From the Principal

As you would be aware the Royal Commission into the Institutional responses to Child Sexual Abuse commences this week. The Christian Brothers Oceania Leadership Team and the Council of Edmund Rice Education Australia have developed a joint statement regarding the Royal Commission.

Attached to the school newsletter is a joint letter from Edmund Rice Education Australia and the Christian Brothers articulating their support for the Royal Commission and emphasizing that they will be working with the Commission for the benefit of those who have suffered abuse and to develop best practice in their own ministries.

The Church has set up the Truth, Justice and Healing Council which has been established by the Bishops and Religious of Australia. This Council will oversee the Church’s engagement with the Royal Commission and the pastoral and other ramifications that have arisen from the occurrence of sexual abuse.

Edmund Rice College, a school with strong links to the Christian Brothers through its origins, history, traditions and charism and part of the Edmund Rice Education network of schools strongly supports the setting up and work of the Royal Commission in supporting victims of child abuse.

The College Hall project began this week. The successful tender is Manteena, a Canberra based building company with strong local associations. The project, quoted at $5,261,291 for the school hall and $355,005 for capital works at the front of the College, is due to be completed on 7 December, 2013.

Architect drawings of the hall are below. The development features a large foyer that can seat 120, two basketball courts, a mezzanine level gymnasium, a PDHPE classroom, a drama room and stage.

The additional work around the front of the College features a resurfacing and realignment of the road into the College, a pedestrian access from Mt Keira Road, additional car parking and resurfacing of the basketball courts.

I would like to thank the parents who attended the Parent Forum on Tuesday night this week. The meeting was well attended with Mr Ted Dixon, our Head of Mathematics, the guest speaker.

Peter McGovern
UNIFORM FOR TERMS 2 & 3 - Mr Tadros, Deputy Principal
Thank you to the boys who have presented well in their summer uniform during Term 1. Also to the parents who go to the trouble of ensuring the best presentation for their son(s).

From Term 2 students are required to wear the uniform as listed below:

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<td>• ERC red jumper with tie</td>
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<td>ERC jacket (black, red and white) with tie</td>
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Note: Jacket is optional but both jacket and jumper can be worn on colder days in winter.

Hairstyles: Students are reminded not to get outlandish haircuts during the holidays. School policy is very clear. Read your diary on page xii.

Jewellery/Body Piercing: Students may wear a simple necklace, bracelet and ring. In Years 11 and 12 only, students may also wear one simple earring or ear stud. No other items or inserts are permitted for any student. These privileges may be revoked for those students who cannot abide by the expectations stated above.

These uniform and presentation requirements have been in place at the College for quite some time. I ask for student and parent continued support of these regulations.

STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS, Mr Ireland, Director of Studies
These interim reports will be sent home with Years 7-12 students on Thursday, 11 April. The purpose of these reports is to give you and your son feedback on completion of classwork, homework/assignment work and behaviour in class. For Year 12, a rank indicating current position in each course of study will be shown. The report will indicate whether your son’s classroom teacher would like to discuss progress with you and your son. However, all parents and students are welcome to attend an interview to discuss progress with teacher(s).

A PARENT/TEACHER AFTERNOON/EVENING HAS BEEN SET FOR WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY
(Week 1 of Term 2) from 3.00pm–7.30pm
Next week details will be given about booking interview times with teachers on line.

Enrolment – Year 7 2014
Application forms are available from the College Office.
Please note applications for enrolment must be returned to the College no later than Friday, 12 April.

Diary Dates
PUPIL FREE DAY: On Monday, April 29, there is a public free day. The College is holding a Professional Development day for staff on Information Technology and its use in the classroom and on the Australian Curriculum. Students return to school for Term 2 on TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Wednesday, 1 May .........................Parent Teacher Afternoon/Evening
Friday, 3 May .............................Whole School Mass – Blessed Edmund Rice Feast Day
Friday, 10 May ............................Athletics Carnival

Chess News
Congratulations to the College chess team (Ali Achaechi, Bryce Keenan, Andrew Somerville, Tom Delovski) on their win in the first round of the NSW Chess Championship against Warrawong High School. The boys won on all 4 boards. On Wednesday the College hosted the Sydney Academy of Chess Challenge. Students from local primary schools and high schools participated. 25 students from the College played in this tournament. Wollongong Primary School won the Primary division and Edmund Rice College won the high school division. Ali Achaechi won the award for the best player. This is an excellent opportunity for the boys to develop their skills and they are to be commended on their preparation and behaviour. Chess club is held every Monday during lunch time in the library and students from Year 7 to Year 12 are involved. New and experienced players are most welcome. Mrs Kinnane
When we consider what Gospel Spirituality means, we must first consider what nourishes our own spirituality as individuals and as a community. St Francis of Assisi encourages us to ‘Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words.’ Gospel spirituality is not about telling people what to think, but about living in harmony with the characteristics and values of Jesus. In Year 11 Studies of Religion students are learning about Jesus as the model for Christian life. Can we say that the beatitude values inform our own actions and lives?

1. **Humility** – Focusing on the poor (not status or riches)
2. **Empathy** – Grieving over the injustice in the world
3. **Self-restraint** – Getting angry but not getting aggressive
4. **Righteousness** – Seeking for justice (not vengeance)
5. **Mercy** – Extending compassion to all in need
6. **Integrity** – Being whole-hearted in a desire to do right
7. **Non-violence** – Working for peace in a world at war
8. **Perseverance** – Suffering for just causes (patiently)

**Student Leadership for Justice & Peace – Mr Persian**

Within our community, justice, peace and solidarity are important, especially with the poor and marginalised. At Edmund Rice College, the Year 12 class of 2012 collectively contributed over 4,000 combined hours in over 50 activities with an average of 42 hours of community service per student. In Term1, 2013 we have seen over $2,200 donated to Caritas to continue their important work with Project Compassion. It is through programs such as the Christian Service-Learning project, and contributions to Missions, that we are able to “recognise and act upon the central place of the Gospel commitment to the marginalised” (EREA Charter 2011).

