



Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives



Principal's Message ...

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of St Edmund's,

Staff Retreat

A person can't give what they haven't got. It is the same for teachers of a Catholic school, in that they have a prime responsibility for supporting the faith development of students. Not only teachers of Religious Education, but all staff carry a responsibility for creating the environment where students' individual faith can develop and an understanding of the Catholic faith can grow. The first educator in faith is the parent and, in sending their child to a Catholic school, they can expect that to be supported. This was the primary reason why students did not attend school this Monday, so that staff could undertake a retreat. Staff too, need to take time to reflect upon and explore their own relationship with God. This is both a communal and a personal thing, hence we gathered as a whole staff including all of the staff from St Gabriel's School. We pray every day at school but none of us can witness that to students as something real – not just a routine – unless we make space for God personally in our own lives, including by some form of prayer. As parents, or as teachers, we can't give what we haven't got.

New Bishop for the Diocese of Broken Bay Announced

During the term break the Vatican announced that Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Auxilliary Bishop of Sydney, will be the new Bishop for the Diocese of Broken Bay. He will be installed in the Diocese on the 4th November and we look forward to the opportunity to welcome Bishop Anthony to the College in the future. Please see the official announcement on the following page of this Newsletter.

Acting Deputy Principal

As you aware, Mrs. Rebecca Kirwan will be taking maternity leave later this term for 12 months and, as a result, interviews were conducted by Edmund Rice Education Australia for her replacement. I am pleased to announce that **Mr. Jason Scanlon** has been appointed to the position of Acting Deputy Principal, commencing on Monday 11th November.

Jason is a highly experienced educator, holding qualifications as Master of Theology, Master of Religious Education, Master of Educational Leadership, Diploma of Education, Graduate Certificate in Religious Education, Bachelor of Theology, Advanced Diploma of Philosophy and Clinical Pastoral Education. Jason is also working towards accreditation as a Lead Teacher through NESAs and is currently the Assistant Principal – Innovation, Teaching & Learning at St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas. He has also held the positions of Acting Principal and Director of Mission at St Patrick's as well as overseeing and coordinating the special needs provision at the school.

Jason has held the positions of Assistant Principal, Religious Identity & Mission at St Paul's College in Adelaide which is an EREA school. Jason, his wife Gabby and their three daughters, are very excited about his move to St Edmund's College and back to the EREA network. On behalf of the College community we congratulate Jason on this significant appointment and we wish him all the best as he takes on this important position this term. Please make him feel welcome.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Jon Franzin
PRINCIPAL

Principal's Message continued ...

MOST REV. ANTHONY RANDAZZO APPOINTED AS FOURTH BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

Pope Francis has appointed Most Rev. Anthony Randazzo as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay. 53-year-old Bishop Anthony has been an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Sydney since 2016. He succeeds the Most Rev. Peter Comensoli who was appointed Archbishop of Melbourne in 2018. Bishop Anthony brings a great breadth of experience into his new ministry, having served in leadership roles, both in Australia and internationally. He is a Canon Lawyer and was Rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary in Queensland from 2009-2015 and worked in the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome from 2004-2009. As Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, Bishop Anthony has served as Episcopal Vicar for Formation, with a strong focus on the formation of seminarians, young clergy and the ongoing formation of priests. He has also been Chair of the Board of Sydney Catholic Schools and a member for the Bishops' Commission for the Plenary Council.

Administrator of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Fr David Ranson, who has led the Diocese over the past 15 months, said the Diocese was thrilled to be welcoming Bishop Anthony. "We have enormous delight at this news and express our joyful gratitude to the Holy Father for enabling this appointment. There is a great sense of anticipation about the future with Bishop Anthony as our new shepherd," Fr David said. "Bishop Anthony is simply a wonderful choice. He is a recognised expert in Canon Law and the formation of clergy, in the promotion of vocations and in the important fields of education and youth ministry," he added.

