



Edmund Rice College

A Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

Newsletter



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From the Principal

This week we held a NAIDOC Assembly where we acknowledged the importance of Aboriginal people and cultures. It was an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate Indigenous Australians' culture and achievements as well as to recognize the contribution that Indigenous Australians make to our society.

In keeping with this theme we asked the members of our student community who had attended the Rawa immersion to speak to the College community about their experiences.

The journey to the Rawa Community School in the Pilbara in Western Australia by seven Year 11 students and three staff was our third annual Immersion to the Punmu community.

The students were deeply moved by their experience. Following are excerpts from their speeches.

"We got the privilege to go to Punmu Hill and camp overnight. It was awesome to see the kids hunting for goanna following the traditional ways the elders of the community had taught them. Sitting around the fire at night talking to the elders and kids was a truly amazing experience and really showed how close and caring the whole community is." Kye Harvey, Year 11

"Through the College touchstone of solidarity I discovered a common humanity with the people in Punmu. I understand that not everyone's lives are perfect and we don't always have the same privileges. Here at Edmund Rice we can create solidarity through ongoing CSL work, mission collection and ensuring that all people are given opportunities. Part of my transformation is that I began to appreciate the outside world and enjoy the simpler things that life has to offer." Long Nguyen, Year 11

"For me the immersion expanded my sense of solidarity, created a deeper awareness and switched on character and made me realize that my actions can transform a new relationship with people and allow me to grow spiritually. Throughout my experience at Punmu I reflected upon the many challenges along the way and Psalm 31:22 taught me to be strong, and let your heart take courage." Louis Whitehouse, Year 11

"I felt the spirituality by learning about their cultures and seeing how they remembered the deceased by lighting eucalyptus leaves and walking around the AFL field. After this trip, the quote from the bible Psalm 16:11 means much to me... 'You'll make known to me the path of life; in your presence is fullness of joy; in your right hand there are pleasures forever.' This journey will be something I will never forget. It was rewarding and I was grateful for the trip." Vince Trevillion, Year 11

While we were there we did some community service work which included cleaning out a shed, refurbishing their community garden and building monkey bars for the children. On the last day we were grateful to participate in their hunting and gathering adventure and their traditional 'cookout' where I caught a goanna with a few of the young high school students. They shared their knowledge about the land and their way of life. I had an opportunity to eat a witchetty grub which tasted a little like eggs, but crunchy. All in all, it was a great experience and would love to hear from the kids again and I would recommend this trip to anyone." Jack Reid, Year 11

This experience was not just about giving these people a helping hand in their community. It was also about them giving us something. They gave us a taste of who they are and where they come from. They showed me a sense of culture and lifestyle, which was far from belief. Back in the urbanized world seems to be uniformity, living in a world centered on money, fashion and hygiene, but in Punmu there is something very different. These people's lives were centered on their culture, their sport and their land. They were so similar to us in their humour and personality but different in their lifestyle and sense of morals. They showed continuous interest in us and gave me an experience that I will never forget." Isaac Gargett, Year 11

From my stay in Punmu I have mostly reflected on the relationship the community has with the environment; unfortunately, it was too short a stay for me to learn the knowledge that the kids have. I enjoyed watching them easily explain and solve situations when surrounded by the environment. All of the places we went were home to them, not because they owned the area but because they had a lot of understanding of what was around them. ... The kids had solid roots connecting them to the land, and this was not threatened by technology as they had a happy medium between playing video games online and being outside surrounded by the environment and using their traditional knowledge." Liam Flanagan, Year 11



College Survey

We are seeking feedback from parents and carers in respect to your experience of Edmund Rice College this year. Could I ask you to take a few minutes and fill out the survey via the link?

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9V82YcvQxYVBnJzuBQ2EKAa_f0b36BI3Y5qYO6E9pkY1wfQ/viewform

The feedback is vital for the College in helping to evaluate the progress of learning and teaching and the various services that the College offers.

With the completion of my five year contract at Principal of the College in 2016, EREA will be conducting a Professional Performance Review of my principalship on Monday 12th September and Tuesday 13th September, 2016. As part of that review there will be opportunity for parents to be involved in an online survey or interviews.

Peter McGovern
Principal

Director of Technology and Innovation - Mr Sirianni

Every Wednesday this term after school the following students:

Isaac Bankier, Hamish Cook, Erin Erler, James Johnston, Kieran Kelly, Hudson McNamara, Senna Stevenson and Adam Thomas will be involved in facilitating a Lego Mindstorms Robotics program at Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School in Fairy Meadow with Year 5 students.

