



Principal's Message ...

Athletics Carnival: St Edmund's College is only successful if the environment we provide is true to its purpose – delivering a Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition, based on solid Christian values and for the benefit of the education and development of the students who attend the College. Our **Athletics Carnival** is an example of that purpose. It is about building the sense of belonging to a unified community, where all can fully belong and participate. Every student has a place, whatever his or her background or ability and every student needs to play their part by sharing their commitment and talent with their peers. Congratulations to the students of **Waterford House** for being the **overall winners** on the day. A particular thanks to

those who worked through the day to make all this possible, including our organizing teacher, Ms. Georgia Buckley, who was supported by many staff.

Family Fun Day: Thank you to the many families who joined us for a picnic lunch on the College grounds last Sunday. It was wonderful to see parents taking the opportunity to spend time with other families and sharing quality time with one another. Special thanks to Mrs. Karen Houlcroft – Head of Wellbeing for championing this initiative and the many staff who made themselves available on the day.

Year 12 Hospitality High Tea: We had a wonderful opportunity to see first-hand the development of our Year 12 Hospitality students who put on a High Tea for family and staff. We were treated to a range of delicious canapés and desserts along with freshly brewed coffee and tea. My congratulations to the students who prepared and served on the night and who, as always, rose to the occasion. I also thank Mrs. Pisani, Mr. Elcoate and Mrs. Starkey for their support of the students.

Senior Retreat: We wish our Year 11 and 12 students all the best as they prepare for their Retreat next week which will be held at Mulgoa. This is always a highlight for our students as they take time to respond to God's call and prepare to think about their time and contribution to College life.

Staff News: I received notification from Mr. Noel Bruchhauser – Coordinator of TAS that he will resign from his position at the end of the year. This was a very difficult decision for Mr. Bruchhauser who has been a faithful and loyal servant of the College. He was instrumental in setting up our technology department as well as our newly developed Hospitality program. He is a highly regarded member of staff and a much respected teacher to all of the students he has taught over many years. We will have an opportunity to thank and farewell Mr. Bruchhauser later in the year.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Pisani will take on a full-time permanent position replacing Mr. Bruchhauser as well as taking on the role of Coordinator of TAS. We look forward to her continuing her work in TAS and Hospitality in the years to come.

As this is the last Newsletter for the term I wish all families the best for the upcoming school holiday period and safe travels to those heading interstate and overseas.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Jon Franzin
PRINCIPAL





Mission and Identity

This week in our prayer, we have been reflecting upon the Spirit that flows so freely around our community at St Edmunds. In the words of our prayer song this week:

"We are gathered as people who are living the Word. Our hearts and our spirits are nurtured by grace. It is Jesus who fills us. He is here in this place. As our feet become Christ's feet, we go forth with the grace of the power and the Spirit that is here in this place."

On 6th September, we saw the Spirit in action as two of our students received the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation.

Congratulations to Kate and Sonnet on this special celebration. We also saw Teena receive a special blessing from Father David as she had already received the sacrament of Confirmation in the Greek Orthodox Church at the same time as she was baptised. She was so excited to be celebrating the Spirit with her friends on the night.



The Spirit was palpable at our College Athletics Carnival last Tuesday, with all our students so enthusiastic and involved in all the activities on the day. Congratulations to **Waterford** who emerged victorious at the end of the day.

This week we will share our Spirit through the showcase that is "Eddies Has Talent". An amazing celebration and presentation of all the talent that exists in our College. Hope to see many of you there.

Next week our Years 11 and 12 students will take the Spirit of St Edmunds to the Edmund Rice Retreat Centre at Mulgoa. We will pray, we will meditate, we will dance and we will laugh a lot. As a group, we will share our stories and listen to the stories of others. Sharing meals together is another important part of our day as we gather with our friends, build our social skills and enjoy the company of each other.

God Bless.

Terry O'Keefe
Head of Mission and Identity



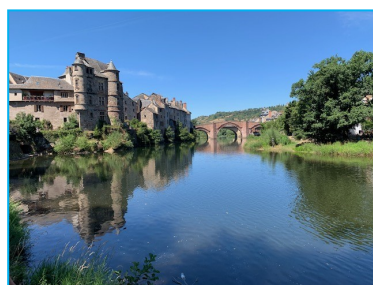
Pilgrimage

During the July break, I decided to head off to France for a long walk. I chose, what some guides call stages 1 and 2 of the 'Chemin Saint-Jacques' a 1300km medieval pilgrimage route from Le Puy-en-Velay in South Western France to Santiago du Compostelle in North Eastern Spain. Over 7 days with my backpack I hiked 215km and climbed 5000m across three departments of Haute-Loire, Lozère and Aveyron along an ancient way reputed first walked by in 950 by Godescalc the bishop of Le Puy-en-Velay on his pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella.

