	Project Compassion Lenten Collection for worthy causes worldwide
Thurs 2 April School Concludes	Holy Thursday	End of Term 1 prior to Easter and Holy Week
Monday 20 April	Staff Day 3	Professional Learning - Teaching Learning and Differentiation
Tuesday 21 April	Students Return Term 2	First Day of Term 2 for students precedes ANZAC Day, Founders Day and St Edmund's 75th
Friday 1 May	PLC Funday 2	Waterford and Mt Sion Houses @ PLC Vision Valley Outdoor Education Campus
Friday 8 May	St Edmund's 75th Anniversary Mass	Celebratory Mass in the School Hall followed by Community Activities

WELLBEING

World Down Syndrome Day

On Friday 20 March, we will be acknowledging and celebrating World Down Syndrome Day by wearing our favourite socks to school.

World Down Syndrome Day is a global awareness day that celebrates the strengths and contributions of people with Down syndrome, while also promoting inclusion, understanding and the wellbeing of everyone in our community.

At Eddie's, we are proud to celebrate the strengths in our differences and the wonderful diversity within our community. We look forward to seeing lots of colourful socks and celebrating together!

**Niamh Mulkeen |
Head of Wellbeing**

A promotional poster for World Down Syndrome Day. At the top, it features the World Down Syndrome Day logo (a heart with a world map inside) and the text "World Down Syndrome Day" and "#LotsOfSocks". Below this, it says "Celebrate with us on Friday 20th March". To the right of the text are three colorful socks (blue, orange, and purple). The main message reads: "Wear your favourite socks as we celebrate everything that makes us different, and yet the same." At the bottom, there is a photograph of several pairs of feet wearing various colorful socks (black with colorful patterns, teal, rainbow, and orange). A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

World Down Syndrome Day #LotsOfSocks

Celebrate with us
on **Friday 20th March**

Wear your favourite socks
as we celebrate everything
that makes us different,
and yet the same.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

Curriculum Corner

Discover Our Digital Library – Reading Anytime, Anywhere

At our school, we are committed to providing students with engaging and meaningful learning opportunities. One of the ways we do this is through our digital library, which gives students free access to a wide range of eBooks and Audiobooks through ePlatform Digital Libraries.

This online library is a wonderful extension of our physical library and allows students to enjoy books anytime and anywhere—whether they are at home, travelling, or relaxing during school holidays.

Why students love ePlatform

With ePlatform, students have 24/7 access to a professionally curated collection of eBooks and audiobooks. Even better, books automatically return at the end of the loan period, so there's no risk of losing books or worrying about late fees.

ePlatform also includes a range of tools designed to support all types of readers, including:

- Customisable reading settings to suit individual preferences across all devices
- Opportunities to explore books at or above a student's reading level
- Support for reluctant readers, students with learning difficulties, and second-language learners
- Audiobooks that help build vocabulary, pronunciation, and comprehension
- A user-friendly platform designed for readers and listeners of all ages

Whether your child loves reading or is just beginning their reading journey, ePlatform provides another exciting way to discover stories and develop a lifelong love of books.

How to access ePlatform

Getting started is simple:

1. Download the ePlatform Digital Libraries app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store or visit eplatform.co.
2. Students can log in using their unique school login details.

If your child has any difficulty logging in, please feel free to contact the school and we will be happy to help.

Happy reading!

Judi North | Head of Teaching and Learning



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For schools
www.eplatform.co

MISSION AND IDENTITY

Holy Name Church Wahroonga Catholic Parish Council Meeting News

Holy Name Church celebrates its birthday with 9.30am Sunday Family Mass on the weekend of 21-22 March (The Church was blessed on 21 March 1954, just 3 years after St Edmunds College was founded). St Edmund's students will contribute to the celebration by dedicating Harmony Day handprint wishes in classes next week, praying for peace and harmony in our world to decorate the Church.

If anyone would like to attend 5pm Saturday 21 March Mass there will be a BBQ sausage sizzle after it and patrons are invited to bring a plate of food to share and wear orange / cultural dress for Harmony Day!

Preparations continue for upcoming Easter Masses and the next "Family Mass" will take place on Pentecost Sunday 24 May.

Sean Brannan | Deputy Principal



Saturday 21st March is the anniversary of the Opening of our Church in 1954.

It is also **Harmony Day**: recognising our diversity, encouraging people to reflect on the importance of community belonging, cultural respect, and unity.

Our Parish is celebrating this important day at the Saturday 5pm Mass with dinner afterwards.

Please bring a plate of food from your family to share with our community after Mass.

We shall also have a sausage sizzle bbq.

We invite you to wear your cultural attire or orange to show your support.

