



*Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives*



## Principal's Message ...

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

### **National Reconciliation Week**

The College assembly this week focused on National Reconciliation and Healing Week, signifying the importance placed on the need for the continual building of relationships in our school, wider community, nation and world. This is particularly important in a Catholic school, where the words 'Reconciliation' and 'Healing' are also attached to sacraments. A Catholic worldview is a sacramental one - which means seeing all of life and our relationships as sacred and building our world and community, from the global to the individual, with that in mind. In any relationship and in any community things can break down - relationships between individuals or groups can become strained, upset or broken. The causes are as wide as the intricacies of human nature allow - from simple misunderstanding through to deliberate and misguided actions. Think of any of the seven deadly sins, for example, anger and pride and you find useful headings under which to start to categorise the human causes of broken relationships - which to be healed, need some kind of reconciliation.

A school is a microcosm of the world and reflects all of the above relational issues. Holding an assembly to emphasise the need for reconciliation is one thing but the best lessons are learned in practice, where the inevitable disagreements and conflicts involving students and, sometimes staff and parents, provide the real-life tensions and damaged relationships that need reconciling and mending. Probably the most common block to healing is pride and the way it blocks personal honesty - or letting go of 'being right' and admitting some sense of responsibility and fault, which is a precursor to fixing things up again. The most important lesson for students is to learn how to put pride aside and, in the relief that accompanies the mending of relationships, allow God's grace to work and maybe even begin to glimpse that such a greater loving presence is ultimately the foundation of a truly reconciled community.

### **HOPE Mass**

On Sunday last week students and families of St Edmund's and St Lucy's gathered at Holy Name Parish Church to participate in the HOPE Mass. HOPE stands for Hearts Open to Everyone and the group came into existence at the initiative of the Diocese of Broken Bay. It is a community organisation which draws on a wide geographic area and people from all kinds of backgrounds with children in regular schools, special schools, Catholic and government school systems. It is a self-managed group of people who come together for mutual support and understanding, sharing experiences and knowledge about disability and access to information about services and also to advocate for people with disabilities.

Many thanks and much appreciation to St Lucy's School for organising the HOPE Mass last Sunday and to our families who attended. St Edmund's will organise the next HOPE Mass which will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. As it was also National Volunteers' Week, the Mass was dedicated to our volunteers who support and assist both school communities. Volunteers were acknowledged and also offered a blessing by Fr David in thanks and gratitude for their dedicated service to our young people.

Best wishes for the week ahead,  
Jon Franzin  
**PRINCIPAL**





St Edmund's  
COLLEGE

ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE AND EDDIE'S MATES EXTEND A  
WARM INVITATION FOR YOU TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S

# NEON *Nights*

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**EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT OUT**

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FEATURING GUEST MC **VINCE SORRENTI**

- Date:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, 7pm - Midnight
- Venue:** Miramare Gardens, 48 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills
- Tickets:** \$160pp includes 3 course meal,  
beverages and live entertainment
- Booking:** Please secure your ticket(s) online  
at <https://www.trybooking.com/BBBQU>
- Dress Code:** After Five
- RSVP:** 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Enquiries:** Please email [events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au)



**CORPORATE TABLES AVAILABLE**

# NEON

EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT OUT

# Nights

## MATE'S TABLE OPTIONS

### TOP MATE TABLE \$10,000

- 2 tables of ten guests each
- Table signage & company logos on screens during evening
- Acknowledgement throughout the evening
- Half page advertisement in the Events Program
- (\$6,800 tax deduction – sponsorship)

### BEST MATE TABLE \$5,500

- 1 table of ten guests
- Table signage & company logos on screens during evening
- Acknowledgement throughout the evening
- Quarter page advertisement in the Events Program
- (\$3,900 tax deduction – sponsorship)

### GREAT MATE TABLE \$3,500

- 1 table of ten guests
- Table signage & company logos on screens during evening
- Acknowledgement throughout the evening & in the Events Program
- (\$1,900 tax deduction – sponsorship)

All Mate's Tables can be booked online on  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BBBQU> or please email  
Cathy McNally-Sheppard at [events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au) to  
discuss securing your Corporate table or for any enquiries.

Thank you.



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The **biggest** event in our College calendar is  
now only **2 weeks** away

Eddie's Big Night Out 'Neon Nights'

PLEASE

BOOK YOUR TICKETS AND HELP GATHER PRIZES

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For tickets please book via Try Booking at the following link

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBBQU>

It is only **one week** until our Silent Auction 'Goes Live'  
on-line through Galabid

Our **Silent Auction Prizes have now reached 166**  
**and we are aiming for 200** so please keep your donations coming in!

