



Edmund Rice College Newsletter



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From the Headmaster

Our senior class of 2009 have begun the final stage of their schooling with the commencement of the HSC examinations on Tuesday. They seemed to be in good spirits and focused on giving of their best over the next few weeks.

At the end of last term the contribution they have made to the College over their years here was recognised and celebrated. The functions held over the week, starting with the farewell assembly and formal, and culminating with the Graduation Mass and dinner on the Friday evening were meaningful, enjoyable and a credit to the young men of the Class of 2009.

At the Graduation Mass and dinner, attended by over 350 students, parents and staff, we acknowledged all students through the presentation of certificates of graduation as well as a large number of individual achievements which appear below. Once again this wonderful evening was able to encapsulate much of what we are about as a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter are details of a function to be held on 13 November to recognise the combined 69 years of service that Arvid Holen and Trevor Flight have given to our College community. Trevor and Arvid will be retiring at the end of this year. I would be grateful if, as well as considering your own participation, you could pass on the information about this evening to former students and their parents.

Finally please remember in your prayers the family of Mark Jackson our Year 9 Co-ordinator whose father died in hospital on Monday and Daniel Renko a student in Year 9 whose father died suddenly whilst on a family holiday in Thailand less than a week ago.

1ST Place in Subject Prizewinners

Mohammed Achaechi – PD Health PE; Jesse Baaner – Mathematics Extension (equal); Timothy Barratt – General Mathematics; Myles Bateman – Modern History, History Extension; Gene Brownlie – English Extension 1; James Caputi – Metal & Engineering; Robert Chicharo – English Standard, Business Studies; Michael Darin – Construction; Jorge De Matos – Catholic Studies; Jeremy Di Noro – Geography; Daniel Divito – Design & Technology; Benjamin Fernandez – Visual Arts; Benjamin Fowler – Senior Science; Benjamin Gandy – Music 1; Mitchel Green – Ancient History; Leighton Hill – Industrial Technology; Luke Jarquin – Legal Studies; Tyler Johnson – Software Design & Development, Information Processes & Technology; Andrew McKay – Biology; Saamir Mohamad – Studies of Religion 1; Matthew Prosser – English Advanced, English Extension 2; Hayden Ramsay – Mathematics, Mathematics Ext (equal), Chemistry, Physics; Douglas Woodiwiss – Japanese Continuers; Benjamin Wright – Hospitality.

Social Justice Medals

(Presented for giving a minimum of 100 hours of CSL)

Luke Fields, Mitchel Green, Lachlan O'Dea, Fraser Worthington, Tyler Johnson, James Caputi, Daniel Carrasco, Benjamin Fernandez, Benjamin Gandy, Jason Hamilton, Saamir Mohamad, Owen Pacewicz, Benjamin Wright, Douglas Woodiwiss, Grant Byrne

Leadership ~ Saamir Mohamad

Caltex Medal (for all Round Achievement) ~ Andrew McKay

Sportsman of the Year ~ Jesse Baaner

Br Oakley Award for Service ~ Jason Hamilton

Dux ~ Gene Brownlie

DAVID LEAR

Founded 1926 – Proudly Catholic and Comprehensive – Boys Succeed at Edmund Rice College

Thinking about high school?
Year 5 students are invited to try Year 7 for a day
Edmund Rice for the Boys ~ St Mary's for the Girls

WHEN?

Monday, November 9

St Columbkille's, St Michael's, St John Vianney's, St Joseph's, St Francis Xavier's,
St Therese, St Brigid's, St Pius, St Francis Assisi

Tuesday, November 10

St Peter and Paul's, St John's, St Patrick's, Stella Maris, Nazareth **AND other Primary schools**

Registration

Parents from other Primary schools:

Download registration form from website or contact the College office.

Catholic Primary school parents:

Complete the registration form/permission slip (available from your son's school office)
and hand it in to the Year 5 teacher.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE Friday 30 October 2009

St Mary's Tel: 02 4228 6011 Fax: 4229 8555 www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au

Edmund Rice Tel: 02 4228 4344 Fax: 4229 5684 www.edmundricecollege.nsw.edu.au

Careers, Mrs Hodson

Design Centre Enmore (Year 12) - www.sit.nsw.edu.au/enmore - Act by: 2009-10-30

Applications for enrolment in Semester 1, 2010 are closing on Friday, 30 October 2009. Application packages available Ph: 9394 5700 or visit website.