This week we had our first session with the students at Good Samaritan in which we had students using their personal iPad to interact with the robots, which they will be using for the next 6 weeks. The Year 5 students immediately expressed an interest and reminded all of us how young minds want to learn and excel in demonstrating collaboration and resilience skills when given the opportunity. Mr Haybittle, Mr Milner and I are certainly grateful for the time after school our students give to this worthy leadership and service opportunity.



Diary Dates

August

- 1-15 Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations
- 7-12 Year 9 Ski Trip
- 8-12 Year 9 Camp
- 19 Pupil Free Day
- 25 Yr 12 Parent Teacher Afternoon/Evening
- 26 Music/Drama Performance

September

- 1 Father's Day Breakfast
- 2 Year 7 Immunisation
- 6 Year 12 Parent Dinner
- 8 Year 10 into 11 re-enrolment evening
- 12-23 Year 11 Preliminary HSC Examinations
- 15 Final day of classes for Year 12
- 16 Year 12 Graduation Mass/Assembly
- 20 Board Meeting
- 21 Year 12 Formal
- 23 Final day of classes Term 3

DIRECTOR OF IDENTITY – MRS HURLEY

FOCUS ON GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY



On Wednesday 3 August at the 12:10pm Mass at the Cathedral, the Mass was offered for the special intention of peace. Fr Ron invited members of the five schools – Holy Spirit College, St Mary Star of the Sea College, Edmund Rice College, St Brigid’s Catholic Parish Primary School and Good Samaritan Catholic Parish Primary School – to join the parishioners in praying for peace. Bishop Peter Ingham sent the following message:

It is in moments of terrible evil, such as the murder of my brother priest in France, that we are challenged as a civilisation to choose what kind of people we want to be. Hate for hate will not produce love, violence for violence will not produce peace, nor anger for anger produce self-control. So today I echo the response of my brother, Archbishop Dominique Lebrun of Rouen, who has left us at World Youth Day in Kraków to join his Archdiocese in mourning, “The Catholic Church cannot take weapons other than those of prayer and brotherhood among men. I leave here hundreds of young people who are the future of humanity, the true ones. I ask them not to give in to the violence and become apostles of the civilisation of love.” I invite all people of good will to pray with me for Fr Jacques, his family and the parishioners at St Étienne-du-Rouvray. I also pray for his executioners and join in the cry of our Lord during his Passion, “Father forgive them; for they do not know what they do.” (Luke 23:34) Saint Stephen the Protomartyr, Pray for us. To be people of peace is the heart of the Gospel. Peace-builders. Peace-makers. Peace-lovers. What will you do for peace today?



Christian Service & Solidarity Learning – YEARS 7 -9

All Year 7, 8 & 9 students are reminded that they should record their CSL activities each week using the following links. The links have been emailed to students. When you open the link, please bookmark it on your iPad homepage to make it easier the next time. You can keep a reminder in your diary so that you know which events you have entered into the form.

Year 7 CSL Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/Jd33IeWI493wC38g2>

Year 8 CSL Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/jgMkTxLXm9ZEG9Zq1>

Year 9 CSL Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/cKwXVHiTD1T3J79z2>

Remember that Years 7 & 8 may include up to 4 hours of service to their own families but from Year 9 ONLY service to community groups and school organized activities count. Please see Mrs Hurley or Mr Bates if you have any questions.



Indigenous Community

AIME Tutor Starts again on TUESDAY!! Meet in the Library at 2.05pm. You will notice the AIME hoodies around the College on Fridays. Boys were presented with their hoodies at the NAIDOC assembly on Tuesday. AIME supports Aboriginal students in their pursuit of success in life and has had an amazing impact on the students here at the College. One of these students, Kyle Jackson, gave a very important speech at the assembly. Here are some extracts:

I am a Bundjulong young man from the north coast of New South Wales through my mother’s songline. Growing up on the South Coast I have also learned about WodiWodi culture and Dharawal language. While Aboriginal people have many different languages and cultures, we share similar stories and this area shares the Dreaming story of the rainbow serpent with where I come from. In the past, my people have experienced racism and segregation. Their children have been taken from them and many people in my generation are growing up not even knowing much about their own dreaming or songlines. Sometimes this can make young Aboriginal people feel like they don’t have the right to claim their Aboriginal identity.