**We need the following items to complete our existing hampers:**

Gardening items  
Wine – red, white, champagne  
Gourmet items - oils, gourmet biscuits, relish, pickles, chocolates ...  
Hairdressing voucher  
Restaurant vouchers

You can **MAKE A CASH DONATION** towards purchasing items to fill the silent auction hampers.  
Donations can be sent to the College office marked to the attention of **Wendy Scott – EBNO Donation**.  
Cash donations are tax deductible.

The combined energies of the Mates, together with our College community have ensured our previous EBNO's were amazing and that our dream of improving our facilities became a reality. That reality equates to fabulous education spaces such as our new Science Labs, Art Room, Playground, Flexible Learning Spaces, Commercial Kitchen and Motor Vehicles, to name a few.





## Mission and Identity

This week we have been involved in some very special celebrations with our local parish community, Holy Name Wahroonga. **The HOPE mass** - a very welcoming and inclusive liturgy highlighted the talents of people with disabilities while also respecting the struggles that exist in the lives of these people. Fr David shared a story called "Giraffes Can't Dance", that clearly gave example to these areas of strength and struggle that people living with a disability encounter daily.

The group came into existence at the initiative of the Diocese of Broken Bay and draws on a wide geographic area with people from all kinds of backgrounds, with children in regular schools, special schools, Catholic and government. They provide access to information and advice relating to services and advocacy for people with disabilities. A member of Catholic Care attends meetings and other visiting speakers are invited. If you are interested in getting more involved with this group please contact me for information on my email [okeefe@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:okeefe@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au).



A very big thank you to Brendan, Samuel, Lucas, Piper and Kate who joined Mr Franzin at the very special Hope Mass at Holy Name Church last Sunday morning.

Our second special celebration this coming Saturday 1st June, is the celebration of the **First Eucharist** at Holy Name Parish. Two of our Year 7 students, Sonnet and Zane, will be joining with all the other young people within the parish to receive the body and blood of our Lord for the very first time and becoming, more fully, members of our Catholic community. The students have been learning about the sacrament during lessons provided at St Edmund's, following the parish sacramental program. They have talked about the importance of mealtimes in our lives and in the life of Jesus. The wedding at Cana, dinner with Zacchaeus, feeding the five thousand, breaking bread on the road to Emmaus and, of course, the last supper, all highlight how important mealtimes were in the story of Jesus.

Together we explored God's word, through the stories of the Old and New testaments with particular emphasis on the story of the Eucharist and its importance in our celebration of our faith.

Please keep Sonnet and Zane in your prayers this weekend as they celebrate this very special sacrament for the first time with their families, friends and the very welcoming Holy Name parish community.



**First Eucharist**

**SONNET & ZANE**

*Terry O'Keefe  
Head of Mission and Identity*

## NSW All Schools Secondary Swimming Championships

Congratulations to our students who competed against some very fast competitors at the NSW All Schools Secondary Swimming Championships gaining the following results:

### Ben P (Year 8)

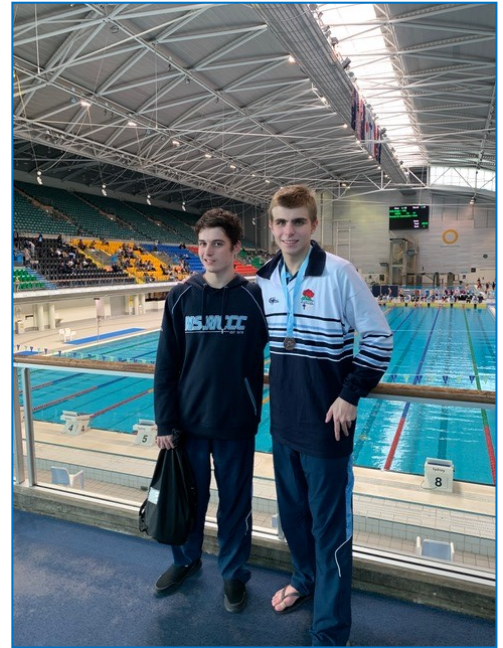
12-15 Years Multi-Class  
5th - 50m Breaststroke

### Matthew S (Year 11)

6th - 50m Butterfly  
3rd - NSWCCC 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay - (bronze medal)  
4th - 50m Breaststroke  
8th - 100m Freestyle  
9th - 50m Backstroke

### Lachlan C (Year 11)

8th - 50m Breaststroke  
10th - 50m Backstroke



**Well done boys! The St Edmund's community is very proud of your achievements!**

## National Volunteers' Week 2019

The St Edmund's students and staff are so very fortunate to have a band of truly wonderful people each week who give of their time freely, enthusiastically and always with a smile as they come to school and greet our students. It shouldn't take a special event like National Volunteers' Week to say a very grateful thank you to them but it does give us the opportunity to do so! You are amazing!



