This Friday and Saturday evening the College is hosting two cabaret evenings where the Brother Pelin Hall will be transformed into a 1930’s Berlin nightclub.

The concept is very different from the typical school musical and provides a very interesting medium for the diverse talents of 80 of our students and a number of students from St Mary’s College who are involved with the cabaret.

In reflecting on this somewhat daring and creative approach to showcasing the talents of students I was reminded of a conversation I had with a number of school leaders at a Principals’ Conference I attended recently in the July school holidays where we were discussing the learning outcomes of boys in different educational settings.

What I articulated that day, I reflected, was in many ways exemplified by the staging of the Kit Kat Klub at the school this weekend. In this all boys setting the students respond extremely well to opportunities like this. There is, in my experience, a greater sense of boys stepping up. This leads to, as in the case of Edmund Rice College, a vibrant arts culture where music and drama are the norm, rather than an exception.

The Kit Kat Klub, this weekend, certainly supports this sense that boys are more likely to get involved in performing arts in an all-boys setting. The concept is a result of the creative talent of Mr Bannister, our College drama teacher in consultation with Mrs Sykes, the Head of Creative Arts and Language teacher Ms Aungles.

The Kit Kat Klub will be opening its doors at 6.30pm on Friday 2nd August and Saturday 3rd August.

There are some tickets available at the door for those who haven’t yet purchased tickets. Finger food is provided by our hospitality students and is included in the ticket price.

Could I encourage families to come along in what will be a memorable evening.

With this week’s newsletter I have attached the draft of the Parent Forum Constitution of Edmund Rice College which has been developed by the Parent Forum Executive over the past few months. I ask that you read the Constitution. Any suggestions should be forwarded to Mrs Trish O’Neill (tonell@erc.nsw.edu.au) at the College. I would like to thank Senka Stemberger and the Parent Forum Executive for their hard work and insight in putting this together.

PETER MCGOVERN
As I was reading about St Mary of the Cross Mackillop in preparation for her feast day on August 8, I was reminded of her strong belief in the power of education to transform lives and, especially to lift people out of poverty. Today she is recognised as an integral part of the history of Australia and regarded as a ‘champion of social justice and a fearless advocate of women’s rights’ (Sydney Archdiocese). Perhaps it was her hope for a better future for all that enabled her to work unceasingly, even in the face of obstacles.

We can have no better example in our context of a person who recognised the dignity of all and fearlessly fought for their rights and hope that our students understand their role in liberating all people to be all that God wants them to be. Currently the Year 10 students are studying ‘Working for Justice in Australia’ and have been looking at human rights, asylum seekers and refugees, homelessness, poverty, fair trade and gender equality. They will participate in a Social Justice Day next Wednesday, the day before Mary Mackillop’s Feast Day, when they will hear from a diverse range of guest speakers including the CEO of the Refugee Council, Paul Power; Phil Glendenning, the Director of the Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education; Sharyn McKenzie, founder of Strategic Community Assistance for Refugee Families (SCARF); Maria Chi-Fang, Pacific Calling Partnership; Phillip Crawford, Beyond Empathy film maker with collaborators on the film ‘Rites of Passage;’ Richard Zamora, former student currently employed with the Smith Family Community Programme; Dr Alistair Reid, former volunteer in Uganda, and Uncle Roy Dootch Kennedy, a local Indigenous Elder who has been coming here to teach us about Indigenous culture for many years. The challenge for all of us will be to take the experience and use it to make the world a better place: this will be the sign of a truly ‘liberating education.’


"Be calm and full of hope." (Mary Mackillop 1871)

Mission Totals: Year 7: $38.50; Year 8: $9.00; Year 9: $33.35; Year 10: $54; Year 11: $8.80; Year 12: $25

Chess News
On Tuesday the College chess team defeated The Illawarra Grammar School in the fourth round of the NSW Chess Competition. It was a long and close struggle with a final score of 2 1/2 points to 1 1/2 points. Congratulations to the chess team Ali Achaechi (Chess Captain), Bryce Keenan (whose valiant final draw was necessary for the win), Andrew Somerville and Tom Delovski. Thanks also to Jesse Tyssen of Year 11 who assisted me on the day and is now working with Ali to supervise the College chess club that meets each Monday at lunch time in the library. Mrs Kinnane

Legacy Junior Public Speaking
The regional round of this competition was held at Moss Vale High School yesterday. There was a fine field of 11 contestants from Wollongong, the Highlands, Goulburn and Braidwood. Each contestant had to deliver a prepared speech and an impromptu with a five minute preparation period on the topic of ‘Kokoda’. Justice-Noah Negro Malfitano and Jack Shaw of Year 9 represented the College. Both delivered impressive prepared speeches and a solid performance on their impromptus. The impromptu speech was a definite area of weakness for the candidates as a whole. Congratulations to both boys who took out first place (Jack Shaw) and runner-up (Justice-Noah Negro Malfitano). Jack will go on to represent the region in a semi-final to be held at Government House in Sydney later this month. Mrs Kinnane
On Tuesday 30th July, the under 15s team from Edmund Rice College participated in the NSW All Schools tournament held at the Kingsway playing fields in Penrith. We convincingly won our first game against Wadalba community school, 20-0. In our second game we came up against Saint Joseph’s Lochinvar, we played well in the first 10 minutes but then fell apart in the second half and lost 16-0. Our third and final game against Aquinas was a very close, hard fought game. After some terrible calls from a referee which caused a bit of tension between the players, we were defeated 10-6. Aquinas then went on to take out the championship. Players of the day, Tristan Sailor, Josh Constable and Jack Cross and well played by all the other boys. Shot boys! By Jack Cross