Last week many people in the country witnessed the cruel treatment of young men in the Northern Territory in juvenile detention. I am not excusing any crimes they committed, but I am asking

you to think about how we, as a country, think it is OK to treat any human being like that. I think it is important that we know about and talk about this kind of tragedy so that it can never be allowed to happen again. At our school, I am proud to say that with days like this and activities like Indigenous Cultures Day – even acknowledging and learning about aspects of Aboriginal people and cultures, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people come to understand each other better and build a better future for all. We have a long way to go. By the time that I have children, I dream of a country where everyone is accepted and people don’t have to be scared of their own identity. This will be a brave new Australia. Thank You.



Missions & Charities Collections this week – Mr Bates

Year 7: \$79

Year 8: \$70

Year 9: \$30

Year 10: \$27

Year 11: \$43

SPORT

Holy Spirit Challenge

On the 29th July, Edmund Rice College competed in the annual Soccer Challenge against Holy Spirit. Similar to the Anderton shield (Rugby League), the soccer games are played in 4 divisions (13's, 14's, 15's and Open's) and a points score across the 4 games determines the winner of the shield for the Year. The competition is run on a year by year, home and away cycle, and this year Holy Spirit hosted the event at their College. Below is a game summary from each one of the teams that competed on the day.

13's - What a great game the U13 defeated Holy Spirit 3-0. The boys really played as a team and passed the ball well. Harrison scored the first goal was scored from a corner. Sam headed the ball straight into the back of the net. Matias scored our second goal after a great cross ball from Dane. Dane scored our third goal and received the most valuable player of the game for our squad. The boys have been playing all year and this was a great end to the season. *Mrs Schodde*

Sam Alston, Harry Drain, Aidan Robaard, Nathan Cario, Nicholas Harper, Savva Spanoudakis, Beau Goddard, Zander Alston, Dane Mathews, Ryan Empson, James Dolamovski, Aleks Chiciak, Harrison Anagnostopoulos, Matias Decker, Jack Ramirez, Christian Avramoski, Dylan Elchaar, James Kipps.

14's - The Edmund Rice College Under 14s soccer team, led by their captain Angus McGoldrick, were a formidable squad facing an equally formidable team from Holy Spirit. The game was played at a constant high pace, with both teams trying to carve out chances. The boys managed to control the game with excellent displays of passing and possession play, whilst Holy Spirit consistently looked to counter with long through balls and solid wing play. Both teams had good chances to take the lead, with David Chicharo hitting the crossbar off an indirect free kick, while the opposition also found the woodwork from open play. With the scores locked at 0-0, the game went to a penalty shootout. The first three players from ERC converted their spot kicks, while the Man of the Match, Max Cesare, managed to save one penalty with a strong right hand, which was then followed by Holy Spirit spot kick going wide. Up stepped Ethan Wildey, who settled the match with a calmly converted spot kick. The boys showed real maturity and skill to pull off a dramatic win for Edmund Rice College and will look to build on this next year in the Under 15s. *Mr Forshaw*

Max Cesare, Jacob Mastroianni, Jordan Avramoski, David Chicharo, Angus McGoldrick, Mason Mavridis, Alexander Pozzer, Miles Donnelly, Connor Farrugia, Thomas McMenamin, Nick Makdessi, Jordan Belokoski, Ethan Wildey, Adrian Garcia, Jeremy Tyssen, Zac Forte, Thomas Jeffery.

15's - Historically Edmund Rice College and Holy Spirit have always had well contested competition and this game was no different. While injuries sustained in a Bill Turner Cup game earlier in the week depleted the team, we were confident of a positive performance and result. Despite scoring first, Holy Spirit had the better of the first half and scored the next two goals. Edmund Rice showed character with a determined come back, equalising in the second half. Holy Spirit secured the win with a goal just before the final whistle. The members of the team are to be commended for their competitive approach throughout the game and sportsmanship they displayed during the game and in defeat. A brilliant performance by Phil Cancar saw him awarded the most valuable player by the senior coaching staff of the Wollongong Wolves.

