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# FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

**Michael Cooney** Board Chair

**The choice of Pelican as the name of our school's publication is no coincidence. We could draw on many elements of our school's tradition or symbols for this magazine. But we consciously choose an ancient symbol of Christ's self-sacrifice to carry our message to our wider school community.**

No single icon could better capture both our school's Catholic identity and our empathetic mission. Fundamentally, we are all here to do something for someone else. We are here for other people. Teachers and

parents are here for the boys, the school executive and school board are here for the staff, wider school community groups are here for the school as a whole.

So often our boys and community show 'Eddie pride' at its best - as a pride in the achievements and opportunities of other people who we know as our friends. A great example was the Blue and White Ball, which was anything but nostalgic; it was an unselfish celebration of the things our boys achieve, future, present and past. I look forward to many such occasions in the years to come.



Finally, at the time of writing, we had only recently learned that our Principal Daniel Lawler will complete his work here at the end of this school year. Daniel has been a dedicated school improver and an authentic Catholic leader. I'm very grateful for his hard work for our school and I know he will take great pride in the future achievements of all our Eddies boys.



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

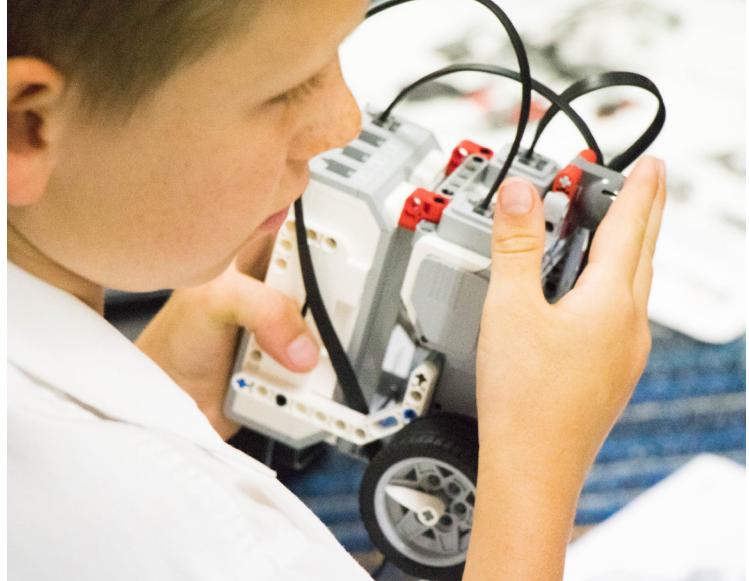
**Daniel Lawler** Principal

**This Winter Edition of Pelican features highlights from College life through the first semester of 2017 – a spectrum of events ranging from education to sport and culture, from the vibrant to the poignant.**

What appear in these pages as current and recent events, in the future form the memories of boys who become young men and old men. Memories of the experiences upon which important aspects of their character and sense of identity are built. St Edmund's educates boys in a full sense, beyond the physical and

intellectual, into the spiritual, cultural, moral and relational. The prism of this edition of Pelican refracts these dimensions of human experience, showing how as a school we provide something for every boy, and many things for all of them.

I hope that in looking through the pages, you gain something of this broad perspective in the building of lives, which it is our mission and privilege to offer as a Catholic College.



# GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

**Emma Ramke** Gifted and Talented Coordinator

**Gifted and talented education has often been the cause of much debate. What does a gifted child look like and how are they to be supported? Does a continuum of service work best, or an extraction program? How do we identify gifted learners in a consistent and equitable manner? What is the end goal?**

At St Edmund's College, we are working to answer these questions and implement services that will revolutionise gifted education in the future. We are working through a three pronged process of identification that includes parent feedback, teacher feedback and external cognitive assessment. We will also be starting a mentoring program in Term 3 and have commenced a 'Big Picture' projects group over the past weeks. This group will aim to support our young men in designing their own projects that aim to solve the problems of the wider community. The 'Big Picture' projects group meets on Thursday afternoons in the library.

An information evening was also held on Wednesday 21 June which also hosted Jonathan Ramke, a Paediatric Occupational Therapist and Neuropsychotherapy Practitioner who specialises in supporting children with diverse learning requirements. He spoke about the PEO model of identifying behaviour and helped parents develop home-based activities to support accelerated child development.

