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Newsletter

Dear Families and Friends,

Term 4 is well underway with only six weeks to go before the end of term. All the students have settled in well after their term break. School camp was held just before the holidays. Once again it was a great success. Canberra offered a very different experience for our students of both education and challenge. By all accounts the students had great fun and made us proud in the way in which they behaved and responded to each situation. We now have a cycle of camps that we are happy with which will ensure that a very wide variety of experiences are on offer.

I attended the Senior Retreat and I was so pleased at the way in which our seniors were able to reflect and consider their future and place in society. They all showed such maturity. As a staff we have started the process of review to constantly consider the effectiveness of such activities. All in all it was a great way to conclude the term.

I would like to congratulate Carl Southern, Melissa Jones, Michael Wigan, Brandon Donaldson and Alice Butts who received Awards for their Outstanding Achievement in Civics and Citizenship recently at Government House. This was an acknowledgement of the work put into our Parliamentary Club throughout the year. I would like to thank Ian Hyman, Alistair's father whose generosity enabled St. Edmund's to be part of the Constitution Educational Fund of Australia's initiative. The students gained a great deal from the experience. Voting for School Captains and the Leadership Team for 2010 took on a whole new format!

Today I went for a wander through our new areas; it gives me such a sense of excitement seeing it all take shape. We are hopeful of having our School Presentation Day this year in the new gym! Next week is the Year 12 Formal, always a truly magnificent evening of celebration and affirmation for our students. I wish all the students and their families much joy as they prepare to leave St. Edmund's, knowing that the students have had a rich and fulfilling school experience.

Rehearsals are about to commence for the amazing Abbotsleigh Concert. This is always such a unique evening that not only showcases great talent but it also highlights the beautiful relationship that exists between our students and the Abbotsleigh girls. Keep Friday 20th November free – this is definitely one evening not to be missed.

I am looking forward to meeting up with you all over the coming weeks as we enter into the time of celebration and end of year festivities.

Very best wishes
Kathy Freeman

Students Commended at Government House

Four students from St Edmund's School were commended by the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir at a ceremony on Tuesday 27th October.

The awards were presented on behalf of the Constitutional Education Fund of Australia (CEFA) for acknowledging their Outstanding Achievement in Civics and Citizenship. Melissa Jones for her Dedication to the Parliamentary Club, Michael Wigan for Keeness as the Serjeant at Arms, Brandon Donaldson for his Enthusiasm as the Chief Opposition Whip and Alice Butts for her Commitment as the Minister for Community Services. These students together with many others were outstanding in their contributions at our School in forming the St Edmund's Parliamentary Club.

Students from three primary schools and three high schools were presented with beautiful certificates. St. Edmund's was one of three high schools receiving the Awards, together with Knox and St Patrick's. St Edmund's is proud to be associated with such prestigious schools in offering quality Civics Education.

The Governor also presented Ian Hyman with an award. Ian has been our mentor on behalf of CEFA, so many thanks to Ian for his support of our School.

After the Awards, we were invited to enjoy afternoon tea in the grounds of Government House with the Governor and her husband, Sir Nicholas Shehadie. We were also fortunate to meet Thomas Keneally who was also a recipient of an Award. Marilyn and Stan Dumbrell, Kim Barbera's parents, also received an Award.



Carl Southern, Alice Butts, Michael Wigan, Governor Bashir, Brandon Donaldson, Melissa Jones, Ian and Hanne Hyman



Brandon, Thomas Keneally, Alice, Melissa and Michael

The proud recipients with their Awards



Homework from students in 9/10SO

Red strikes a chord with more cultures than many other colours because of its intensity, passion and invocation of an inherent physiological response.

Green is powerful – it makes grass grow.

Blue is calm in the sky.

Purple is a mourning colour but it makes flowers.

Pink is a sister with red and it makes romance and marriage.

Brown is a dirt colour like mud.

Yellow is a nature colour like flowers.

Black is a multi-dimensional colour and it makes the night dark.

White is neutrality like clouds in the sky. It also makes blank like paper.

Jackson

Gold is bright like a golden light – it is a rich colour.

Purple is silent like the dark.

Justin

Orange is a nice colour because it is like the fruit that I like.

Purple is a nice colour because it is the colour of a passionfruit.

Yellow is a bright colour – it can be very shiny and it is the colour of a banana which is my favourite fruit.

Green is an interesting colour because it can be made from limes and capsicum which are my favourite foods and they keep me healthy.

Gold can also be a good colour – good for jewellery and for medals if you win.

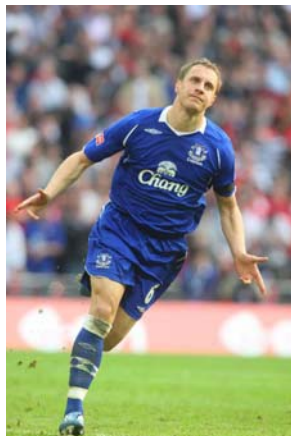
Silver is a good colour because it can be for medals if you come second and it is a happy colour.

Pink is a good colour on roses and other flowers.

Red is a nice colour because Arsenal wear red shirts, Liverpool wear red shirts and Tiger Woods wears red shirts when he plays golf.

Blue is a nice colour because that's the golf shirt I wear when I play golf on the weekend or with my Dad and Everton wear blue shirts when they play soccer.

