



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you for your participation in creating a vibrant community and collaborating with us to achieve the best education outcomes for our students. It has been a wonderful semester and there is lots to celebrate. I would like to sincerely thank our staff who demonstrated professionalism, commitment, and determination in ensuring students and our families, remained connected to the College. Next semester will be equally exciting as we move into more new learning spaces. It has been a long and testing process and I am very proud of our community's perseverance and patience. We look forward to welcoming everyone onsite to view the enormity of the finished project and appreciate the legacy this work, and your perseverance have created for students and families now and in years to come.



EREA Governance and Organisation Change

You will be aware that EREA is going through a Governance change and as a result, different subsidiaries were created. Our schools (ERSES) are part of the EREA Flexible School Ltd subsidiary. Many of you will also be aware that ERSES has grown significantly, and our communities have petitioned EREA to appoint a full-time Principal at each school. A principal for St Edmund's and St Gabriel's is now part of a draft EREA Flexible School organisation chart. I hope to be able to provide more clarity for you early next term once the staff consultation period is completed.

EREBB - Educating with Hope in Our Hearts and Hands

I said I would mention a little about my trip to Ireland. It was pleasing to meet with other NSW Principals last week who also attended the Edmund Rice Beyond Borders Congress (EREBB) in Dublin. For those of you who have stood in a place steeped in history and stories passed on for generations, you know the feeling you get "I am standing where it happened". For many who attended the Congress, it was the profound feeling of walking in Edmund Rice's footsteps, standing in his house and school and walking his neighbourhood that had the most impact. Standing where EREA humbly started and reflecting on what was created from his vision and effort was amazing.

Another great insight was being among leaders from around the world who hold the same values and shared mission and realising they are part of us. Also realising how our circumstances are sometimes so different. We are very privileged with our schools well resourced. We would like our society and government to do more, and they should, but in comparison to our EREA schools in Africa, India and South America our students are valued and have opportunities in our society.

After a 19-year departure from EREA education, at the congress, I was re-introduced to the Icon of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice and discovered imagery within it I had previously taken for granted. When the opportunity arises, I will share a different image with you.

The Classroom Scene

The man of deep spirituality is also the man of down-to-earth practicality. Edmund finds Christ in his

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mission as easily as in the Eucharist. His vision of the future for his poor boys shines in his eyes and radiates from his posture. The classroom scene is positioned directly beside Edmund's befriending hand in the centre panel.

Wahroonga Rotary Awards

On Wednesday 14 June, staff representatives from St Edmund's joined one of our volunteers, Diane Abbott, at a special Rotary Awards Dinner. Diane was nominated by the College to receive the Rotary Community Caring Service Award. We are delighted to share the news that Diane was successful in winning this Award, an Award that we feel she is indeed most deserving of! Congratulations, Diane!



Below is an abridged citation, from our original submission, which was shared on the evening:

Diane has been volunteering at St Edmund's College, Wahroonga, for over 7 years, commencing her service the year after her grandson, Angus, graduated from the school. Her time volunteering has been spread across many areas and domains within the school – attending French lessons, supporting senior students in work placements, assisting in Science classes and overseeing the requirements of the VET Hospitality students during their lessons. Primarily, it has been in both Science and Hospitality that she has shared her many skills and talents. One staff member, who has worked closely with her for 7 years in Science, refers to Diane as a 'little ray of sunshine' – someone whose friendly nature and care of the students' means she engages with them at their level with respect and authenticity. Another group of staff, who have come to know Diane since her involvement with Hospitality, see her as a highly valued member of the Team, and they would be lost without her. She selflessly gives of her time to support the students who absolutely love her. For us at St Edmund's, it is Diane who epitomises the tremendous power that comes from giving of oneself, so as to enrich the lives of others. We don't think we will ever be able to thank her enough, but we count our blessings every day for the gift that she is to all who are within our community.

Wishing all students, staff and families a term break that is joyful and rejuvenating.

Michael Farrell | Principal



ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Compassionate God,
No one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
Watch over those who are separated
from their loved ones and homeland;
those who fear
and hope for a better life in our community.
May we reach out in welcome
to all those who arrive as refugees,
embracing one another so that
together your hope O God
will be our future.
We make this prayer
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



This week, within Homeroom, Terry prepared the focus for our prayer to be a celebration of World Refugee Day. The United Nations' World Refugee Day is on June 20 each year. On this day, we think about the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children forced to flee their home under threat of all types of violence. The students responded prayerfully, respectfully and empathetically to this prayer focus and we encourage you to further explore this global with your child at home.

