As mentioned last week, I had the privilege of attending an International Edmund Rice Immersion/Congress with around 250 other Edmund Rice/Christian Brothers’ delegates from 22 different countries as part of a joint commitment to Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders (EREBB). Pre-Congress Immersion trips took place in a number of different places around India, with New Delhi being the one that I attended. Having New Delhi as my preferred destination, I was able to have a couple of pre-immersion days in Agra, home of the Taj Mahal, and with the school we support within the Chetanalya organisation, located in the town of Rohtak about 60 kilometres from Delhi.

In visiting the Chetanalya organisation, I was able to experience first-hand the incredible transformational benefits provided by a life-skills based education that enables intellectually challenged young people to be able to lead meaningful and successful lives. The funds raised from the Junior School since 2008 have enabled the purchase and maintenance of a school bus, the funding of a bus driver to transport the children to and from school, and the recent purchase of a property where a building project has commenced which will mean wasted rent money spent for their current site can be redirected into enhancing the quality of learning for an increased number of students.

The Congress component of the trip was in the city of Kolkata, formerly known as Calcutta. Kolkata, often referred to, was the home of Mother Teresa who was recently proclaimed a Saint by Pope Francis. Visiting Mother Teresa’s tomb and home, where she spent most of her adult life serving the poor, was a moving spiritual experience. Within the vibrant and at times chaotic cosmopolitan ‘City of Joy’, the Congress enabled leaders from around the world to work collaboratively in support of the Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders (EREBB) program. A strong commitment was made to the long-term sustainability of this program with a range of possible strategies being discussed.

In modelling our commitment to EREBB and in addition to the networking benefits, St Patrick’s can be proud of what we already do which includes: Immersions to Papua New Guinea and reciprocal immersions with St Joseph’s Flexible Learning Centre in Alice Springs and Chetanalya in India.

The College will continue to explore ways of further deepening the strengths of these existing relationships, as well as considering additional possibilities with other Edmund Rice Partners. Our belief in a compassionate and inclusive God and our practicing of an authentic Catholic faith will continue to be demonstrated by how we further embrace opportunities to engage in EREBB.

*Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever*

John Murphy
Acting Headmaster

Expressions of Interest for Membership of the College Board are invited from parents of the College. The Board is seeking interest from persons from diverse backgrounds such as education, finance, legal or planning.

Expressions of Interest should be made via email to the Headmaster’s Secretary, agnes.dening@spc.nsw.edu.au before Monday 7 November 2016.
On 4 November the Junior School will begin its annual fundraising period with The Junior School Mission Mass. This Mass is attended by both Years 5 and 6 and is based on a theme of Social Justice in the world today, giving the boys the perfect launching pad into their fundraising time. For the past eight years the Junior School has entered into a relationship with a Catholic Church organisation based in Delhi, India called Chetanalaya. Chetanalaya works with the poor of the city, a group that is staggering in size and whose problems are immense. Having seen the work of this organisation first hand I can attest to the wonderful job they do on threadbare resources, no government assistance and the limitations in infrastructure that is part of Indian society.

Since 2009, the Junior School has raised over $180,000 for Chetanalaya. In 2009 we were able to purchase a bus and pay the yearly wages of a driver to transport disabled students to school in a remote village called Rohtak. In 2010 we helped support a project in a slum settlement in Sundernagar that trained and employed teachers, one of the greatest needs in these poor settlements. Some of our boys began a “pen pal” arrangement with students from Sundernagar and were amazed at some of the differences in lifestyle, but equally surprised at the number of similarities. In 2011 we raised funds to help build a new school for the disabled children in Rohtak.

In 2012 Chetanalaya identified the need for further help to go towards the work being done in Sundernagar. After two years, the Education Centres were struggling to maintain staff and resources and needed an injection of funds. The Education Centres provide non formal schooling for children who have no access to education at all and we can make a really significant difference in their lives with our efforts. The Junior School Social Justice Group renewed the pen pal arrangement with the children from Sundernagar which continues today and are currently eagerly awaiting their next letter. For the past four years our focus has been on the Education Resource Centre for disabled children in Rohtak. The need for help here remains constant. Mr Murphy has just returned from a visit to India where he saw the progress being made on the Rohtak project, sharing his reflections with us all at last week’s College assembly. Much good has been accomplished, but there is still much to do.

The Chetanalaya relationship has been a two way street in terms of benefits. The organisation has clearly benefited from the marvelously generosity of our College community here, but our community has benefited too from widening our view of the world and gaining a deeper insight into the issues faced by our fellow human beings every day. Our Mission Mass will mark the commencement of a significant time where we reach out to others and deepen our understanding of what it means to be a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. I am confident of the continued support of our wonderful community throughout this time.

