



Term 3, Week 5 18 August 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents.

It has been an exciting week with our students venturing beyond our schools to develop skills and extend their learning in situations only excursions can provide. A highlight this week for some Eddie's students was busking in Parramatta with our friends at Mount St Benedict's College. Gabe's and Eddie's fully embraced the World Cup and supported our Matildas. The proudly worn green and gold invasion, changed the aesthetics of our schools and added to a broader sense of gratitude and community. Our students and staff have engaged with National Science Week with many learning opportunities being celebrated. Students have been learning



about what it means to innovate – taking something that already exists and changing it in some way to make it better. Those changes could be adding or eliminating something, combining things together or changing its size, colour shape etc. It's wonderful to see our students play with ideas unconstrained by the 'crunch of reality' – imagination is a gift many of our students possess and we see this in their work.

Families will be keen to plan for 2024 so please find the school term dates on the next page.

The number of teaching days is similar to the last few years. Please note that the Easter break next year

falls during the Term and not during the Term break. This results in a four-day long weekend beginning on Good Friday.

I have also added the main events that are planned for the remainder of this year – we are busy and have a lot to look forward to!

Michael Farrell | Principal











2024 SCHOOL TERM DATES					
Term 1 – 11 Weeks					
Wednesday 31 January	Start of Term 1 – All Students Return				
Friday 29 March – Monday 1 April	Easter – 4 day long weekend				
Friday 12 April	Last day of Term 1				
Term 2 – 9 Weeks					
Tuesday 30 April	Start of Term 2 – All Students Return				
Friday 7 June	Student Break - Staff PL Day	4-day long weekend for students			
Monday 10 June	King's Birthday Holiday				
Friday 28 June	End of Term 2				
Term 3 – 10 Weeks					
Tuesday 23 July	Start of Term – All Students Return				
Friday 27 September	Last day of Term 3				
Term 4 – 8 Weeks					
Tuesday 15 October	Start of Term 4 – All Students Return				
Friday 6 December	Last Day of Term for Students				

IMPORTANT EVENTS 2023						
Event	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Post School Provider Evening 2	Thurs 24					
Post School Provider Evening 3	Thurs 31					
Father's Day Breakfast		Fri 1				
Senior Elective Information evening for 2024		Tues 5				
Year 9-10 Camp		Wed 6 - Fri 8				
Eddies Golf Day		Thurs 14				
Eddie's Got Talent		Fri 15				
Year 11 - 12 Retreat		Wed 20 - Fri 22				
Students Return T4			Tues 10			
Swimming Carnival			Tues 17			
Year 12 Hospo High Tea			Tues 24			
Year 10 Spirituality Day				Fri 3		
Abbotsleigh Immersion Week Y10 - Y12				Mon 20 - Fri 24		
Eddie's Concert at Abbotsleigh				Fri 24		
Year 12 Formal				Tues 28		
Presentation Day					Tues 5	
End of Year Mass & Farewell Year 12					Fri 8	

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mary, our Mother, your total giving of yourself reminds us that we hold in trust from God our Father all our accomplishments and talents and gifts - trusted as we are to offer them in his service, and bring happiness and well-being to all.

Your "Yes" to God's invitation to be the mother of his Son reminds us that prayer is not just words but is from the heart.

We ask you to pray to Jesus for us that the Holy Spirit may live fully in us, too, so that we may be prepared to join you in saying "Yes" to God our Father, so as to ensure God's love is offered to all, especially the most vulnerable and ignored. Amen.



On 15 August, it was the Feast of the Assumption within the Catholic Tradition. This is when Mary was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven, as recognition of the faith she held in God and the model of discipleship she provided to others during her time on Earth.

As a Catholic School, we upheld the significance of this special day by attending Mass, as a whole school, on Tuesday. Mass occurred at 11am at Holy Name Church, Wahroonga with Fr Kelvin and other local parishioners. Thank you to Terry for all his organisation and preparation for this event.

Science Week

A big shout out to the Science Department for all the activities they have planned for our students to engage with throughout Science Week, this week. Ms Hopkins, Mrs Daly and Mr James created experiences such as an interactive Scavenger Hunt using QR codes and a quiz, as well as Virtual Reality tasks. The theme for this year was 'Innovation: Powering Future Industries', and the designed activities and Kahoot! helped further the students understanding of this concept.