There are many examples of wonderful literature that you can access to explore such a concept. Some examples include:

The Little Refugee by Anh Do
The Happiest Refugee by Anh Do
The Treasure Box by Margaret Wild
When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson
Boy Overboard by Morris Gleitzman
The Arrival by Shaun Tan

End of Term Fundraiser

Thank you! Earlier this term we learnt about the importance of National Reconciliation Week. We learnt about this through prayer and in Assembly. This is an important time for our country to acknowledge and show respect for our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Today's Mufti Day, focused on raising money for a charity chosen by our Year 12 College Leaders that supports Indigenous communities, called Gunawirra. Gunawirra focuses on helping young indigenous children to reach their full potential. One way they achieve this is through providing speech therapy, occupational therapy, social work services and art therapy within preschools. Thank you for supporting the fundraising focus of our mufti day! Your generosity will be well received! If you want to learn more about Gunawirra, follow this link: <https://gunawirra.org.au/>

NAIDOC Week

To continue the focus on celebrating Indigenous culture, you may wish to attend some special events occurring during NAIDOC Week these holidays. This year's focus is 'For Our Elders'. NAIDOC Week is from July 2 until July 9. <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>

Semester 1 Student Reports

Thank you to our teaching staff who have worked with such dedication and commitment these past six months, so as to enable continued growth within your child's educational journey here at St Edmund's. The Semester 1 Student Reports are now available for you to access via the Parent Portal in Sentral. These are a wonderful celebration of what your son/daughter has achieved through their own effort and application to learning. We look forward to what the next six months will provide for all of them!

Staff Development Day - 13 June

Thank you to our Liberate Team and Judi North, our Head of Wellbeing, for providing an excellent day of learning for our entire school staff. The focus was that of Student Wellbeing, and the commencement of a Whole School Wellbeing Framework. Expertise and input was also provided by Mrs Jennie Coen, Director of Wellbeing for Catholic School NSW. We look forward to continuing this journey within the space of Wellbeing so as to serve the needs of the entire school community.

Parent Group Night

Thank you Janine Eastham who provided a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to attend this term's Parent Group Night. The focus was on meeting our new Occupational Therapist, Mrs Rachelle Moait. It also allowed for those in attendance to meet our current Head of Wellbeing, Judi North. These evenings allow for a lovely balance of socialization and networking, as well as receiving information on topics of relevance and purpose for our parent community. We look forward to supporting Term 3's Parent Group Night!

The Dish

Thank you!!! A massive thank you to all staff and families who contributed meals and time to cook, pack, deliver and serve the Homeless people within our local area, through our school's involvement with The Dish. We can all appreciate how this small gesture of kindness provides immense impact on those who receive it – especially during these Winter months.

PPEP Information Sessions

A permission note was recently sent home to all female students in Years 9-12. This was to allow parents/carers to be made aware that your daughter is invited to attend the PPEP Talk® Program (Periods, Pain and Endometriosis Program) on Wednesday 19 July during school hours. This program provides medically accurate information for teenage females about menstrual pain, in a fun and interactive way. Creating awareness is the first step in enabling your teen to manage their menstrual pain, and live a full and active life. This program gives teenagers the tools to identify whether their pain is normal compared to their peers, to manage their menstrual pain using simple measures, and ways they can self-advocate. It is delivered by trained personnel who adapt the content to meet the needs of their audience. Following on from PPEP Talk®, the Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia are delivering a session called PPEP Talk® Next Steps for parents and caregivers of teenagers on Wednesday 19 July at St Edmund's College, 5.30-7pm. All parents and carers of female students from Year 7-12 are invited to attend. Please register your interest via email to Judi North: north@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

A reminder that all students return to school on Monday 17 July. There is no Pupil Free Day on the first day of Term 3. We look forward to all staff and students beginning on the same day.

Wishing all students and their families a safe, enjoyable and memorable upcoming holiday break! We very much look forward to hearing about all the wonderful experiences that were enjoyed by the students upon their return!

Vanessa Dillon | Acting Deputy Principal

WELLBEING

Online Safety and Awareness

In today's digital age, there are unique challenges for young people when it comes to staying safe online and on the internet. It is crucial to educate students about online safety, emphasizing the importance of protecting personal information and maintaining privacy.

