



Renewal assembly , Principal Mr Simon Dash presents during the Renewal Assembly

## FROM THE **PRINCIPAL**

#### Dear College Community

Recently our College community gathered for a very special assembly with the Executive Director of Edmund Rice Education Australia, Dr Wayne Tinsey. Dr Tinsey wished to present the College with our School Renewal Report as well a certificate acknowledging our accreditation as a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition. At the assembly Dr Tinsey spoke glowingly of Rostrevor College and its commitment to the Touchstones. It was also an opportunity to introduce Mr Damian Messer who will take up the position of Principal for 2017.

In June this year an External Validation team came to our College to lead the process of Edmund Rice Education's School Renewal. It is a process which provides guidance on how our community is living out the charism of Edmund Rice and being faithful to the Touchstones of providing a liberating education, living out a gospel spirituality, remaining committed to being an inclusive community and looking beyond the walls of our College and standing for justice and in solidarity with those at the margins. We received wonderful feedback on how our College lives these values in a very practical way, with particular praise for our commitment to being an inclusive community.

As a school we are called to celebrate our mission in so much as it reflects the key themes of the Touchstones of Edmund Rice Education Australia. We are also challenged to review and renew our mission and ensure that we are prophets of good news to our world. In many ways we are called to change our world by starting with reviewing our attitudes and actions towards each other. If we are to truly celebrate our identity as a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice tradition, we must show love, respect, generosity and forgiveness to the members of our Rostrevor family and to those beyond the gates of this College.

We are also called to ask some important questions:

• Who in our school community, our society and our world are marginalized or ostracized and in need of belonging?

• Who is in need of forgiveness and have we the courage to offer that forgiveness or seek it for our own wrongdoings to others?

• Who is burdened by debt, be it financial or spiritual, and is in need of our generosity?

- Who is in slavery and is in need of liberation?
- Who is tired, weary and in need of rejuvenation?
- Are we a people that are thankful for God's graciousness to us and prepared to show that same graciousness to others?

Inclusive communities are founded on valuing the contribution of each and every member. We must value the gift of others and also be prepared to give of ourselves.

Absentee line: 8364 8387

## DATES TO REMEMBER

#### **TERM 4**

November/December

Week 7

Monday 28 - December 21 Indian Pilgrimage

Monday 28 - Friday 02 Year 10 & 11 Semester 2 Exams

Tuesday 29 - Thursday 01 Middle Years Core Subjects Exams

Friday 02 Year 10 Liturgy & Farwell

Sunday 04 New Boarders' induction from 6pm

#### Week 8

Monday 05

New Boarders' induction concludes from 12pm New Senior Years 10-12 Student Induction

Years 10 &11 Exam return & feedback

**Tuesday 06** Years 10 > 11 & 11 > 12 2017 Transition Hosting Australian U19 State Cricket Championships

#### Thursday 08

Year 6 Final Day

Hosting Australian U19 State Cricket Championships Year 6 Rite of Passage ceremony 5pm-7pm

#### Friday 09

Year 7-9 Christmas liturgy Rec - Year 5 Leadership Assembly Term 4 Concludes R-9 1.05pm



## CONTINUED



L-R. Principal Simon Dash, EREA regional director Terry Roberts, EREA Executive Director Dr Wayne Tinsey, 2017 acting Principal Damian Messer & wife Jo

For Rostrevor to continue to be a great community, it does not take powerful individuals, great resources, nor miracles; it takes people willing to pitch in and give of themselves. It takes a vision and a commitment to building a Gospel community. We celebrate our identity as a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition. But, it doesn't stop there. We also reaffirm our commitment to living the Touchstones each day in the way we treat others regardless of their ability and our commitment to giving our best regardless of our ability.

God Bless

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**Simon Dash** Principal





## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**



**Frank Ranaldo** Deputy Principal

#### Summer Co-Curricular Assembly

Last Friday, we held our Summer Co-Curricular Assembly. A significant number of students were rewarded for their outstanding contributions to the College's Co-Curricular Program. The Summer Program allows for students to represent Rostrevor across a variety of activities including Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Cycling, Handball, Music, Pedal Prix, Rock & Water, Surfing, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball and Water Polo. This is obviously in addition to the opportunities that are provided during the winter terms.

What is obvious from the reports read by students and the music performance from our Junior Years Band is that students continue to participate with wonderful enthusiasm and success in the wide range of co-curricular activities on offer at the College outside the classroom.

