

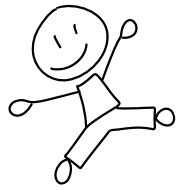


EDMUND RICE FLEXI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEMESTER I 2023

"The memories with us from school will last forever".

STUDENT VOICE



"Why do you love Flexi?"

"I love Flexi, coz its different to other schools" - Annie



"I love Flexi, coz its better learning" - Maddie

"I love Flexi, coz you guys pay for my TAFE course, giving me an opportunity to get into my career that I would never had received not being here" - Harmony



"I love Flexi as it gave me the opportunity to join the Ice factor program, which has given me heaps more confidence and Flexi in general makes it heaps easier to learn" - Connor

"AT MY OLD SCHOOL I DIDN'T DO ANY WORK, HERE I CAN DO THE WORK" - FRANK



"I like that I get to do the things I enjoy, like art!" - Anjewel

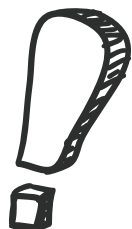


Dream Big

"It's much easier for me to learn and there are lots of nice people." - Michael

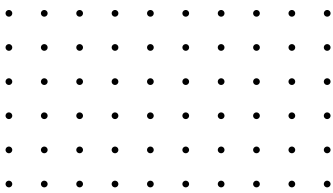
"I like not having to wake up early, the classes are easier for me to learn in, and the teachers are kinder." - Hunter

"I love Everything! I like that's it's flexible, there's less pressure and I'm not anxious about going to school anymore." - Delilah





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Dear Edmund Rice Flexi Community,

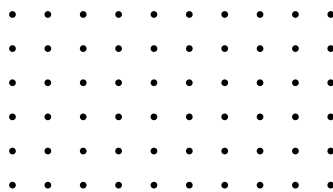
While during the term 2 I have been away on some leave I have enjoyed keeping updated on the great happenings at our Edmund Rice Flexi during this term.

During my time away I was privileged to attend the Edmund Rice Beyond Borders Congress in Ireland. This gathering of Edmund Rice educators from Ireland, England, India, New Zealand, North and South America, and many countries in Africa, was extra special due to being able to visit significant places where Edmund Rice began his work in Education over 200 years ago.

Like, our Flexi school, over 200 years ago Edmund Rice began schools in Ireland for young people who were unable to access education. Like our Flexi school, Edmund Rice provided a liberating education. Like our Flexi, Edmund Rice provided hope to young people that enabled them to have a brighter future.

At the end of this first semester, I thank our staff for all the ways they create opportunities for our Flexi young people to learn, grow and build a brighter future for themselves and their community.

DANI
HEAD OF CAMPUS



Bringing Learning to Life!

This semester has started off with a whirlwind of new faces joining our school – both staff and young people. We welcome all new members to our Eddie Flexi community, and know that together we make this school something really special for each individual.

Enjoy the newsletter which shows you the huge range of learning experiences we offer our young people every term; from incredible arts projects and business, to circus skills and farm work. Congratulations to our senior students who have also been highly successful in completing Certificate courses, applying for and gaining employment and completing many of their Modified SACE subjects.

All of this wouldn't be possible without our incredible staff. They come to work each day with love in their hearts and a smile, ready to support and guide our young people with whatever challenges they face each day. I thank them for their dedication, skill and belief in the school we are building to support young people get to where they would like to be in life.

NEW STAFF

"What is your passion?"

Olivia - Teacher



"I am a mum of two young children, who loves to get out in the garden and loves a good gym workout without the kids ☺. I have been teaching for 10+ years and have taught various subjects with my fav being art, which I am super passionate about. I love how art can release your inner child and how you can create what ever you want and call it art."

Denver - Teacher

"In my spare time I love climbing, skating, doing various creative arts and enjoying nature (in a glamping way). As for my values, I'm passionate about social justice and like to work collectively towards a future where we do no harm to others or the environment."



Adam - Teacher



"I'm passionate about the mighty Melbourne Demons, making music playlists, collecting records and spending time in nature (especially the beach and the bush)."

Erin - Teacher

"I'm passionate about coffee and hot chips. I enjoy going to the gym, reading books and spending time with my kids."



Alex - Network IT



"I'm passionate about AFL and NBA, I support the Crows and the Utah Jazz. I am also passionate about computing and love building them when I can. Things that make me tick are resolving and troubleshooting IT issues for others and learning about them."

NEW STAFF

"What is your passion?"

Sarah - Youth Worker

"I am passionate about helping young people be the best version of themselves that they can be. I love to encourage, support and inspire people through whatever life is throwing their way."