Leading up to the school holidays we have been reviewing online safety strategies using our school rules. To Be Safe, Be Caring, Be a Good Learner. Families can also play an active role by monitoring their child's online activities and setting clear expectations regarding online behaviour. For further information please refer to these links on the governments eSafety website.



Be Safe

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/be-an-esafe-kid/someone-is-contacting-me-and-i-dont-want-them-to>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/be-an-esafe-kid/sharing-my-personal-information-online>

Be Caring

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/be-an-esafe-kid/someone-is-being-mean-to-me-online>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/be-an-esafe-kid/people-are-being-mean-others-online>

Be a Good Learner

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/be-an-esafe-kid/i-saw-something-online-i-didnt-like>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/be-an-esafe-kid/get-the-most-out-of-gaming>

Leadership Awards

A huge congratulations to these students achieving their goals and receiving their Leadership Awards.

Gold Awards

Athena Hookway

Lachie Kitchen

David Martin

Ben Withford

Silver Awards

Daena Fowler

Victoria Laroco

Byron Winckel

Mark Yeung

Rafe Manuell

Tom Eastham

Judi North | Acting Head of Wellbeing

AWARDS

	Student of the Week	Eddie's Best
7G	Aaliyah and Anyu	Alex
7M	Holly and Harley	Kwasi
8S	Sebastian and Ashley	Lucy
8V	Holly and Rachel	Ruby
9C	Mia and Ben	Campbell
9F	Lia and Gemma	Christopher
10M	Bradley and Adam	Amie
10N	Michael and Arpita	James
11J	Christian and Moses	James
11S	Zane and Brandon	Summer
12G	Victoria and David	Nathan
12O	Anna and Teena	Johann

congratulations

FROM THE PARENT GROUP

Last week we had our Term 2 Parent Group Meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended. Thank you very much to Rachelle Moait and Judy North for presenting such an informative presentation on the work that Rachelle, our OT does at school with our staff and students. We appreciate you taking the time to speak with us.

It is hard to believe we are halfway through the year. This means the Year 12 formal is fast approaching on Thursday 23 November. We are looking for a small Graduation Formal committee of Year 12 parents to be involved in facilitating the event and will email further information early next term.

We are also looking at having a small informal, not run but school, parent social. The date is Friday 4 August from 6.30 pm at the Greengate Hotel Killara. Please show your interest by emailing me at janine@itsd.com.au.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe winter holiday break.

Enjoy the school holidays.

Janine Eastham | Parent Group Leader, Tom's Mum (Year 12)



CURRICULUM CHAT

Semester 1 Reports

Reports for each student in years 7-11 will be published on Sentral Parent Portal on Friday 23 June at 5pm. These reports give an overview of your child's learning and progress this semester.

Reports give parents a holistic view of their child's development at the College in the curriculum areas, as well as in social and transition skills. You will find that your child's homeroom teacher has made a comment on their overall progress through Semester 1 as well as their assessment of certain social and transition skills. Subject teachers will report on a selection of tasks that students have completed, by no means a complete list, but one intended to give you an overview of classroom activities. Subject teachers also report on the overall achievement of a student in the class.

I encourage you to read these reports with your children, and help them reflect on the progress and achievements they have made in Semester 1.

If you would like to request a printed copy of your child's report, please contact Louise Drescher at drescher@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au.

[The Parent Portal user guide is attached here.](#) There are new links to access the Parent Portal. New users can register at <https://stedmunds.sentral.com.au/portal/register> and current parent portal users can login at <https://stedmunds.sentral.com.au/portal/login/>. If you have questions about accessing the parent portal, please contact the College.

Access to Resources in the Holidays

Students have access to the following online resources during the holidays. Logins for these resources were sent home at the beginning of the year, should you need help accessing any of these, please contact me at gilkes@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Minecraft Edu

Minecraft Edu provides a safe place for students to create and explore worlds. You can download the app or software at home by going to: <https://education.minecraft.net/en-us/quick-start> or searching 'Minecraft Edu' in an app store.

ClickView Video Library

Clickview provides students access to G rated educational and entertainment videos. Students can access this library at home by going to <https://online.clickview.com.au/>.

Mathletics

Students have been placed in Mathletics levels by their Maths teachers. Students use Mathletics in class, and can continue at home to work towards awards.