TOM ANDERTON SHIELD

On 19th July the 24th annual Anderton Shield Competition was held at Holy Spirit College. The Shield is awarded to the College that has more competition points at the end of the day. Games are contested between 4 age divisions, U/13s, U/14s, U/15s and Opens, with 2 points on offer for the Junior games and 3 Points award for the Opens Game. So in order to win the Shield a College must win all 3 junior games or a junior game and the Opens game. Unfortunately ERC was unable to secure the points needed to win the Shield from HSC. I would like to officially thank all the teachers and students who were involved in the competition. Below are the individual game reports by the coaches of the ERC teams.

U/1’s – Mr Kent
For many of the under 13s boys this was their first time experiencing the long held rivalry between the two Colleges in the Tom Anderton Shield. They started the day off with a great game of football led by our strong forwards in Cooper Thomas, Mackenzie Briscoe and Joseph Dickson and our surprise gun centre out wide in Bailey Antrobus who sparked our team into action after letting in an early try. So great was Bailey's contribution throughout the game, he was awarded the Man of the Match award for our College. Although we eventually went down I'm confident that if this group of talented young men stick together they will be a strong force in the years to come.

U/14s Mr Edmondson
In slippery conditions the U14s had a great game with our cross town rivals. We have had their number this year and in the first half were able to play most of the game in the opposition half. Capitalising on this pressure Adam Hadaya was able to cross the line after some nice ball movement out wide. He converted his try and later in the half Harrison Reh was able to bust through from dummy half for our second try. The boys played extremely well in tough conditions. As our team only had a few reserves, and after some early injuries to Sam Morris with a fractured arm, and later, a bad sprain to Tate Russell, the team was looking tired. Bailey Antrobus and James Andraos from the U13s put their hand up to back up and did not look out of place with the older boys. The team was led well around the field by our new halves pairing of Captain Charlie Eaton and Jake Mitrevski. Our forwards Jordan Kirk, Harrison Reh (man of the match) and Harrison Windsor were strong all game. Our defence was much improved with Bailey Lamb, Finn Daly and Adam Hadaya tackling well all game. Our backs Mitchell Spicer, Ross Ellenis-Tzorsitis, Kaden Towle, Nick Jones and Sam Morris moved the ball well and made few mistakes. Our super sub Makisi Tau also made an impact. Well done boys, winning 12-0.

U/15s – Mr Rattenbury
The 15s approached their traditional arch rivals with confidence but expected a tough contest all the same. Holy Spirit capitalised on an early mistake and took the lead, however, we soon hit back and with weight of ball possession and field position, the boys managed to assert their dominance. Despite conceding a barge-over try late in the game the 15s were never really headed as they extended their winning run over Holy Spirit. Man of the Match was awarded to Remzi Bektassovski for two length of the field efforts, narrowly edging out Brendan Neville (HSC).

Opens - Mr Jeffery
In the decider our Opens knew they had a tough assignment ahead of them but took some confidence in their recent victory over Holy Spirit in the Illawarra Knockout. Our boys started the game well, taking an early 4-0 lead and looked well in control, camping well inside their opponents half for the first 15 minutes of the game. Unfortunately our boys were not able to convert this field position into points. In contrast Holy Spirit capitalised on their limited possession, scoring 3 converted tries (all from kicks), to take a solid lead into the break. Our boys were able to hit back early in the second half but really were outplayed by a better side on the day. Final score ERC 10-Holy Spirit 34. Tireless Captain Jye Lawrence received the best player award for ERC.
CAREERS, Mrs Hodson

Careers Adviser available 12-16th August (Years 10, 11, 12)
Students are welcome to speak to the Careers Adviser at any time however, an additional time is now available after school during Homework Club in the Library. During this week Years 10, 11 and 12 students are invited to have a chat. Help will be given with online vocational testing, subject selections, post school options etc. Parents are also welcome to attend [please ring beforehand to let me know you are coming].

Choosing Subjects for the HSC (Year 10)
UOW has supplied a number of copies of a booklet called Future Finder 2013. This is aimed at Year 10 students selecting subjects for potential courses at UOW. Picking the right HSC subjects for the areas of study you are interested in will keep your options open when it comes to choosing a university degree. Several copies of this booklet are available from the Careers Office for interested students.