Team members were: Tass Vlahakis, Harrison Dennis, Christian Maranesi, Blake Burkinshaw, Joel Speirs, Daniel Cunzolo (goal scorer), Will Nattrass, Phil Cancar, Adam Chicharo (goal scorer), James Stojanovski, Robert Liberante, Brandon Silcox, Toby Drain (injured), Jamie Sarkosh (injured) and Alex Masciovecchio (injured). *Thank you Gentlemen. Mr Mitchell*

Open's - The Open's boys team, captained by Andre Dias, looked to exact some revenge on Holy Spirit after two losses earlier this year. The team started off strong with short sharp passing and great communication. However, Holy Spirit took the lead half way through the first half, and shortly afterwards they doubled their advantage. The boys pushed forward with great intensity during the second half and found a way back into the game through an own goal. Unfortunately, Holy Spirit were able to go 3-1 up as we pushed forward for an equaliser. Unlucky boys, hopefully we get the result next year! *Mr McCammon and Mr Timpano*

Andre Dias, Daniel Chicharo, Kieran Gorgievski, James Carli, Jovan Vicoroski, Elisseo Chiodi, Will Ramsey, Tori Musumeci, Daniel Picciolini, Jarrod Pollard, Kye Harvey, Wes Van Kempen, Aaron Hooper, Jacob Jorsevski, Kai Calderbank-Park.

These results meant that Holy Spirit reclaimed the shield for the first time in 4 years. Edmund Rice will be keen to reclaim the shield back next year when we host the Challenge at ERC. I would like to extend my appreciation to all the coaches (13's - Mrs Schodde, 14's - Mr Forshaw, 15's - Mr Mitchell and Mr Tyler, Open's - Mr Timpano and Mr McCammon) and players for their involvement in the day and for the preparation of the teams. *Mr MacDonald*

Careers, Mr Cajar

Defence Force Information Evenings

Adventure, travel, great pay and diverse career opportunities – just to name a few of the benefits on offer when you join the Navy, Army or Air Force. If you are up for the challenge and would like to find out more, come along to one of their upcoming information sessions: Defence Careers are held at Level 2, 96 Crown St. Wollongong NSW 2500 Army Reserve sessions are held at 91 Gipps St, Wollongong, 2500 There are limited positions available for these sessions so reservations are essential. To book your seat please email CPTWOLLONGONG@dfr.com.au

- 11 Aug 16 1800 - 1930 ADF Careers
- 16 Aug 16 1800 - 1930 Army Reserve
- 24 Aug 16 1800 - 1930 Trade Careers

For further information contact Renee Hawira, Activity Coordinator Wollongong, (Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am – 2pm. Defence Force Recruiting, Level 2, 96 Crown St, Wollongong, Ph 02 4220 3307 Rhawira@dfr.com.au

TABMA

Is a nationally registered Group Training organisation employing trainees and apprentices in many trades across Australia and host them with members of the Timber and Building Materials Association. For further information visit <http://www.tabma.com.au/>

Carpentry Apprenticeship and Cabinetmaking Apprenticeship

Adzuna are advertising these positions for the Illawarra Mercury. Three carpentry apprenticeship positions, own licence and vehicle essential areas covering the Illawarra and South Coast. Ph. John 0400 469 022.

For Year 12 Institution News and Updates

Australian Catholic University (ACU) will offer the following new courses from 2017:

- 105521 – B Science, Canberra (Signadou) campus
- 105522 – B Science, North Sydney (MacKillop) campus
- 103330 – B Science (Environment), North Sydney (MacKillop) campus
- 101122 – B Teaching/B Science, Canberra (Signadou) campus
- 101123 – B Teaching/B Science, North Sydney (MacKillop) campus

Australian College of Applied Psychology - August Information Session

Their next Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) information session will be held on Wednesday 24 August at 6.00pm at the Sydney CBD Campus. Prospective 2017 students are invited to hear teachers and current students outline the course workloads, academic pathways and career outcomes for psychology, counselling, social science, social work, youth work, coaching and case management. Register online at www.acap.edu.au/future-students/info-sessions.

Charles Sturt University

Charles Sturt University (CSU) gives you the chance to start living your future career before you graduate, with workplace learning embedded into many undergraduate degrees. You will also build your practical skills using industry standard facilities, laboratories and clinics on campus. Read more about the study experience at CSU at <http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au>.

New Courses

CSU will offer the following new courses at its Bathurst Campus from 2017:

- 211197 – B Communication
- 211187 – B Communication (Advertising and Public Relations)
- 211177 – B Communication (Journalism and International Studies)

Find out more at: www.uac.edu.au or www.csu.edu.au/courses.

Institute SAE Creative Media Institute is pleased to join the UAC Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS). Entry to courses is not based on a minimum ATAR and the SRS enables schools to recommend current Year 12 students (based on academic merit and achievement) for early offers of degrees. Applications are processed centrally by UAC, with interviews conducted by SAE from August to November 2016.

UAC 2017 Admissions

- Applications opened on Wednesday 3 August 2016. Year 12 processing charge \$41.
- International students \$75 and close on Friday 30 September 2016.
- On-time applications close Monday 31 October 2016.