An important aspect of participation in cocurricular activities is the ability to make people feel they are part of something, a team member and a member of the Rostrevor Community - a community which is made up of students, parents, old scholars and of course staff.

We not only congratulate all those who won awards but also those who willingly participated in these activities, to all parents who helped with coaching, transport and assisting on match days, and to our staff for their continued involvement in this essential dimension of our College life.

#### Graduation and Valedictory Ceremonies

These ceremonies mark the conclusion of SACE Stage 2 assessment as well as the final farewell to the Year 12 Class of 2016. The Chapel service followed by the Graduation Ceremony in Purton Hall yesterday morning was well attended by students and families. This is a very emotional experience for students, teachers and families alike, with moving speeches from the Head Prefect, Bradley McCarthy, Principal, Mr Dash, and the Smith Family representing the many families in attendance. Memories were shared fondly, particularly as many students have attended the College since Reception.

It has been a pleasure to watch our Year 12 cohort grow and flourish over the years, demonstrating

	Year 11	Year 10	Middle Years	Junior Years
Thursday 24 Nov	Year 11 Liturgy & Farewell	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Fri 25 Nov	Year 11 Swot Vac commences	Year 10 Swot Vac commences	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Mon 28 Nov	Year 11 Exam	Year 10 Exams	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Tue 29 Nov	Year 11 Exam	Year 10 Exams	Middle Years Exams	Normal Lessons
Wed 30 Nov	Year 11 Exams	Year 10 Exams	Middle Years Exams	Normal Lessons
Thu 1 Dec	Year 11 Exams	Year 10 Exams	Middle Years Exams	Normal Lessons
Fri 2 Nov	Year 11 Exams	Year 10 Exams Year 10 Liturgy & Farewell	Normal Lessons	Carols by Candlelight7.30pm Circular Drive
Mon 5 Dec	Year 11 Exam Return & Feedback	Year 10 Exam Return & Feedback	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Tue 6 Dec	Year 12 Induction Day	Year 11 Induction Day	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Wed 7 Dec			Normal Lessons	R-2 Christmas Liturgy; Years 5 & 6 End of Year Activities
Thu 8 Dec			Middle Years House Day	Year 6 Graduation Last day for Year 6 students; R-4 End of Year Activities
Fri 9 Dec			Middle Years Christmas Liturgy	Last day for Years R-5 and 7-9 students; 1.05pm finish

2016 End of Year Arrangements,

the qualities of a Rostrevor Graduate as articulate, kind and compassionate young men who are well poised to take their place in the world.

The Graduation Ceremony ends with a prayer for the students and a blessing from all in attendance as they make their way into the next exciting phase in their lives. We ask God to protect them on their journey and guide them towards happiness and fulfilment.

I would like to sincerely thank the families of the Year 12 Class of 2016 for entrusting the education and care of their son to us over the years; we look forward to witnessing their future successes.

#### SACE Results Release

SACE Board results will be released on Tuesday 20 December. Students will be able to access their results online via the SACE Board website. Students have been encouraged to log into 'Students Online' using their SACE Registration number and PIN well prior to the results release data to ensure that they can gain access.

#### Middle Years Exams

Our Middle Years Exams will be held on Tuesday 29 November, Wednesday 30 November and Thursday 1 December, undertaking exams in the following core subject areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities & Social Sciences and Religious Education.

Exam grades will be recorded and reported on the Semester 2 Student Report.

#### Years 10 & 11 Examinations

Year 10 and 11 students had their Swot Vac day today, enabling them to finalise their preparation and study leading up to the exams.

All Year 10 and 11 students are expected to attend the following compulsory school days, dressed in school uniform:

• Exams Return and Feedback/Course Evaluation Day on Monday 5 December;

• Induction Day on Tuesday 6 December.

The purpose of the Exams Return and Feedback/ Course Evaluation Day is for teachers to provide feedback which is specific to the questions and student responses but also regarding the effectiveness of study routines, revision and exam techniques. If your son is returning to study Year 11 or Year 12 in 2017, he must attend the Transition Day which commences at 8.35am and concludes at 3.15pm. Students will attend a class with each of their 2017 subject teachers where they will be issued with necessary texts, course outlines, syllabuses, novels and study notes to give them a good start to their Year 11 or Year 12 studies.

## JUNIOR CAMPUS



Geoff Aufderheide Director - Junior Campus



Late last week we completed our Leadership discernment process to determine our Junior Years Captain and Vice-Captain for the 2017 academic year. A strong field of year 5 boys put themselves forward for consideration and boys from years 3-6 listened intently to their nomination speeches in the Callan Hall.

