



PRINCIPAL

It was a real privilege to gather as a community to celebrate 75 years of St Edmund's last week to celebrate a school that has meant so much to so many people. We are very thankful to Father David Ranson and Father Gasper for celebrating Mass with us as well as special guests in attendance including those from our College Advisory Council, Edmund Rice Education Australia, EREA Flexible Schools Ltd, Catholic Schools NSW, the Diocese of Broken Bay, representatives of the Christian Brothers, as well as long term supporters of the College. We also had a great representation from our families (past and present), our former students and staff and friends of St Edmund's. The day began with our wonderful Mass, cutting of the anniversary cake, sausage sizzle lunch, College tours, market stalls and concluded with performances from current and former students. There was much reminiscing, fun and joy and we are grateful for all that made it a possibility.



St Edmund's was originally founded by the Christian Brothers, inspired by the vision of Edmund Rice. From the very beginning, their purpose was clear - to provide an education that respected dignity, nurtured independence, and prepared young people for life beyond school. Seventy-five years on, that purpose hasn't changed. Our College values (Faith, Joy, Relationships and Community) grow directly out of that tradition. Our faith reminds us that every student is deeply valued, every student is created in God's image, with unique gifts, worth and potential. Relationships matter here. We know our students well, we walk alongside families, and we support each other through the ups and downs. That sense of connection is something people often talk about when they describe St Edmund's and many of these relationships last long past leaving school. Then there is our Community — strong, generous and enduring. It is evident in the way we support one another, celebrate milestones together, and remain connected long after students have moved on to their next chapter. Perhaps the clearest sign that our values are alive and well is joy. You feel it the moment you walk in. You see it in our students as they grow in confidence, independence and pride.

As we look ahead, our focus remains exactly what it has always been — education that is liberating with a focus on building independence and creating real, meaningful post-school pathways. Whether that's employment, further education, training or active participation in the community, our hope is that every young person leaves St Edmund's knowing they belong and that they have something valuable to offer the world.

It is on this special anniversary that we honour the legacy of the Christian Brothers and Edmund Rice, we celebrate 75 incredible years of St Edmund's, and we look forward with great hope.

Thank you if you were able to celebrate with us last week however if not, we will share further information in the near future about other upcoming 75th anniversary events.

Rebecca Kirwan | Principal

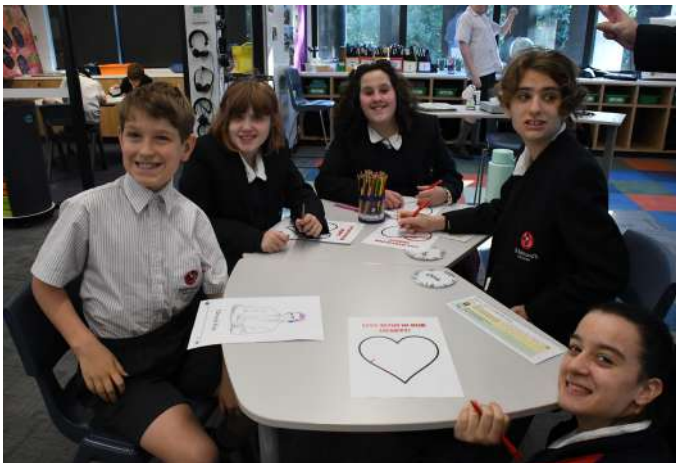
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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all who have contributed and participated in our celebrations of the wonderful St Edmund's community this week. We enjoyed a beautiful Mother's Day breakfast and homeroom liturgy on Wednesday, at which our students expressed gratitude for the gifts of our mothers, grandmothers, and significant women in our lives. We were then further blessed to be able to celebrate 75 years as a school dedicated to liberating people through education and connection in our Mass and gathering on Friday.

Honoured guests included first day pupil Peter O'Neill and his family, along with Brendan the son of another 1951 student Arrente (Alice Springs) born man David Kerin who acknowledged country with his father's inspirational story as a student of St Edmund's who lived a life full of achievement and joy.

We were honoured to have many past Christian Brothers and staff members, and others who could not join us, who, as leaders of our school, left a legacy we are inspired to live up to today and into the future. In this context, I highlight today a local born Christian Brother Carl Sherrin who grew up not far from here, dedicated his life to educating young students, and marked his 90th Birthday on ANZAC Day. Happy Birthday Br Sherrin.

It is fitting that we celebrated our 75th anniversary during the Week dedicated to Blessed Edmund Rice, a man who saw the possibilities of liberating young people through education, and inspired others to take up this challenge to develop inclusive learning communities focused on justice and solidarity, and informed by the values of the Gospel.