Would your child like to read or help at the Mass? To register your child to take part, please contact Sally Oong at the Parish Office on 9489 3221 or sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au asap.

PARISH HAND TREE

We shall also have a Parish 'Hand Tree' made by our parishioners and students at our local schools.

Please feel welcome to add your own handprint to the community tree, BYO or use a provided 'hand'.



HEALTH

When emailing information regarding your students' health, e.g. medication changes etc. please use our dedicated health email inbox -

health@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Year 7 and 10 Vaccination Program

St Edmund's participates in the school vaccination program administered by the state Government.

The dates for 2026 are:

Year 10 – Wednesday 25 March

Year 7 – Wednesday 3 June

Please refer to the included brochure for links to further information and to provide online consent.

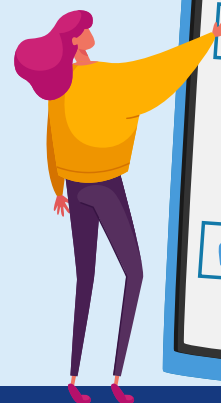
David Mitchell | Head of Risk, Compliance and HR



Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online

Scan the QR code to give your consent



Year 7

- Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Year 10

- Meningococcal ACWY

To provide online consent scan the QR code or visit: engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage

For more information visit: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination>

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PDHPE AND SPORT



North Shore Primary Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Claudia who achieved first place in 50m Backstroke and first place in 50m Freestyle at the North Shore Primary Swimming Championships at Hornsby Aquatic Centre on March 3. Claudia also set a new record for the 50m Backstroke on the day and qualified to represent St Edmund's College at the CSBB Swimming Championships.

CSBB Swimming Championships

The Catholic Schools Broken Bay Swimming Championships were held on Tuesday March 10 at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Our 14 student representatives competed extremely well, achieving many personal best times and coming away from the competition with 4 Age Champions, 5 new records and 11 students selected to compete at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships. Our students represented the College as exemplary role models in the multi-class events, and performed to the best of their ability throughout the day.

Congratulations to all involved!

St Edmund's College Swimming Team (14)

Claudia, Bara, Nicola, Lucinda, Sam F, Jonny, Sophia, Indigo, Ruby, Gemma, Olive, Isabella, Isaac and Cameron.

2026 CSBB Swimming Championship Results						
Primary	First name	Event	Event	Event	Event	Event
11-13 Girls		50m	50m	50m	100m	50m
	Claudia			FR- 1 st NR		
Secondary	First name	Event	Event	Event	Open event	Open event
12-15 Girls		50m	50m	50m	100m	50m
Age Champ	Bara	BR- 1st	BK-1st	FR- 1 st NR	FR- 1st	
	Nicola	BR- 2 nd (NC)		FR= 2 nd (NC)		
	Lucinda		BK- 2 nd (NC)	FR= 2 nd (NC)		
12-15 Boys						
	Sam			FR- 2nd		
Age Champ	Jonny			FR- 1st		
16-19 Girls		50m	50m	50m	100m	50m
	Sophia					FLY- 2nd
	Indigo			FR=1st	FR- 1 st NR	
	Ruby	BR- 3rd				FLY- 1 st NR
	Gemma	BR-2nd	BK-2nd	FR- 2nd	FR- 3rd	
Age Champ	Olive	BR- 1st	BK-1 st NR	FR= 1st	FR- 2nd	
	Isabella		BK- 3rd			
16-19 Boys		50m	50m	50m	100m	50m
Age Champ	Isaac	BR-1st	BK-1st	FR-1st	FR-1st	FLY- 1st
	Cameron	BR-2nd		FR-2nd	FR-2nd	

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CSBB Swimming Championships

Congratulations to the following 11 students who were selected into the CSBB Swimming Team to compete at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships on Wednesday 1 April and Thursday 2 April at Sydney Olympic Park.

CSBB Swimming Team (11)

Claudia, Bara, Sam, Jonny, Sophia, Indigo, Ruby, Gemma, Olive, Isaac and Cameron

Lois Horne | PDHPE and Sport Coordinator



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Hello Families!

It's been a big term already, with lots of action, listening, learning, and parent and family engagement. In case you missed it, here are some recordings from the last few weeks:

Intellectual Disability and Health, Tuesday 3 March

[ID and Health-20260303_180159-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

During this webinar, we spent some time looking at the CHAP (Comprehensive Health Assessment Program). The CHAP is an **evidence-based tool** to support **Annual Health Assessments** for people with Intellectual Disability in Australia.

There is strong evidence that these assessments are an **effective way to identify unmet health needs and preventable conditions** in people with intellectual disability. If you would like to come along to Eddie's and start your child's CHAP with other parents and carers (like a 'Life Admin Party!'), please email me and RSVP to our Inaugural 'Annual CHAP Day', held during the day at Eddie's on Wednesday 25 March.