Becoming an Airline Pilot (Year 10, 11, 12) - www.basair.com.au

A new option for potential airline pilots is now available. Career Workshops held each school holiday. These two day workshops include two flying lessons. Information about other activities is also available on the website.

Scholarships now available to study Pharmacy (Year 12) - www.ruralpharmacy.com.au

There are 30, \$10,000pa for 4 years, scholarships available for rural or remote area students. For more details see website. Applications open 2nd October, 2009.

Bachelor of Theology (Year 10, 11, 12) - sydney@nd.edu.au

This new degree program commences at the University of Notre Dame Sydney in 2010. Contact prospective student office on 8204 4440 or website.

Help with money to stay at University (Year 12)

www.deer.gov.au/HigherEducation/Programs/FairerSupportforStudentNewYA/Pages/default.aspx

The Australian Government is introducing new scholarships for university students in 2010. From 2010 all uni students receiving Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy will: receive a student start up scholarship worth \$2254 to be paid by Centrelink in two instalments at the beginning of each semester. There is also a relocation scholarship for students receiving Youth Allowance or Abstudy living away from home. For details see website.

Equity Scholarships via UAC and Institutions (Year 12) - www.uac.edu.au/equity/abw/

These assist students from low socio economic backgrounds, who may also be experiencing other forms of educational disadvantage. Institution Equity Scholarships are funded by individual institutions, donations and sponsorships, and are open to students experiencing financial and/or other educational disadvantages. For details see website.

Scholarship Competition (Year 12) - www.acnt.edu.au

The Australasian College of Natural Therapies is inviting students to enter their \$19,900 scholarship competition. For more information call 1300 017267 or visit website.

On Campus Accommodation UNSW (Year 12) - www.kensingtoncolleges.unsw.edu.au

The Kensington Colleges is a group of three residential colleges, centrally located within the grounds of the University of NSW. Interested students should visit their website for more information.

One Year Diploma Courses (Year 12) - www.stpatsbuscol.com.au

St Patrick's College Sydney is now offering 1 year Diploma courses in Marketing, Business Administration, Hospitality and Events.

Check bonus points for each uni course (Year 12)

The Careers Advisers have a booklet that can show students the bonus points that can be awarded from each HSC subject. Not available for loan. Enquiries welcome.

Year 12 Career Information (Year 12)

Good Luck to all Year 12 students in their HSC. Students can access the information that is still coming to ERC through Careers Dept. by reading their emails. Another good reason to subscribe to the erc.careersalert.com website.



Operation Christmas Child

This was very successful last year with over 50 students participating.

What is it?

Brings Christmas joy, packed in gift filled shoe boxes, to children around the world.

4 hours of CSL given for each completed shoe box, with \$8.00 postage donation in an envelope with your name on the top of the box.

Please do not seal the box because they must be checked before being sent.

What do I do?

Register your name with Mrs Frappell. Get a shoe box, go shopping and get packing!!!

When are the shoe boxes due?

Wednesday, 4 November so that they can get passed on, checked and sent to their destinations.

Mrs Frappell will collect and pass them on to the Samaritan's Purse.

For more information: www.samaritanspurse.org.au

ERC BUS TRIP - SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER



Come and join Narelle on a Christmas shopping trip to factory outlets in Sydney such as KB Toys, Peters of Kensington, Arrowmaster, Handbag Factory, Corningware, Sunbeam, Trackmaster and Dolci Doro Chocolates.

Cost is \$30.00 (money to be in by Monday 26th October)

Morning and Afternoon tea supplied as well as drinks and chips.

BYO Lunch!

CyberSafety

Children can unknowingly place themselves in risky situations while using the internet. This includes posting unsuitable information online, sharing passwords, posting public profiles about themselves, and opening messages from people they don't know. Ensuring children understand these risks and have the knowledge to be cybersafe is important. The ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Authority) has a cybersmart guide for families. For more information go to www.acma.gov.au and www.cybersmartkids.com.au Watch this space every week for cybersafety tips.