However, as always, the focus and greatest cause for celebration are our students and alumni, who join us today. With their families, we celebrate them as the centre of our school, and the source of joy and hope that brings us together in this place. Their resilience, learning and growth, are both the challenge which inspires us to bigger and better things, and are the example which demonstrates the inherent value and worth of what we do as a school.



Cardinal Freeman and the official party process before the honour guard of St Pius X College Cadet Corp, Wahroonga Parishioners, families and guests, to bless and open St Edmund's Wahroonga just before ANZAC day on 19 April 1951.

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PLC Funday 2 Waterford and Mt Sion Houses at Vision Valley

Our students were superb last Friday when Waterford and Mt Sion Houses interacted with Year 9 students from Pymble Ladies College and Churchie Brisbane Anglican Grammar in an outdoor educational program at PLC Vision Valley.

Our hosts mentored our students in the high ropes vertical playpen and crates stack activities as well as damper making and constructing small boat models to race across the pool.

A great day was had by all and we look forward to developing both the rapport and progression of learning with PLC through a Funday in each Term to complement our interactions with PLC at both our Swimming and Athletic Carnivals.

Image captions L to R: Hugo descends to Earth after prevailing on the crate stack; Testing out our boats in the PLC pool; Kwasi leading an impromptu Karate lesson after the damper making; House Captains Isabella and Cameron, and Vice Captains Sienna and Finley did a great job leading our students on the day.



Year 9/10 Camp 2026

In advance planning with our providers for our Year 9/10 Camp in October, it is evident that a 3 day camp to Canberra with the small cohort of participants in our Year 9/10 classes, is not viable or practical for our students due to both accommodation costs and travel time constraints.

Consequently we are exploring some exciting options for our Year 9/10 students either in North West Sydney or on the Central Coast, which may result in the camp being held earlier in the year. The learning outcomes of the camp including civics and citizenship, independent living skills and enjoyable experiences with peers will be maintained.

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We hope to resolve more details over the coming weeks but wanted to flag that the camp will be earlier in the year and more accessible to students as a result of its location.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr Brannan: brannan@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Upcoming Events

Week 5

Tuesday 19 May St Edmund's Post School Providers Expo 4 - 7pm School Hall

Thurs 21 and Fri 22 May All Schools Swimming - & St Edmund's @ Waratahs v Brumbies

Week 6

Tuesday 26 May The Dish Social Justice Dinner and Grocery support – St Johns, Hornsby
Navigating the NDIS Webinar - Guest Presenter tbc 6-7.30pm

Thursday 28 May CSBB Jarjum @ North Head - Student RAP Team

Friday 29 May Year 9 History and Aaron G at First Nations Veterans Commemoration ANZAC Memorial Hyde Park.

Week 8

Friday 12 June Proposed St Edmund's Winter Disco after school 5 - 7pm

Week 9

Friday 19 June Year 8 Reflection Day @ Oxford Falls

Week 10

Last Week of Term for St Edmunds

Sunday 28 June - Saturday 4 July St Edmund's Red Dirt Expedition - Year 11-12 students visiting cultural sites, schools and communities in Warrumbungles, Walgett, Brewarrina, Bourke and Dubbo regions.

A good news story from St Edmund's College 75 year story

David Kerin, Arrente man from Mparntwe (Alice Springs) sent down from Darwin by the Nuns in 1951 as a 1st year pupil of St Edmunds Wahroonga who completed his Leaving Certificate at St Pius X College achieving an ATAR equivalent of 95, studied Physiotherapy in London, and fulfilled a career as Bankstown Hospital Physio, Parramatta Eels Rugby League Physio and avid Horse Racing enthusiast.

On this our 75th Birthday thank you to all in the St Edmunds community for bringing your story and gifts to add to the story of our school. We are grateful for your wonderful contribution, and welcome your advice on how we can be the best school we can be.

Live Jesus in our Hearts.

Sean Brannan | Deputy Principal



MOTHER'S DAY



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Retail students sold over 140 gifts in the stall. Thank you for your support.



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FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

St Edmund's Disability and Post-School Expo

Our expo this year is being held on Tuesday 19 May, 4-7pm, in the school hall. Attendance is free for students and families, and we have also extended the invite to families outside of St Edmund's – please [feel free to share the invite](#) to people in your community who may benefit, as we know that many families don't have the opportunity to attend an expo at their own schools.

Please RSVP here: www.stedmunds.nsw.edu.au/expo-register

Stallholders who are booked in for the expo so far include the following... get your questions ready!