The future for gifted learning at St Edmund's will look at how we can encourage relevant assessment with a wider world focus that will allow students to engage with learning at their appropriate cognitive, emotional and physical level. It is an exciting new venture and we look forward to working with you to support the learning of all our students.

# REDUCING WASTE IN TAS

**Jason Moore** Head of Technology and Applied Studies

**Have you ever wondered what happens to the off-cuts of timber that don't get used within the department?**

As a faculty, a lot of thought and planning goes into the design of suitable project options for our students. We consider where to source our timber from and timber species that are most suitable to use. We also consider both the ability to store projects as they are being crafted and once they are completed. Lastly, our students have the opportunity to transfer their theoretical knowledge to practical activities across a range of challenge projects.

The hard wood off-cuts, for example, from the senior furniture students "Occasional Table" projects are used to produce their next project the "Marking Gauge".

A lot of the off-cuts from senior construction students' projects are recycled into high school students projects such as small boxes, tea light candle holders, cheeseboards and used for Co2 race cars.

Finally, when our timber becomes unsuitable for projects it is collected up at the end of each term and dropped off at the Ainslie Primary School for their school holiday program. A combination of chaos, young children, creative minds, wood glue and our off-cuts of timber blocks of all shapes and sizes result in amazing things happening. I have seen dinosaurs come alive, a variety of animals both real and imagined, towers and buildings, timber iPads, cameras, boats, dollhouse furniture and, always my favourite one, the race cars.

We as a department have been doing this for the past three years for every school holiday break and look forward to seeing many more wonderful creations in the future.



# EDDIES ON BROADWAY

**Nigel Palfreman** Teacher in Charge of Drama

**The St Edmund's College Cabaret takes place every other year and is the culmination of over a terms worth of hard work in the classroom, rehearsal room and band practice room.**

It is an opportunity for the boys of St Edmund's to show case the work they have been undertaking in the Drama and Music classes in terms 1 & 2. As well as the many hours put in as part of the co-curricular program.

This year the theme of the Cabaret was Eddies On Broadway, a night of music, dance and drama celebrating everything that is Broadway musical theatre.

The night was an incredible success, a packed Brother R.J. Wallace hall bristled with audience members eagerly anticipating the nights events. The evening started off with a short video explaining the process of how the hosts (Bertram O'Brien, Callum Brown, Pat Mortlock, Rory Davision, Tom Stonehouse and Tom Stewart) were chosen, to guide the audience through the nights entertainment.

With items from St Clare's Dances of Thats Entertainment and Welcome to The 60's to Alex Penca and Kellee Hand's medley from Moulin Rouge, we were also entertained and thrilled by the Combined Colleges Band collection of Musical hits.

Year 12 student John Truscott showed of his incredible tap dancing talents with Singin' In The Rain and the Year 10 drama class performed a drama piece devised by themselves called Brecht Side Story, where the only way to settle an argument is to have a lip sync battle.

We heard incredible renditions of songs from Wicked, Hamilton, Beauty and the Beast, Mulan and Moana performed by Jess Largwaard & Adriana Stromandinoli, Lydia Milosavljevic & Clare Pinkerton, Callum Brown & Tom Stewart, Lily Sarah & Grace Lustri, Callum Brown, and the year 10 music class.

We also witnessed the dance phenomenon that was the year 5-12 boys dance, Rock of Eddies, choreographed by Year 12 St Clare's students Chloe Hart and Jordan Glavinic.

This was shortly followed by a dramatic interpretation from the Year 9/10 Drama class called Bohemian Rhaps-Eddie.

This enormously successful night was finished off with the entire cast of the show onstage dancing to You can't Stop the Beat from Hairspray - a delight to see.

Eddies On Broadway is another production where working closely with St Clare's demonstrates the inclusive community we strive to achieve. I am extremely proud to have been involved in this night's events. It truly showed off the enthusiasm and talent we have in the Performing Arts at St Edmund's College.





# FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL TO JUNIOR SCHOOL

**David Kelly** Head of Junior School

**The Junior School experienced significant change in the first semester of 2017. With the move from a Middle School structure (Years 4-7) to a Junior School (Years 4-6) at the end of 2017, this year was always going to present new opportunities and, of course, some challenges.**

Having a more traditional Primary-type structure aligns more closely with other schools and enables Heads of House to develop stronger relationships with Year 7 students at the school.