Kylie - Youth Worker

"I love spending time with my family and gardening, although I'm not great at it. I also enjoy providing support to young people, empowering them to reach their fullest potential as individuals."



Scott - Learning Support

"I am passionate about Tim Tams, Mint Slice and oat latte."



Sally - Youth Mentor

"I am passionate about the Adelaide Crows football club and helping people."



Ashlee - Social Worker

"I am deeply passionate about helping others because I believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live a fulfilling and meaningful life, and supporting individuals in their personal growth and well-being brings me immense joy and fulfilment."



WELLBEING

Dijana
Craig - Kylie - Chris - Georgia - Sarah - Gary
Ashlee - Sally



What an amazing start to the year! We welcomed two new youth workers- Sarah and Kylie!

We have been lucky in connecting our school with an on-site counsellor Ashlee. Ashlee comes to us with a wealth of experience and support for our young people on building their emotional wellbeing and support with NDIS.

We also welcomed Sally- our resident LGBTIQA+ support for both of our sites. Sally's RAINBOW breakfast has been a hit with our young people. Sally has also been instrumental in supporting our school community to ensure we are inclusive and safe for all of our young people.

We have connected with many services including; *Headspace*, *NACYS*, *Sammy D Foundation*, *Foodbank*, *SHINE SA* who have attended our sites, completed workshops with young people and explored sexual health, positive relationships, personal safety, impact of drugs and alcohol on our emotional and physical wellbeing, as well as building our mental health to engage in learning.

WELLBEING

We have successfully supported our young people to connect with our community partners, including; *Nunkuwarrin Yunti* of South Australia, *Metro Youth Health*, *Anglicare* and *Centacare RECONNECT* program, *Family and Mental Health Support Services (FMHSS)* and *St Vincent De Paul*. These services have helped us to support our young people and families to access a variety of supports, including emergency relief and food, counselling, sexual health and wellbeing and family support services.

As we look forward to Term 3, our youth worker team will continue to be the first point of checking in for our young people as well as offering many supports and a listening ear to families. Our staff are privileged to work alongside our young people and their families. We hope to keep the connections going for the second half of the year.



This is Ashlee from *Creating Connections*. Ashlee promotes a holistic approach to young people's mental health and recognises the interconnection between their emotional, mental, and physical health.

Ashlee works in partnership with parents, caregivers, and family members to provide tools to support their young persons healthy development and connect families with their community through relationships, places, cultural and social activities.

Ashlee also works collaboratively with *Edmund Rice Flexi School*, and the young people's wellbeing team to provide integrated services and therapeutic care.

Shout out to our Wellbeing partners



OUTREACH

Carly - Louise

Our Outreach Program has been designed to connect with young people who require a different pathway for their schooling needs. Outreach students are supported with 1:1 Youth Worker and teacher connection each week to support their wellbeing and learning.

Over Term 2, our young people have been extremely busy. One of our good news stories is Jack L who proved himself on his work experience placement within the tyre fitting trade and gained Full Time Employment! Congratulations Jack!

Students have been working through pathways to employment, connection and attendance back to school where speciality classes have been created to include life skills development.

This program has shown success as our young peoples attendance has increased as well as engagement and connection to school and more importantly creating a place of belonging.

LEARNING SUPPORT

Danielle - Lynn - Scott

The semester started with young people participating in diagnostic assessments which determined their strengths and weaknesses, creating learning intervention groups for maths, reading comprehension and spelling.

The young people participated consistently in Numeracy and Literacy programs and have displayed fantastic effort resulting in increased confidence and success towards meeting their learning goals.

A BIG congratulations to everyone involved in Learning Support this semester.

CAREER PATHWAYS

Filo



This semester has been a whirlwind of new career opportunities for our young people. Many have been participating in Certificate Courses - Early Childhood Education, Music, Construction, Media Make Up and Food Processing.

Senior Campus attended the Careers and Employment Expo in May showcasing the vast opportunities for our young people and for them to find the industry they would like to pursue. Working closely with the Career Heroes class, young peeps have been a part of Try a Trade workshops and attending offsite programs. We had the pleasure of having On the Run promoting employment opportunities and pathways into Traineeships.

In any employment opportunities come with requirements, so we have been focusing on completing Learners, White Card Training, RSA and First Aid.

Next semester the focus will be on Work Experience and VET referrals for 2024.

