From the Principal

As the school year moves towards the end of Term 3, our school focus naturally turns to significant events such as the Year 12 final assembly, the Formal and Graduation Mass and Dinner.

We mark the end of the formal schooling of students in Year 12 with such events that, with good reason, are seen by students and their families as rites of passage. The completion of 13 years of schooling is an important milestone in one’s life and rightfully should be celebrated and marked by significant events that symbolize the transition for eighty eight Year 12 students from one phase of their lives to an exciting new chapter of independence and work.

At such a time it is all too easy to concentrate exclusively on the Higher School Certificate examinations. Important as they are, it is appropriate that we all pause and reflect on the true goals of a sound education.

To this end, I received a letter this week from a community member with no ties to the College. The elderly man happened to be in the Wollongong Blood Bank last Monday giving blood at the same time that a number of our senior students were also in attendance.

He wrote that as he walked in to register he noticed six senior boys in Edmund Rice uniforms quietly filling out forms and chatting to each other. He went on to say that he got into a conversation with a few of the boys who were engaging, polite and obviously proud of their school when asked about where they were from.

Over the course of the next 20 minutes he observed how well-mannered the boys were to staff and the obvious comfortable rapport between the staff member present and the students.

He went on to comment that one of the boys giving blood had a dizzy turn and he was taken by the consideration and compassion shown by the other boys. He commented that his time at the blood bank passed quickly which he contributed largely to the well natured boys who were comfortable and relaxed talking to the nurses and himself about the experience of giving blood. He concluded by stating that on his observations, the students were clearly fine young men and were a credit to the College.

Though a simple and common little anecdote, the letter touches on many of the qualities that we all want to see in the young men who pass through our College. Service, a generosity of spirit, sincerity and compassion mark what one considers to be the essential qualities that a fine young man epitomizes and we all hope are encapsulated in the senior students who leave the College at the end of the year. In reflecting on our Year 12 cohort of 2013, I believe we have good reason to be optimistic.

Formal Assembly for Year 12

Next Wednesday, September 18 the final assembly for Year 12, 2013 takes place in the College Hall at 12.25pm. Together with the Formal, Graduation Mass and Dinner, this event is an important event marking the end of the schooling of eighty eight Year 12 students. We invite parents of Year 12 students to attend what is a very significant occasion.

Peter McGovern
From the Deputy Principal, Mr Tadros

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND STUDENT APPEARANCE - TERM 4

The College expects the correct uniform to be worn by students to and from school. This has been made clear many times and in many ways. We expect boys to take pride in how they wear it. I thank parents/carers for their support in this regard. I encourage parents/carers to check what their sons are wearing before they leave home.

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(Note: optional clothing for cooler weather)

The Uniform shop will be open during the school holidays on Wednesday, 2nd October (9.00am - 3.00pm)

Year 12 2013/2014 - Student Representative Council

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2013 Australian Mathematics Competition, Mr Dixon

On 1st August fifty nine ERC students undertook the challenges presented by the Australian Mathematics Competition, which is the largest single event on the Australian education calendar.

Based on their performance in the Competition our students were awarded twenty one Credit Certificates and seven Certificates of Distinction.

The Distinction results were achieved by Jonah Seaberg (Year 7), William Lourey (Year 8), Christopher Kenshie and Sam Wadhwa (Year 9), Kieren Richards and Harry Cameron (Year 10), Matthew Preeo (Year 11).

Credit results were achieved by:

Year 7: Samuel Hardman, Nathan Bellinato
Year 8: Jacob Body, Lachlan Kirk, James Wildey, Hayden Welsh, Jared Cabor
Year 9: Jonathon Dale, Sebastian Manfrin, Danny Dang, Charlie Eaton
Year 10: James Lovric, Rodney Mampusti, Peter Tran, Nauroz Niaz
Year 11: Omer Boz, Samuel Lord, Daniel Silcox, Jeremy Cox
Year 12: Simon Maksour, Ali Achaechi

The Competition tests concepts from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving. Proficiency certificates were awarded to a further nineteen students for reaching a set standard in both skills and problem solving. These excellent results indicate that almost 80% of our participants were judged to be proficient or better in the Competition. Congratulations to all participants for taking up the challenge.

We will endeavour to do even better next year!
Australian National Chemistry Competition, Mrs Elliott
Students from Year 11 and 12 Chemistry were entered in the Chemistry Competition. It is not an easy Competition and our students achieved the best results we have had for a number of years. Roger Heffernan and Stephen Hughes from Year 12 and Sam Lord from Year 11 earned a High Distinction which places them in the top 10% of students in the state.