Personalised Planning Meetings

A special thank you to our Homeroom Teachers and parents/carers who participated in our first of two rounds of Personalised Planning Meetings on Tuesday 15th August. These meetings are an important opportunity for the school and home to collaborate on goals pertaining to each student. It requires a lot of open communication, preparation, planning and follow-up, and I want to thank our Homeroom teachers for the role and responsibility they undertake in this space, and the cooperation of our parent/carer community. We look forward to hosting more of you onsite in a couple of weeks' time.

Post-School Experiences

Thank you to our Year 12 Homeroom teachers, Ms Gilkes and Terry, and our Work Ed Coordinator, Ms Anderson, for the ITP Meetings that have been recently held with our Year 12 students and families. These are beneficial meetings that help coordinate post-school options for our Year 12 graduating students.

In addition to our ITP Meetings, this week, on Thursday, we commenced the first of three weekly consecutive Post-School Provider Information evenings in webinar format. Thank you to Ms Anderson for her coordination of these evenings, and to those providers who are involved in providing helpful information for our parents/carers in Years 10-12.

The Dish

Thank you! A big thank you to those of you who provided a wonderful supply of food for staff to prepare, deliver and serve to our local homeless community at Hornsby. The Dish provide a wonderful weekly service, and as a St Edmund's community it is a service we like to contribute to on a Termly basis.

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Father's Day Breakfast

We warmly invite all dads and special males to attend our Father's Day Breakfast with their child on Friday 1 September from 7.30am until 8.30am. This morning will include a reflection, raffle and light breakfast, with raffle tickets available for purchase when you RSVP via www.stedmunds.nsw.edu.au/fd Please RSVP by 28 August. Hope to see you there!

Busking with Bennie's for Vinnie's

On Thursday, our Year 11 students were involved in a wonderful awareness-raising event held in Parramatta to support St Vincent de Paul. Our students joined in with other students from Mt St Benedict College, to perform some items that had been prepared by the very talented Ms Cox and Mrs Gross. Thank you to all involved - raising an amazing \$2350!

Vanessa Dillon | Acting Deputy Principal













WELLBEING

The Essence of Friendship

Meeting new people and making new friends is an important part of our lives, but this can sometimes be tricky. This week in pastoral care we have been talking about friendships, and how to be a good and respectful friend.

These are some ways we have been talking about making and maintaining friendships:

- Discuss different things you like to do
- Ask others about things they like to do
- Say Hi or wave hello
- Be kind and use kind words
- Listen to others when they are talking to us
- Ask if you can join in
- Be brave and be yourself, your differences are your strengths
- Be positive, think positive, feel positive, communicate positively
- Be open minded
- Respect others personal space
- Invite others to join you
- Try new things

These are some links for tips and ideas about how to support your child navigate friendships as a teen and young adult.

https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/understanding-the-language-of-friendship/

https://au.reachout.com/articles/what-makes-a-good-friend

https://www.ideas.org.au/facts/the-essence-of-friendship.html

Judi North | Acting Head of Wellbeing





SCIENCE WEEK COLOURING ENTRIES

Year 7

Dylan Machines

Aaliyah Science

Kwasi Science

Nathan Edison

Maxyne Edison

Maxyne Machines

Elodie Machines

Science

Harley Machines

Year 8

Elodie

Zara Machines

Daniyal Edison

Indigo Science Charlie L. Edison

Rachel Edison

Holly Science

Ruby Edison

Year 9

Cameron Machines

Bento Inventions

Christopher Edison

Year 10

Adam Science

Ella Science

Parmida Science

Lauren Science

Year 11

Brandon Machines

David T Edison

Year 12

Teena Science





SCIENCE WEEK WINNERS

Inventioneers App Winner

Isaac (9C)

Colouring Competition Winners

Maxyne (7M)

Harley (7M)

Adam (10M)

My Invention Drawing Competition

Bento (9F)



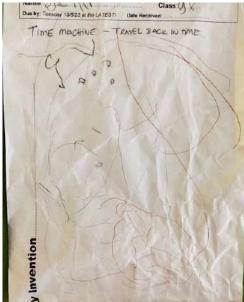
Inventioneers Education

GET MARP













Kahoot Winners

Year 7 Year 9 Year 11 **Senior Champion Overall College** Champion Harley Ben F James L David M Ben F Year 10 Year 12 Year 8 **Junior Champion** David M Fred Nathan A Isaac



Our students have enjoyed learning about Inventions during Science Week - including old, new and future inventions.

Class activities have included the use of robots, VR headsets, the Inventioneers App, Kahoot quizzes and colouring competitions.