Thank you for everything you do for all of us:  
**Ashley, Diane, Geoff, Ian, John,  
Kathy, Kurtis, Pat, Richard, Sally,  
Wendy and Mana**



## From the Parent Group

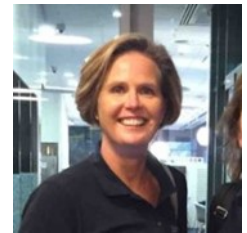
### Term 2 Parent Group Meeting - 7.00 p.m. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June


Following a successful “Wellbeing for Parents” talk at St Gabriel’s last week, we are fortunate to be able to invite **Tanya Savva**, the mother of a special needs child, empowerment coach, speaker and author to join our **next Parent Group meeting on 3rd June**. Tanya will share her stories and provide some practical exercises and tools for dealing with the challenges of special needs parenting. Please see the flyer within the newsletter for more information about this very interesting presentation.

*With only 2 weeks until 2019 Eddie’s Big Night Out*, numbers have certainly grown, so thank you to all those parents who will be joining this very special evening in our fundraising calendar. It’s not too late if you haven’t yet purchased your tickets, so please refer to the flyer in the newsletter for RSVP details if you would like to attend. I hope you are looking forward to a very enjoyable evening, with its touch of neon and some fabulous entertainment from many of our children. I have no doubt this will be another very successful fundraising event for St Edmund’s and our wonderful children!

Wishing you all an enjoyable, “wintery” week and I hope to see you at EBNO in 2 weeks.

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

A flyer for the 'Wellbeing for Parents' event. It features the St Edmund's College logo (a red cross with a white star and a laurel wreath) and the text 'St Edmund's College EXCELLENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION'. The main title 'Wellbeing for Parents' is in large orange letters. Below it, the date and time are listed: 'Monday 3rd June 7:00pm - 8.30pm St Edmund's College'. A photo of Tanya Savva is on the left. The text describes her as a Special Needs Mother, Empowerment Coach, author, and speaker. It mentions her book 'The Adventures of Kenzie-Moo' and her daughter Mackenzie. The flyer also includes a note about bringing friends and family, and an RSVP deadline: 'Please RSVP to Candice by Friday 31 May on palin@erses.nsw.edu.au'.

 **St Edmund's College**  
EXCELLENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

# Wellbeing for Parents

**Monday 3rd June**  
**7:00pm - 8.30pm**  
**St Edmund's College**

Tanya Savva is a Special Needs Mother, Empowerment Coach, author and speaker with a passion for guiding parents to find inner freedom & joy, despite living with adversity. She runs weekend retreats for special needs mothers and is the author of *The Adventures of Kenzie-Moo*, a true story inspired by her daughter, Mackenzie, who lives with blindness.

Tanya will share her story of overcoming adversity, carer burnout and the challenges of special needs parenting through radical self care and self awareness. She'll guide you through some practical exercises and offer some tools to support you on your own personal journey, despite the challenges you may face in your daily life caring for your children.

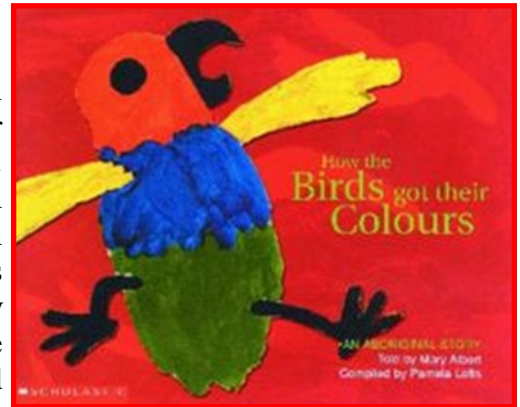
*Please also feel free to bring along friends and family members that may be interested.*

**Please RSVP to Candice by Friday 31 May on [palin@erses.nsw.edu.au](mailto:palin@erses.nsw.edu.au)**



Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May was **National Sorry Day**. We as Australians commemorate and remember the mistreatment of the Aboriginal people. This day gives people a chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations. The Aboriginal culture is the longest continuous cultural history of any group of people in the world. It is believed to have existed for about 60,000 years. More than 246 languages exist in the Aboriginal culture.

