

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2, TERM 3

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY 2019

REFLECTION – EDMUND RICE EDUCATION BEYOND BORDERS

Vision – Inspired by the teachings of Jesus, Gospel values and the spirit of Edmund Rice, we commit ourselves in global solidarity to transformational education for justice and liberation.

Shared Commitment – In this spirit of global solidarity, we are committed to:

1. supporting each other in developing an Identity that reflects our shared ethos and Catholic character while recognising our diversity.
2. working in partnership throughout the world to support quality and transformational education.
3. being educational communities that are immersed in each other's realities, striving to make justice, peace and human rights a global reality.
4. using available technologies to connect, gather and journey together.
5. providing opportunities for formation that nurtures a Gospel spirituality and challenges us to embrace a church of, with and for the poor; and
6. forming leaders capable of inspiring communities to undertake this global mission.

We do this in partnership with others of like mind and vision.

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Last Friday CBHS Lewisham was pleased to host Bishop Terry Brady, Sydney Auxiliary Bishop and Indian Christian Brother, Br Steve Rocha, who ran a social justice workshop. Well done to the following Year 11 boys who were outstanding ambassadors to the school: Yerasimos Papas, Gabriel De Felice, Jonathon Cremen, James Rua, Adrian Trousdale, William Bremner, Joshua Puglia, Alexander Zajakovski and Costa Nicolaou.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr Keith Page who has been appointed Assistant Principal – Pedagogy and Innovation in a permanent capacity. Keith has done an excellent job this year in his one year role.

MCC FINALS

This week is a busy week for the co-curricular life of the school. Today eight of our MCC teams will be in the Finals. Congratulations to all CBHS Football Teams and the U14 and U15 Rugby League Team. I remind our young men regularly that at CBHS we win humbly and lose graciously. Now, more than ever, we need to emphasise the need for good sportsmanship.

GOOD NEWS

Kai Hammond, Year 11, competed at NSW All Schools Cross Country this morning and finished 2nd in the U17 boys 6000m race. This follows on from his 1st Place at the NSWCCC U17 boys' 6000 race at the end of last term. As a consequence of Kai's performance today he has been chosen in the NSW All Schools Cross Country team to compete at Australian All Schools at Dapto from 23rd to 26th August.

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



Br Conn with Bishop Terry Brady



CURRICULUM UPDATE

YEAR 7-10 ASSESSMENT TASKS FOR SEMESTER TWO

Parents are reminded that assessment tasks in Semester Two will reflect all assessment tasks completed in Term 3 and 4. The Assessment Policy clearly outlines and explicitly the well-established protocols governing assessment tasks. The CBHS Lewisham Assessment Policy is drawn up with the clear intention of being considerate and just to all and ensures a level playing field for all students. It protects the great majority of students who consistently do the right thing by:

- applying themselves with diligence to all set tasks
- thoroughly familiarising themselves with the academic expectations of CBHS Lewisham
- following all examination rules
- submitting their own work by the specified due date to the specified teacher
- providing advanced notice, where possible, of absence for an assessment task
- providing appropriate medical documentation to the relevant teacher immediately on return to school when an assessment task is not submitted on the due date
- discussing the result of the task, with relevant teacher, at the time the assessment task is returned.

Students who are absent on the day an assessment task is due, can expect to submit the assessment task on the day of their return to school.

In addition, it is important for all parents to note that the CBHS Lewisham Reception or Student Services has never been and will never be a place to submit assessment tasks. Reception or Student Services will not accept assessment tasks from either parents or students. Parents who just “drop in” and insist on leaving assessment tasks at Reception or Student Services will incur at the very least, a 20% deduction for their sons and risk the assessment tasks not being processed with absolutely no recourse for appeal.

Ignorance does not constitute a reasonable or valid excuse to breach any of the abovementioned procedures. It is unfortunate when individuals, accepting high academic expectations and standards, take exception to the application of these standards to them. Fortunately, parents and students are very appreciative and supportive of the CBHS Lewisham high academic expectations and standards.