FOCUS ON ABILITY

Our Year 11 students have worked hard on their entries for the Focus on Ability Film Festival.

Please click below to view the wonderful films and make sure to cast your vote!

Battle of The Colour by 11J

Mr Farello by 11S





KEY DATES

TERM 3

Friday 25 August Book Week Mufti Day Friday 1 September Father's Day Breakfast Wednesday 6 -

Friday 8 September Years 9-10 Camp

Tuesday 12 September Parent Group Meeting Thursday 14 September

Charity Challenge Golf Day

Friday 15 September Eddie's Got Talent

Tuesday 19 September Mufti Day

Wednesday 20 -Friday 22 September Senior Retreat

Friday 22 September Last Day of Term

TERM 4

Tuesday 10 October First Day of Term (Students)

Tuesday 17 October Swimming Carnival

Thursday 2 November Men's Group

Tuesday 14 November Mufti Day

Saturday 18 November Charity Challenge Gala Ball

Tuesday 21 November Parent Group Meeting

Friday 24 November Abbotsleigh Concert

Tuesday 28 November Year 12 Formal

Tuesday 5 December **Presentation Day** Friday 8 December Last Day of Term

Year 12 Farewell Mass

AWARDS

	Student of the Week	Eddie's Best			
7G	An Yu and Dylan	Matilda			
7M	Harley and Nathan	Kwasi			
8S	Sophia and Fred	Olive			
V8	Charlie L and James	Rachel			
9C	Campbell and Leela	Ben			
9F	Cameron and Gemma	Bridie			
10M	Saskia and Parmida	Liam			
10N	Arpita and Jameson	Will			
11J	Harry and Sonnet	Elliot			
118	Hugh and Sean	Tom			
12G	Luke and Olivia	Daena			
120	Ben P and Dom	Anna			
congratulations					

PDHPE & SPORT

CSBB Athletics Championships

The Catholic Schools Broken Bay Athletics Championships will be held on Monday, 4 September at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. Congratulations to the following students on being selected into the 2023 St Edmund's College Athletics Team:

St Edmund's College Athletics Team

Harley, Daniel N, Dylan, Sophia, Indigo, Holly, Matthew, Isabella, Arpita, Cameron, Isaac, Ben F, Lucy, Ella, Will, Bradley, Nathan A, Michael, Zane, David T, Ben P, Dom, Mikayla, Teena, Sonnet, Chloe.

We wish the team all the very best for the Athletics Championships in September.



NSW All Schools Team Captain

Ben P will be competing in the 2023 National School Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre from August 21 to August 26. He is to be congratulated on being named as the NSW All Schools Multi-Class Team Co-Captain. This is a prestigious leadership role and we wish Ben all the best fulfilling his duties over the five days of competition.

Lois Horne | PDHPE and Sports Coordinator

UNICEF FUNDRAISING

Claudia in 11J has raised over \$51 for UNICEF - a wonderful initiative in response to a need she identified, supporting disadvantaged children.

Her fundraiser involved a Guessing Competition that took place every recess this week. Each guess cost \$1, and the person with the closest guess won the jar of lolly frogs.

Congratulations to Gen Funk - who guessed 78 frogs. A very close guess, as there were 76 in the the jar. Enjoy your frogs Gen, and well done to Claudia for working hard to support UNICEF in a fun way that involved our college community.











PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

REFLECTION, RAFFLE & LIGHT BREAKFAST

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER
7.30AM - 8.30AM ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE

PLEASE RSVP BY 28 AUG WWW STEDMUNDS NSW EDU AU/ED



FATHER'S DAY LITURGY PHOTOS

Photos Needed for Father's Day Liturgy

As part of our upcoming Father's Day celebrations we ask if all parents and carers are able to submit a photo of their child with their father/father figure/grandfather/special friend. This will be included in our slideshow at the Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy. We look forward to seeing your wonderful photos! You can attach when you RSVP for the breakfast, alternatively click here to upload or email dickenson@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au



KU-RING-GAI SCULPTURE TRAIL

Congratulations to our Year 9 students for their wonderful submission into the Ku-ring-gai Sculpture Trail.

It is currently viewable in our College foyer, and will also be displayed outdoors at the Kuring-gai Wildflower Garden in St Ives from 4 September through to 3 October.



