Last Friday, the College held its Athletics Carnival. A combination of championship and non-championship events was organised in the form of a competition across age groups and year groups. Thank you to Mr McCammon for his overall organisation and the staff, students and helpers who contributed to a highly successful carnival.

The level of student involvement on the day was very encouraging with students participating in their nominated events and rallying their peers enthusiastically in championship and novelty events.

In more recent years the College has embarked upon the establishment of a House System:– Rice, Ignatius, Crown, Keira and Waterford. It was evident that the House system was in ‘play’ on the day. With the success of the House based Athletics carnival, a foundation for developing House competitions has been laid which will be developed over successive whole school carnivals and events.

### House points from the Athletics Carnival

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<td>Brad Gullick (44)</td>
<td>Christopher Gandy (26)</td>
<td>Mitchell Naumovski (22)</td>
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Congratulations to Year 12 students who acted in various leadership capacities on the day. From House Captains to Officials to umpiring games in the junior years, their leadership qualities were noticed and commented upon favourably in the context of developing school spirit and building community. Your support on the day was much appreciated by all staff.

With the Blessed Edmund Rice Feast Day celebrations and the Athletics Carnival day this term it is quite clear that Edmund Rice College is a vibrant community. We look forward to continuing our work in order to enhance community and school spirit amongst all stakeholders. **MR S TADROS**
On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (May 14-16), Year 9 and Year 7 students completed the Australia-wide NAPLAN Literacy tests (Language Conventions, Writing, Reading) and Numeracy tests (Calculator and Non-Calculator). Students who were absent had a catch-up day on Friday, 17th May.

Year 9 students completed these in the formal setting of the Hall. They are to be commended for their excellent co-operation in lining up alphabetically, listening attentively to instructions and working studiously.

Year 7 students completed their tests in their Home Rooms. They accomplished themselves very well considering this was their first Secondary School examination setting. Well done, gentlemen!

NSW CCC Basketball, Mr MacDonald/Mr Breeze

On 3rd May the Junior (7/8) and Intermediate (9/10) Basketball teams competed in the NSWCCC Regional Tournament in Penrith. The intermediate team was a good blend of students from Years 9 and 10 with some debutants, Christian Foster, Nick Thompson and Owen Christie, who were given the opportunity to play replacing injured athletes, Sam Tyson and Callum McFadden, who have been in the ERC basketball program since Year 7. With this lack of experience it was always going to make it a tough assignment to compete against teams who compete in a weekly competition. To their credit the team competed well enough to force the opposition to modify their game plan to get a result.

The Junior team was made up of experienced players from previous years competitions as well as new team members with less experience. Whilst the Juniors lost their games they are to be commended on their drive to play at their best despite the scoreboard. I was most impressed at their improvements throughout the day and look forward to seeing them compete in future events.

One of the most pleasing attributes of the tournament was the way the Junior and Senior teams supported each other during their games. Although both teams were unable to progress to the finals this year, with the sports hall in development stages, and with the raw potential exhibited throughout the tournament, I am encouraged about the future of Basketball at the College. I would like to thank all the athletes who attended the tournament for their effort and attitude. I would especially like to thank Mr Breeze for his coaching of the Junior team and assistance in the administration and management of the Basketball teams leading up to and during the tournament.

U13 Diocesan Soccer Gala Day, Mrs Schodde

The A Squad: Dylan Ryan, Lachlan Donnelly, Chris Hollingshead, Nathan Bellinato, Ben Learmonth, Iain Carlisle (c), Mark Vidaic, Nicholas Tomasiello, Jordan Heywood, Jacob Gjorsevski, Adam O’Shannessy, Kai Calderbank-Park.

Game 1  ERC 4 V St Joseph’s 0
The boys were off to a strong start with Iain scoring the first goal within the first two minutes. Apart from one training session together this was the first time the boys played as a team. Jordan, Adam and Dylan scored one goal each.

Game 2  ERC 7 V John Therry 0
Dylan scored a beautiful goal with a header from the corner in the first few minutes and repeated the same again later in the game. Jacob had a hat trick this game with one impressive goal scored from a great pass from Iain. Nick scored a goal in the back corner of the net while Ben also scored a goal. ERC dominated the whole 25 minute game.