As members of a College in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice, each of the applicants were asked to respond to 4 criteria based on the Touchstones of Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA). These Touchstones were mentioned by Dr Wayne Tinsey, Director of EREA, during his speech to us all at our recent Renewal Assembly on 11 November. As Dr Tinsev explained, the Touchstones are what sets schools like ours apart from others – that you see, hear and feel such characteristics upon entering a school based on the charism of Edmund Rice. They make us different and set us apart.

Our applicants responded to the following criteria;

#### Liberating Education

• A PERSON WHO WORKS TO THE **BEST** OF HIS ABILITY

 A PERSON WHO STRIVES FOR EOUITY AND EXCELLENCE

#### **Gospel Spirituality**

 A PERSON WHO STRIVES TO MODEL IESUS' MESSAGE OF COMPASSION, JUSTICE AND PEACE

#### **Inclusive Community**

• A PERSON WHO PROMOTES POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

• A PERSON WHO TRIES HARD TO INCLUDE OTHERS

#### Justice and Solidarity

• A PERSON WHO CALLS OTHERS TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE WHO ARE MARGINALISED

As a result of our process we are pleased to advise all members of our community that our Junior Campus Leaders for 2017 are: Campus Captain – Charlie Crafter and Vice-Captain – Thomas Washbourne. While we commended all applicants for the way they spoke 'to' the criteria, it was clear through the voting process and the affirmation of Junior staff, that these two young men had what their peers were looking for. Both used the term 'We' when talking about what they aimed to achieve and they also had a level of presence in the way they engaged their audience. We congratulate both boys on their appointments and look forward to their leadership in 2017 - and beyond!

It is perhaps timely that while we congratulate Charlie and Tom that we also acknowledge the work and contributions of our current Campus Leaders, Cameron Tunno and Ishaan Oak. Recently Cameron ran a highly successful campaign to raise money for the 'Australian Sponsorship 4 African Kids' (AS4AK) organisation. In fact, his passion gave rise to a new idea we had this year that we will ask our Campus Captain each year to make a 'Captain's call' in support of a charity of their choice. As a result, late last week, in the presence of well-known chef and celebrity, Dorinda Hafner, we proudly presented a cheque for \$551.20 that we know will make a difference to children in Ghana, Africa. This result

was largely the doing of Cameron who spoke passionately to students in the Junior Years about how we had a chance to make a difference.

Ishaan has also made valuable contributions as a leader in 2016. He has led by example and is hard working and able to take responsibility on with confidence. As a staff we have been delighted with the way these boys have served their community this year and they leave big shoes for Charlie and Tom to fill in 2017.

In closing, I would also wish to remind all of our current year 5 boys about the challenge we have put to them all for 2017 – we expect that they will all lead next year and encourage them to show this leadership in everything they do. After all, you don't need a shiny badge to be a leader!



2017 Junior Years Captains Vice Captain Thomas Washbourne and Captain Charlie Crafter



## **STUDENT WELFARE**



**Evan Pezos** Director - Student Welfare



RAP Year 11 Students during the RAP presentation as apart of week 3's program

Pastoral Care at Rostrevor College refers to action taken within our school to promote and foster personal, social, physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wellbeing. Optimal wellbeing is characterised by positive feelings and attitude, positive relationships with others, resilience and satisfaction with self and experiences and engagement in learning.

While the principles underpinning 'Pastoral Care' at Rostrevor College are founded on the importance of developing meaningful and sustainable relationships between students as well as between students and staff, one of the aspects of the program is the access to guest presenters. During Extended Pastoral Care On Friday of Week 3, while the Year 7's where preparing for the 3 day camp activities program, students in Years 8-11 were engaged in the following presentations;

Participants from the Road Awareness Program learnt that road safety is their responsibility and get a clear understanding of the consequences of choices on the road. Some excerpts from:

"The program was incredibly powerful and addressed every indvidual in the room through the use of powerful empathy. I am very greatful for the time taken from both Lachlan, Champ as well as the the other Firees present. I feel as though I will now be safer on the road and feel like my mates are safer because of RAP."

- Alex Cusack

"The Program was very insightful and has seriously changed the way I will think about both driving and being a passenger. Lachlan's story really impacted the way in which I will not only think of myself but others when I'm on the road."

