

This Month Around EREA – August 2019 eNews

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## News



### Latest Message from Pope Francis

What kind of world do we want to leave for the future? Let us leave a world with families. Let us pray that families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly “schools of true human development”.

Pope Francis – August 2019

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### **EREA Welcomes New Board Member**

The EREA Council has the pleasure to announce that Dr Cathy Day has accepted their invitation to join the Board of Edmund Rice Education Australia. Cathy is from Townsville and has been involved in education for many years, most recently as the Executive Director of Townsville Catholic Education.

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### **EREA leaders meet with one of the world's greatest theologians**

A group of Australian Catholic educational leaders have had the great privilege to meet and dialogue with Fr Gustavo Gutierrez, champion of the poor and the “Father of Liberation Theology”.



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### **CBC St Kilda opens doors after 'sister' school closes**

Students in their final years of study at Catholic girls' school, Presentation College, in Melbourne, have been offered the chance to finish their VCE studies at CBC St Kilda, after their college announced its closure at the end of next year.

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### **Leaders of Learning Network**

Over the last term Paul Shannon has been convening Leaders of Learning network



meetings across the country. During this time each of the leaders have been sharing their innovative teaching and learning approaches for their schools. These gatherings are leading up to the EREA National Teaching and Learning Conference to be held in September.

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### **Indian Brother Encourages us to Raise Our Voices for Just Causes**

Throughout July and August, Br Steve Rocha has been inspiring and working with students and staff across the country to promote ***educating for advocacy***. Br Steve is a Christian Brother and internationally recognised children's rights advocate.

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## **International Edmund Rice Leadership Symposium**

Caras del Mundo – Faces of the World | 20 June – 4 July | Lima

### **EREBB Leadership Symposium 2019**

Over 50 school leaders from 15 countries gathered in Lima recently for the Inaugural International Edmund Rice Leadership Symposium. A variety of speakers explored leadership, mission, theology, justice and global networking. This program will be a regular



event for senior leaders in Edmund Rice schools globally.

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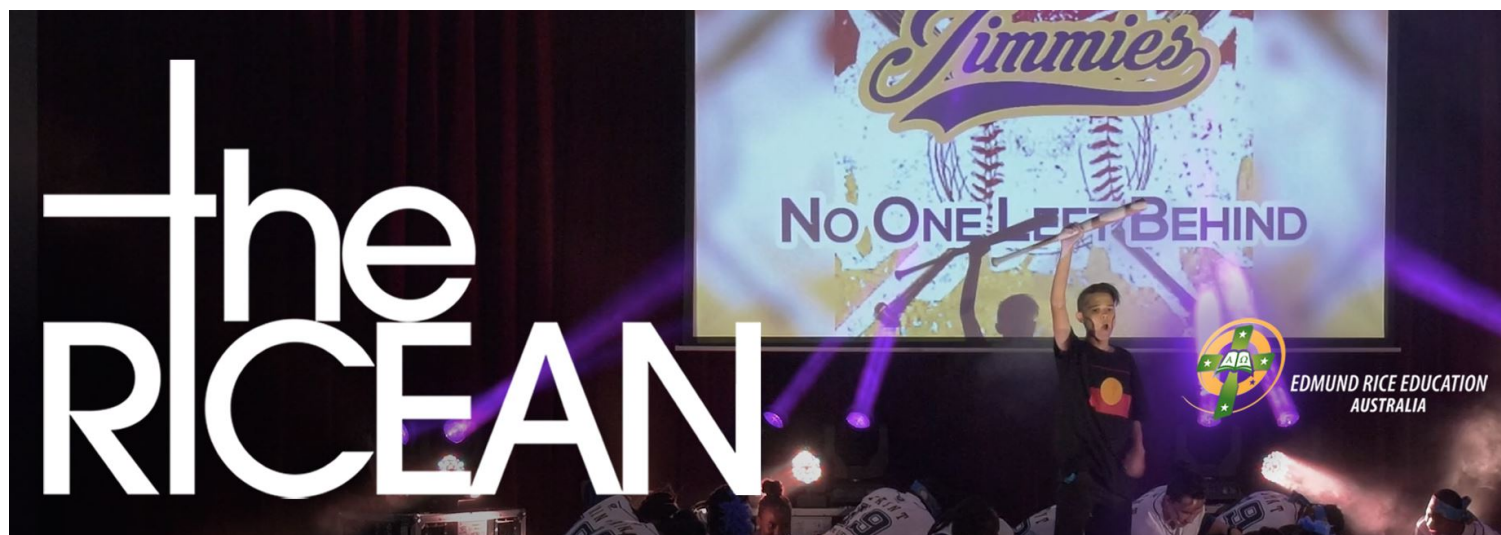