- Applications close with higher charge Wednesday 30 November 2016
- 2016 NSW HSC results released by BOSTES Tuesday 13 December 2016
- ATARs released by UAC at www.uac.edu.au
- Change of preferences by Friday 6 January 2017 for consideration in Main Round, 20–25 Jan 2017
- For consideration in February Round 1; 30 January 2017 - 5 February 2017
- Check the UAC Guide 2016–17 or UAC’s website for details of all offer rounds.

Open Days

- University of Wollongong, 13 August
- Australasian College of Natural Therapies, Pyrmont, 13 August
- Australian Catholic University 27 August North Sydney, 3 September Strathfield, 10 September
- Australian College of Applied Psychology Sydney, 24 August
- Australian Maritime College, Beauty Point and Newnham, 7 August
- Australian National College of Beauty, Pyrmont, 13 August
- Australian National University Canberra, 27 August
- Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University Ultimo, 13 August
- CATC Design School Ultimo, 13 August
- Charles Sturt University Powerhouse Museum, 27 August
- CQ University Sydney, 19 December
- Griffith University Gold Coast, 24 July
- International College of Management, Sydney Manly, 14 August
- Jansen Newman Institute Pyrmont, 13 August
- La Trobe University Sydney, 4 August
- Macleay College Surry Hills, 20 August
- Macquarie University North Ryde, 20 August
- MIT Sydney Open day is every day. For campus tours/ appointments call (02) 8267 1400 or visit the website.
- National Art School Darlinghurst, 3 September
- SIBT Sydney, 27 August
- The Hotel School Sydney, 10 September
- University of Sydney all campuses, 27 August
- University of Technology Sydney City, 27 August
- UNSW Kensington, 3 September
- UNSW Canberra at the Australian Defence Force Academy, 27 August
- Western Sydney University Parramatta, 28 August
- William Blue College of Hospitality Management, The Rocks, 13 August

Le Cordon Bleu OPEN DAY

Le Cordon Bleu will hold its annual Open Day 1st of September between 2.00 – 5.00 pm. Chefs, lectures, Industry & students all on hand to provide information and demonstrations about culinary arts and Hospitality Management. Come discuss the PD opportunities available for Careers and Hospitality teachers, 250 Blaxland Rd, Ryde, 2112. Contact Terry: 0428 546 663 tpatriarca@cordonbleu.edu

Canteen Roster for week commencing Monday 8 August – Group 1

Monday	M Timpano, A Keily, F Morton, S Bridges, S Whitehouse, S Middlebrook
Tuesday	L Zamuner, A Markham, A Barnhill, M Lee, S Slavicek
Wednesday	F Gauci, M Morgan-Monk, D Jenner, P Kerr
Thursday	A Tomasiello, D Del Turco, V Belsito, J Beddow, C Riolo, M Lovic
Friday	A Agnew, K Auld, B Ruddy, T Tilden, L Carroll, D Tull, S McCulloch

Uniform Shop Opening Hours: Tuesday 1.00 - 4.00pm and Thursday 7.30 - 11.30am



Fathers, Grandfathers & Carers Breakfast

Thursday, 1 September 2016

The Edmund Rice College Parent Forum warmly invites you and your son/s to attend breakfast on Thursday, 1 September 2016. In celebration of Fathers' Day, come and join us for an informal BBQ breakfast in the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (adjacent to the senior classrooms).

Time: 7.00am – 8.00am

Date: Thursday, 1 September 2015

(If inclement weather the breakfast will be moved to the Brother Pelin Hall)

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PARENT HELPERS NEEDED – many hands make light work!

If you can help set up on Thursday, 1 September from 5.30am, please call or text Senka on 0404 864 297.

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RSVP:

Please complete the following details by Friday, 26 August and return via your son's Home Room admin folder or the College office.

Father/Grandfather/Carers Name(s):-

Son's Name: _____

Son's Year/Home Room: _____

Number of people attending breakfast: _____

BaiMed Physiotherapy's

100 100's for charity



12th November 2016

- Location** Beaton Park Athletics Track
Regs Register as a team or individual
Cost \$65.00 includes running singlet for the day
Time 9.00am kick off with just under 2 hours of Fun & Fitness!
Concept 100 metres x 100 lengths in 100 minutes
Pumping music, prizes and sprint races.

Register by 26th August for Early Bird Prices

Fun for the whole family



For more information contact BaiMed on 4233 1851 or email 100100s@baimedphysio.com.au