

Highlights

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK 6, TERM 1 WEDNESDAY, 2ND MARCH 2016

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Our reflection this week is around the next touchstone of the Edmund Rice Education Australia Charter – “*Inclusive Community*”. Our community is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and committed to the common good.

Expression – A Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition:

- Provides pastoral care that nurtures the dignity of each person as a child formed in the image of God;
- Demonstrates a preferential option for the poor by standing in solidarity with those who are powerless and marginalised, and strives to provide access to those who otherwise would not seek enrolment;
- Is sensitive to the economic situation of each of its families, designing school programs to empower all to participate with dignity and confidence;
- Promotes social inclusion and views diversity as beneficial to a liberating education;
- Works in collaboration and partnership with the local Church;
- Acknowledges the service and contribution of the Christian Brothers and welcomes them into the life of the school;
- Acknowledges the primary role of parents and guardians in the growth and development of the child and provides opportunities for their participation in the life of the school;
- Recognises the traditional ownership and cultural heritage of Indigenous peoples of Australia, and welcomes them into its community;
- Looks beyond itself to contribute, according to its means, to the overall growth and development of Catholic schools in the Edmund Rice tradition and to Edmund Rice ministries in Australia and overseas.

URGENT REMINDER – PARENTS

It is extremely dangerous to drop off or pick up students on Denison Road. For that reason it is compulsory that all students must be picked up and dropped off at The Boulevard. No student at any time is to cross Denison Road in the Bus Zone. Once again, this is a very serious safety issue.

P&F MEET AND GREET EVENING

Congratulations to our P&F Executive on an excellent Meet and Greet Evening last Friday. A good crowd enjoyed the excellent weather to enjoy excellent hospitality. Our P&F Executive has hit the road running and has enjoyed a very enthusiastic and successful start. The evening was a great chance to show off our new “Green” Heritage Yard.

PRIVACY POLICY

If parents are interested could you please check our Privacy Policy on the website:

- Teachers at CBHS may at any time test pupils to determine their individual learning needs. These tests include for example: SLOSSON, YARCK, PAT Maths, RAVENS and SA Spelling tests.
- Tests administered by teachers provide data which, combined with information about class performance and behaviour, assists in identifying how best to utilise resources to meet the learning needs of pupils generally.
- Through regular reporting and teacher feedback the school provides feedback on pupil progress.

At all times CBHS manages the balance between respecting the privacy of our family and providing the best possible teaching and learning outcomes.

MCC SPORT IS COMPULSORY

At the beginning of the MCC Season, it is important I spell out the school’s policy on MCC Sport. If a student is capable of representing the school in any sport it is compulsory for him to do so. As in all situations the school is willing to compromise around training times. It is frustrating when some club or rep teams don’t demonstrate the same desire to compromise. As fixtures are in school time, this is not a problem as it is a part of the school curriculum. Attendance at the Wednesday training is compulsory – 3.30-5.00 pm, although in some rare cases early departures can be arranged, even if this means being slightly late for the other training. CBHS is a very proud and successful member of MCC and participation in MCC sport is a great experience for our young men. Any changes to the CBHS MCC routine must go through our MCC Sports Coordinator, Mr Mamo.

MCC SWIMMING CARNIVAL – THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH

Attendance at this Carnival is compulsory for all Year 8 & 12 students. Activities such as tutoring, work or sports training need to be changed. This is the only time we ask students to do this and it only occurs twice in their time at CBHS.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PETITION TO UPGRADE LEWISHAM STATION

Please see petition on page 4 – a petition has been authorised by Jo Haylen, State Member for Summer Hill, calling for Lewisham Station to be upgraded to prevent flooding with heavy rain and asking for lifts to be installed.

Parking at CBHS Lewisham for a school event

Christian Brothers' High School is situated in a densely populated location with limited parking availability. As members of the CBHS Lewisham school community, we are all also members of the neighbourhood in which CBHS is situated. Please help us to be good neighbours in abiding by the advice below and making the surrounding streets safe and comfortable for all to use.

- Consider either organising to share a car with another family or using public transport if it convenient for you to do so. This will serve to reduce the amount of traffic in the area for school events, causing less congestion and freeing up parking availability for others.
- Be careful not to block access to our neighbours' driveways (either partially or completely). If a driveway is blocked a resident may report the matter to the Police who may then issue a ticket with respect to the offending vehicle.
- Be observant of any areas where parking is restricted – these areas are clearly labelled. Some roads directly surrounding the school have a two hour parking restriction during certain times of the day.
- Be observant of bus zones. Signs clearly indicate the duration and area of a bus zone.
- Park safely and legally even if it means walking further to the school entrance.
- Be respectful of our neighbours when visiting the school and drive in and out of the area in a safe and quiet manner.
- Take any rubbish with you and not leave rubbish on a footpath or the kerb.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

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

CURRICULUM UPDATE

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR 2016 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

In Term 4 of last year when Year 11 students commenced HSC Coursework. Students have been emailed to their school account a pdf copy of the booklet published by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) titled Rules and Procedures for 2016 Higher School Certificate which outlines the rules and procedures surrounding the HSC. This booklet clearly states the rules associated with procedural matters governing the HSC, particularly assessment and the examinations, such as conduct, malpractice, illness/misadventure and other important matters. This BOSTES booklet complements and supplements the CBHS Lewisham complements Year 12 HSC Assessment Handbook. It is important that each and every Year 12 student reads this document carefully, familiarising themselves with its content and to maintain the document for future reference.

It is also important to note that Year 12 students have confirmed that they have read, understood and agree to abide by the HSC rules and procedures stated in this BOSTES booklet when they signed and dated their *HSC Confirmation of Entry*.

