

ST LAURENCE FLC

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Edmund Rice Feast Day



May 5th,

Why is this significant to our school?

St Laurence Flexible Learning Centre is part of

Edmund Rice Education Australia Flexible Schools Networks

Supporting young people's engagement in education for positive life futures.

We gathered to celebrate EREA, which was established in 2007 to govern and manage the schools founded by the Christian brothers in Australia from 1871 to 2007. EREA now oversees

55 schools, covering all states and territories of Australia and enrolling over 39,000 students.

They provide a place and an opportunity for young people to engage with learning and community. Flexible learning centres operate on a common ground basis where young people are empowered to determine their own pathways.

CAREER EXPO

On May 16th, our Year 10 young people attended the career links career expo at Broadmeadow Racecourse.

It was as successful day with many of our young people coming home with bags of goodies and a wealth of information on career pathways.



RECONCILIATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

May 27 to June 3 2024

Walking and exploring Glenrock National Park,
Boomerang painting, reflections and coming
together as a school community



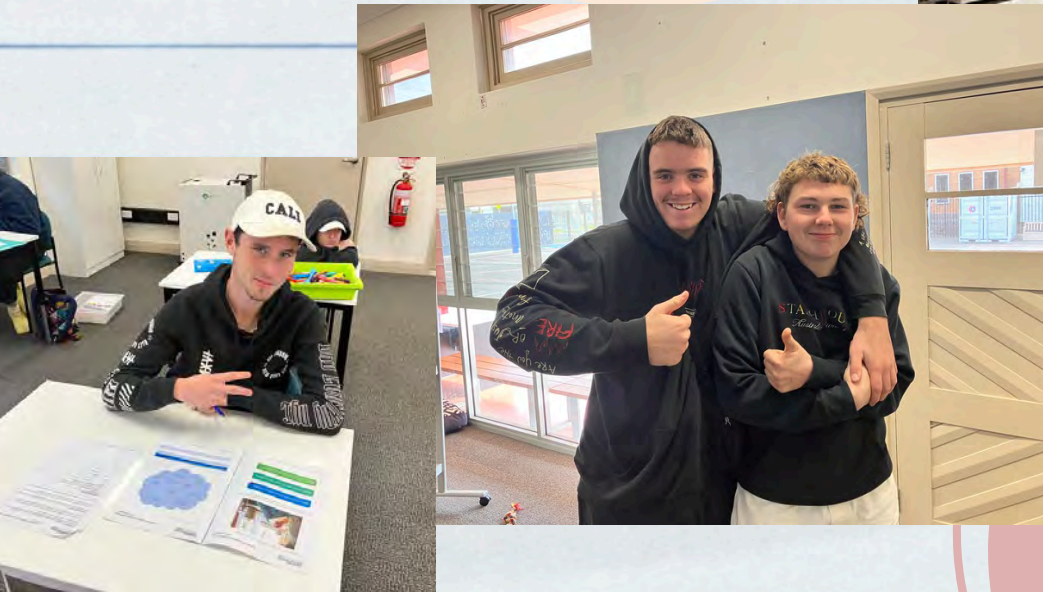
TERM 2 LEARNING

This term in Pelicans we looked at Australians at War, the novel Blueback, Financial Maths A, the Body System.

I enjoyed science, learning about the human body and the activities we did in class.

My favourite thing this term was coming in and meeting new people.

• Lexi S



Turtles looked at Rights and Freedoms, Poetry, Financial maths and reproduction.

Our favourite things this term were

“ Bike riding, footy, art project, Glenrock walk, Pickleball and learning alot from Alison”

**As part of Why Shakespeare?
Dolphins went to see a
production of Macbeth at the
Civic Theatre.**

**Feedback from young people
included**

**“I thought it was a great
experience and a good
opportunity”**

**“My favourite part was when
Macbeth just killed the King”**



Reconciliation Reflection

Reconciliation Week is a short period each year where all Australians are encouraged to acknowledge and respect Indigenous culture and understand the struggles they experienced as a result of colonisation. St Laurence Flexible Learning Centre participated in this annual event and gave students two activities throughout the week, both related to Aboriginal culture.

The first of these activities was a walk along the Glenrock trail on Tuesday. The goal of this walk was to connect with nature and experience untouched Aboriginal land. This walk which was very pleasant and calming took us about 2 hours from start to finish. The exit of the trail took us to Burwood beach where we would then roam for about half an hour, after that we went up the Hickson Street Walk and ate lunch on the grass. All students and staff members were invited to this activity and were encouraged to participate.

The second of the activities offered was to paint our own personal boomerang and apply a custom design. During the second session on Friday, each student was given their own wooden boomerang and paint. After this we scattered around the school in groups, sat outside and talked while we painted.

Before we did this we were educated about the history, the use, and the meaning the boomerang has in Aboriginal culture. The goal of this activity was to handle a significant piece of Indigenous history, and experience it for ourselves.

Reconciliation Week was a fun experience at St. Laurence and should definitely be continued in the next years to come.

Elective Fun and Term 2 Activities

Jamming at Music elective



Bit of double dutch



Magic day at Merewether Beach



Game On - Holiday activity fun



Helping Jo in the kitchen



**Keepy Uppy
one of our favourites**



It's a bit chilly



Transition Events Term 2



TAFE offer 'try before you buy' taster courses through their YES Program (Youth Engagement Strategy)

This is an excellent opportunity for our young people to select a course they're interested in to experience what it's like to attend TAFE and also to see if this is the career pathway for them

Year 10 attended the annual Newcastle Career Expo. The Expo featured over 200 exhibitors from Training Organisations, Employment Agencies, Apprenticeship & Traineeship Pathways, Universities, Jobs overseas and many many more.



Apprenticeship Pathways Explorer

An opportunity for school students and their parents/carers to connect with employers actively recruiting across various industries in the Hunter Region

Some of our young people also attended the Apprenticeship Pathways Expo at Maitland. This offered great insight into Apprenticeships and Traineeships in the Hunter Valley and in particular, the Mining Industry.

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