Bishop Anthony said he was honoured and humbled by the appointment and was looking forward to serving the more than 200,000 Catholics across Sydney's North Shore, Northern Beaches and the NSW Central Coast. "But ultimately this appointment is not about me; it is about Jesus Christ, and about how we, as living members of the Body of Christ, bring Him to the world through how we live and how we speak. We are instruments in His hands," he said. "The Coat of Arms for the Diocese of Broken Bay features an image of the lighthouse on the Barrenjoey Peninsula, with the Chi Rho – one of the earliest symbols for Christ – marked on the side. It is a reminder that Christ is our Light. He leads us and guides us, both to the open waters and back into safe harbour," said Bishop Anthony.

Bishop Anthony thanked Fr Ranson for his leadership of the Diocese of Broken Bay as its administrator over the past 15 months. He also paid tribute to the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher for his support since he became a Bishop in August 2016. "Archbishop Fisher has been a father and brother to me, a mentor and guide, a helper and wise friend. I am grateful to him for his leadership, and for his example of how to be a priest and Bishop," he said. Speaking to the faithful of his new Diocese in a video message, Bishop Anthony said: "I am eager to walk with you, imitating Christ as the Good Shepherd - always present amongst His flock. Please pray for me as I begin this new mission entrusted to me by the Lord. Pray that I may be a shepherd after the Heart of Christ."





Mission and Identity

Welcome to the final term of 2019. We ended last term with our Senior Retreat to the Edmund Rice Retreat Centre in Mulgoa. The theme for the Retreat was “*What Would Edmund Do?*”

We began by introducing ourselves to Blessed Edmund via a postcard that included information about our favourite things, our talents and our friends. We went through a self-affirmation process, exploring all the great things we can do now and we dreamed of things we could do in the future.

We followed a meditation process based around the life and times of Blessed Edmund Rice. Thursday morning began with a very lively barn dance, the Heel and Toe Polka, followed by a student lead version of the ‘Git Up’ dance.

The year 12 students experienced the prayer of the labyrinth while Year 11 went in search of the Ten Commandments.

Then we gathered in groups to create a fashion parade, highlighting our dreams and aspirations for the future using newspaper to produce our costumes.

We all gathered to make a “What would Eddy Do” bracelet to assist during times that we need to make important decisions in our life. We can take time to stop and reflect before making important choices. Our Year 12 students read letters from their parents and responded with a letter of their own while the Year 11 group accepted the leadership challenge for 2020 and came up with some very thoughtful suggestions to make St Edmund’s even better next year.

Along the way, we shared meals, socialised, played games, danced, sang, had fun and enjoyed the peaceful surroundings of the Centre at Mulgoa. It was a great three days.

God Bless.

Terry O’Keefe
Head of Mission and Identity



From the Parent Group

Welcome back - I hope everyone has had a relaxing, enjoyable break and is now looking forward to Term 4.

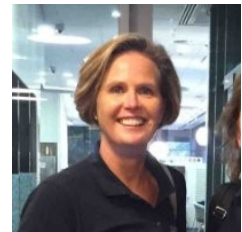
This is always a busy term with the Swimming Carnival, the Abbotsleigh concert, our Year 12 Graduation Formal and the final Presentation Day ceremony to name a few key events. Please have a look at the list of Important Dates in the Newsletter so you don't miss anything.

Coming up in the next few weeks, on 26th October, is the *Estee Lauder shopping day*. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a head start on your Christmas shopping with huge reductions on a massive range of branded make-up, perfumes and skin care. Please refer to the flyer in this Newsletter for the booking details.

The Friday before, 25th October, we will celebrate World Teacher's Day. Parents will host a delicious morning tea for our teachers and staff, showing how much we appreciate their efforts, their skills and most importantly their ability to help our special children learn to grow. **If you can assist with providing food or help on the day, please email Janine Eastham, (Tom's mum in 8V) on janine@itsd.com.au.**

Finally, with regards to the *Parent Group meeting in Term 4*, this will be held on Monday 11th November, not 4th as previously communicated. Details will follow shortly regarding what the night will entail.

I wish you all an enjoyable week.



*Best wishes, Jane (Jake's mum)
Parent Group Leader*

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>



Coming Events

St Edmund's Term 4 Disco - Friday 25th October

Please see the attached Invitation to the Term 4 Disco. Don't forget to click on the link to register if you are intending to come along.