Book Week

Activities Include:

- Book Swap bring in a book, swap it for a new book
- Book Sale gold coin donation



BOOK WEEK 2023 | AUGUST 21-25



TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Terrey Hills Golf & Country Club Kingfisher Drive, 116 Booralie Road, Terrey Hills 8am shotgun start \$350 per player - incl breakfast, golf, lunch & drinks



3 Teams of 4 players + 3 Hole Signage inclusive of carts

SILVER \$3,300

2 Teams of 4 players inclusive of carts **DRINKS** \$4,000

3 Teams of 4 players inclusive of cart **HOLE** \$1,600

1 Team of 4 players inclusive of carts **TEAM** \$1,400.00

Team of Four, \$50 per cart



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MAKE LEGO ROBOTS

MONDAY LUNCH

LAB 2

EAT YOUR LUNCH IN THE

QUAD

FIRST TO ARRIVE WILL JOIN





Please note any external events or organisations listed in the Community section are not necessarily endorsed by the College, but are included as they may be of interest to our families.



If you have had a wonderful experience at St Edmund's, we would love for you to leave us a 5 star review on Google!

Thanks for your assistance.

Follow us on Social Media

We are active on social media and would love for all our Eddie's community to be a part of it. Click our Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn icon below to support us on socials!









Free NDIS Information Sessions - Register Now

Based in the Hills District, Interaction Disability Services has been providing supports to people with intellectual disability since 1979.

To support families on their NDIS journey, Interaction is hosting a FREE information session on Monday 21st August at Rouse Hill Town Centre.

Click here to get your free tickets.

This is the perfect opportunity for families to find out what supports are available to them.



PARENT GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY, 31ST AUGUST 2023
7:00PM | ST GABRIEL'S (ENTER VIA RECEPTION DOORS)

ST EDMUND'S PARENTS & CARERS ARE WELCOME

POST-SCHOOL AND NDIS PROVIDER SESSION

This is going to be a great parent group session with a number of top organisations, all coming to chat to you about what they offer in regards to post-school assistance, NDIS support and independent living support. Each organisation will do a very short presentation and then be available for group and one-on-one questions afterwards. Don't miss this great group, all in one place. Suitable for K to 12 parents.

The Field Jobs

Founded by Dylan Alcott, AO, the Field is a new job site designed and built by people with disability, that actively connects people with disability with jobs from inclusive employers. Did you know there are more than 500,000 job seekers with disability in Australia actively looking for work? Organisations like Bunnings, Nike, BHP, and Medibank are already posting jobs on the Field to fill skills gaps with great candidates.



Nursed Care



Nursed was created to stand apart from all other providers by making the quality of care and service our #1 priority. All our staff have experience in the medical field, ranging from working in ICU as an RN, Surgical assistants, AIN's and extensive support work experience. We have integrated a quality assurance team that performs spot checks on all support workers and has regularly scheduled 1-on-1 check-ins with all clients where they can voice all concerns and requests within a confidential and safe environment. These requests and concerns are sent to management and actioned right away.

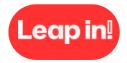
We offer a wide range of services such as: Supported independent living, Domestic Assistance, Private Nursing, Community & social participation, Respite & short-term accommodation, Specialist disability accommodation, Plan management.

Johnny H

Johnny H offers group programs for teens and adults with mild to moderate intellectual and developmental disabilities. We create opportunities to enjoy new experiences, make firm friends and develop new skills in a safe and supported setting.



Leap In!



Leap in! provide plan management services to thousands of families across Sydney. They help you make the most of your NDIS Plan and take care of all the time-consuming paperwork so you can focus on getting the supports you need.

RSVP NOW

Please book your tickets at by CLICKING HERE or using the QR code, right.





OUR AIM

- To provide a fun camp for children with disabilities at no cost to parents.
- To provide children opportunities they might not otherwise experience.
- To offer respite care to families.
- To offer our senior students an opportunity to serve others.

CAMP OUTLINE

Daily activities include swimming, craft, yoga and soft play.

Special events:

Friday: Ferry ride and Sydney Aquarium Saturday: Fair and disco Sunday: Christmas party

THE CHILDREN

We look forward to accommodating 26 boys and girls between the age of 5 and 15 who have intellectual and physical disabilities.

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Medical facilities of the highest standard are available at the College. We have registered nurses on duty each shift and doctors on call 24 hours a day.

THE COMPANIONS

We pride ourselves on our Companions. Each year we have about 60 students from Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, Monte Sant' Angelo and Loreto apply for the position of personal Companions. Each applicant is interviewed and selected with great care. These students consider the experience as a privilege and learn so much about children with disabilities and themselves.