In the Library we have been reading some of the Aboriginal Dreamtime stories. The Dreamtime is a commonly used term for describing features of Aboriginal spiritual beliefs and existence. Stories pertaining to the Dreamtime have been passed down from generation to generation, being shared from father to son throughout the years. One of my own personal favourites is "How the Birds got their Colours." We listened to the story before sequencing the events of the story using visuals. We enjoyed working collaboratively and describing what happened in the story.



*Suzanne Toomey  
Teacher/Librarian*



A reminder that  
Friday 7th June  
is a Staff Day at  
St Edmund's.





## Term 2 Canteen Roster

Date	Year	Names
4th June	7	Juliet Phelps and Ann-Maree Zofrea
11th June	7 & 8	Elise Lam, Felicity Taylor and Dale Winckel
18th June	9 & 10	Sally Carson and Maria Burwood
25th June	12	Tenny Sutiono, Yiennur Lisa and Omega Wu

## It's on again! Woolworths Earn & Learn

- SHOP** For every \$10 you spend you'll get an Earn & Learn sticker
- COLLECT** Collect as many stickers as you can between now and 25th June
- GIVE** Send your stickers to St Edmund's College office so that we can redeem them for new equipment!

Thank you for your support!



## Absentees from the College

### Absentees

If your child is absent from the College for any reason:

- ⇒ Please phone Mrs Acret in the College office or email: [secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au) on the first morning your child is absent so that the homeroom teacher can be advised; and
- ⇒ A written note (or email) must accompany your child when he/she returns to the College - this is a legal requirement for the class roll.

### Requesting Leave during College term (for any reason)

It is expected that every endeavor is made for students' leave to be taken during the College holidays. If however, this is not possible, a request should be:

- ⇒ Emailed to Mr Franzin on [franzin@erses.nsw.edu.au](mailto:franzin@erses.nsw.edu.au) asking for permission and giving the reason for the leave. The necessary form will be emailed back to you to be completed and returned to the College. Mr Franzin will respond to your email, copying in the Homeroom teacher and Mrs Acret. This is also a legal requirement for the class roll.

## Up and Coming College Events

### Men's Group Meeting - Term 2 - Tuesday 4th June

Please keep this date in your diary. The Men's Group is a quarterly 'get together' for a few drinks and a sausage sizzle with other dads from St Gabriel's School, St Lucy's School and St Edmund's . There are lots of laughs, shared stories and discussions on relevant topics around the pressures that families encounter from day to day. The quality of the friendships that have been formed never cease to amaze us! Come along - with a special invitation for new dads and grandfathers and bring another dad from your child's class.

The next Men's Group gathering is Tuesday 4th June and will be held at St Lucy's School, 21 Cleveland Street Wahroonga commencing with a light dinner and drinks at 6.30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Cathy Laing [laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au)

The dates for further meetings this year are:  
Wed 28th Aug; and  
Tue 29th Oct



### The Principal's Reading Challenge

Our Principal, Mr Franzin has challenged the students of St Edmunds to a reading challenge! Book week is coming up next term in week 5 so the challenge is to read as many books as you can by then! Many classes have already visited the library to borrow books to get started on the Challenge and have started noting down their books on the Challenge sheets. Extra Reading Challenge sheets are also available in the library.



- ⇒ Fill in the name and author of the book you have read;
- ⇒ Make a note of the date you started reading the book and when you completed it;
- ⇒ When you take a sheet to get started, your photo will be added to the "Eddie's Readers" board in the library so you can keep track of your progress!

Some of our students are already off to a great start and have begun to take note of their progress on the "Eddie's Readers" board. To be in with a chance to be presented with a special prize at our Book Week Assembly, get your sheet and get started! Winter is nearly here and it is the perfect time to snuggle up with a good book and get reading! If you have any questions in relation to this please do not hesitate to contact me at [toomey@erses.nsw.edu.au](mailto:toomey@erses.nsw.edu.au)

*Suzanne Toomey*  
*Librarian*



# Awards

## Students of the Week

7H Harry and Tom  
8L Athena and David  
9F Indira and Lucas  
10H Ryan and Lachie  
11M Emily and Ruby  
12G Belinda and Will

7S Annamieke and Moses  
8V Olivia and Aadit  
9C Niki and Ben  
10J Angelica and Arabella  
11S Aaron and Gus  
12O Lewis and Scotia

## Eddie's Best

7H Will  
8L Byron  
9F Josh W  
10H Corey  
11M Lucy  
12G Ryan

7S Kate  
8V Mackenzie  
9C Samuel  
10J Tague  
11S Logan  
12O Dion

## College Captains' Awards

11S Kristian Deidda  
8L Mikayla Hunt



## Eddie's Best Badges

Those students who receive an Eddie's Best badge at Assembly **must return** their badge to Mrs Houlcroft or Bernie in the front office before the next Assembly - that will allow us to have enough badges for the next Eddie's Best students.