### **Christian Brother preserves and promotes First Peoples' languages**

Preserving and promoting the languages of Australia's First Peoples has been at the heart of the ministry of a New South Wales Christian Brother recently recognised with Australia's premier award in teaching languages other than English.

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### **Celebrating Hope: the Latest Ricean**

Get inspired and tap into the depth of Edmund Rice education. The Ricean is the online magazine of Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA). The latest edition explores and celebrates Hope and its deep resonance for us as a Catholic learning community. We hope you enjoy the variety of articles that link our journey of education with our desire to form hope in our young people.



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### Sustainability Across EREA

As we continue to express our commitment to care for our common home, a number of creative and interesting events and opportunities are on the horizon. These include an invitation to participate in [EChO across EREA Communities of Practice](#) (Northern Region 2019 and Eastern and Western Regions 2020), [Workshop: Beyond Sustainability-working together to build an earth-centred future](#) and an invitation to [Create a canvas across EREA](#).

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### Around Our Schools

TRINITY  
COLLEGE



*Celebrating*  
125 YEARS

### WESTERN REGION

Trinity College is celebrating 125 years of education in Western Australia. They invited members of the community who have had a positive impact on the College over the years – either as a student, staff member, parent or friend – to tell their story and share their memories of CBC Perth and Trinity College.

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## EASTERN REGION

Being so close to the world famous Bondi Beach is of great benefit to students of **Waverley College**. The sporting demands, educational benefits and a community-minded approach to surf life saving make a perfect partnership between SLSA and Waverley students completing their Bronze Medallion.

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## SOUTHERN REGION

Almost 200 members of the **St Kevin's College** community gathered on Saturday night to support the annual Zimele Dinner. Zimele supports Christian Brother and Edmund Rice schools in East Africa and builds relationships of solidarity between members of both communities.



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### **NORTHERN REGION**

A surge in boarding enrolments has seen **St Brendan's College, Yeppoon** fast track its residential building program and redesign a new dedicated space for Yr 7 boarders in 2020.

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## **Spotlight**

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### **Attendance matters**

#### **Attendance and Student Outcomes**

"Teacher quality is the single most important in-school factor influencing student



achievement" (Hattie, 2009). However, the relationship between teacher quality and student achievement is mediated by the amount of time students spend in the classroom. Irrespective of the reasons for absences, non-attendance affects student outcomes. This edition of AITSL's Spotlight explores the impacts of non-attendance and ways to overcome it.

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### **Touchstones App: Have Your Say**

The EREA Touchstones App will celebrate its second birthday at the beginning of September. We would love to know how you are using it. How often do you use it for reflection or prayer? Who do you use it with? What is resonating with you? What would enhance your experience? What would you like to see more or less of?

Please send any feedback to [touchstonesapp@erea.edu.au](mailto:touchstonesapp@erea.edu.au) or try the Feedback Section from the in-app menu.

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## Service learning is a good thing - Can it also be a core thing?

In my teaching life I have been fortunate enough to witness real student change. The kind of change that excites and inspires. Some time ago I had cause to reflect on these transformational moments and noticed a trend.....In each of these situations the common element was service.

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## Upcoming Events

### Let's Talk EREA Aboriginal Immersion

4-10 August | NSW



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### New Flexible Learning Centre Site Opening

14 August | Alice Springs

### National Peace Education Conference

14-16 August | Melbourne

### School Renewal

23-26 August | CBC Adelaide

### Teaching and Learning Conference

11-13 September | Sydney

### Core Formation Programs

#### A Call to Leadership

7-8 August | Brisbane

12-13 August | Sydney

15-16 August | Adelaide

27-28 August | Melbourne

## Employment

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### Vacancies and Recent Appointments

Positions are advertised here for EREA Office roles and Senior Leadership positions in EREA schools and entities.



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