Next Men's Group Meeting - 'Sharing Coping Skills'

The final Men's Group gathering for 2019 will be a light dinner and drinks from 6.30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7.00 p.m. There is always lots of shared discussion and at this meeting they will have Jennifer Cummings (St Lucy's School counsellor) joining them to facilitate a range of discussion points on supporting fathers. They will be discussing issues around marital strains, social isolation, disconnection and feelings of resentment. More importantly, they will examine the set of skills Dads develop and also share tips for coping.

Welcome to all Dads, Grandfathers and Uncles!

When? Tuesday evening, 29th October
Where? St Lucy's School, Cleveland Street, Wahroonga.
Time? Dinner and drinks at 6.30 and discussion from 7pm.
RSVP? Cathy Laing (laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au)



Music Count Us In - Thursday 7th November

St Edmund's students will participate in **Music: Count Us In 2019** on Thursday 7th November in the College hall. Music: Count Us In is Australia's biggest school initiative, with more than 600,000 participating students from over 3,400 schools nationwide. More than half a million people unite to **sing the same song at the same time**, right across the country.

The 2019 song is called 'We Are' and celebrates the joy of uniting together.

We would like to invite our parents to join us on this day.

Please wear a red top to support our students and arrive by 12.15 p.m. as the singing will commence at **EXACTLY 12.30 p.m. all around the country!**



Awards

Students of the Week

7H	Christos	7S	Kate
8L	Teena and Athena	8V	Mackenzie and Tom
9F	Owen	9C	Niki
10H	Zac and Emilia	10J	Angelica and Michaela
11M	Lucy and Chloe	11S	Jarvis and Aaron
12G	Abby and Stefan	12O	Christian and Jacquie

Congratulations to these students and well done!

Important Dates to Remember - 2019

Term 4

Tue 22nd Oct	St Edmund's Swimming Carnival
Fri 25th Oct	Term 4 College Disco (see flyer attached)
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
Tue 5th Nov	Term 4 Mufti Day
Mon 11th Nov	Term 4 Parent Group Meeting
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

Over the holidays Ciaran and Samuel B celebrated their birthdays with Clement having his BIG 18th birthday today!



Requesting Leave during the College Term

It is expected that every endeavor is made for students' leave to be taken during the College holidays.

If this is not possible, a request should be emailed to the Principal, Mr Franzin, by email franzin@erses.nsw.edu.au, asking for permission and giving the reason for the leave.

Mr Franzin will respond to your email by sending the necessary form that will need to be completed. Once this has been returned, an email will be sent to you.

An Invitation to...

St Edmund's College

DISCO

When: Friday 25th October 2019

Time: 7pm-9pm



Where: St Edmund's College Gym
60 Burns Road, Wahroonga

Enter via the side gate to the left of the College main entrance
marked 'Pool'

- * Cost: \$15 per person
- * All St Edmund's students must be signed in by a parent at the door
- * Drinks and snacks available on the night

NB: Smoke and bubble machine and laser sometimes used.

Please click on the link below
to register your attendance for the Disco!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJCzL8rGsvD0OSM1-1sXsDlnrB_sgSJI87rvwitJbV4vdyhw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Ladies' Shopping Day



St Edmund's
COLLEGE



 ESTÉE
LAUDER
COMPANIES

Saturday 26th October

10am-4pm

BOBBI BROWN

MAC

T O M M Y

H I L F I G E R

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

165A Mitchell St, ERSKINEVILLE

ARE YOUR KIDS BEING BULLIED ONLINE? NEED HELP?



FREE Cyber Bullying workshop + Supper

Thursday 14th November 5:30 – 8pm

Held at:

Hornsby Council Chambers
296 Peats Ferry Road Hornsby

All are welcome to attend the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Child and Family Interagency, Cyber Safety session to assist you in how to handle online bullying for your child. The office of the e-Safety Commissioner will spend 2hrs covering sessions about:

- **Social Media and what's happening with our children online?**
- **Cyberbullying - what can be done to protect our children?**
- **How can parents get help and resources?**

To register click: www.trybooking.com/BFBIA before 1st November. Free childcare is available please email Janette.antounya@ccas.org.au as there are limited spots, so be quick to register!

Supper and beverages will be served downstairs from 5:30 – 6pm so please arrive early to ensure you have enough time to eat before entering the workshop. (please note no food/beverages are permitted to be consumed in the council chambers)