Senior Students:

NDIS Plan Nominees: [RECORD AND SEND Plan Nominee presentation-20260310_123747-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

Individual Transition Planning: [Individual Transition Planning-20260306_092134-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

All of these recordings had accompanying slide decks with resources, so please let me know if you'd like me to forward those to you.

Save the Dates

Employment Supports Webinar: Tuesday 24 March, online, 6pm; [Link](#)

Introduction to Post School Planning (Years 5-11): Monday 4 May, online, 6pm; [Link](#)

Post School Planning Evening + Eddie's Alumni visitors and guest speakers: Tuesday 12 May, onsite at school 6pm (all welcome)

Eddie's Disability and Post-School Expo: Tuesday 19 May, 4-7pm at school – more details coming soon!

Info Share

An Eddie's Alumni family has shared that Camp Kedron has spaces for their Life Exchange camp in the School Holidays: <https://campkedron.com/life-exchange/>

I have recently learned about a service that also has a school holiday program planned, where children aged 7 and up can be supported: <https://wecaresupportservicesaustralia.com/> - if you are interested in their school holiday program, please let me know and I can send it to you.

As always, please reach out with any ideas, questions, and feedback.

Yours in Community,

Lisa Duffy | Family Engagement Officer

AWARDS

Student of the Week

5/6	Claudia and Laurence
7B	Isabella A and James S
7P	Davis and Alexandra
8P	Jonny and Tom
8V	Nicola
9F	Will O and Lizzie V
9S	Darcy and Bara
10C	Maxyne
10D	Ted C and Aaliyah
11D	Jack L and Charlie H
11O	Lucy B and Holly T
12J	Finley B and Isaac J
12P	Cameron D and Alexander S

Eddie's Best

Angus
Luke D
Rosie
Caitlyn
Cody
Leah D
Lucas B
Matilda
Dylan A
Olive
Daniyal
Benjamin F
Sienna M

congratulations

LOST PROPERTY

If any of these items in lost property belong to you or your child please organise collection.



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.



Friday 15 May 2026 Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club

Join us for 18 holes of golf, lunch and networking, all in support of St Gabriel's School.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



2026

SYDNEY NORTH WEST

DISABILITY EXPO

Support Organisations
Education and Training
Post-school Options
NDIS Providers

Wednesday 25 March 2026

4:30 - 8:30pm

St Gabriel's School - 190 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill



Join us for the 2026 Sydney North West Disability Expo at St Gabriel's School for an evening filled with valuable information and resources for individuals with special needs aged 5 to 18.

Connect with NDIS providers and discover a range of specialised services catered to your child's needs. Whether you're a student preparing for post-school life or a caregiver seeking support, this event is designed to help you navigate the options available.

Parents and carers, and students can meet and chat one-on-one with providers about their services. These will include:

- education and training
- accessible sporting groups
- creative arts classes
- holiday programs
- respite care
- allied health providers
- independent living support
- job assistance programs
- job training programs
- NDIS support and more...



Register for free by scanning the QR code or [click here](#).



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SCHOOL OPTIONS WORKSHOP

Thursday 26th March 2026
Castle Hill RSL (Phoenix Room)

Who is this workshop for?

- **Parents and carers** of children with additional support needs who are:
 - preparing for their child to start formal schooling in the coming years, or
 - navigating a transition to high school
- **Families** who want to better understand their schooling options, even if their child is younger or already attending school
- **Professionals** who support children and families with additional support needs, including educators, therapists and support staff

Families will hear directly from specialist schools in and around the Hills District, along with representatives from the NSW Department of Education. The session includes opportunities to meet school representatives and take part in an interactive Q&A.

[Register Here](#)



Session 1: Primary School
9am to 11.30am

Session 2: High School
12.30 to 3pm



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Ready Set Grow April 2026 School Holiday Therapy Programs

7/4 - 9/4 (Tue - Thu)

Little Legends Studio Arts and Crafts Program

Who should attend? Kindy to Yr 12
Cost: \$258.67 per session

Bounce Blitz Ball Sports Program

Who should attend? Kindy to Yr 12
Cost: \$193.71 per session

Taste & Texture Sensory Squad Food Exploration Program

Who should attend? Kindy to Yr 6
Cost: \$258.67 per session

Strength Stars Resistance Training Program

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Social Superstars Social Skills Program

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10/4 & 17/4 (Fri)

Mini Master Builders Lego and Construction Program

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Move Masters Gross Motor Skills Program

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Social Connection Club Social Group

Who should attend? Kindy to Yr 12
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Click here to register your interest

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**Autumn
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**Participate
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**6 April –
17 April 2026**

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School Holidays