- Cameron Skurray

"This was a massive eye opener and helped me to see risks that I have never thought of before. It helped me to notice the flow on effect of risk on other people. Thanks for coming to present today, this has helped everyone present today." - Damien Pipicella

Year	Presentation	Descriptor	
Year 8	Encounter Youth - 'Know Your Limits'	In a time when developing an identity is everything, we encourage young people to be part of the majority who make positive choices when socialising and celebrating with their mates. We begin a conversation about why young people are generally riskier beings, the positive and negative risky situations they may face (e.g. peer pressure, underage drinking, and drug use) and discuss key strategies to prevent or deal with those situations.	
Year 9	SAPOL – 'Drugs & Alcohol'	This interactive program presented by a currently serving police officer, discussed the current laws regulating the relationship between teenagers and 'Drugs & Alcohol'.	
Year 10	SAPOL – 'A Guide to Obtaining your L's & P's'	This interactive program presented by a currently serving police officer, discussed the methods of obtaining a driv- er's licence; the conditions relating to Learner and Provi- sional licences; the risks associated with driving; and why being a passenger in a vehicle driven by a young person is potentially risky. The program included discussions on crash risks, speeding, alcohol and drugs, fatigue and driver attitudes to road safety. There are a number of web sites which may be of further value to parents and to the students. • raa.com.au • mylicence.sa.gov.au • howsafeisyourcar.com.au For any further information on Road Safety please feel free to contact the Road Safety Section on 82076586 or by Email: DLSAPOLRoadSafetySection@police.sa.gov.au	
Year 11	RAP (Road Awareness program)	During the 100 minute presentation, participants are given a confronting and realistic insight into road crash trauma includ- ing vision of real crashes and crash survivors. Real life crash survivors, many now living with permanent disability or loss of a loved one, share their stories as part of the presentation. Participants usually find this element of the presentation the most emotional, but draw inspiration from the crash survivors' resilience and strength.	



## SPIRITUALITY



**Br John Ahern** Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

This week has seen a number of key events that involve celebrating the end of year and of new beginnings. Firstly there have been all of the Graduation events for our year 12's. I particularly enjoy the chapel ceremony at the start of that day as we mark the end of a school career in the heart of the school. On the same day we had a liturgy for our year 11's as they prepare to go onto swat vac for their exams. The theme was centred on Advent and the lead up to Christmas. Each House had one vice-captain give a short highlight or two of the year. We then focussed on the true message of Advent as a preparation for the Feast of the birth of Christ with readings and songs.

On the Tuesday evening we celebrated a wonderful mass with Father James Valladares in the College Chapel to commission the Indian Pilgrims as they prepare to fly out on Monday. The Pilgrims are: Mrs Helena Sweeney, Mrs Tanja Gehren, Mr John Kelly, Mr Justin Chung, Mr David Walker and Alexander Agostinelli, Alexander Cusack, Benjamin Davies, Samuel Draper, Jonathon Leonard, Bradley McCarthy, Jackson Moloney, Flynn Pisani, Michael Sosa, Dylan Smith, William Sullivan and Brodie Turner. We wish them a safe and fruitful time and look forward to hearing their stories when they return.

Last Sunday was the Feast of Christ the king and the end of the Church's year. Sometimes naming Christ as a king seems to jar with the image of Jesus that we read about in the gospels. However the reading of the day for Luke puts it into context. The good thief on the cross next to Jesus rebukes to an other thief who is taunting Jesus and asks Him to remember him when he comes into His Kingdom. Jesus's kingdom is not of this world and has different values. Next Sunday we begin our Advent journey towards Christmas. How is your family going to celebrate the true meaning of this feast?

## CO-CURRICULAR NEWS



**Jeff Fischer** Co-ordinator of Co-curricular Activities

#### 1st XI Cricket

## Rostrevor 170 all out (Harrison Rahaley 74, Kyle Brazell 22)

#### Trinity College 5/39 (Harrison Petty 3/8)

After winning the toss and batting in perfect conditions, we lost a couple of early wickets and were in trouble at 2/30. Harrison Rahaley and **Murphy Short** put on a solid partnership that looked like taking the game away from Trinity until Short chopped the ball onto his stumps. **Kyle Brazell** in his first game batted well and was able to rotate the strike regularly as well as hit the bad ball to the boundary. His partnership with Rahaley was worth 65 and again looked like putting us into a good position. At the tea interval, we were 3/115 and a score of 200+ was on the cards. To Trinity's credit, they bowled well after tea but we didn't help ourselves with some poor shot selection and not putting enough value on our wicket. To be bowled out for 170 was disappointing considering the position we were in at the tea break.