Game 3  ERC 6 V St Benedict’s 1
St Benedicts started off very strong scoring a goal against us in the first few minutes. ERC got into gear and the game turned very quickly with Dylan and Iain scoring two goals. Jordan scored from a crossed ball by Mark. Adam scored from a penalty while Jacob scored two goals, one was a beauty right in the back of the net.

Game 4  ERC 0 V Holy Spirit College 2
We met our match with HSC as they were a significantly bigger side, however, the boys played extremely well the whole game. The goals were scored early and we just could not get them back during the game.

Semi Final  ERC 1 V Mt Carmel 0
Coming 2nd in our pool meant we had to play the winner of Pool B. What a tight game! The boys were getting tired as all our defenders and goalie played all our games on the day. We were lucky to get a penalty early in the game which Dylan kicked to secure our win.

Final  ERC 1 V Holy Spirit College 5
We played the final straight after the semi, as did HSC. They were just too good for us on the day. Jacob scored our only goal from a penalty. HSC have a great side and we look forward to playing them in the ‘Challenge’ later in the year. Well done boys. I was very proud with the way you played and your behavior on the day was exemplary. Thank you to Rob Tomasiello for his encouragement and help over the day.

A big thank you must go to our referees. The convener asked me to pass his thanks onto the following boys who assisted on the day: Domenico Marsala, Zachery Di Genni, Samuel Jackson, Mitchell Thorpe, Michael Saverino, Adam Rozmus and Samuel Sportelli. Well done boys!
Order envelopes for College photos were distributed in Admin on Friday, 17th May in readiness for photo day on Thursday, 30th May. The envelopes are **NOT** to be returned to the Front Office. Please send the envelope and correct money in with your son on photo day. Orders will not be accepted after this day. Family photos (siblings only) will also be available. Students can collect this envelope from their Year Coordinator.

**Debating, Ms Kinnane**

Last Friday night our debating teams debated Magdalene College at St Mary Star of the Sea. Unfortunately Magdalene forfeited in Years 8 and 10 so our teams won by default. Our Year 9 team had a convincing win and our Year 7 team were narrowly defeated. On the senior front, both our teams were defeated by St Mary Star of the Sea. This week we look forward to hosting St Gregory's Campbeltown for the next round. Many thanks to Mrs Hurley and Mrs Condon for their assistance with adjudication last Friday night.

**Chess News, Ms Kinnane**

Our chess team (Ali Achaechi, Bryce Keenan, Andrew Somerville, Tom Delovski) played the second round of the NSW chess competition on Tuesday at Holy Spirit College. They were defeated on 3 out of the 4 boards. Bryce Keenan held on during a lengthy game to win on board 2. The boys are looking forward to the next game with extra determination.

**Model United Nation, Ms Kinnane**

Last Saturday a team of Year 11 students (Jake Lapham, Omer Boz, Chris Gandy) represented the College in this event sponsored by the local Rotary Clubs. The convention was held at the Nan Tien Temple. There were 23 schools participating including a considerable representation from Sydney. Each school is asked to come in the national dress of the country they are representing. This year we were representing Germany. Our students were required to speak on a number of resolutions from Germany's point of view. After the input from each country there was a right of reply and some engagement across the delegations. This communication was continued through the breaks. The boys were particularly impressed with this dimension of the day, as well as the venue which provided appropriate tiered seating and microphones that were promptly turned off if speakers spoke over time. Woonona High School, representing North Korea, won the trophy for the best delegation and Edmund Rice College won the award for the best dressed team. Many thanks to Wollongong Rotary Club for their sponsorship and to the German Club for their valuable assistance with the costumes. The boys did an excellent presentation at the Rotary Club to thank them for their sponsorship and were photographed with a German exchange student who represented Australia with the other local exchange students at the convention.

**Careers, Mrs Hodson**

**Careers Expo**

All Year 10 and Year 12 students attended the Illawarra Coal Expo this week. It was a good activity with many students gaining valuable information from the exhibitors. It was pleasing to see so many students and their parents during the evening public session on Tuesday night.

**Year 10 Work Experience**

All Year 10 students will be going out into their Work Experience jobs next week. There are many occupations in many areas. Parents will no doubt get a lot of conversation with their son during this week about the world of work they are experiencing. Good luck to all students and enjoy the world of work. Diaries and Employers Reports are to be handed in after Work Experience.


Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health related careers need to sit UMAT on July 13, 2013. A government accredited RTO specialising in helping them to perform at their best is MedEntry UMAT Prep.

**ACN Nursing & Health Expo (Years 10, 11, 12)** - [www.acn.edu.au](http://www.acn.edu.au)

Sunday, 23rd June 2013, Sydney Town Hall Ph: 1800 061 660. Explore future career possibilities. Talk to exhibitors from leading universities, TAFE, public and private health care services and specialty nursing groups.

**UNSW Scholarships (Years 11, 12)** - [www.whatson.unsw.edu.au](http://www.whatson.unsw.edu.au)

Information evening for students and parents 6 June at 6.00pm in the Science Theatre UNSW. Printed scholarship information now available in Careers Office.

If you would like to receive these alerts automatically via email, just subscribe to the free service at [www.erc.careersalert.com](http://www.erc.careersalert.com).
From a Catholic Christian perspective, free will is one of the most important foundations of our belief system: the idea that God lovingly created everything and gave human beings free will, inviting them to choose to ‘love God above all else and love our neighbour as ourselves.’ Education is about developing as a whole person in order to be able to use your own free will to choose the right path. Students in Year 10 are currently learning about Personal Moral Responsibility and have been asked to find media examples of people who choose to act in a morally responsible way. Year 9 students are studying Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and are writing a new set of mysteries for the rosary, reflecting the current needs of our society, and Year 8 is studying the influence of Jesus and what his response to a current issue in our society might be, based on his action in the Gospels. These examples challenge students to have empathy and to consider others in the application of their learning. They are small steps to understanding what to do with our free will, based on the example of Jesus. If we can help our students to be critical thinkers, and to consider all their choices before acting, based on their knowledge, then we are contributing to their own liberation from just following along with the crowd.

Another way the College supports this formation is through the Liturgy program. Next week, Year 7 classes will participate in liturgies on the theme of the Ways People Pray. These liturgies will tie together the work the students are doing in class on different forms of prayer and will give them the opportunity to explore formal, informal, ritual, personal and communal prayer forms. Prayer is one of the important features of spirituality that can liberate us to know what to do with our free will. One of the prayers this week from ‘Daily Prayer Online’ put it very simply: ‘If the only prayer you ever say in your life is ‘thank you,’ that would suffice.’

**Armour of God**

**Friday 28 – Sunday 30 June 2013**
The Venue Conference Centre, 18 Cawley St, Bellambi
14-18 year olds. Cost $98 (includes food, room & activities)
Music, Drama, Games, Talks, Friends
For more info call 0433 636 359. Places limited.

**Expressions of Interest**

**The Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Expressions of interest are invited from students aged 14 and over.

The College is interested in introducing the Duke of Edinburgh Award. There are 3 levels to the award, Bronze, Silver and Gold, and each level requires students to undertake activities such as community service / physical recreation / adventurous journey. Students who participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award will have the community service component awarded as CSL hours. The Duke of Edinburgh Award runs in over 120 countries and encourages self-development, individual challenge, adventure and fun. Participation is entirely voluntary and participants have an extensive range of activities to choose from. To learn more about this award visit the Duke of Edinburgh Award website at www.dukeofed.com.au. As we are aiming to commence this program by the beginning of Term 3, please see Mrs Lothian as soon as possible if you wish to register your interest.

**Homestays**

Our sister school in Japan is hoping to send a group of students to Wollongong to homestay with ERC students on a ten day visit from Sunday 21st July to Wednesday 31st July 2013.

We have had 20 years of exchanges with Okazaki Johsei (a co-ed senior high school), with families enjoying the experience and forging new friendships. Homestays will travel to and from school each day with your son, and weekend days are free to spend with you. You do not need to take them long distances sightseeing. They want to see how Australians live and practise English. This is also an excellent opportunity for boys to make friends with students from overseas. An allowance is paid to help with costs.

If you are able to homestay a student, please contact Ms Aungles for more information.

**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

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Please note that College grey trousers (sizes 77-82) will be available at the Uniform Shop on Thursday 23 May.

**ERC Fashion Parade**

**Friday, 14 June** Br Pelin Hall
@ 7.00pm Tickets $25.00pp
Tables of 10
BYO Drinks and Nibbles – Supper provided!
Contact Narelle in the Canteen to book your seat.