Tom



Rummage Sale

This Friday, 6th November, the Year 12 students are running a rummage sale of old and new goods to raise money for the Victorian Bushfire Victims. There will be toys, books and lots of other items for sale. Prices will range from 50c to \$5.00. If your child would like to purchase items from the sale (and practise their shopping, decision-making and money skills), could you please send in to the **school office** money (gold coins please) in an **envelope** with your **child's name** and the **amount of money** sent written on the envelope.

Year 12 Students



Eddie's Edibles

Chocolate crackles! Chocolate crackles! Come to the Shop at morning tea time on Friday. Crunchy crackles will cost 50c or 2 for a \$1.00.



Franny and Madeline

Birthdays

Birthdays this week belong to Paddy, Jonathan and Alexandra H! Hope there were happy celebrations all round!



Sport

Friday 6th November

Baseball – Golden Jubilee Oval

Nichole, Brandon, Ben G, Tom, Jessica M, Matthew S, George, Ingrid, Ben Mc, Emily Hu, Joshua P, James Sta, Max E, Harry W, Matthew B, Bonnie, Cara

Swimming – Abbotsleigh Swimming Pool

Rosie, Charlotte, Caitlin, Melissa C, Lara, Shannon P, Alistair H, Jaime-Lee, Kris, Liam, Katie, Stephanie.

Gym – Millennium Health Club, Waitara

Justin, Jonathan, Max K, Jakob, Angus, Alistair J, Matthew M, Ella, Steve, Alice, Alessio, Salesi, Josephine, Henry, Aliza.

Dance – At School

Franny, Jackson, Patrick, Luisa, William R, Rachael, David, Kate B, William B, Kate S, Nina.

Basketball – Brickpit Thornleigh

Harry L, Daniel, Mark, Blake, James Ste, Michael W, Samantha, Toby, Claudia, Emily He, Paddy, Dom, Mitchell, Kieran, Joshua T, Michaella, Angelina.

Senior Graduation Rehearsal

Michael K, Chris C, Richard, Luke, Madeline, Nikita, Jessica R, Tara, Alexandra H, Shannon L, Amanda, Alexandra Mc, Melissa J.

Alistair Howitt-Marshall

Shop

Term 4

November

- 11.11.09 Lian Vohralik
 18.11.09 Ane Marie Jensen and Cathy Gerrie
 25.11.09 Carolyn Fennell and Lisa Langford

December

- 2.12.09 Benny Thomas and Fiona Russell
 9.12.09 Helen Harrowell and Tina Kitromilides



St. Edmund's Shop 2010 needs you!

Our School is growing and in 2010 we will need 3 volunteers each Wednesday to help in our Shop. Whatever time you can give us would be **SO** greatly appreciated – we will even say ‘yes’ to once a year! Mums, dads, grandparents, friends and family members – whoever is available – will be warmly welcomed. If you haven't volunteered for ‘Shop’ before – it is a wonderful experience – here is some valuable information to help you decide:

Some of the positive points of working on Shop:

- your child will love having you here
- working with fun people
- getting to know other parents
- getting to know your child's friends and ‘who they are talking about’
- plenty of help from staff each time you are there – you are never ‘thrown to the wolves’
- a brand new kitchen to work in
- only working between 10.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.
- free lunch



Some of the negative points of working on Shop:

- none

Please send in the cut out slip to the School Office before **Friday 20th November** so that we can arrange our Roster for 2010.

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ST. EDMUND'S SHOP 2010

I would love to join the Roster for Shop 2010. I am available to work _____ times during the term

and I am able to be at St. Edmund's from 10.00 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.

I would like to be rostered on with _____ (optional)

Name: _____

Mobile phone number: _____

Kim Barbera

Assembly News

The prayer was read by Ben G and Chris K.

The certificates were handed out to the students by Richard and Amanda.

Mr Southern told everyone about the visit to Government House to receive Citizenship Awards. Alice, Brandon, Michael W and Melissa J received their Awards for their work in the Parliamentary Club.

Boys were told that they don't have to wear their ties and boys and girls were told they don't have to wear their blazers in summer.

Five Sticker Awards:

Jackson, Ben G, Patrick 2, Tom, Jonathan, Melissa C 3, George, Max K, William R, Rachael, David, Kate B, Ingrid 2, William B 2, Samantha, Toby 2, Alistair H, Jakob 2, Jaime-Lee, Kate S, Alice 2, Dom, Max E 2, Liam, Kieran, Alessio 2, Harry W, Claudia 2, Emily He 2, Angus 2, Alistair J, Ben Mc 2, Paddy 2,

Matthew M 2, Joshua P 2, James Sta 2, Kris 2 and Ella.

Good Learner Awards:

Alex C, Madeline, Nikita, Harry L, Amanda, Mark and James Ste

Be Caring Awards:

Jackson and Ben G

Be Safe Award:

Tom

French Star Award:

Ben Mc

Students of the Week Awards:

Jonathan and Caitlin – well done!



Uniform Shop News

Boys' summer dress shorts are now available for sale at \$30.00. I have included an order form with today's Newsletter. If you wish to order shorts please complete the order form and return, together with payment, to the school.

Size 8 blazers have finally arrived and for those parents who have previously paid for this item, I will send it home with your child this afternoon.

Wendy Scott

Coming home with this Newsletter

For all

Broken Bay News

Uniform Order form

Calendar of Coming Events

Friday 13th November

Year 12 Graduation

Friday 20th November

Special Olympics Carnival (Years 7 & 8 only)

Friday 20th November

Abbotsleigh/St. Edmund's Concert – 7.00 p.m.

Friday 27th November

DISCO

Sunday 6th December

Wahroonga Fair

Thursday 10th December

Presentation Day (12.00 noon)

Thursday 10th December

Last day of Term 4