YEAR 10 INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 11 2020

Year 10 students returning to Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham in 2020 will have an interview regarding their Year 11 subject selections and pattern of study on Friday, 9th August in the Br Julian McDonald Centre foyer. As discussed at the Year 11 Information Evening earlier this year, at least one parent must also be in attendance at this interview. Letters with individual student/parent interview times have been posted home to residential addresses this week. The interview should only take about 20 minutes and parents/students are asked to attend at the allocated interview time, understanding that we have had to schedule interview times for every student.

The interview will be with a Key Learning Area Coordinator or an experienced member of staff. The proposed Year 11 pattern of study will be discussed ensuring that students have chosen appropriate courses and will meet NSW National Education Standards Authority (NESA) requirements for the Year 11 and Year 12 (HSC) course.

Students must wear their full school uniform to the interview.

There are no scheduled classes for Year 10 on Friday, 9th August. Students are required to make sure that they attend their interviews with a parent at the scheduled time and then move directly home.

YEAR 7-12 PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS – AUGUST 2019 The second of the planned meetings for Years 7-12 is scheduled for Tuesday, 20th August 2019 (Week 5, Term 3), 2.05 pm-7.00 pm, in the Br Julian McDonald Centre. This time is available for parents to meet with teachers to discuss their son's academic and pastoral progress. It is encouraged that students are also in attendance at these meetings. We also understand that some families may decide that there is no need for a further meetings following the Term 2 meeting and the Semester One Reports.

Some parents may receive a specific invitation from their son's Pastoral Coordinator who feels that it is important to meet with them. In these cases the meetings are not optional. I would ask that you cooperate with these requests that are aimed at ensuring the best educational outcomes for your son.

Attending students must attend the Parent/Teacher Meetings in full school uniform (compulsory).

An early dismissal for all secondary students will be at 1.35 pm. Lessons will be shortened for the day. School Special Buses will depart at 1.40 pm on this day (only). Students in the Primary Department will also have parent/teacher meetings and Years 5 & 6 students will have a Student Free Day.

Parent/Teacher Booking: Parents and carers must book Parent/Teacher interviews using the Parent Portal in Sentral (only) with the same credentials as last year and the first round of Parent/Teacher Interviews this year. Parents must log in using their email address and the password that was previously set up. For new parents to our community this year, there is no need to use the special code again. Bookings for the Parent/Teacher Meetings are now open and will close on Monday, 19th August at 9 am. Parents and carers are asked to please contact the CBHS Lewisham I.T. Department (only) on helpdesk@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au should they experience difficulties or require assistance.

We look forward to this evening where we can further support your son in his educational journey.



CODER ACADEMY

Students with an interest in developing their coding and design skills might like to explore the possibility of an After School Workshop or future holiday Program, facilitated by Coder Academy.

Students are provided with the opportunity of delving into 3D design, game development and virtual reality with computer programming using premier game engine unity3d at Coder Academy in Term 3. This After School Workshop, facilitated by Coder Academy, commences on Wednesday, 31st July and runs until Wednesday, 18th September 2019. For more information regarding Coder Academy, course outline, timing, cost and location – follow the following link: <https://coderacademy.edu.au/kids-and-teens-coding#after-school>.

DIPLOMA OF LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

A new exciting learning opportunity will be offered to Year 11 students in 2020. A Diploma of Leadership and Management will be offered at CBHS through an external education service provider. This qualification is in addition to the Higher School Certificate (HSC) and attaining an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). First Choice College is a Nationally Registered Training Organisation that has been operating since 2008. They deliver accredited courses through their online student portals Australia wide. First Choice College prides itself on exemplary training and an affordable price. They aim to provide a positive learning experience for all students on their student journey, from enrolment to completion. The Diploma of Leadership and Management (BSB51915) is a qualification that prepares individuals for a team leadership and supervisory role in a wide range of organisational and industry contexts.

This Diploma serves as a valuable qualification for students looking to further their decision making, problem solving, and relationship building and team management skills. Students have been issued a parent letter via Homeroom. Any interested student is asked to express their interest to me via email: monica.obrien@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au by Friday, 9th August 2019.