With Ms Patricia Doyle retiring after decades of successful involvement with St Edmund's College, I was fortunate enough to take on the position of Head of Junior School from the beginning of Term 2. Having worked closely with Ms Doyle in the past I realise what a huge impact she has had on this great school. She has always been a strong mentor for me in my teaching career and there is no doubt she has been missed.

Ms Doyle has left a strong legacy of discipline within the College, with values such as respect, manners and honesty reflected in the students who have passed through the Junior (or Middle) School over many years.

We have enjoyed a busy term with many successes and a few challenges. The students have been seen working towards common goals, with many initiatives started through student voice and the Year 6 and House Leaders. I am constantly impressed by our students' desire to work on social justice projects within and beyond our school community. I would like to thank Ms Bridget Cusack for her leadership in this area as we have had several successful charity drives for the Junior School charity, Karinya House.

Our Junior School Sports Coordinator, Mr Denzil Fox, works tirelessly to ensure Junior School Physical Education lessons are enjoyable and varied. He has been able to utilise 'Sporting Schools' funding and other networks to include opportunities in sports such

as Tennis, Australian Rules and Rugby League. We look forward to hearing about the Orienteering lessons planned for Semester Two. Mr Fox has also been able to liaise with students and their parents/carers to ensure students have been able to access representative opportunities available to them through School Sport ACT.

I would like to thank Mrs Holly Ellem for her work as Junior School Curriculum Coordinator. All of the fabulous lessons our Junior School teachers prepare come from programs overseen by Mrs Ellem. Her leadership in this vital part of the Junior School is much appreciated. Junior School will be trialling electronic reporting at the end of Term 3 and the teachers have been collaborating on how this can best be implemented.

Lastly, thank you to all of the staff, students, parents and carers who make up this wonderful community. I look forward to working with you all moving forward.



## Junior School

# LEADERS' REPORT

Dylan Bathgate, Marijan Vrancic and Aiden Lazaar Year 6 Students

**This term in the Junior School has been great. We have had students succeed both in academic and sporting events and we have had lots of opportunities available in the school for all students.**

Firstly, we would like to point out some academic successes. Year 5/6 teams participated in the Da Vinci Decathlon and represented the school well. There were plenty of challenges which proved very difficult. We also had our academic assembly which myself and the two other leaders, Marijan and

Aidan helped run. Lots of boys got the chance to shine and be proud of their hard work. We applaud the introduction of the STEM club and also the ongoing work of our robotics club.

At St Edmund's College we have a large number of students interested in sport and this term we had lots of students representing us in cross country, athletics and swimming. The Matt Giteau Cup was great and the boys who participated won the competition. Lots of winter sports have also started this term like rugby, soccer, Australian rules and basketball.

Some of the six houses, including O'Brien, have created new initiatives, with O'Brien cleaning up rubbish on the oval after recess and lunch. This is something that we hope to continue next term. The new House leaders are also busy organising an inter-house football competition for early next term.

St Edmund's College provides lots of opportunities for students. Gardening club, photography, sport and other co-curricular activities will be continuing next term and as leaders we want to put forward suggestions or comments that students have.

## Junior School

# MOTHERS' DAY MASS

Bridget Cusack Junior School RE Coordinator

**The faith life of the Junior School is alive and flourishing. On Friday 12 May the Junior School celebrated and gave thanks to God for the precious gift of mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers.**

This special event provides the opportunity for the boys to share in a faith experience with their mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers. The mass was celebrated by our College Chaplain Fr Baiju who shared with those present his personal experience of his own mother and the profound influence she had on shaping his life. Thank you Fr Baiju for leading our celebration, Deputy Principal Mr Darren Leech for his ongoing support and assistance with the mass, Mr Michael Monagle our new Director of Mission for his support and most importantly the fine young men of the Junior School for entering into the celebration of mass with such prayerful reverence.



# VALE BR DON GALLAGHER

**Bridget Cusack** Junior School RE Coordinator

**As members of the St Edmund's community we are challenged every day to live the touchstones and bear witness to the example of faith and service left to us by Blessed Edmund Rice.**

To effectively meet this challenge we look to those role models in our community who provide for us a guide or road map of how we can authentically live a life of faith and service. Our Founder's Mass was offered for one such role model. Br Don Gallagher was a member of our St Edmund's College community for 45 years and returned to God on Monday 1 May 2017.

The quiet strength of his faith, his gentle faithful presence, his life of Christ like service, his natural rapport and artistic talent were all priceless gifts to those who were privileged to have crossed his path.

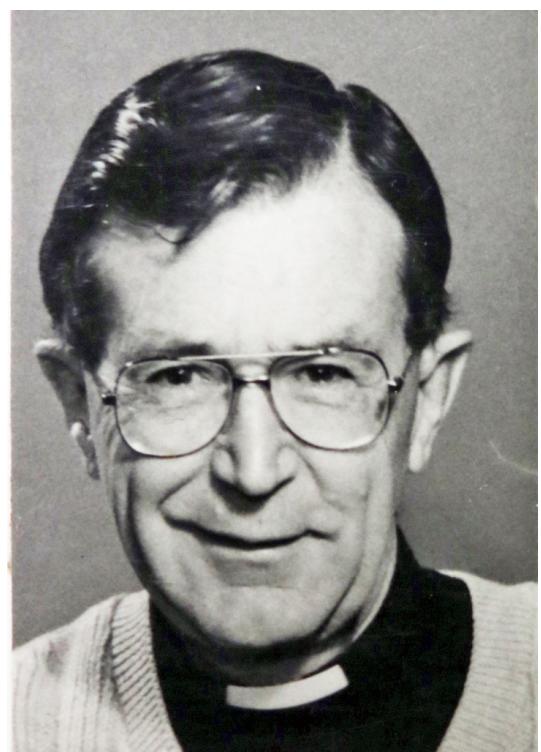
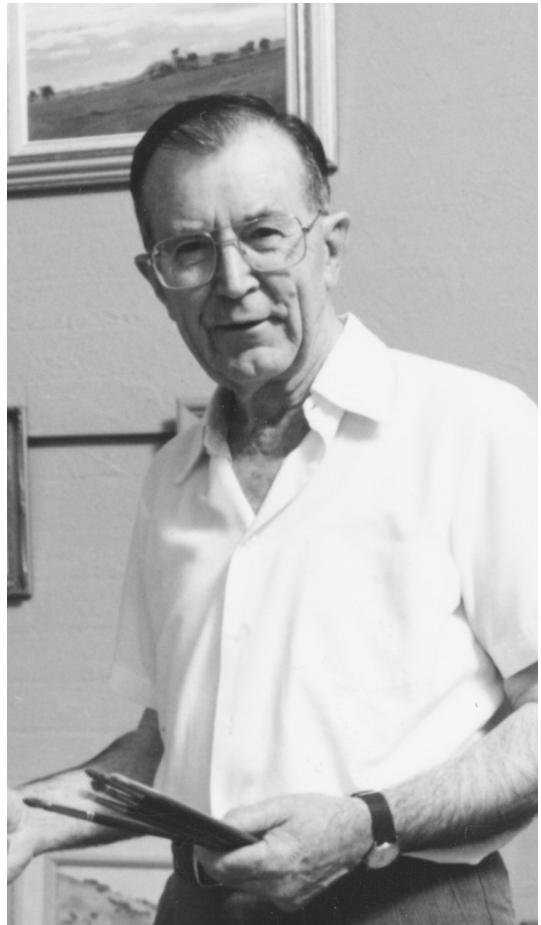
The Br Don Gallagher Gallery attached to the gym was a gift to Br Don from ex-students who wanted to create for their treasured teacher his dream studio and gallery. This is one of the most significant tributes that has been paid to a teacher by ex-students in the history of St Edmund's College.

The gallery became a space where people went to escape from life to catch up for a cup of tea and a chat with the beloved Br Don. Students came to witness how his immense talent for art was able to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Br Don's portrait, still life and landscape paintings became much sought after and adorn many walls throughout our College, Canberra, the region and beyond. The funds generated from the sale of his paintings Br Don unselfishly gave to The Edmund Rice Foundation so all boys were able to access an Eddies education.

Br Don has left a legacy of faith, service and prayer for us all to aspire to. He kept this prayer in his mass book for his entire life and invited Jesus into his heart everyday.

"Of all the days that I shall live  
This shining day shall stand apart  
When Jesus came from heaven on high  
To make his home in my heart".





## Faith and Mission

# YEAR 12 RETREAT “THE ROAD AHEAD”

**Michael Monagle** Director of Mission

**I love the Lord, because he hears me; he listens to my prayers. He listens to me every time I call to him. (Psalm 116:1-2)**

Year 12 have completed their final retreat and are nearing in on the end of their time at the college. The three days spent at Jindabyne was such a great way to mark this important transition time in their lives from school to life beyond.

Throughout the time spent in the picturesque mountainous setting, the boys had the opportunity to engage with all boys in their year level, the Youth Ministry Team from Wollongong, the Missionary of God's Love Brothers, staff of St Edmund's and also Father Baiju. This time saw the boys engage with a real range of activities and was especially key with regard to retreating from their rigorous study regime in their final year.

It was also an important time for the boys to stop and question what is important in their lives and reflect on the person that they identify with and contemplate how they interact with others. Some sharings and testimonies were a real highlight and the icebreakers really enlivened the whole experience for all present.

This fitting final retreat for our most senior group of boys will no doubt be etched in their memory for a long time to come.



## Faith and Mission

# SEMESTER ONE

**Michael Monagle** Director of Mission

**The first semester at the College has been enjoyable and full of new experiences.**

Starting with the opening mass for the school year at the Cathedral conducted by Archbishop Prowse, it was great to see the whole school in one place celebrating Mass together. Following that our Senior Youth Ministry team comprising of 10 boys in Year 12 and 20 boys in Year 11 was formed and this was marked by all members attending the annual Archdiocesan Mass and Lead Conference in which many schools attended from all over the ACT and NSW. This was a great initiation for some of our boys to be equipped to lead Youth Ministry and learn and hone some valuable skills. The boys utilised these skills throughout our Ash Wednesday and Easter liturgies in which a few boys delivered some very powerful testimonies.

Our Founder's Day saw four people receive the coveted Br Matt McKeon 'Faith and Service' Awards these included two students Faith and Mission Captain Nicholas Delchau and Treacy Captain Samuel Stubbs and also two staff - Acting Operations Coordinator Alex Hausen and Acting Principal Darren Leech. All four have displayed outstanding Faith in Service in unique ways and are all glowing examples of what it means to serve others. The awards winners received an Edmund Rice Wall hanging that can be placed in their workspace to remember the vision and works of Edmund in their daily work.



## Faith and Mission

# MISSION WEEK

**Carmela Wilson** Social Justice Coordinator  
& RE Coordinator

**Mission week is the final week of Term 1 which has a core focus on advocacy and fundraising for Caritas.**

The theme for this year's week of Mission was 'Love your Neighbour.' Boys were invited to participate in a variety of activities and presentations in the library and classes every day in the week of Mission. Each day had an initiative to raise money such as a staff vs student soccer match, breakfast and more. Students in Years 7, 10, 11 and 12 also engaged in a workshop presented by Cathy Hammond, a Caritas representative, where they learned about who their neighbours are and what environmental and economic issues people are facing around the world.

Each tutor group also became familiar with the story of person or family from the communities the funds we raised go towards who are sponsored by Caritas, such as the Philippines, Timor Leste, Vietnam and Australia. The week enabled students to engage in activities and experiences that opened their minds and hearts to what it means to 'love your neighbour.'



## Faith and Mission

# SOCIAL JUSTICE AT EDDIES

**Carmela Wilson** Social Justice Coordinator & RE Coordinator

**This year we have seen the development of a new role for our Year 12 leaders, 'Service Captains.'**

Their role is for advocacy and action in their houses when it comes to their own house charity as well as other charitable opportunities. We had many boys participating in the St Vincent De Paul door knock Appeal and Red Shield Appeal as well as many senior students involved in Marymead Kid's Companion Program under the direction of Alexander Hausen and fundraising for Menslink.

The opportunities are a wonderful way for our boys to engage in the broader community in advocacy and fundraising.



## Faith and Mission

# YEAR 7 FORMATION DAY

**Carmela Wilson** Social Justice Coordinator & RE Coordinator

**Year 7 students were introduced (or re-introduced) to the charism of Edmund Rice and what it means to belong to a Christian Brother's school community.**

The boys engaged in a number of activities beginning with an introduction to the history of the Christian Brothers in Australia and then explored what the 'two feet' of social justice are.

All of year 7 then left their handprint on a canvas for each House to symbolise their diversity in unity as they become more familiar with other boys in their house. The day concluded with a series of fun filled activities, ice breakers and games to foster the beginning of positive relationships that will last with them while they journey through St Edmund's College.



# MAKING CURRICULUM COUNT

**Paula Moeller** Teacher in Charge of Food Science

**Throughout Semester 1 the Hospitality students from Accredited and Tertiary pathways pooled their talents to prepare and serve for at a variety of functions.**

These functions provide assessment outcomes for Tertiary students whilst being supported and guided by the Accredited students to achieve outstanding results. Mr Parkes and myself have definitely been blessed this year by the dynamic cohort of students who are developing a diverse range of skills through real life practical applications.

These included Peking Duck Lunch restaurant, HOME in Queanbeyan sandwich buffet, EREA Conference Canapés and Annual Support Staff Dinner.

We also had some amazing Year 8 luncheons where students prepare cook and serve a light luncheon for invited guests. This event really encapsulates the skill and eagerness of our students.



# HAYDON HOUSE REPORT

**Alana Franks** Head of Haydon House

**Semester 1 has been action packed for Haydon House. We have had numerous successful events and recent transitions amongst house staff.**

A significant and memorable experience was house camp. Our house went on a three day camp based at "Be Firm" in Narrabundah. This camp experience brought forward endless opportunities for students to challenge themselves outside their comfort zone, be a leader, work within a team environment, feel needed, reflect, and importantly to build new relationships and to become one as a house. It was a camp that was not only physically challenging, but mentally and emotionally challenging. It took the strengths of all students to come together as a team in order to succeed and overcome challenges. The collaboration and determination to

succeed for one another was so strong and powerful. This was extremely rewarding to be a part of and I consider myself very lucky to be involved with such a selfless group of young men. I would like to thank all tutors for their support, and most importantly thank the students for challenging themselves, allowing this camp to be the success that it was.

On 29 March, St Edmund's held their annual athletics carnival. Haydon house represented themselves very strongly throughout the day and in its preparation. We had a strong emphasis on 'having a go' and participation. In turn, our participation numbers, enthusiasm and success in events, resulted in us being titled 2017 Athletics Champions!



# MULROONEY HOUSE REPORT

**Jonathan Hall** Head of Mulrooney House

**Semester 1 was a very successful one for Mulrooney House. There was a great deal of participation across a variety of academic and co-curricular activities and it was pleasing to see so many Mulrooney boys being recognised for their achievements.**

2017 saw a significant change to the High school structure with Year 7 joining their Houses for the first time. This required the older boys to play a leading role in welcoming the new students into their respective Tutor groups. The orientation of the Year 7s was helped by the induction day that was run by the Assistant

Heads of House as well as the House camp in March down at Tuross Heads. A particular highlight was the interaction of boys of all ages and the friendly and welcoming atmosphere that permeated each day.

Mulrooney House got off to a great start in the Inter-House Kitney Shield competition with an outstanding 2nd place at the College swimming carnival. This result was achieved on the back of strong attendance and participation at the carnival. Unfortunately, this wasn't backed up at the Athletics carnival with a disappointing 5th place.

Mulrooney was also well represented

in the academic sphere with large numbers of boys being recognised for their academic achievement with various Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Particular mention must go to our House Captain, Rory Davison for his Gold award in semester 1.

Last semester we farewelled Mr Windsor who is on leave until the end of the year and we welcome new Mulrooney tutor, Ms Mariette De Meyer, to the team. I'm sure all the boys will make her feel very welcome.

I would like to thank the Mulrooney tutors for their continued support of the boys and look forward to continued success in semester two.



# RICE HOUSE REPORT

**Tim MacArthur** Head of Rice House

**In March, Rice House set off for their annual camp for the year, hosted in various locations around Canberra. This is always a welcomed and well anticipated event for the students and, while enthusiasm was high, we were all feeling the sad loss of not visiting Tuross.**

This however was short lived as the heightened anticipation of new and various activities, challenged the students in many ways.

A highlight of the week for some was the overall sheer perseverance, grit and determination of completing the obstacle course at the BFIRM, each individual faced challenges (physical and academic) that promoted our overall camp themes of courage and combating a fear of failure.

Rice House also spent time incorporating the touchstone of Gospel Spirituality in our liturgy activity, as well as Inclusive Community by every member of the house encouraged to participate in all aspects of House and College life.

Overall, the teachers and students completed camp with a strong focus for the remainder of the year and with some new friendships and bonds being formed.

# EREA NATIONAL PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE 2017

We proudly hosted the principals of all EREA (Edmund Rice Education Australia) schools across Australia and other key EREA staff at the annual National Principals' Conference this year.

The Conference, which was held on Wednesday 31 May to Friday

2, had an ecological sustainability theme which included the Church perspective inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si'. Guest speakers included Professor Tim Flannery, who presented on ecological sustainability. A welcome function was held on Wednesday evening which was catered for by our wonderful Food Science and Hospitality Departments.

In conjunction with the conference, on the Thursday morning at the National Arboretum, the EREA National Ritual of Apology took place in the Margaret Whitlam pavilion. This unique setting, which is place of regeneration, renewal and healing, allowed those gathered to witness the apology from EREA to the Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse in EREA schools.



# MATT GITEAU CUP

Angus Balmaks Co-curricular Manager

**In Term 2, Mr Denzil Fox took some of our Junior School students to participate in the Matt Giteau Cup Brumbies Primary School Rugby Union competition held at Taylor Park Queanbeyan.**

With over 40 teams participating on the day it was quite an achievement for our teams to be in both the year final and Year 5/6 final. Adding extra spice was the fact that our opponents, in both finals, were Marist College who the boys would also be playing that Saturday. The Year 5/6 team put on a dominant display and took their final, whereas the Year 3/4 team had a fight on their hands. The game ended with a draw with Marist winning as last try scorer but all teams in the final had qualified for the next round at Canberra Stadium.

The boys were lucky enough to play as the curtain raiser for the Brumbies v Rebels game, pitting themselves

against the other finalists from the Brumbies region that includes Southern Inland (Riverina and South West NSW), Monaro and South Coast. The Year 5/6 team, coached on the night by Mr Mead went on to take out the tournament in style, posting a large win in their final. The Year team had a win and a draw in their pool games and missed out on the finals due to a count back on tries scored.



## CHAMPIONS REPORT

**Kalen Billiards, Xavier Cacciotti and Darcy Devoy** Year 6 Students

**We remember the day that Mr Fox selected a team for the Matt Giteau Cup. There was great anticipation surrounding the announcement.**

There was a mixed team of Year 6 and Year 5 students and we went down to Queanbeyan Oval to play a Rugby Union tournament against other schools from around the ACT region and also some teams from Wagga Wagga and Cooma and other towns. We arrived at the tournament at 8.30am on Friday, pumped to play. We got told when our games were and we waited until then, warming up with some passing and jogging. We won every game that day with no tries against us.

It came down to the grand final and we were excited and ready to play. We won the Grand Final against Marist which was an awesome experience for the young Eddies boys in our team. Xavier Cacciotti was named player of the match.

After our win, the Brumbies invited us back to another competition that was before an actual Brumbies game at GIO Stadium. We tied the first game and then we had a very convincing win so we made it to the Grand Final.



Players were nervous for the Grand Final and we were playing the team that we played at the first tournament which was Marist. We started really well and ended up playing our best rugby of the tournament. We got presented with the trophy that we held up in honour. We all know that the year 4s and 5s can continue playing well in this tournament for St Edmund's College next year.

We would like to thank Mr Fox and Mr Mead for all of their help and guidance throughout the tournament. We would also like to thank all of the opposition teams for their fair play and sportsmanship.

## Co-Curricular

# ATHLETICS

**Angus Balmaks** Co-curricular Manager

**ASC athletics took place at the start of Term 2 at the AIS track with St Edmund's in their second of a three year tenure to host the event in conjunction with St John Paul II College.**

A big thank you to all PE staff, Mr Hausen and the VET students for their efforts on the day. A special mention must go out to the 'voice of the carnival' Mr Richardson whose clear directions kept the day running smoothly. On to our athletes! Athletics is one of the college's strong areas for our students with a number of track and field events dominated by St Edmund's. In most age groups we won a number of events with particularly dominant performances in the U15 and U16 age groups.

Junior Tupou was the ASC age champion for the U15's with Erek Lukowski taking out the runner up for age champion in the U16's age group. Eddie Osei-Nketia's sprinting prowess preceded him with large crowds being drawn in anticipation of his 100m and 200m runs.

Unfortunately he was unable to break the record (stay tuned for him at ACT) but in each race and the relays (U16 and opens) put clear distance between himself and his competitors. We look forward to seeing a number students that will compete in the ACT Athletics next term.



## Co-Curricular

# CROSS COUNTRY

**Angus Balmaks** Co-curricular Manager

**Although not traditionally a powerhouse in the sport, St Edmunds was well represented at both the ASC and ACT events.**

Of particular note were our competitors who finished in the following positions at ASC:

Luke Levay	1st
Benjamin Gow	7th
Andre Jugovac	9th
Jack Groat	11th
Cassidy Tanddo	19th

Luke Levay also took out the ACT title and will be going on to represent ACT at the National Championship in Tasmania later in the year.





Co-Curricular

# SRI LANKA CRICKET TOUR

Angus Balmaks Co-curricular Manager

Earlier this year the Opens cricket squad went on a tour to Sri Lanka under the guidance of Mr Taylor and Mr Knowles.

The Sri Lanka Cricket Tour takes place every second year and provides the students with an opportunity to represent their school on the international stage in one of the world's best cricketing environments. Not only was there a great improvement in their cricket skills but the students took advantage of a number of cultural activities while on tour. The next Sri Lanka tour is booked in for early 2019.

Co-Curricular

# WATER POLO

Angus Balmaks Co-curricular Manager

The wide range of events that our students not only compete in but top their field continues to amaze staff and the wider St Edmund's community.

Although the school does not participate in Water Polo we had five students compete in the National Championship at Noosa as part of the ACT schoolboy team. This was the largest representation from any school in Canberra and also the best result ACT has had in the last decade, finishing in 3rd place.

As a result of this strong performance Nick Taylor was named as Australian Schools Captain with another student as a shadow for the team. The team will tour Europe from the 20 August to 4 September.



# ANNUAL SUPPORT STAFF DINNER

**On Thursday 8 June, we hosted the Annual Support Staff Dinner. This is an event where support staff from all Catholic secondary colleges in Canberra come together to celebrate the hard work that goes on behind the scenes of running a school. This has been an annual event for over 20 years.**

It was a great opportunity to get together and network as well as make new friends within other schools.

A huge thank you to our Hospitality and Food Science students along with Ms Paula Moeller and Mr Dean Parkes for cooking and serving a beautiful three course meal.

Thank you to Daramalan College, Marist College Canberra, Merici College, St Clare's College, St Francis Xavier College, St John Paul II College and St Mary MacKillop College Canberra for a great night.

We look forward to next year's dinner being hosted by St John Paul II College.





# Old Boys & Friends ASSOCIATION

## St Edmund's College Canberra

### WHAT IS THE OLD BOYS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION?

The Old Boys & Friends Association aims to encourage all old boys and friends to remain involved in the College community, attend College activities or to just stay in touch or locate lost friends.

The Association commenced in 2015 looking to take over where the original alumni left off. The Association is slightly different to the original Alumni as it is focused on incorporating the College community as a whole.

### OUR OBJECTIVES

- Facilitate an ongoing relationship within the greater College community, and establish and maintain a sense of belonging and inclusiveness to St Edmund's College Canberra
- Encourage social interaction between its members and the College community, inclusive of the facilitation of College re-unions
- Provide or assist in the provision of facilities for academic, sporting and cultural awareness within the College
- To preserve, promote and strengthen the ideals, traditions and history of the College
- To raise the level of pride in being an Eddies Old Boy.
- Raise the level of pride and awareness amongst current students that former students and friends are involved in the school community

The Association aims to bring together the school community with a regular newsletter, which includes a range of events each year for us to catch up, have a laugh and return some support to the school. Initial plans include Eddies sporting game catch ups, a golf day, community day, luncheons and dinners.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone associated with the College. This includes former students, family, friends, College staff both former and current.

You are able to choose an Annual Membership of \$40 or a Lifetime Membership of \$400. As a new member you will receive a unique and distinctive member cap, this will be available for you to pick-up from the front office at St Edmund's College.

**VISIT [OLDBOYSANDFRIENDS.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](http://oldboysandfriends.org/membership) TO BECOME A MEMBER**

For more information please visit our website at [oldboysandfriends.org](http://oldboysandfriends.org)





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