Students can login at <https://login.mathletics.com/>

ePlatform by Wheelers Books

The College has a subscription for all students to access ebooks and audio books online. They can access these books through a variety of devices.

What devices can you use ePlatform on?

- Apple devices (eg. iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch (requires iOS7 or higher))
Download the app from Apple App Store.
- Android devices (eg. Galaxy Tab, Galaxy S, Galaxy Note, HTC devices)
Download the app from Google Play.
- Windows tablets (NOT Windows phones)
Download the app from Windows store.
- Desktop or laptop (PC or Mac)

Read via your browser or download reader software and create an Adobe ID. See our guide to setting this up.

- Kobo eReader, Sony eReader or Nook eReader

Download Adobe Digital Editions and create an Adobe ID. See our guide to setting this up.

How do you read eBooks or listen to Audiobooks?

The simplest way to read eBooks or listen to Audiobooks is to access the free ePlatform app. Through this app you can easily find your library (Edmund Rice Special Education Services), then access all your titles and read or listen to them via their browser – even if offline, all via their tablet or smartphone.

The app can be accessed on an iPad, iPhone, Galaxy and most other devices. Using it is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Download the ePlatform app from the Apple, Google Play or Windows app stores.
2. Look for the Edmund Rice Special Education Services library and log in - you'll only need to do this once.
3. Search for, borrow and read or listen to any book you want!

For more information on the app and where to download it from read this app information.

Both the ePlatform app and website allow eBooks to be read via your browser. This means users can read either online or offline, and have access to a full range of display settings so they can customize their reading experience to match their preferences. For more on this see our browser reader information.

Audiobooks can be accessed just like the eBooks, but for offline listening, you will have to download the title first. To download an Audiobook, you only need the ePlatform app - no extra software is acquired. After that you can listen to your Audiobook anywhere and anytime.

More information can be found on the website <https://erses.wheelers.co/help/faq>.

Vivienne Gilkes | Head of Teaching and Learning

PDHPE AND SPORT

Congratulations to the following 11 St Edmund's students who competed as part of the 2023 CSBB Cross Country Team in the NSWCCC Cross Country Championships at the Sydney Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park on 13 June.

12-14 Years

Daniel Nunes, Harley Swales, Sophia Law

15-16 Years

Cameron Davidson, Bradley Hitchcock, Ben Fraser, Isabella Law

17+ Years

Ben Paterson, Dom Harper, Johann Mak, Zane Zofrea

A special mention must go to the 6 students who were selected into the NSWCCC Cross Country Team. The following students will be competing in the NSW All Schools Championships on July 21 at Eastern Creek.

12-14 Years

Daniel Nunes, Harley Swales, Sophia Law

15-16 Years

Cameron Davidson, Isabella Law

17+ Years

Ben Paterson

St Edmund's Athletics Carnival

The St Edmund's Athletics Carnival is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, August 1st, at Pymble Ladies College (PLC). The back-up date is for Tuesday, August 8th. Buses have been booked to transport students to and from St Edmund's College, as per previous years. The PDHPE staff are busy conducting athletics lessons off-site this term and early next term to prepare all students for the school carnival and to select students for the CSBB Athletics Championships on September 4th. Please note that if your child is selected to compete at the CSBB Athletics Championships, parents will have to have them registered with [Sports Inclusion](#).

This registration now lasts for all their high school years, so it will only need to be completed once, unless your child's classification changes. I have included the [link](#) to see what is involved.

Lois Horne | PDHPE and Sports Coordinator



PDHPE AND SPORT



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EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT OUT

Thank you to everyone (including students, parents and carers, staff, donors, mates, sponsors, supporters, volunteers and more) who helped ensure our community enjoyed a fabulous night of fundraising and friendship at Doltone House on 3 June. Our college families contributed in so many ways, through personal donations, utilisation of connections, promotion in community and amongst family and friends and this is seen in some of the below figures.

Our **prize raffle** raised \$14,500. Several of these items were donated by college families and many of our families purchased more than their allocated number of booklets. Congratulations to our winners - [they are listed on our website here.](#)

Our **silent auction** raised \$35,000. Many of these 200 items were donated by or purchased by our families. This also included the fabulous artworks by the Eddie's students. Bernie in reception has worked hard to make sure all items are collected and we hope you are all enjoying your prizes.