Mrs Monica O'Brien
Assistant Principal – Curriculum

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PEDAGOGY AND INNOVATION

On Monday night, 29th July, parents and their students from Year 7 to 10 attended a study skills seminar run by Dr Prue Salter of Enhanced Learning Educational Services. Dr Salter's intensive seminar took students and parents through the challenges of study, managing a high school workload and staying organised, providing a range of effective and practical solutions to these common issues.

As part of the seminar, Dr Salter provided all parents and students at CBHS Lewisham with access to the ELES Study Skills website, which hosts a wide range of resources to help students develop their study skills. The website is located at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and can be logged in to using the username **cbhslewisham** and the password **lewo2049**. I encourage all parents and students to access and make use of this resource.

Keith Page
Assistant Principal – Pedagogy and Innovation

WATERFORD READERS' CLUB

In the final week of Term 2, the Waterford Readers' Club visited Domremy College to discuss Michael Gerard Bauer's *Things That Will Not Stand* which we had been asked to read a few weeks prior. Our time at Domremy College with their own book club was a delightful experience filled with intense discussion



pertaining not just to the book, but to getting to know one another. Conversation was coupled with plenty of food and drinks, allowing for new friendships to be formed between the boys and girls. I'm looking forward to the end of the year where Domremy will visit Lewisham to help pick out the book club books for next year. Our next title is *This Is Not A Drill* by Beck McDowell which we'll be reading over the next few weeks. We strongly recommend the Book Club as an opportunity to relax, make new friends and have friendly discussion.

James Rua Year 11

NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data of School Students with Disability (NCCD) is a collection of data in August each year. It counts the number of school students receiving adjustments (or support) because of a disability. This national data collection helps governments and schools plan for the needs of students with disability. The aim of the data collection is to make sure that students with a disability have access to the same quality education as the others in their class. The date of the annual census collection this year is **Friday, 2nd August 2019**.

All schools must complete the NCCD. Legislation requires that every year each school must collect the following information for each student receiving an adjustment due to disability:

- year of schooling
- level of adjustment
- broad type of disability

No information that will identify the student, such as their name, will be collected in the data. All information is handled as per the school's *Privacy Policy and Collection Notice*.

Mrs Glenis Gartrell, Diverse Learning Centre

MCC SPORT REPORT

The Winter MCC Season in Rugby League and Football draws to a close with 8 out of 12 teams playing in grand finals this Thursday. All Football teams and two Rugby League teams will contest Grand Finals. It will mean that most students will be going along to support one or more teams on the day. Venues for this week are:

Rugby League:

U/15	v	Ryde	Belmore Oval	10:45 am
U/14	v	Ryde	Coogee Oval	1.15 pm

Football:

U13B'S	9:30 am	Illinden Stadium, West Botany Street Rockdale vs Kogarah
U13A'S	11:00 am	Illinden Stadium, West Botany Street Rockdale vs Kogarah
U14's	12:30 pm	Illinden Stadium, West Botany Street Rockdale vs North Shore
U15's	9:30 am	At Lambert Park, Leichhardt vs Kogarah
B Grade	11:15 am	At Lambert Park, Leichhardt vs Kogarah
A Grade	1:00 pm	At Lambert Park, Leichhardt vs Kogarah

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 will be on as per usual today (Wednesday) at the usual venues. **A reminder to parents that if your son must leave training early that he gives his manager a signed parental note detailing reasons.** As we have a duty of care we ask parents to be at training at **4:45 pm** if picking up students. Any students without a note to leave from the venue or not picked up by 5 pm will be taken back to school.