Year 12 Career Interviews (Year 12)
These very helpful individual interviews can be scheduled again now the trials are over. Students are advised to make a booking as soon as possible.

University of Sydney Open Day - 31st August (Years 10, 11, 12)
Copies of the program of the day available from Careers Office. Video highlights from last year and for further information visit Sydney.edu.au/open day

Guest Speaker Program (Years 10, 11, 12)
The guest speaker program currently running at the College has seen a good attendance so far. Next speakers include Unilink talks to Years 10, 11 and 12 on 6th August where questions will be answered about uni life, different faculties and subject selection for courses. Years 10, 11 and 12 students are invited to register to attend. All speakers in this program will be at the College from 2.05 - 2.55pm so that students will be able to catch the 3.00pm bus.

Canteen Roster for week commencing Monday 5 August – Group 4

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Uniform Shop Opening Hours

| Tuesday 6 August 1.00pm – 4.00pm | Thursday 15 August 7.45am – 10.45am |

Planet Ark “Plant a Tree Day”
On Friday 26th July Edmund Rice College participated in the Planet Ark “Plant a Tree Day”. A number of students from Eco-ERC team planted parsley, lettuce and Tumble Down Gum tree seeds. They were placed into pots with some gel crystals to keep them moist.
The team also carried out some pruning and maintenance on our existing garden, but there is still lots more work to be done.
The Eco-ERC team is still accepting new recruits, but to get CSL hours you will need to eat a hot chilly from our garden.

Preston Holman, Mr Persian, Mrs Frappell

National Computer Science School Challenge 2013 Enrol now! Years 7-12 Competition commences 5 August
This Challenge would give you the opportunity to spend 5 weeks seeing if you would actually like Software programming as a career path. [Doing this activity would also be included in your resume of extra-curricular activities.] It costs $20 for one level of difficulty and $30 to access all 3 levels. The course is run by the University of Sydney. Or you can just try it out! For more information about the Challenge, see the website.
Advise Mrs Sutherland if you have entered the challenge.
YEAR 12 PARENT TEACHER AFTERNOON EVENING
MONDAY, 5 AUGUST ~ 3.00PM – 7.00PM

Book Your Interview with your son’s Subject Teacher Online

School event code

BA5XA

Go to
www.edmundricecollege.nsw.edu.au or www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THE school event code. Then follow the simple steps.
1. Enter your details.
2. Choose your son’s Subject Teacher(s).
3. Choose times.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically.
- check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.
Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 4228 4344

- The Trial HSC Reports were given to students on Friday, 2 August.
- Parents are encouraged to discuss progress with their son’s Subject Teacher.
- Students must attend the interview
- For Parents/Carers that don’t have access to the internet contact the College office on 4228 4344 or alternatively parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require.

DIARY DATES

AUGUST
2-3........... Café Concert
5 ............. Year 12 Report Afternoon/Evening
4 ............. Year 9 Ski Trip departs
5-9........... Year 9 Ski Trip/Camp
7 .......... Year 10 Social Justice Day
14 ............ Year 9, 2014 Subjects/Electives Information
23 ............ Staff Development Day (PUPIL FREE)
20 ............ College Board Meeting
29 ............ Father’s Day Breakfast

SEPTEMBER
3 .............. Year 12 Parent Dinner
4 .............. Year 11/2014 Interviews 3.30pm
7 .............. Year 7/2014 Test Morning
9-20.......... Year 11 Preliminary HSC Exams
10 .......... P&F Forum
17 ............ Final day of classes Year 12 College Board Meeting
18 .......... Year 12 Breakfast, Graduation Assembly and Formal
20 ............ Final day of classes, Term 3

Community Notice

FREE DAY OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
The City’s biggest sustainable living festival at the Wollongong Botanic Garden on Sunday 1 September, 11.00-4.00pm...interactive workshops and demonstrations, live stage entertainment, food, wine and local produce market, native plant sales, fun activities for kids AND great prizes.

Founded 1926 – Proudly Catholic and Comprehensive – Boys Succeed at Edmund Rice College
Father’s, Grandfather’s & Carer’s Breakfast

Thursday, 29 August 2013

The Edmund Rice College Parent Forum, in cooperation with Years 11 and 12, warmly invites you and your son/s to attend the inaugural breakfast on Thursday 29 August 2013. Come and join us for an informal BBQ breakfast in the new Covered Outdoor Learning Area (adjacent to the senior classrooms) in celebration of Father’s Day.

Special thanks to Mrs Narelle Ockenden, Canteen Manager, and her helpers who will be organising the breakfast

Time: 7.00am – 8.00am
Date: Thursday, 29 August 2013
Entry & Parking: Keira Oval car park & surrounding streets

(If inclement weather the breakfast will be moved to the College hall)

RSVP: Please complete the following details by Friday, 23 August and return via your son’s Home Room admin folder or the College office.

Father/Grandfather/Carer’s Name(s):

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Son’s Name: ______________________________________________________

Son’s Year/Home Room: _____________________________________________

Number of people attending breakfast: _______________________________