These badges are not meant to be kept at home. Thank you!

*Karen Houlcroft  
Head of Pastoral Care*



## Lost Property

If any of the items in this picture look familiar and you have been wondering where they are - please contact Mrs Acret in the office and they will be sent home with your child.

## Important Dates to Remember - 2019

### Term 2

Mon 3rd Jun	Term 2 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 4th Jun	Term 2 Men's Group Meeting
<b>Fri 7th Jun</b>	<b>Staff Day (pupil free day)</b>
<b>Mon 10th Jun</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday public holiday</b>
Sat 15th Jun	Eddie's Big Night Out (Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills)
Wed 19th - Fri 21st Jun	Years 7 & 8 Camp
Fri 28th Jun	RFS Cadet & Leadership Award Assembly
Fri 28th Jun	Last day of Term 2

### Term 3

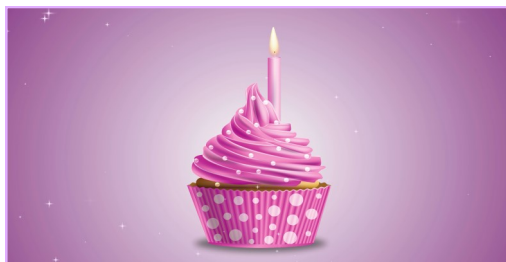
Mon 22nd Jul	Students & Staff return to Term 3
Fri 9th Aug	Term 3 College Disco
Tue 13th Aug	Senior Information Evening
Tue 20th Aug	Term 3 Mufti Day
Wed 21st Aug	St Edmund's Golf Day
Wed 28th Aug	Term 3 Men's Group Meeting
Fri 30th Aug	Father's Day Breakfast
Mon 9th Sep	Term 3 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 10th Sep	St Edmund's Athletics Carnival
Sun 15th Sep	Family Fun Day (St Edmund's field)
Wed 25th - Fri 27th Sep	Senior Retreat
Fri 27th Sep	Last day of Term 3

### Term 4

<b>Mon 14th Oct</b>	<b>Staff day (no students)</b>
Tue 15th Oct	Students return to Term 4
Tue 22nd Oct	St Edmund's Swimming Carnival
Fri 25th Oct	Term 4 College Disco
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
Fri 6th Dec	Last day of Term 4

## Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to Kate and Olivia - we hope you both enjoyed your special day!





## SETTING UP A DEVICE FOR KIDS

### YOUTUBE

Settings → Tick safe Search Filtering → Tick Strict

### TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES

Settings → General → Restrictions → Turn off in App Purchases (not green)

### DISABLE SAFARI BROWSER

(If you don't want them searching anything)

Settings → General → Restrictions → Allowed Content

### MAKE iTunes SAFE

(To keep devices separate where your iTunes account has been connected to)

iTunes on your Computer → Edit → Preferences → Parental → Decide which shows and ratings are appropriate for this device and other devices.

### SAFARI

Settings → General → Restrictions

Set it up the way you want it and appropriate for your children.

### DISALLOW UPLOADING OR DELETING OF APPS

Settings → General → Restrictions → Installing Apps or Deleting Apps

### GUIDED ACCESS

For kids to stay within an App, to avoid going to other Apps and websites.

Settings → General → Restrictions → Accessibility → Scroll down to Learning Guided Access → Toggle on



# ENHANCING THE LINKS

## AN INFORMATION SESSION ON POST SCHOOL PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

WHEN: 3 July - 5:30pm - 8:00pm  
WHERE: 92 Parramatta Road Camperdown

COST \$30

Join us to hear from the National Disability Insurance Agency, Side by Side Advocacy and a family experience of post school pathways.

This session is for students, families and supporters only.

For more information contact  
[jessica.buhne@sydney.edu.au](mailto:jessica.buhne@sydney.edu.au) or  
phone 9036 3607

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Register Now or  
visit <http://bit.ly/NDCOETL2019>

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