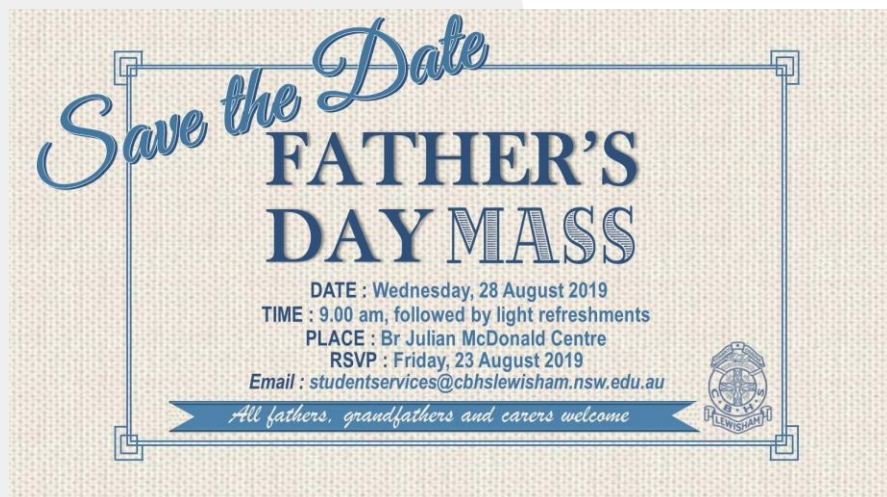
All parents requiring information about NSW Combined Catholic College teams and events should visit the new website at www.csss.nsw.edu.au to download all information and entry forms. Please note that ALL individual entries and nominations must be done by parents of interested students via this process.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

Upcoming Dates:

Athletics Training will commence Week 3 with the carnival in Week 6.

MCC Volleyball training will also commence Week 3

Vince Colagiuri, Acting MCC Sports Coordinator

**HOW TO INSTALL SKOOLBAG**

CBHS uses SkoolBag to communicate with parents with important information. Follow the instructions below to download the SkoolBag app and stay connected with what's happening at the school.

For iPhone and iPad users: Download on the App Store

For Android users: Get it on Google Play

1. Get your favourite mobile device.
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app.
5. Open the app and add your school(s).





A powerful, engaging and thought-provoking assembly was held on Wednesday, 24th July for the entire school community to celebrate the spirit of NAIDOC and show our shared commitment to our First Nation Peoples during this week when culture is showcased and a shared unity is encompassed.

“Our people have the right to a good education. Our children need the skills, experiences and qualifications to be able to choose their futures. Our communities need young people coming through with the education and confidence to be effective leaders. We need young people who can be advocates for our people, able to take their place in Australian society and still keep their culture strong.”

— The Department of Education, Science and Training Indigenous Education Ambassadors, a group of well known Indigenous Australians.



This year we invited Gudjula man, Uncle Harry Allie as our guest speaker – a highly accomplished Aboriginal Elder who has devoted his life to the defence industry and a wide array of programs and initiatives. He spoke to our school community about his life, the opportunities he took on and urged our students to strive to achieve their personal best at school and beyond. We were also fortunate to have Mr Nathan Moran, (father of Malu, Year 7) deliver a heart-warming Welcome to Country on behalf of the NSW Metropolitan Lands Council and Mrs Enza Doran, Visual Arts Coordinator linked her story and heritage this year in her Acknowledgement of Country. Thank you to

senior student, Declan Dimitropoulos who lead the assembly as the Master of Ceremonies again this year.

It was the pride, enthusiasm and passion of our boys however, led by their mentor and the ever-talented traditional dancer, songman and lore man Mr Kaleb Taylor which stole the show. All 40 of the Aboriginal boys joined together to firstly, as is customary, provide the community with a traditional smoking ceremony and then went on to dance several sacred dances which have been gifted to our boys. Again, the highly respected and wise elder, Uncle Max Dulamunmun Harrison joined us on the day...looking on and providing that gentle encouragement and wisdom for our Aboriginal boys to foster a love of their culture and people. A true blessing in our community! We thank Uncle Max and Kaleb for what they bring and offer the wider Lewisham landscape each year for our NAIDOC celebration.

Lastly, a sincere thank you to the parents, community members, aunties, uncles, school liaison officers and extended family members of our Aboriginal student cohort for being with us on the day! Your presence and ongoing support is greatly appreciated and welcomed each year. Please enjoy the many photographs which capture some highlights of the day and our assembly.

In solidarity

Mrs Marea Soulos

Academic Support Teacher – Aboriginal Students, Diverse Learning Centre