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| 1. Jigsaw | 13. Living Skills Training | 26. Special Olympics |
| 2. Avenue | 14. Rebound Health | 27. Vinnies Employment (St. Vincent de Paul) |
| 3. Plus Disability | 15. Equal Hearts | 28. Mates That Matter |
| 4. Northside Enterprise + Bushlink | 16. Studio Artes | 29. Head High |
| 5. Job Support | 17. Active Ability | 30. CM Care |
| 6. Hireup | 18. Care Squared | 31. Lifestart |
| 7. CPA | 19. Carer Gateway | 32. Summit Community Network |
| 8. Catholic Care | 20. Uniting NDIS | 33. Inala |
| 9. My Plan Manager | 21. Morhaven | 34. All Communication Matters |
| 10. Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College | 22. Co-Hive | 35. Able Finder |
| 11. Travel Training Solutions | 23. Breakthru | 36. Luz All Abilities |
| 12. Omnia Inclusive | 24. Step-Up | |
| | 25. For The Love of Dogs | |



Disability Support Pension (DSP) webinar

Tuesday 26 May, 6pm-7.30pm. This webinar is being hosted by a Senior Solicitor from the Welfare Rights Centre. If you are interested in attending this, and have not yet RSVP'd, [please do so here so that I can get an idea of numbers: Disability Support Pension Webinar](#).

The Microsoft Teams link has been created and shared by the Welfare Rights Centre and [can be found here](#).

Year 12 Individual Transition Planning (ITP) Meetings

The booking link and ITP information has been sent to all Year 12 families this week, via email.



Myself, your child's homeroom teacher, and Jacqui Anderson are looking forward to meeting with you and your Year 12 student in Week 6, 7, or 8!

[Booking link](#) or QR code:

That's all for now, and please reach out with any questions,

Yours in Community,

Lisa Duffy | Family Engagement Officer



St Edmund's
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YOU'RE
TO THE
invited
DISABILITY &
POST SCHOOL
EXPO

**The St
Edmund's
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Expo will be
held on
Tuesday 19
May, from
4-7pm.**

The Expo provides our families and the broader community who have children with disability aged 10-18 with an opportunity to meet with service providers to ask questions, gather information, and make informed decisions (including supports related to post-school planning).

There will be a range of providers invited including: employment, therapies, travel training, recreation, support coordination and plan management, advocacy, and social opportunities.

All students are welcome to attend with a parent/carer. Entry is via Braeside Street, Wahroonga.

Please register to attend here

 www.stedmunds.nsw.edu.au/expo-register

 duffy@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

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BREAKFAST CLUB



Allied Health Supported Social and Life Skills Club Starting Tuesday Week 4 Term 2

Group Summary

Between 8-8:30am during taxi arrival and prior to homeroom, students will have the option of joining 'Breakfast Club'. Facilitated by our Allied Health team on Tuesdays and Thursdays, students will use the school canteen facilities to make themselves a breakfast meal, such as jam or vegemite on toast. **This is in addition to breakfast eaten at home, not a replacement.**

Learning intentions

- Allow for students who may have had a long commute in the morning and/or may benefit from an additional meal-time, an opportunity to fuel their bodies prior to learning.
- A social opportunity for students who may benefit from directed activities during morning break time. Allow for students to discuss mutual interests whilst making breakfast.
- Independent living skills supported by our team of Allied Health professionals, encouraging opportunities for students to explore a variety of breakfast options, with supported task breakdowns, executive function skills, fine motor skills and visual supports.

Success Criteria

- Students feel regulated and engaged heading into their morning classes.
- Students learn a variety of breakfast options that they can make at school and home.
- Students are given opportunities for social engagement with like minded peers across the year groups to discuss common interests.

Please respond via email if you do not want your child to attend this club to meyer@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

FEELING YUCKY? STAY HOME AND REST!

It's the season of viruses (yuck!) and they spread fast. Let's keep our school community safe and healthy! ♥

-  **KEEP THEM HOME**
If your child is unwell, please keep them home to rest and recover.
-  **WE WILL CALL**
If a child becomes unwell at school, we will contact you to arrange pickup.
-  **TOGETHER WE CARE**
Thank you for helping us protect our students, staff and families.

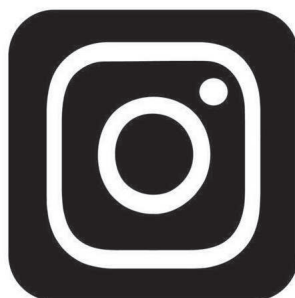
DID YOU KNOW?

-  Children can be contagious **BEFORE** they show symptoms.
-  Viruses spread easily in schools through coughs, sneezes and close contact.
-  Good handwashing can reduce the spread of illness by up to **50%!**

♥ THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP OUR SCHOOL HEALTHY! 😊 ♥

COMMUNITY

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