Jim Walters—Director of Junior School

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Upcoming dates:
Friday 11 November – SPC Swimming invitational at the College Pool 1pm – 3pm.
Any boy interested in morning trainings 6.45am at Enfield pool need to see Mr Andrews by Friday.
Year 11 Preliminary Course Report
By the end of Week 3, the Year 11 Reports will be available online to parents via the Parent Portal on SOLE. It is important to note that only parent accounts will be able to access the reports. Parents who have forgotten their passwords can complete the "forgot password" link on the SOLE login page.

2017 HSC Assessment Handbook and BOSTES HSC Rules and Procedures Booklet
On the first Monday back this term, I addressed Year 11 at a special Assembly about the 2017 Higher School Certificate and Assessment.

At this Assembly the boys were meticulously “walked through” the College’s 2016-17 Edition of the Higher School Certificate Assessment Handbook and the Assessment Tasks Calendar for the remainder of this year. Both documents have been emailed to students and are also available on SOLE. Furthermore, when students return next week, hardcopies of this document along with the BOSTES 2017 Higher School Certificate Rules and Procedures Booklet, will be distributed via Homeroom.

It is expected that all boys would thoroughly familiarise themselves with all this information in order to plan and prepare for the rigours and demands of the HSC year ahead. I would also urge parents to read this information with their sons.

The information presented in these documents focuses on the rules associated with procedural matters governing the HSC, particularly assessment and examinations, such as conduct, malpractice, illness/misadventure, etc.

It is also important to note that the boys will confirm they have read, understood and agree to abide by the HSC rules and procedures when they sign their HSC Confirmation of Entry from BOSTES in first term next year.

In the event the BOSTES booklet is lost or misplaced, please contact the College to organise a replacement.

Andrew Brennan – Acting Director of Curriculum

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Year 7 and the House of Welcome
On Thursday 27 October all of Year 7 will partake in their Justice Partnership & Spirituality Starter Day. This day will involve different components, but one of the main aspects of the day is the food drive collection to support the House of Welcome throughout the month of November. All that we collect as a community will be used by the House of Welcome to care for newly arrived asylum seeker and refugee families. It is basics that are most in need. Each Year 7 student has been asked to bring in two specific items on 27 October. If there is anybody else in the community who would like to donate one of the following items, please bring them in to the front office by the morning of the collection day: large bags of rice (Basmati, Jasmine or Long Grain), sugar, salt, flour, cooking spices, tea, coffee, canned fish, canned tomatoes, canned chickpeas, soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper.

Please help support the Year 7 Justice Partner and a great friend of the College – the House of Welcome – in all that they do for those in need; http://www.houseofwelcome.com.au/

Thank-you
Gillian Daley—Director of Identity

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P & F - Expressions of Interest
The Annual General Meeting of the Parents’ and Friends’ Association will be held on Tuesday 15 November 2016 commencing at 7.30pm. All P & F Committee positions are declared vacant and Expressions of Interest for the various committee positions are now being called for from the College community. The various positions include:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Social Events Coordinator
Parent Year Representative Coordinator
General Committee Members

Expressions of Interest should be sent to the Headmaster’s Secretary via email agnes.dening@spc.nsw.edu.au before Monday 7 November 2016.

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**ADVANCE NOTICE**
Year 6 Parents

“Preparing your Son for High School”
Information Evening

Wednesday 23 November (Week 7)
6.00pm
Robson Auditorium

All Year 6 Parents are invited and encouraged to attend. We aim to answer all your questions and provide you with some valuable information, to help make your son’s transition to the High School as seamless as possible.

Parking will be available on the tennis courts

**NB:** This is a parent-only event.
Summer Season
The 1st V Basketball began their season last weekend with the Pre-season Challenge at Oakhill College. The day provided some much needed competition leading into the first round against St Andrew’s this weekend.

After a successful pre-season, which saw the 1st XI win all four games against CAS and GPS schools, the 1st and 2nd XI Cricket sides will commence their seasons with road trips to Bathurst, playing St Stanislaus’ and All Saints Colleges respectively. Good luck to all.

Congratulations
Five boys went on to represent St Patrick’s at the NSW All-Schools State Championships at the start of Term 4 – Alexander del Popolo, Antony Eussen, Leon Frangi, Christopher Ius and Oscar Schmidt-Ully coming away with the following results, which included four College Records. A fantastic achievement for all involved!

NSW All-Schools Championships

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<td>Christopher Ius</td>
<td>100m</td>
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Unfortunately, Antony was injured shortly before the event so could only compete with a standing throw – this, therefore, was a fantastic achievement for him under the circumstances. His warm-up throw the week before would have seen him break a College record as well.

Mitchell Kearsley—Head of Secondary Sport

WET WEATHER UPDATES: On 97631000 then follow prompts, Twitter at http://twitter.com/SPCSeniorSport, or http://www.spc.nsw.edu.au/wp/?page_id=20 or SOLE SPC SPORT.