The journey was an opportunity to immerse myself in French language and to absorb the beauty of a quiet yet historical part of the country. I took so many photographs, not only the stunning and ever-changing countryside but of the many small stores and features in the villages so useful for my French classes such as the bakeries, cake shops, hotels, post offices, town halls, churches and corner stores. Some days there were a few walkers on the road so I would listen to French language lessons. I set myself a hard pace, and it was hard going. One morning after a 16km stretch into Aubrac, I sat on a bench by the village fountain when a woman in a car stopped and asked if I was OK, "Je suis fatigué" (I'm tired), I replied, she smiled and drove away. At the end of each day there was always the opportunity to meet generous hosts, where I was always greeted warmly, was able to practise my French, read menus and enjoy simple but filling traditional country dinners.

One of the problems for me teaching languages is the difficulty to speak French regularly and in context. During this trip, I visited a part of France where the people speak French with an accent quite different to Parisian French. After only a week, I felt much more confident in my understanding as well as speaking. This is the benefit of regular exposure to French, which we use at St Edmund's.

Since returning, I have been able to share some of my experiences and photographs with my classes and in doing so support them to understand the benefits of language learning.



Carl Southern
Head of Administration

Athletics Carnival



**Congratulations
Waterford and well done
to all our athletes.**

**Thanks so much to the
PLC students who
provided great support
and a delicious lunch.**

A brilliant day!

Year 12 Hospitality High Tea Showcase

On Wednesday night the Year 12 Hospitality course students treated their parents, staff and special guests to a High Tea which showcased their skills in the preparation of food, beverages and serving customers. Congratulations to all the students for such an outstanding event.



*Congratulations
everyone!*

Awards

Students of the Week

7H Kavya and Will
 8L Dominic and Byron
 9F Josh W and Luke
 10H Emilia and Corey
 11M Ruby and Lucy
 12G Stefan and Abby

7S Shamro and Krish
 8V Joseph and Lachie K
 9C Angel and Brendan
 10J Mitch and Arabella
 11S Daniel and Logan
 12O Scotia and Dion

Eddie's Best

7H Sean
 8L Dominic
 9F Joshua V
 10H Jayden
 11M Kingsley
 12G Clement

7S Hugh
 8V Sebastian
 9C Samuel
 10J Kori
 11S Kristian
 12O Harry

EREA Liberating Education Teaching & Learning Conference



Last week 200 senior educators from across EREA, Associate and South African schools (Deputy Principals, Leaders of Learning and Identity & Mission Leaders) gathered in Sydney for this Conference - "Creating Alternative Futures". Highlights from the Conference included active student participation from young people from St Pius X College, St Edward's College, Waverley College, St Patrick's College and CBHS Lewisham.

St Edmund's was proudly represented by our College Captains, Christian and Abby and we congratulate them both for their wonderful contribution to the Conference.

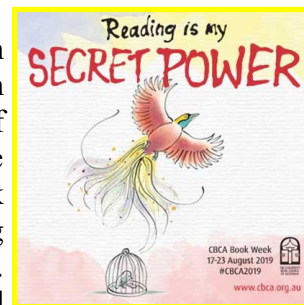
Canteen - Term 3 Roster

	YEAR	NAME
24.09.19	9	Maria Burwood Ruth Wastie-Pero

A BIG thank you to all our Canteen volunteers over Term 3.
We appreciate the time you give to the students and staff of St Edmund's!

Book Week - Eddies' Book Tasting

Book Week was a great success at St Edmund's with many students engaging in "Book Tasting" in the Library. The Library was a fine dining restaurant with various tables where books were on dinner plates. The students had a menu of books to taste and give their opinions on. Some students wrote a review of the books and others chose some emojis to demonstrate the feelings reading the book gave them. A Superhero identity was also created by the students encompassing an original superhero name and various superpowers their hero could have. These superpowers included "invisibility", "x-ray vision", "firepower" and "teleportation". It was lovely to hear the students discussing the various superpowers their hero could have and the imaginative suggestions they came up with! The Library was a hive of activity and great learning and fun was had by all!



Suzanne Toomey



Parent Group Meeting

I hope for many of you, you had the chance to attend the Eddie's Family Fun Day last Sunday – sadly I was away and missed the opportunity. It is always such a great time to catch up with other families and friends and for the students to enjoy getting together in an environment they are familiar and comfortable with.



Last week we also held a successful evening with many post-school providers, who shared with parents of senior students, what they could offer our children post-school. This was such an informative evening, the College has expressed a desire to conduct this again at a similar time next year – so I encourage you to watch out for it if you have children in the senior years.

With regards to the ***Parent Group meeting in Term 4***, this will be held on ***Monday 4th November***. Details will follow shortly regarding our guest speaker.