The following boys earned Distinctions:- Year 12 - Daniel Thompson, Year 11 - Luke Harborow
The following boys earned Credits:- Year 12 - Jack Matinca, Jonathan Dunstan and Brennan Anderson; Year 11 - Jeremy Cox and Cameron Crisafi

Congratulations to these boys and to all the boys who entered!

NSWCCC Athletics Carnival
Good luck to Charlie Eaton who achieved selection in the discus event and will be representing the Diocese at the NSWCCC Athletics Carnival this Saturday. Also to the Junior Boy’s relay team who received a wild card entry to compete: Lachlan Donnelly, Bailey Antrobus, Brock Scrivener, Kyle Veerhuis.

Registrations are now open for the inaugural Run Wollongong! Join the Edmund Rice College "Rice Runners" team and get involved in this new event where 100% of all registrations go to supporting the Wollongong Children's Ward & Illawarra Shoalhaven Children's Assessment Unit.

Additionally, earn $$$ for ERC via the event’s Incentive Program which gives schools the chance to earn up to $10,000 CASH simply by participating in Run Wollongong. Run, walk or roll the streets of Wollongong with us ... just get involved!

Either start training yourself, or come to training on Wednesday afternoons at the College with the team from 2:10 to 2:50. Register for the Rice Runners team here [http://goo.gl/liQpxO](http://goo.gl/liQpxO)

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT RAFFLE TICKETS
A reminder to all students to return books and money to the College office by Friday, 20 September.
Additional books are available at the College office.

Careers, Mrs Hodson
Career in Food, Tourism, Hospitality? (Years 10, 11, 12) - training@angliss.edu.au
William Angliss Institute Sydney Open Day, 14th September 10.00-2.00pm. Ground Floor Readers Digest Building, Surry Hills.

Projects Abroad Information Evening, 17th September, Sydney Central YHA, 11 Rawson Place, Sydney 6.30-8.00pm. Opportunities in 28 countries and over 1,000 unique projects. Need to register on website.

Degrees at TAFE Illawarra (Years 10, 11, 12) - [www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au/learningpathways/tafe-and-higher-education](http://www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au/learningpathways/tafe-and-higher-education)
Information evening for parents and students, 18th September, 6.00-7.00pm, TAFE Illawarra, Shellharbour Campus, Room J.G 04. Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care [0-5 years]; the Associate Degree of Accounting; the Graduate Diploma of Leadership [VET sector].

Games and Film Industry Careers (Years 10, 11, 12) - [ww.aie.edu.au](http://www.aie.edu.au)
AIE information evening 19th September, 6.00-8.00pm, Sydney. Tour and talk to teachers about careers in 3D animation, game development and visual effects for films.


A big thank you to Theresa Arendse whose name was omitted from last week’s newsletter. Theresa was in charge of cooking the eggs at the Father’s Day breakfast! Great effort thanks Theresa.
During this week, the Catholic Bishops Conference launched the 2013-14 Social Justice Statement, ‘Lazarus at our Gate,’ inspired by the story of Lazarus and the rich man in Luke 16:19-31 in anticipation of Social Justice Sunday on September 29. The bishops ask us to consider whether, as a rich nation, we are doing enough to tackle poverty in our world. Who are the poor? Who is being left behind in our struggle against poverty? As Bishop Christopher Saunders says in his foreword to the statement:

People in circumstances like these were central to Christ’s mission on earth. These are the ones he went out of his way to hear and to serve. As Christians, we are called to be inspired by and to imitate his care and to make their needs our needs. Pope Paul VI called us to build a world where ‘Lazarus can sit down at the same table with the rich man’.

Jesus, our God and guide, sat down at such a table. He also left us, in the Eucharist, a sacramental gift that, as the Statement says, ‘satisfies our spiritual hunger but reminds us of the bounty of God’s table’. We pray that in that gift we can remember Christ’s own call to care for the most vulnerable in our world.

On Wednesday the 28th of August, Andrew Mastroianni, Isaac Hayne, Stallon Zayya and I accompanied Ms Dawes to a refugee forum called ‘Rocking The Refugee Boat’ at the University of Wollongong. We, along with students from other schools, listened to a panel made up of Senator Lee Rhiannon (The Greens Party), Stephen Jones (The Labour Party), Phil Glendenning (The Director of The Edmund Rice Centre) and Theresa Tran (a former refugee). The topics discussed included refugee policies in Australia, Australia’s intake of refugees in comparison to other countries across the world as well as a deep insight of Theresa Tran’s migration experience as a refugee. Overall, this forum was a great opportunity to expand our understanding of our Federal Government’s role in determining the future of all refugees who flee to Australia as well as how all Australians can help stop ‘rocking the refugee boat’ by allowing refugees to have a second chance at life in Australia. By Justin Biceski, Year 10