Congratulations to the following young people who have obtained -

Cert II Food Processing

Lauchlan B
Cheyenne M

First Aid Certificate

Caitlin M
Harmony M
Aaliyah T

RSA Certificate

Blake C
Aaliyah T

My L's

Reanin C
Tyra J
Annie B
Blake N
Taneisha R
Frank L
Cori M
Jacob N
Ebony H
Caitlin L

Dakota L
Storm R
James E
Ethan P
Jada M
Chelsea W
Christian C
Steph J
Tyson JL
Joshua S
Caitlin M

White Card

Riley H
Christian C
Ethan P
Aaliyah T
Reanin C
Dakota L
Camron W
Cameron M
Tyrone H
Elijah W
Kobie R

Employment

Harmony M
Naiah H
Jack L

Work Experience

Jack L
Cheyenne M

Shout out to our career partners



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AUSTRALIAN CHILD CARE CAREER OPTIONS



HIGHLIGHTS

Reconciliation Week

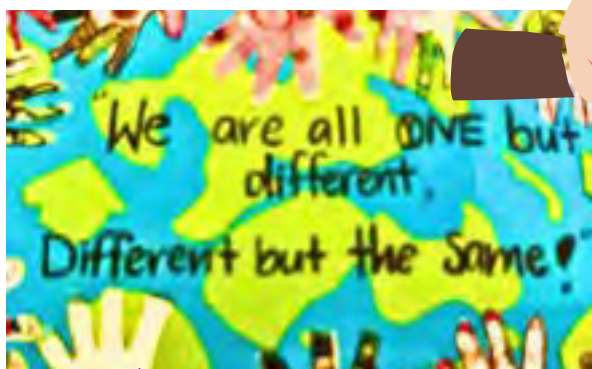


Eddie Rice Feast Day



HIGHLIGHTS

Harmony Week



Pride Month



SENIOR SCHOOL



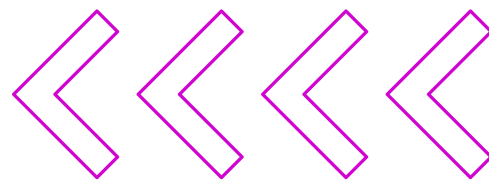
Olivia - Denver - Adam - Erin
Sarah - Georgia - Chris - Gary
Scott

At our Davoren Park campus, we have witnessed tremendous success with our modified SACE program. By tailoring the curriculum to meet the unique needs of our students, we have created a learning environment that promotes engagement, growth, and achievement. Our modified SACE approach recognizes and accommodates the diverse learning styles and individual circumstances of our students, allowing them to thrive academically and personally.

Through personalized support, flexible learning pathways, and a focus on holistic development, we have seen our young people excel in their studies, gain confidence, and make significant progress towards their educational goals. We are proud to offer a modified SACE program that empowers our young people to succeed and prepares them for a bright future.



MIDDLE SCHOOL



Nellie - Toby
Craig - Kylie
Danielle - Lynn

Middle School has focussed on Civics and Citizenship in their Literacy this term, learning about the Voice to Parliament Referendum and finishing with an excursion to Parliament House in Adelaide.



We had the joy of celebrating Reconciliation Week with a special lunch and visit to the local Stolen Generation Memorial and Healing Garden, and SHINE SA and the Sammy D Foundation came out to talk to our young people about how to keep themselves safe.



In Maths, young people learnt BODMAS, how to work with negative numbers and simple algebra.

We would also like to make special mention to some of our Year 9 students who attended an Altitude Leadership forum with students from across the Northern suburbs.



PASSION BASED LEARNING



Our variety of afternoon classes are one way that we support passion-based learning at Edmund Rice Flexi and this Semester we saw outstanding growth in our young people across all subject areas.



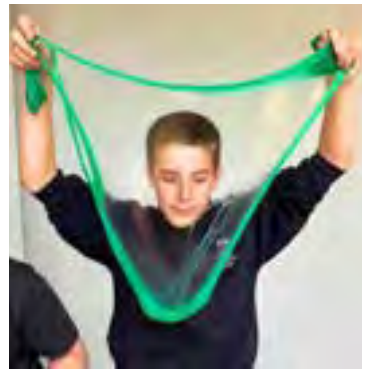
Special mention goes to our Flexi Chiefs for attending the all-day Ice Factor tournament where they competed against multiple other schools, and our 3D Printing class who attended a state-wide showcase pitching their designs to judges and answering questions from other schools.



Some young people have also pursued passions in their morning classes, working with industry professionals to; train assistance labradors with Paws-A-While, hone their art and business skills in Art Entrepreneur, and learn the basics of car maintenance in Mechanics class.









ERTS PRESENTS

SOLD OUT

WEEK 1

THURSDAY 13/7 - BOWLING

WEEK 2

TUESDAY 18/7 - MOVIES

THURSDAY 20/7 - BOUNCE

SIGN UP NOW OR TALK WITH YOUR YOUTH WORKER



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