Along with the nurses, the Companions are supported in their role by a number of teaching staff from the various schools.

OUR SPONSORS

The success of our camp is the result of the support of many generous people who contribute in many different ways. We are particularly grateful to all our major sponsors who contribute financial assistance.

Special thanks to



FURTHER INFORMATION

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 02 9882 8227

 Leanne Neal
 02 9882 8262

Saint Ignatius' College Riverview Tambourine Bay Road Lane Cove NSW 2066

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APPLY NOW CLICK HERE



2023 MARIST SONY FOUNDATION CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMP

St Joseph's College, Mark Street, Hunters Hill Friday 8 December to Monday 11 December 2023

The 2023 Marist Sony Foundation Children's Holiday Camp, aims to provide a free four-day residential camp for children between the ages of 7 to 16 with special needs. Allowing parents and carers four days of respite.

CAMP INFORMATION:

- The camp can accommodate approximately 25 campers.
- Whilst at the camp, volunteer senior students from St Joseph's College Hunters Hill, Loreto Normanhurst and Marist Sisters' College Woolwich will be allocated as carers and personal companions for the duration of the camp. Each volunteer has been interviewed and selected with great care.
- Volunteer students are supported by staff from each school.
- Medical facilities of the highest standard are available at St Joseph's College Health Centre. The camp will be staffed by a team of volunteer registered nurses on a 24 hour basis, ensuring all medical needs will be catered for.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

Jasmine Khalifeh | jkhalifeh@joeys.org / 02 9816 0912 Or click here for a camp application form

CAMP PROGRAM

Day 1 Friday 8 December

- Arrive at the College and unpack
- Lunch
- Fun Activity: Painting and Swimming
- Afternoon tea
- Fun Activity: Swimming
- Dinner
- Magic Show
- Bedtime

Day 2 Saturday 9 December

- Breakfast
- Fun Activity: Visit to Tarban Creek Reserve
- Lunch
- Fun Activity: Drumming
- Pizza and Movies under the Stars

Day 3 Sunday 10 December

- Breakfast
- Fun Activity: Craft
- Camp Fair with rides, face painting and a jumping castle
- Fun Activity: Swimming
- Dinner
- Dance
- Bedtime

Day 4 Monday 11 December

- Breakfast
- Fun Activity: Christmas cooking
- Christmas Party with Santa and presents
- Farewells





BlowFly Cricket is a special brand of cricket designed for kids and young adults with a disability, that is run in a non-competitive environment for the players, families and carers to enjoy. All ages are welcome.

We have 3 centres to choose from, depending on what day or time suits you:

Friday evenings: 6:00-7:45pm at James Henty Reserve, Dural (all ages) – commencing 13th October Registration Link: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/cfc798

> Saturday afternoons: 1:15-3:45pm at James Park, Hornsby (all ages) – commencing 14th October Registration Link: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/8e7b0a

➤ Wednesday afternoons: 4:30-5:30pm at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara (for children 5-14 years old)

Registration Link: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/7367a3

For more information contact: blowflycricket@y7mail.com

Cost: \$50/player (includes insurance fee – Active Kids Vouchers welcome If you do not already have a PlayHQ account, you will need to create one. A complimentary sausage sizzle is held at the end of each session as well!



New Rainbow Club - Classes Available!





West Pymble Rainbow Club Warringah Rainbow Club Freshwater Rainbow Club Warriewood Rainbow Club Wahroonga Rainbow Club Coming Soon - North Sydney

MAKE A BOOKING

Personalised swim lessons for children with disability

Our specially designed Swim the Rainbow program is delivered by qualified and dedicated swim teachers in a social, fun and supportive aquatic environment.

Check website for times and location details https://www.myrainbowclub.org.au/register/





Mums & Bubs fitness classes West Pymble Community Hall

The 9-week Mums and Bubs exercise program is ideal for new mums, with a focus on building back full body strength and cardiovascular fitness. The classes can also increase your confidence and connect you with other new parents in the community.

During Mums and Bubs we'll focus on your body stability and mobility, core and pelvic floor strength and introducing some HIIT style group fitness training.

Our classes are designed to include your baby as much or as little as you like. Always consult your GP or medical professional before undertaking exercise.



Term 3: 26 July - 20 September

Contact: recreationbookings@krg.nsw.gov.au or 9424 0754

krg.nsw.gov.au/active