In the event the BOSTES booklet is lost or misplaced, it may be downloaded from the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards website under *Manuals and Guides*.

BOSTES CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY FORMS

By the end of Week 6, students from Years 10, 11 and 12 will have confirmed their respective entries with the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) for the purpose of credentialing, ultimately leading to the award of the Higher School Certificate.

The students will check their personal details, all course currently undertaken as well as other details such as Aboriginal status and Australian citizenship. In addition, each Year 12 student will confirm his eligibility for an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). Some students have chosen not to receive an ATAR. If a student originally elected to receive an ATAR, and changes his mind pending BOSTES cut off dates, parent consent must be sought via the ATAR to NON-ATAR parent permission form obtainable from my office (only).

It should also be noted that in signing the Confirmation of Entry for the HSC, each Year 12 student is confirming that they have read and understood the BOSTES booklet, *Rules and Procedures for 2016 Higher School Certificate Candidates*, issued previously to the students. Also, each Year 12 student is confirming he has completed the BOSTES *All My Own Work* program about exemplary scholarship practices.

All students in Year 10, 11 and 12 sign and date their Confirmation of Entry form at school. This information is then updated on the BOSTES website.

YEAR 12 HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE – TERM 1 2016

The Year 12 Half-Yearly Examination Assessment Block begins in Week 9, Tuesday 29th March and concludes on Friday, 8th April. The assessments are generally written examinations, although some practicals and oral presentations will also occur depending on the HSC course studied. Students should be checking they understand all required BOSTES syllabus knowledge, skills and values for each HSC course studied and regularly updating their revision notes to consolidate learning.

Students have been emailed a pdf of the **2016 CBHS Lewisham Year 12 Half-Yearly Examination/Assessment Schedule** to their school email account and are required to personally print a copy and display this in their designated study area at home.

It is a matter of priority that Year 12 students become familiar with this document including **dates, times and general instructions**. Students are reminded to thoroughly familiarise themselves again with the **CBHS Lewisham HSC Procedures in Assessment Information and School Assessment Policy Year 12, 2015/2015**. Failure to have read the assessment policy or examination rules will not constitute a valid excuse and penalties will be incurred for breaches of policy and procedure.

If students are absent for an examination they **must** follow **CBHS HSC Procedures in Assessment Information and School Assessment Policy Year 12, 2015/2016**. If they are sick on the day of an examination, contact Mr Roumie (only) the morning of the date of the examination or leave a message with Reception (only), then provide the completed Illness/Misadventure Form with relevant acceptable documentation the next day to Mrs O'Brien (only). After illness, they **must** come to school **the next day** and complete the examination in the morning session (and an afternoon session as well if 2 examinations have not been completed).

As is always required, Year 12 students are to attend in full school uniform with neat hair and be cleanly shaven. Students are permitted to wear their School Jersey over their school shirt and tie to and from school and during these examinations (only).

If a student does not have a scheduled examination during this period of time, they are expected to be at home studying for their next examination.

Students have been reminded to take a balanced approach to their academic studies including time with family and friends, their faith and physical and mental health. On behalf of all teachers at CBHS Lewisham, I would like to wish all Year 12 students well in the upcoming examinations and we will keep them in our daily prayers.

Mrs M. O'Brien, Assistant Principal – Curriculum

MCC SPORT REPORT

The Grand Finals of the Summer MCC competition were held last week with Lewisham competing in three games. In the end, Lewisham were successful in one with very narrow losses in the other two games. Results were:

Cricket:	U16 7-83 v 2-84	
Touch:	U15 10-2 Champions	U14 6-7

CBHS Lewisham Swim Squad participated in the Combined Christian Brothers' Carnival at North Sydney Pool last Saturday finishing in 3rd place. The team now prepares for the MCC Carnival on 17th March. Thanks to staff, parents, swimmers and supporters for their attendance on the night.

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.

Boys interested in trialling for the one day events in Golf and Squash need to see Messrs Whitwell and Obeid respectively this week.

Trials for our Winter Sports of Rugby League and Football will commence next Wednesday afternoon at Beaman from 3.30 pm- 5 pm. Return bus transport will be provided.

Upcoming Dates:

MCC

MCC Golf and Squash Day Thursday 10th March

MCC Cross Country Thursday 31st March

MCC Winter Trial Thursday 7th April

Swimming 2016

MCC Carnival Thursday 17th March 4pm (Year 8 and 12 Spectators)

David Mamo, Sports Coordinator

**UPGRADE LEWISHAM STATION
SIGN THE PETITION TO GET LEWISHAM STATION UPGRADED –
STOP THE FLOODING AND NEW LIFTS**

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of NSW. The petition of residents of NSW brings to the attention of the House that Lewisham Train Station is in urgent need of upgrade to stop the flooding of the station and to install lifts, which will make it accessible for all residents.

Lewisham Station is currently only accessible by stairs and does not meet the requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)* to allow all local residents equal access to public transport.

It is also subject to regular flooding causing the station to be inaccessible after heavy rain.

We the undersigned ask the Legislative Assembly to call on the Government to prioritise the upgrade of Lewisham Station to ensure equal access for all residents and to stop the flooding of the station.

Name	Address	Email (Optional)	Signature

Please note that only hand-signed, original paper petitions can be presented to the NSW Parliament. Please deliver signed petitions to Jo Haylen MP, 299-301 Marrickville Rd, Marrickville by 14th March.

[AUTHORISED BY JO HAYLEN MP, STATE MEMBER FOR SUMMER HILL, 299-301 MARRICKVILLE ROAD, MARRICKVILLE]