Empowered by the Spirit, Jesus named and inaugurated his mission in the synagogue at Nazareth drawing on the wisdom of the prophet Isaiah:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ (Luke 4:18-19).

The challenge Jesus issued in Nazareth and enacted in his ministry – the challenge to include those who are so often excluded because of their situation in life - has continued in the lives of his followers down the ages. It is the same challenge that inspired Edmund Rice to “open his whole heart to Christ present and appealing to him in the poor” (Christian Brothers’ Charism Statement, 1982)

**Mission Totals - Week 10**

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**TIP NO 1 - Install and Update your Security Software; Set it to scan regularly. For more tips visit staysmartonline.gov.au**

**From the Canteen, Wine Trip to Cowra, 6-8 July**

**Bookings close 15 April.**

Cost is $450 per person which includes accommodation for 2 nights, full buffet breakfast, 2 three course dinners and 3 lunches as well as wine tastings and entry to the Japanese Gardens. Wineries include: Ballina Clash, Grove Estate, Freeman Winery, The Mill, Taste Canowindra, Swinging Bridge, Rosnay, Tom’s Waterhole, Kalari, Riverpark.

**Canteen Roster for week commencing Monday, 8 April – Group 3**

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**Uniform Shop Opening Hours:** Thursday, 11 April 7.45-10.45am. If you are going away during the school holidays please make prior arrangements to purchase your son’s winter school uniform.

**Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Hours:** Tuesday, 16 April, 9.00 – 3.00
South Coast School Surfing Titles

On Tuesday, April 2nd a dedicated bunch of surfers left ERC at 4.30am to travel to Ulladulla for the South Coast Schools Surfing Titles. Surfers involved were Cooper Ainsworth (10.29), Bailey Aquilina (8.7), Ryan Fairley (12.YL), Jacob Hennessy (9.2), Xavier Joyce (12.TL), Angus Males (8.AV), Matt McKeon (10.24), Sam Morris (8.MU), Jake O’Brien (10.29), Trent Peters (8.AV) and Mathew Teixeira (9.2). The format for the titles was different this year with surfers competing individually and points being collated to determine an overall winning school. In the senior division both Ryan Fairley and Xavier Joyce performed strongly. Heats of six and intermittent sets made it difficult for all competitors. Both boys would probably say that they didn’t get the waves they would have wanted however they were far from disgraced with solid 5th places. Our junior surfers, Bailey Aquilina and Sam Morris, both progressed to the semi-final stage where they each placed 5th. During the course of the day we also held a competition to determine the ERC champion surfers. Matt McKeon performed strongly in the tricky conditions to win the overall title. Bailey Aquilina, who is still a junior, pushed hard to finish 2nd and take the junior title. Congratulations to all surfers for their positive approach to both competitions. The boys were a credit to the College with their behaviour throughout the day. Special thanks to Mr Aquilina and Mr Males for accompanying and supporting the team throughout the day. Mr P. Callan and Mr P. Coleman

Cross Country Results, Mr MacDonald

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Cross Country Results

Congratulations

Careers, Mrs Hudson

Camera Operator Career Opportunity (Years 10, 11, 12) - metro@metroscreen.org.au
Camera Essentials course with Metro Screen 20th April, 9.00am - Cost $340. Hands on camera operating and cinematography techniques.

University of Sydney HSC Exam Preparation Course (Year 12) - cce.info@sydney.edu.au
15th April 9.00-12.30pm - Cost $386. See University of Sydney website for more information on upcoming specialist HSC preparation courses.

Day in the Life of a Hospitality Manager Workshop (Years 10, 11, 12) - www.williamblue.edu.au
William Blue College 16th April 10.00-4.00pm North Sydney Campus, 171 Princes Highway, North Sydney. Students taken to well-known hotels, restaurants, bars for a real behind the scenes view of this industry. Need to book.

The ETCAD Program for Business Cadetships include Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Naval Architecture, Computer Science, IT, Commerce, Arts. Posters have been displayed near Careers Office. Applications open 29 April and close 21 June.

Combine University study with paid work at a global company. Applications open 11th March close 15th May, 2013.

MyDay Dentistry and Allied Health (Year 10, 11, 12) - infoevents@csu.edu.au
Charles Sturt University Orange. Hands on workshops and information sessions in Clinical Science, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Physiotherapy, 15th April, 10.00-2.00pm - Free.

University Admission Centre [UAC] News (Year 12)
UAC now on Twitter http://twitter.com/UACinfo. Students can get up to date information and reminders - also on facebook page at www.facebook.com/universitiesadmissionscentre and a Youtube channel at www.youtube.com/user/UACinfo with videos on how to apply, changing preferences and explaining ATAR. New Institutions for UAC in 2013 - MIT Sydney; Australian College of Applied Psychology [ACAP] and Macleay College.

UMAT 2013 (Year 12) - umat.acer.edu.au - Act by: 7th June 2013
Students who wish to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test this year can download the Quick Reference Guide from the UMAT website. Please note that before registering for the test students are required to read carefully the UMAT2013 Information Booklet, which will ONLY be available online from the same UMAT website. Registrations close 7th June at 5.00pm AEST. Also, ACER produces the only official UMAT preparation material and these are available through the UMAT website.

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