



SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 3, TERM 4

WEDNESDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

During the recent school holidays I attended a conference for Edmund Rice Beyond Borders – 200 delegates gathered to discuss how 298 Edmund Rice schools that educate 300,000 students can support each other and those less fortunate than ourselves.

We gathered in Kolkata to consider education for justice and liberation at a time when around our conflicted world:

- A world where 61 million primary school children are out of school;
- A world where 250 million children can't read, write or count to the level of four years of schooling;
- A world where one additional year of schooling can increase a woman's capacity to earn by as much as 20%.

We gathered at a time of optimism in our Church with Pope Francis calling for urgent recovery of our commitment as Christians to the marginalised of our world and those made poor. The Church we serve promotes inclusion, service and compassionate engagement with the world as indispensable to the way Christians worship a loving and expansive God.

We were challenged to answer our common call to grow the charism of Edmund Rice; to share the extraordinary riches that our differing cultures have brought to this charism over many generations and to take part in the formation of a new expression of the work of Edmund Rice Education based on global partnership and solidarity. We believe and we proclaim that we can all be stronger by sharing the diverse and rich cultural insights that animate our common vision.

At a practical level, CBHS will be sending 10 Year 11 ( students 2017) and four staff back to Lima Peru in December 2017 to engage in a *Build a House* project and work in Fe y Alegria School. The school will subsidise part of the trip for the students to ensure no one misses out due to financial reasons. Year 10 students (2016) will be given all the details in Term 1 next year. We will also be hosting two teachers from Fe y Alegria in May 2017.

The charism of Edmund Rice challenges us to embrace Catholic education that will teach our young to question and critique their world, not simply inhabit it. It challenges us to address questions of ultimate importance and equip our young with the capacity to critique easy answers so readily on offer in our dominant cultures. Our charism demands us to form students to know that the liberty and freedom that they will hopefully enjoy is not merely a licence to do whatever they want, but rather, it is the freedom to do what they ought to do for the making of a better world and creating a more authentic life.

*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

## Speech Night 2016



**Date:** Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 pm sharp  
(doors open 6:00 pm)

**Place:** Sydney Town Hall



### **CURRICULUM UPDATE**

Year 11 HSC (preliminary) reports were posted home to residential addresses in Week 2 Term 4.

In Term 4 of 2016, Year 11 students have commenced HSC work and assessment tasks. I spoke to Year 11 students at the end of Term 3 about their final year of schooling at Lewisham and our expectations of them as a senior student and maximising daily efforts in their learning.

In Week 2, Year 11 students received a paper copy of the CBHS Lewisham **Higher School Certificate Assessment Information & School Assessment Policy for Year 12 (2017)**. Students have been shared a Google Doc of this document in addition to it being available on our school based Learning Circles Weebly. This handbook includes the school assessment HSC policy, some important assessment forms (Illness/Misadventure Form) as well as an outline of the assessment requirements for the HSC course for each subject (number and nature of assessment tasks, outcomes, assessment weightings).

Parents and carers are asked to go through this handbook with their sons to ensure familiarity with procedures and policies and that they are followed. These procedures and policies are in place to ensure equity and justice and we appreciate your support of the CBHS Lewisham **Higher School Certificate Assessment Information & School Assessment Policy for Year 12 (2017)**.

As of Week 4, Term 4 all HSC assessment dates for Term 4 will be conveniently recorded in a very user-friendly manner on the online school calendar. Assessment tasks for 2017 will be entered onto the school calendar at the commencement of the 2017 academic school year.

When you go to the school website and click on “calendar” on the bottom blue bar, you will access our Google calendar. You will see all CBHS dates and events at first, but you can easily narrow the dates down to a specific year group by the drop down menu on the right-hand side of the calendar. By doing this you will only see the assessment dates for the year group you have selected. The information here will be updated regularly and will provide you with the most current assessment information. If you wish to print the dates, click on “Agenda” in the top right corner of the calendar and you will be given a printer-friendly list of the dates.

Again, we trust that this online calendar will further enhance our work in partnership in your son’s education.

**Monica O’Brien, Assistant Principal - Curriculum**

### **PHILOSOTHON**

On the evening of Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Jacob Nobrega (Year 9), Alexander Trousdale (Year 10) and Finbarr Warren (Year 11) attended the 2016 NSW Philothon hosted by *St Andrew’s Cathedral School*.

This competition provided students with the opportunity to investigate ethical and other philosophical questions in the context of ‘communities of inquiry’. The students were engaged in three inquiry sessions where they explored the following questions:

1. How can a benevolent and omnipotent God permit innocent suffering?
2. Can a robot be conscious?
3. Is there a right to be rescued?



Whilst the event was competitive, it also promoted a sense of community by developing a shared understanding of values and purposes in a spirit of cooperation along with developing skills in inquiry-based learning, ethical reasoning, higher-order reflective thinking and a search for meaning through dialogue about open questions and contestable concepts.

Our students must be commended on their philosophical thinking and contributions made to the many philosophical discussions that took place during the competition. Thank you to Mrs Glenis Gartrell who accompanied the young men and myself to this competition

**Mrs Jennifer Edwards, Diverse Learning Centre: Gifted & Talented Teacher**

**BEAUX & BELLES: A DAY OF CREATIVE COLLABORATION**

On Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham hosted "Beaux & Belles: A Day of Creative Collaboration". This Gifted & Talented Secondary Teachers' Association (GATSTA) Cluster opportunity is a collaborative learning experience offered to students in Years 7 to 10. The aim of the day being to provide an opportunity for students with a gift in a particular discipline to participate with students from other schools in creating a piece of work over a morning.