In reply, we started well with the ball and **Joel Size** picked up a wicket in his first over. Both he and **Harrison Petty** especially bowled with good pace and asked questions of the Trinity batsmen. At stumps, Trinity finished at 5/39 which was a great result for us. We still have a lot of work to do to take the final 5 wickets next week.

#### In other Co-curricular News:

• A big thankyou to the year 8's who filled in and played in the 9B cricket game on Saturday, as not only did they ensure the team was able to play, **Wayne Inglis** top scored with 44 runs and **Connor Marinos** contributed in the field.

• The 10A cricketers enjoyed an impressive win against rivals Sacred Heart with **Riley Slack** scoring 66no off 42 balls and **McKenzie Heath** 42 off 38 balls for a total of 166 from 25 overs.

• Year 8 Jack Thoday made a solid 46 and Tom Hill 32no against Westminster in the 8A cricket game on Saturday. After making 115 from 25 overs, the Rostrevor boys found themselves protecting an 11 run lead with Westminster having one over to chase the total. Jake Slivak then bowled a wicket maiden to ensure a Rostrevor victory.

• 2nd XI player **David Hamann** continued his fantastic run of form scoring 96no on Saturday against Trinity in the team's total of 209.

If your son, be he a current or past scholar, has made any significant achievement in an activity outside of the College, please pass this on to me via email to jfischer@rostrevor.sa.edu.au or by phone, so that I can include his achievements in the weekly newsletter.

Below Indian Pilgrimage Comissionning Tuesday evening in the Chapel prior to their journey next Monday



## **CO-CURRICULAR**

SENIOR YEARS Week 5

#### Week 5

BADMINT	DN	
OPEN B	10 def SICA 2	
Best	K Shrivastava, J Siebert, D MacDonald	
MIDDLE A	7 def SICA 5	
BEST	G Chen, N Murphy, W Sun	
CRICKET		
1ST XI	170 v TC 5/39 (Day 1)	
Best	<b>Batting:</b> H Rahaley 74, K Brazell 22 <b>Bowling:</b> H Petty 3/8	
3RD XI	121 def MHS 117	
Best	<b>Batting:</b> M Gum 33 <b>Bowling:</b> M Gum 2/5	
10A	1/3 v AHS 138 (Day 1)	
Bowling	J Kennerley 2/20, R Slack 1/10, M Mckay 1/10	
9A	62 v AHS 4/39 (Day 1)	
Best	<b>Batting:</b> B Homan 40no *Carried the bat <b>Bowling:</b> Snowball 2/12, Singh 1/3	
9B	5/83 def by GIHS 2/165	
Best	<b>Batting:</b> W Inglis 24, A Deleso 6 <b>Bowling:</b> J Tatarelli 1/15, J Reginato 1/9	
8A	3/83 def TC 7/75	
Best	<b>Batting:</b> H Shute 50, J Slivak 10 <b>Bowling:</b> J Slivak 3/7	
8B	97 def by PGS 3-98	
Best	<b>Batting:</b> N Reu 40no <b>Bowling:</b> D Matthews 2/8	
TENNIS		
DRIVE:	2 def by CC 7	
Best	All Played Well	
SENIOR A	1 def by SICA 8	
Best	A Luppino	
MIDDLE A	8 def SPC 1	
Best	Z Tatarelli, A Condo	
MIDDLE B	4 def by SPSC 8	
Best	N Donato, S Anibaldi	
MIDDLE C	1 def by SC 8	
Best	A Labbozetta, O Inberg	
WATER PO		
MIDDLE A	7 def PAC 4	
Best	All Played Well	



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## **TERM DATES** 2016

Term 4 Tuesday 18 October - Friday 09 December

## **TERM DATES** 2017

**Term 1 Tuesday 31 January – Thursday 13 April** Good Friday, 14 April Easter Saturday, 15 April Easter Sunday, 16 April Easter Monday, 17 April

Term 2 Tuesday 02 May - Friday 30 June Oueen's Birthday/Volunteer's Day Holiday, 13 June

Term 3 Monday 24 July - Friday 29 September Term 4 Monday 16 October -Thursday 07 December

Do you have exciting news about a current student or Old Scholar? We'd love to celebrate these achievements with you and the Rostrevor Community.

### Contact us with your story: news@rostrevor.sa.edu.au

For sporting achievements, please contact Jeff Fischer: jfischer@rostrevor.sa.edu.au

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