Canteen Roster for week commencing Monday 26 October – Group 3

Monday: G Van Reede, R Gonzalez, R Noble, P Fitzgerald, J Nublely, N Bird, N Stenos, D James

Tuesday: C Shalala, R Maravic, M Cvetkovski, A Jory, M Vasconcelos, J Davey, T Morosin

Wednesday: F Gauci, K Bruce, G O'Meley, A Skylas, I Divito, S Howson, L Riolo

Thursday: M Mueller, J Dunstan, R Tonegato, K Brown, R Whitehead, L Funnell

Friday: G Lord, J Osborne, A Barker, A Masi, C Gray, S McCreanor, L Liberante, J Hennessy, S Forst

Community Notices:

A Woman for all Seasons - Wollongong Diocesan Council for Catholic Women Forum

Be inspired, share talents and listen to life journeys as women in the Catholic Church - Saturday, November 14 at St Mary's Star of the Sea College, Wollongong. 9.00am – 3.30pm, RSVP 30 October to Jane Edwards on 4253 0899 or jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au. Cost \$20 (please do not let financial constraints deter your attendance).

Wollongong Under 14b's Cricket

Players needed in this age group. Cost \$60 which includes a club game shirt and hat, all playing gear provided. For more information contact Rodney Lewton on 4272 4228 or mobile 0420 279270.

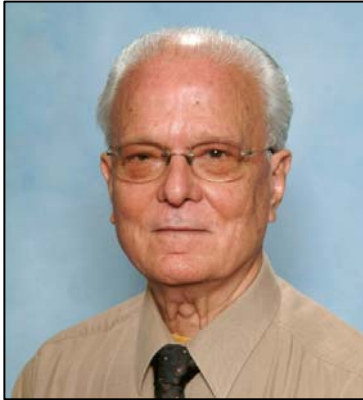
Become a CatholicCare Foster Carer

Local kids need loving homes today. CatholicCare is urgently appealing for foster carers to provide a safe home for children and adolescents who are unable to live with their parents due to abuse, neglect or other child protection reasons. Foster carers need to have a strong commitment to the wellbeing of children and adolescents, flexibility and a willingness to work closely with CatholicCare. Full training, regular support by experienced caseworkers and a financial allowance is provided. If you think you've got what it takes call CatholicCare on 4227 1122.

Free NRMA Roadside Assistance for Students aged 17 & 18

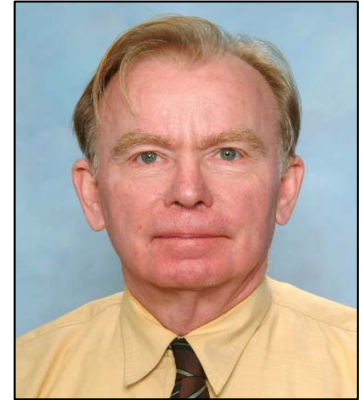
NRMA actively works in the community to help keep young drivers safe. One of the key things they do is offer 12 months FREE NRMA Roadside Assistance to all 17 and 18 year olds in NSW and ACT. The programme is called "NRMA Free2go". Students can join for free and the membership is personal, meaning they will be covered in any vehicle, regardless of whether they are the driver or the passenger. This is particularly relevant to Year 12 students, many of whom will soon travel away from home for their end of year vacations. For more information and to take up this offer students must register online at www.befree2go.com.au

You are invited to attend an evening function



to recognise the
retirement of

Trevor Flight
and
Arvid Holen



after a combined 69 years of service to our students!



Friday, 13 November

7.00 for 7.30pm

Villa D'Oro Function Centre

39-41 Flinders Street, Wollongong, ☎ 4228 6222

Cost: \$45 per person

Trevor Flight and Arvid Holen Retirement Dinner

*Please return this reply slip and money in an envelope to the College Office
no later than Friday, 6 November.*

Cost: \$45/pp No. of people attending: _____ Amount enclosed: \$_____

(Payment can be made by credit card by phoning the College on 4228 4344)

Name/s of attendee/s (please print): _____

Any special dietary requirements:
