

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 3, TERM 2

WEDNESDAY, 15TH MAY 2019

Jesus, you call us to have courage:

- the courage to change the things we can
- the courage to say and do the right thing even if it leads to confrontation and controversy
- the courage to let go of the past
- the courage to forgive others and to forgive ourselves
- the courage to speak up in defence of truth and honesty
- the courage to believe, even when bad things happen to good people
- the courage to take responsibility for our actions and face the consequences
- the courage to try, to fail and learn from our mistakes
- the courage to battle with the crises and traumas in our lives
- the courage to admit, we can't do it on our own

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

YEAR 5-10 PARENT TEACHER DAY

Thank you to parents and teachers who gave up their time for this very important process in the school. CBHS is all about partnership between families and the school. This is essential if our young men are to continue to grow and to be challenged to reach their potential. I do understand that some parents were unable to see some teachers on the day and that some teachers had a very full load. If you would like to be contacted by any of these teachers, please do not hesitate to contact the school via your son's diary and we will ensure that you are contacted as early as possible.

EDMUND RICE CELEBRATIONS AND MOTHER'S DAY Last week was a very busy but rewarding week at the school. Founder's Liturgy was a wonderful school occasion highlighted by the outstanding co-operation of the students. Thank you to the many mothers and grandmothers who attended our Mother's Day Mass – your attendance makes the day special. Thanks to Ms Farrugia whose superb organisation made the events memorable and to our new School Chaplain, Fr Trevor, who has settled very well into our school community and is making an outstanding contribution. Another highlight of the week was a great talk for the whole school by Wayne Bennett..

On Friday we celebrated our Founder's Day Picnic. Thank you to Mr Chris Kidd and our Pastoral Coordinators who did an outstanding job with the organisation and our families who provided a first class lunch for the boys. I would like to thank and congratulate Year 12 for their excellent leadership for the day. Congratulations to Brady House who won the Tug of War and all of Year 12 for their leadership.

NAPLAN TESTING The school is fully involved in the NAPLAN Test which will be conducted this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (14-16th May) for Years 5, 7 and 9. This week I would like to make the following points about NAPLAN.

- CBHS considers that the outcomes of NAPLAN testing are most valuable, particularly the detailed reports available to parents and the comprehensive diagnostic information available to schools in the SMART reporting package.
- A fundamental purpose of NAPLAN for teachers and schools is to provide a measure of learning growth along with rich diagnostic data to complement school-level assessment.
- CBHS recognises the expectations of NAPLAN results by governments and the community as a form of accountability and as a source of data for school improvement.
- However, it is misleading to make comparative evaluations of individual schools on the basis of their NAPLAN results without taking account of the full local context of the school and its community.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION The school needs to advise parents when supervision commences each day at CBHS. A bell will sound at 8.15 each morning indicating that the playground is now supervised by teachers. Whilst students are permitted to enter the school prior to this bell, parents need to understand that teachers will not be on duty.

AFTER SCHOOL

The school does not provide supervision after the 3.15 pm bell (2.45 pm on Thursdays). Students who catch the School Specials are supervised until the buses have departed. The Waterford Learning Centre is now open until 5:15 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to assist students with study and homework (this is limited to 25 students and parents must sign permission note and register online - <http://signup.com/go/fSwWAou>) and until 3.30 pm on Thursday and Friday.

With the guidance of Blessed Edmund Rice, may we continue to strive with strength to be of service to others. Live Jesus in our Hearts Forever.

Yours truly,

Br Paul Conn
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The effectiveness of personal or households routines can be many. In recent times, there have been various media outlets highlighting the importance of our youth possessing routines. I tend to agree. In my many years in school education, it is clear to me that students who tend to achieve their personal best are the ones who know what is coming next. Routines at home that are predictable and generally positive allow our youth to feel a sense of comfort and security. This has immense benefits to learning at school, as students arrive to classrooms better prepared and settled. Arguably, it may also be suggested that students who have minimum structure at home may not be as settled in their studies. There is various research strongly encouraging families to establish set routines during the week with their children. Nightly activities such as families sharing a meal together, completing homework, reading and socialising are all important. In an era where family life is increasingly busy, it is advantageous for our children to experience positive and constant home routines which will ultimately bring many benefits at school too.

Year 12 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

The Years 11 and 12 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, 21st May, 2019. The interviews will commence at 2.05 pm and conclude at 8.00 pm. This event is a wonderful opportunity for students and parents/carers to receive important feedback about their academic progress. The school looks forward to welcoming families to this event.

Second Hand Uniforms The school provides an opportunity for families to purchase a vast range of good quality second hand uniform items. All proceeds from sales are directed to a charity. Any interest should be referred to the Canteen Manager, Evette Saad, using email – evette.saad@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au

Community Mass

As a reminder, CBHS holds a Community Mass every Friday morning. It commences at 8.15 am in the Chapel. This is a wonderful opportunity for students, staff, parents/carers and friends to share Eucharist together. Everyone is warmly invited.

Family Contact Details From time to time, it may be necessary to contact parents or guardians about student matters. As such, it is imperative that the school has accurate contact details for parents and carers. If families have changed their contact information details, please notify the school as a matter of priority. God bless,

Frank Chiment, Deputy Principal

IDENTITY UPDATE

The Founder of the Christian Brothers is Edmund Rice and each year, CBHS Founder's Week is a time of great joy and celebration for our community. A week much anticipated by students and staff alike. Blessed Edmund Rice, born in 1762, was not just a man of his time but a man for all time. His lived example of love, compassion and tireless work for all people and especially those forgotten by society, is needed in our world now more than ever. Founder's Week reminds and centres us on his example and on ways we can live this out daily.

In 2019, this special week began with our Founder's Mass on Monday, 6th May. This was Fr Trevor's first whole school Mass with us and we are grateful to have such a wonderful Chaplain who spiritually nurtures our whole community as well as preside over our liturgical celebrations.

On Tuesday, with the meticulous attention and organisation of Mr Kurt Bartelme (Justice and Peace Coordinator) we were privileged to welcome guest speakers from outside agencies such as Tribal Warrior, Together for Humanity and St Vincent De Paul as well as Wayne Bennett, renowned inspirational speaker and Head Coach, South Sydney Leagues Club.

As Mother's Day also falls within this week, we held our traditional Mother/Son Mass and Morning Tea on Wednesday, 8th May. It is such a special occasion to welcome so many mothers and grandmothers to this Mass to share prayer with their sons, and remind us of the importance of the vocation of motherhood in our lives. This year we had well in excess of 1,200 people at this Mass.

The week traditionally ends with our Founder's Day Picnic. Such a wonderful time for community bonding, for friendship, laughter and sharing of food (always a lot of this!).

Upcoming dates to remember: on Friday, 24th May Mr Valencic and Fr Trevor will take a group of students to the Cathedral Mass to commemorate Our Lady, Help of Christians, and as May is also the Month of the Rosary, boys are reminded that the Rosary is recited in our Chapel each Friday at lunch time and all are welcome to attend Community Mass every Friday Morning at 8.15 am during May and all school year.

Ms Lucie Farrugia, Assistant Principal - Identity

CURRICULUM UPDATE**HSC MINIMUM STANDARD TEST REPORTS STRENGTHENED (STUDENTS IN YEAR 10 & 11)**

NESA has communicated to schools that HSC Minimum Standard reports have been strengthened in 2019. To help teachers, parents and students better understand the level of performance demonstrated by a student, the reading and numeracy minimum standard test reports now identify:

- questions answered correctly and incorrectly
- performance within the level achieved.

Students can access their individual HSC Minimum Standards test reports from their personal NESA Online Account. Students in Year 10 were sent an email in Term 1 explaining how to activate their account. CBHS Lewisham is not permitted to open these accounts on behalf of students.

YEAR 7-10 PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

The Parent Teacher Meetings recently held complement academic and pastoral reporting at Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham. At the Parent/Teacher Meetings parents received personal comments regarding their son/s learning achievements. It was an opportunity for teachers, parents and their son/s to discuss the areas of academic strength, areas of academic improvement, suggested strategies, behaviour in class and pastoral care.

Thank you to the students and parents that attended and the teachers that were well prepared in their feedback on individual student learning and progress.

YEAR 7-10 SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATIONS

Parents and students are reminded that Week 6 of Term 2 is an assessment free week. Students are to use this lead up time to the Semester One Examinations to revise and study.

Students in Years 7-10 will be sitting formal written examinations in Week 7 of Term 2. The examination schedule will be distributed to students on Friday, 17th May. Students are reminded that all assessment task notifications are emailed to their school email account. The assessment task notification provides students with more detail about NSW Education Standards Authority outcomes assessed, the weighting and nature of the assessment task.

Wishing all students well in their preparations for the examinations.

CSDA DEBATING ROUND 2

CBHS Lewisham met Domremy College at Five Dock for Round 2 of the CSDA Debating Competition last Friday evening.

The senior teams argued whether "that the culture of conflict is corrosive" while the juniors debated "that our online identity reflects our true identity".

The 10s, 11s and Seniors, each won their second debate for the season and the 7s, 8s, 9s are looking forward to having a little more luck on their side this week. We look forward to seeing you at Domremy College again this Friday evening at 6:30 pm (5:30 pm for debaters) in Round 3.

Mr Paul McCallum
Debating and Public Speaking Coordinator

EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA LONG LUNCH 2019

Edmund Rice Foundation Australia is holding a Long Lunch on Friday, 24th May at 12.00 pm at All Hands Brewing House No. 22, The Promenade, King Street Wharf. The lunch will be a great event celebrating ERFA's amazing programs around the world, with all funds raised further empowering communities by giving them access to quality education. To register please click [here](http://www.edmundrice.org). Any queries can be directed to ERFA Donor Relations Manager, Jarrod Turner: jturner@edmundrice.org – 0481 905 290.

Ms Lucie Farrugia
Assistant Principal - Identity

MCC SPORT REPORT

The Winter MCC Season in Rugby League continues this week with matches v Bankstown. Normally, each Thursday, two games are played at each venue, the first game is at 1.15 pm and the second at 2.15 pm. All players must be in attendance for BOTH games. Any request for an emergency early dismissal must be made in writing to me for consideration and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Results of last week's matches v Holy Cross Ryde were:

Rugby League:

1st XIII 38-6 L, 2nd XIII 50-0 L, U15 24-12 W, U14 24-22 L,
U13A 22-16 L and U13B 26-26 draw

Football:

1st XI 4-0 W, 2nd XI 5-0 W, U14 0-1 W U15 1-0 L, U13A 0-4 W, U13 B0-1 W

Venues for this week are:

Rugby League:

1st XIII and 2nd XIII at Marrickville
U14 and U15 at Steve Folkes Reserve, McClean Street, Georges Hall
U13A and B at Camperdown Oval

Football:

1st XI and 2nd XI at The Crest, Carysfield Road, Georges Hall
U14 and U15 at Lambert Park
U13A & B at Arlington Oval

All parents are reminded that players are required to wear the respective CBHS Lewisham Rugby League and Football shorts and socks, both of which are available from the school Uniform Shop.

Training continues today (Wednesday) at Beaman for all ages except Opens Football who will train at Arlington. A reminder that boys will be provided with return transport to Beaman and depart after school at 3.20 pm and will arrive back at school at approximately 5.15 pm on Wednesday.

Congratulations to William Abou-Arrage and Michael Coleman, who have been selected in the MCC Opens Representative Rugby League team to compete in the NSWCCC Championships. We have five students also selected for the U15's MCC Representative Rugby League Squad. Congratulations to John Melia, Dimitri Tselis, Ashtyn Bell, Tanous Sukkar and Jonathan Ibrahim who will be representing the school.

Congratulations also go to Kai Hammond who won the MCC Opens Cross Country Race and came second in the Australian U17 and Senior 2km Beach Race.

All parents requiring information about NSW Combined Catholic College teams and events should visit the new website at www.csss.nsw.edu.au to download all information and entry forms. Please note that ALL individual entries and nominations must be made by parents of interested students via this process. Families should check the website for clarification so your sons don't miss out.

Upcoming Dates:

MCC Winter Season:

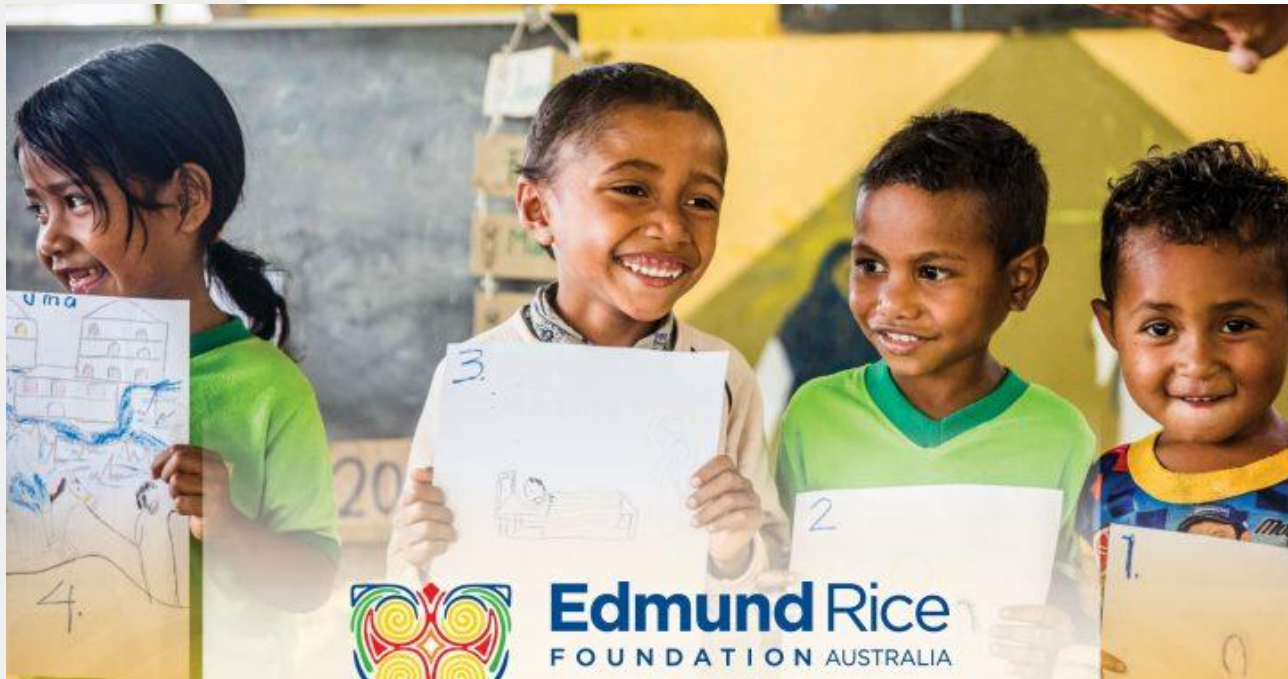
Round 2 v Ashfield 17th May
Round 3 v Kogarah 31st May
Round 5 v Bankstown 14th June
Round 7 v North Shore 28th June
Semi Finals 26th July

No Round – Training 24th May
Round 4 v Randwick 7th June
Round 6 v Ryde 21st June
Spare Round 5th July
Final 2nd August

CBHS Athletics Carnival Tuesday 3rd July at Homebush

David Mamo
Sports Coordinator





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MAY 2019
12-3.00PM**

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

We are very lucky to have secured the services of
Andrew Coorey as Master of Ceremonies and
guest speaker, **Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald, AM.**

The lunch will be a great event celebrating ERFA's amazing
programs around the world, with all funds raised further empowering
communities by giving them access to quality education.

To register or for more information, please visit:
<https://erf.org.au/sydney-long-lunch-2019/>

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