Legacy Fundraising
Compassion, determination and a sense of giving back to one’s community is what drove students of the Year 9 SRC to participate in the annual Legacy Foundation fundraiser. On Friday, 6th September, a group of students ventured to the Wollongong CBD to fundraise for this charitable, worthwhile cause. The Legacy Foundation stands by members of society who have been widowed by the events of war and helps provide the essential support to loved ones who are struggling with the loss of their partner. With this in mind, the students fundraised over $500.00 in a matter of four hours, showing that any help, no matter how big or small, can truly make a change. Aidan Fitch 9/5, Kaden Melchiore, Riley Hall, Jack Shaw, Matthew Teixeira, Joseph Fernandez, Charlie Eaton and I participated in this event. We would like to thank Mr Persian for taking his time to transport and supervise the boys on their mission. By Jack Shaw 9/2.

Eco-ERC members will be running a SPIDER sale to fund improvements to their ECO garden in Term 4 and next year. The sale will be held at lunchtime, 2nd recess, Thursday, 19th September (the 2nd last day of term). The SPIDERS will cost $3.00 and will be available in LIME, COLA, ORANGE and CREAMING SODA flavours. Celebrate the 2nd last day of term with an ice cream and soda treat!
IT CORNER, Mr Sirianni

Students are reminded that the only apps permitted on their iPad are Safari and Google Chrome. Other browsers may compromise functionality of the device at the College.

As we come to the end of the term we have noticed that a lot of students need to back up their device. Again you are encouraged to contact us for help or bring your device to school on Monday, 23rd of September or Friday 4th October. Details on how to book as follows:-

Parent ICT Support
Book a One-on-One Session Online
Monday 23rd September and Friday 4th October from 9.00am – 5.00pm

- For Parents/Carers who 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.
- Parents can change their session bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their session times after the closing date, should contact the school direct.
- Bookings open Friday, 6th September at 9.00am and close Friday, 20th September at 5.00pm

Go to www.edmundricecollege.nsw.edu.au or www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THE school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

When you click finish, your session confirmation 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 sessions - until bookings close.

In weeks 9 and 10 students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be re-examining appropriate use of technology. We are hoping all students will spend time re-examining how long they spend on gaming particularly at home. At the College we discourage students from playing games.

Parents are encouraged to visit http://www.cybersmart.gov.au for further information.

Keeping a balance
- Excessive gaming can spin your life at school and home out of control.
- Playing games online and using consoles or games on a computer is great fun, but you to need to be careful how much you play and who you play with.
- Too much gaming can affect your school or social life. And if you chat with other gamers, you need to protect your privacy and keep your personal or private information to yourself.

Know the basics
- Keep an eye on how long you play.
- Remember to make time for your offline friends, your favourite sports and other activities.

Protect yourself
- If another player is behaving badly or making you uncomfortable, block them from your players list.
- Report poor behaviour to the games site operator.
- Keep personal information private.
- Respect others in the game.
- Be aware of game classifications and age restrictions.

Thank you to the sponsors of our Major Fundraiser/Guessing Competition

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Asthma Foundation NSW has issued an alert for people with asthma warning more than 700,000 people who live with asthma in NSW to be on alert for smoke from bushfires and high pollution levels. "Exposure to bushfire smoke or high levels of other air pollutants could make asthma symptoms worse and trigger a potentially fatal attack," said Michele Goldman, CEO of Asthma Foundation NSW. The poor air quality issue is also compounded with Sydney also having a “high” pollen count. If you are exposed to bushfire smoke, air pollution or pollens, you can reduce the effects on their asthma by:

- Unless ordered to evacuate, stay indoors, close all windows and doors. If you have an air conditioner, switch it to recycle or re-circulate.
- Postpone outdoor sporting or exercise activities to when there is a lower risk of bushfire and the Regional Pollution Index (RPI) is medium to low. More activity means deeper breaths, so the particles can be drawn further into the lungs.
- If you are in your car, put the air system onto re-circulate to reduce your exposure to smoke.
- Use your asthma action plan if your asthma starts to get worse. If your symptoms aren’t improving with use of your reliever medication, seek medical assistance.
- Make sure you and people around you are familiar with Asthma First Aid.
- For more information go to www.asthmaaustralia.org.au

Canteen Roster for week commencing Monday 16 September, Group 2

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Uniform Shop Opening Hours

| Tuesday, 17 September: 1.00pm – 4.00pm | School Holidays: Wednesday, 2 October 9.00-3.00pm |