Cooperation and collaboration, rather than competition, was the focus of the day's activities. A range of subjects were covered including: Mathematics, French, Economics/Debate, Film, Music, Poetry, Game and Philosophy. It was an extremely successful day, the students having created incredibly talented pieces of work that they presented in the afternoon session. As a part of these presentations they also reflected on the challenges and successes in completing the task at hand, which proved to be very insightful.



Thanks must go to Br Conn who so generously supported this opportunity for the students, along Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Yates, Mrs Forbes, Mr Jabaji, Erol Yussef (Year 11) & Nathan Soares (Year 11) who so generously gave up their time on the day to make it such a success, along with the CBHS staff who nominated students for the event and provided assistance prior to the day. Finally, the CHBS team who conducted themselves in such an exemplary manner on the day must be congratulated; their contributions were of extremely high caliber:

Year 7	Oskar Stubbs	Philosophy
Year 7	Matthew Moussa	English
Year 8	James Rua	French
Year 8	Carl Cassia	Mathematics
Year 9	Anthony Scaff	Film
Year 9	Jose Galvez Palmino	Games
Year 10	Harrison Salmon	Music
Year 10	Matthew Tropea	Debate/Economics

**Mrs Edwards, Diverse Learning Centre: Gifted & Talented Teacher**

**WATERFORD LEARNING CENTRE****HSC WORKSHOPS – STATE LIBRARY OF NSW**

In January, the State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street is running short workshops on how to get the best out of their fantastic resources - print and online for the HSC. Recently, they have made a huge effort to cater for HSC students and in our experience, what they have on offer can really benefit students that are keen to do well. The best part is, it's all FREE!\_Here's a link to the workshops:

[http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/whats-on?view=all&date\\_filter\\_overlap\[min\]\[date\]=01/01/2017&date\\_filter\\_overlap\[max\]\[date\]=31/01/2017](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/whats-on?view=all&date_filter_overlap[min][date]=01/01/2017&date_filter_overlap[max][date]=31/01/2017)

Please don't hesitate to come and ask the WLC librarians about access to resources on our [WLC page](#), Marrickville library or the State Library of NSW. I would strongly encourage you all to apply for a State Library Card which gives you free access automatically. There's a link for this on the WLC page. All the best for this important year of study.

**Mrs Toohey & Ms Martin, Waterford Learning Centre**

**MUSIC SOIREE EVENING**

On 20<sup>th</sup> October the CBHS Lewisham annual Soiree Evening was an absolute success. Students from different ages and abilities took on the challenge of performing a piece of their own choosing. The night began with a beautiful acknowledgement of country and dance from our Indigenous dancers. This set the scene for a strong and artistic evening. Each performance that followed was exceptional truly showcasing the mixture of talents that we have within our school community. This student led performance night consisted of a wide range of song choices from Mozart to The Weekend and such differing instruments including piano, the marimba and guitar. Many of the students spent so much time practicing and organizing their performance to ensure that it was perfect for the night.

Overall, this strong community event allows music and non-music students to demonstrate their fantastic talents to their parents, friends and teachers.

**Vince Tavernese**

## MCC SPORT REPORT

The MCC Summer season continues this week with matches v Kogarah.

Venues and approximate return to school times in ( ) are:

Cricket:	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Scarborough, U16 and U14 Scarborough Barton. (5 pm)
Touch:	1 <sup>st</sup> VI, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VI, U15 and U14 at Morrison Bay Park. (4 pm)
Basketball:	1 <sup>st</sup> V, 2 <sup>nd</sup> V, U15 and U14 at Alexandria. (4 pm)
Tennis:	at Illawarra Centre Rockdale (4 pm)
Swimming Training	at Sydney Uni Pool (2.45 pm)

Last week saw matches v Ryde. Results were:

Cricket:	1 <sup>st</sup> XI 3-120 v 4-117	U16 5-124 v 6-89	U14 83 v 7-92	
Touch:	1 <sup>st</sup> VI 2-9	2 <sup>nd</sup> VI 3-8	U15 4-5 U14 3-7	
Basketball:	1 <sup>st</sup> V 37-26	2 <sup>nd</sup> V 27-13	U15 54-8	U14 54-13
Tennis:	73-46			

A reminder to all parents and players, that age grouping reflect the age your son turns anytime NEXT YEAR in 2017. Thus, those born in 2003 will play in the U14 competitions.

Parents are reminded that Wednesday after school is the nominated training day for all CBHS Lewisham sporting teams and that all students with sporting ability are expected to make themselves available to represent the school.

All parents requiring information about NSW Combined Catholic College teams and events should visit the new website at [www.csss.nsw.edu.au](http://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.** Failure to do this will make your sons ineligible for MCC and CCC Selection. Families should check the website for clarification so your sons don't miss out.

Upcoming Dates:

MCC Summer Season:

27<sup>th</sup> October Round 2 v Kogarah

3<sup>rd</sup> November Round 3 v Pagewood

10<sup>th</sup> November Round 4 v Bankstown

17<sup>th</sup> November Round 5 v North Shore

24<sup>th</sup> November Round 6 v Ashfield

1<sup>st</sup> December Spare Round

2017

9<sup>th</sup> February Round 7 v Randwick

16<sup>th</sup> February Spare Round

23<sup>rd</sup> February Semi Final

2<sup>nd</sup> March Final

Mr David Mamo  
Sports Coordinator