In the meantime, don't forget the senior students' Market day and Eddie's Has Talent finals this Friday – and I wish you all an enjoyable term break.

Jane Fryer
Parent Group Leader and Jake's mum

Eddie's Hotel

On Wednesday mornings this term, 11S went to work in Eddie's Hotel. Each week the students carried out one of seven roles that included Waiter, Cleaner, Kitchenhand, Cashier, Linen Room Attendant, Porter and Room Attendant. They donned their aprons and lanyards that held the tasks for that job and set about learning new skills. These included making beds, vacuuming, learning how to use a cash register, taking simple food orders, making tea and toast and cleaning tables. All students were thoroughly engaged in all roles and enjoyed their responsibilities!



Work Experience News

This Semester, we have been lucky enough to get three new and exciting work experience placements. We have *Playdays Preschool and Long Day Care*, which is on the grounds of the SAN Hospital. *Off the Rails Café* is a nice little café in Wahroonga Village and *Boonah* is a fantastic Art Studio run by Catholic Care.

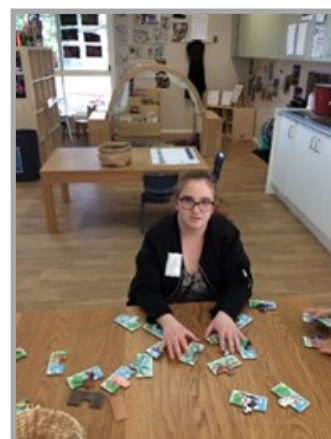
Blaney is doing a great job at 'Off the Rails' and the staff there have loved having an extra set of hands, especially when it gets busy.



Scotia on her new work placement: "It's really interesting for me because I can learn more about painting. I like helping people by getting people more paint or assisting them with their painting if they can't do it themselves. I like helping a lot."

Abby on her new work placement:

I really like my work placement at Playdays. I play with the kids and they are really funny. The staff are all nice too.



Amazing effort Harry!

Harry, the Mount Sion House Captain, approached Harris Farm Markets Drummoyne, where he works, to supply fresh fruit for our Athletics Carnival last week – we would like to say a **BIG** thank you to Harry for this initiative and a **BIG** thank you to Grace Berg from Harris Farm for providing St Edmund's with fresh fruit to share with the rest of the St Edmund's students.

Below is the request Harry sent to Harris Farm:

“Hey I'm Harry and I just talked to you about an hour ago about the event next Tuesday, our Athletics Carnival. Our school is St. Edmund's Wahroonga and the events we are doing are shot put, discus, long jump, relays, throwing a dead chook, target throw, obstacle course and 100m and 400m races.

Can we please have some energy fruit like bananas, watermelon, apples, oranges and mango, donated to our school? Maybe 39 bananas, 39 watermelon, 39 oranges, and 39 mangos?”

Harry sent a wonderful thank you email to Grace letting her know how much the students appreciated their kind donation.



Important Information for Parents regarding entitlements Good to know!

Disability Carers Allowance

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/caring-someone-illness-or-disability>

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/>

Companion Card

<https://www.companioncard.nsw.gov.au/>

Gold Opal Card

<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions>



Important Dates to Remember - 2019

Term 3

Fri 20th Sep Eddie's Got Talent and Market Day
Wed 25th - Fri 27th Sep Senior Retreat
Fri 27th Sep Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Mon 14th Oct

Staff day (no students)

Tue 15th Oct Students return to Term 4
Tue 22nd Oct St Edmund's Swimming Carnival
Fri 25th Oct Term 4 College Disco
Sat 26th Oct Ladies' Shopping Day - Estee Lauder (see flyer attached)
Mon 28th Oct Year 7 Immunisation
Tue 29th Oct Term 4 Men's Group Meeting
Wed 30th Oct - Fri 1st Nov Years 9 & 10 Camp
Mon 4th Nov Term 4 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 5th Nov Term 4 Mufti Day
Tue 12th Nov Orientation Day
Sun 17th Nov HOPE Mass - Holy Name Church Wahroonga
Fri 22nd Nov Abbotsleigh Concert
Fri 29th Nov Year 12 Graduation Formal
Tue 3rd Dec Presentation Ceremony
Fri 6th Dec Year 12 Farewell Mass & BBQ lunch

Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to Douglas, Luke L, Moses, Dominic and Peter. Special celebrations for Douglas who has turned the BIG ONE! 18!



Ladies' Shopping Day



St Edmund's
COLLEGE



ESTÉE
LAUDER
COMPANIES

Saturday 26th October

10am-4pm

BOBBI BROWN

M·A·C

T O M M Y

HILFIGER

CLINIQUE

Enjoy huge reductions on a massive range of
branded make-up, perfumes and skin care

\$10 per ticket

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event

To book tickets, please email Wendy at scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

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