Our **school fees** donations raised \$30,000. This will go a long way to supporting our students. The generosity from everyone in the room was much appreciated and we were thrilled to accept donations of all sizes.

Our **live auction** raised \$38,000. These items were donated by our Eddie's Mates and friends within the community. We saw support in bidding and prize winning from parents, ex-parents, staff, volunteers and corporate tables - the generosity from our bidders and donors is very much appreciated.

Our **diamond raffle** raised \$22,000. This was kindly supported by Mike Levendi and the team at [LEVENDI Jewellers](#). They are located in the Sydney CBD if you would like to treat yourself to any jewelery and return that support.

Professional photos from the evening [can be downloaded here.](#)

If you have any feedback from the evening (even if you did not attend) [please fill in this quick form.](#)

KEY DATES | TERM 3

Monday 17 July

Students Return

Tuesday 1 August

Athletics Carnival at PLC

Thursday 3 August

Post School Provider

Meeting - Year 10 - 12

Thursday 10 August

Men's Group

Friday 22 September

Last Day of Term

LEARNING & TEACHING

With the ePlatform by Wheelers app, students have access to:

EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS AT HOME!

1. Download the app:



Apple



Google



Windows

2. Look for Edmund Rice Special Education Services Library
3. Login and start borrowing!



ABBOTSLEIGH



CLUB

STARTING 8TH MAY
MONDAY LUNCH
LAB 2

FIRST TO ARRIVE WILL
JOIN THE CLUB



Watch documentaries, clips and interactives from home!

\$1 Milkshakes

Thursday Yr 7, 8, 9

Friday Yr 10, 11, 12

Lactose free & Rice milk available



UNO CLUB

All students welcome!

WHERE: IN THE LIBRARY

Recess: 10:55am - 11:15am
Lunch: 1:30pm - 1:50pm

EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

WHAT IS UNO CLUB?
Uno club is for every student in the school. It is where everyone can make new friends, feel comfortable and have fun!

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LUNCHTIME IN U5!

WEEK A: TUES - FRI
WEEK B: MON - FRI

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- Are between 12 and 18 years of age

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JUNE & JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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Location
Morhaven HQ
508/88-90
George Street
Hornsby

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26 Health & Wellbeing Fitness Group Visual Arts Photography Workshop	27 Gym Money Skills & Grocery Shopping Cooking Group Activities	28 Lifestyle Skills Cooking Class Visual Arts Mixed Art Workshop	29 Performing Arts Dance Social Skills Group Activities	30 Out & About Social Calmsley Hill City Farm Friday Night Group Putt Putt Golf & Dinner	1	2

Times
Monday to Friday
9am to 3pm
Friday Evening
5pm to 9pm
Saturday
10am to 3pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27	28	29	30	1 Out & About Social Sydney Zoo	2
3 Health & Wellbeing Fitness Group Visual Arts Photography Workshop	4 Gym Money Skills & Grocery Shopping Cooking Group Activities	5 Lifestyle Skills Cooking Class Visual Arts Mixed Art Workshop	6 Performing Arts Dance Social Skills Group Activities	7 Out & About Social Scavenger Hunt Friday Night Group Cooking & Movie night	8 Out & About Social Ferry Trip To Manly	9
10 Health & Wellbeing Fitness Group Visual Arts Photography Workshop	11 Gym Money Skills & Grocery Shopping Cooking Group Activities	12 Lifestyle Skills Cooking Class Visual Arts Mixed Art Workshop	13 Performing Arts Dance Social Skills Group Activities	14 Out & About Social Museum of Contemporary Art Friday Night Group Timezone & Dinner	15 Special Event Disney on Ice	16

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JULY 2023 DRAMA HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

WEEK 1 SCHOOL YEARS K-6 July 3rd - 7th

MAKE A PLAY (5 DAYS)

KILLARA

K-3: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Y4-6: 9:30am - 12:30pm

HORNSBY

K-3: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Y4-6: 9:30am - 12:30pm

WEEK 1 TEENS July 3rd - 7th

TEENS WINTER RESIDENCY: 'SHACK' WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE (5 DAYS)

KILLARA

Y7-12: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

WEEK 2 SCHOOL YEARS K-6 July 10th-14th

MAKE A PLAY (5 DAYS)

KILLARA

K-3: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Y4-6: 9:30am - 12:30pm

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