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SCOOPS' SCRIBBLE

“It won't be the same! I hope so!!”

Greetings to all,

After 9 years of offering my thoughts and musings via Scoops Scribble, this will be my final contribution to this newsletter as I finish my time on staff on Friday 31st May. In January 1998 I took part in my first camp in Goulburn, and can still remember the excitement as we gathered for our training day at Mulgoa. I remember the anxious anticipation driving into Bidwill to meet and pick up the kids, and the pure excitement and energy of the group.

Since then there have been many good people I have known, good friends over short time, as well as lasting friendships that I look forward continuing through life. Maybe we'll end in a nursing home together playing Connect 4 and singing Boom Chicka Boom or Father Abraham on the community bus.

As Matt and I were looking through an assortment of old photos I was struck by the many and varied people and places in those few photos. At times the activities can seem to be the same, but every camp has had its unique value given by the group of leaders and kids assembled. In every photo was a story of kids and leaders engaging with each other, creating memories for those in them.

I have worked with amazing staff, volunteers, Christian Brothers and particularly kids. Through this I have been privileged to visit parts of Sydney, NSW, Australia and the world that many will not. I will be forever grateful to these people and for these experiences.

I am happy and proud of what we together have achieved over my time of involvement, but it is time for me to move on and for new energy, ideas and life to take Camps onwards from here. That will require your energy to make it happen, so I urge you to consider how you can be more involved and take on another role or continue in one.

I am looking forward to spending time with April and Olivia, finishing my studies, and continuing to support. I thank you for the support and inspiration you have been to me over the years. I have had some lovely messages from people, some saying that it won't be the same without me around. I sincerely hope that this is true!! My hope for Camps is that it will continue and change and develop and be different, the as Edmund Rice said, 'have courage, the good seed you plant in children's hearts will grow up later on'

Cheers,

Scoops

Eddy! Eddy! Eddy! oi oi oi

MATT'S MUSINGS...

Greetings fellow members of the ERC community,

Three months ago, I finished up my temporary employment as Programs Officer with ERC. This left Scoops in the position of being the only staff member with various events requiring organisation, on top of all the other things that keep an Executive Officer busy, so I returned in a part-time capacity for another three months to get amongst the planning of these events. These events included the Caribbean Cruise social event, North-West NSW April Camp and the Disconnect to Reconnect Fundraising Challenge.

The Caribbean Cruise saw what could have potentially been a rainy, miserable afternoon trapped on a boat in Sydney Harbour turn into a fun, sunny afternoon with a great group of leaders and friends. I'd like to thank Michelle Walsh for playing a large role in the planning and success of the event.

This year's April Camp program saw 19 Kids from Walgett and Gulargambone make the long drive down to Sydney to get amongst a week of fun with 16 Volunteers. A big thanks to everyone who participated in this camp, even those who were not able to join in for the full week. Every contribution, including assisting with the driving, coming out support on dorms for a couple of nights and running the Orientation Day, all of your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Disconnect to Reconnect fundraiser saw 57 volunteers, nationwide, switch off all technology from 7pm Friday May 10th—7pm Sunday May 12th. A bit of friendly competition saw myself and volunteer Emily Mattick raise over \$3000 for ERC, and take the positions of top two fundraisers nationwide. This is a great achievement, and I'd like to congratulate Emily, as well as all Disconnectors nationwide, for the amazing fundraising efforts.

Next Friday, May 31st, also marks Scoops' last day in the office for ERC. After first volunteering in 1998 and moving into a staff position in 2004, I think we are all aware of the amazing work and effort that Scoops has put in to Edmund Rice Camps. I'd like to take an opportunity to thank Scoops for everything he has put into Camps, and wish him the best in the future as a teacher, and as a Dad.

This July will be the first camp programs with the new Executive Officer on staff, and we encourage as many volunteers as possible to get involved and share the experience that you have gained over your years with camps with the new Staff member.

Thank you all for the contributions you make to Camps, and I look forward to seeing you on a camp program soon!

Regards,
Matt Herro

APRIL N/W NSW CAMP



The week that was...

On the 14th of April, I set off to take part in the April camp. It was the start of the Uni mid semester break, so what better way to spend the break than going on camp. It was the second camp that I have done, so in some ways I was feeling confident about the whole thing, but then again, you can't be too sure about things. It's better to be expecting the unexpected.

The camp started off with the orientation session, I have to admit, I was falling asleep in parts of the session, but it gave me the opportunity to mix around with the other leaders that were camping as well. Later in the afternoon, the kids arrived at camp. The kids were coming off a REALLY LONG journey from Walgett so I assumed that they would be worn out from the trip, but then again, expect the unexpected. As they entered Winbourne, voices singing "Way down yonder", "There was a great big moose" and other camp songs blocked out the sound of the buses and everything else. It showed me that these kids made sure that they brought a lot of energy with them. As the kids hopped of the buses and headed into the green room, it was evident that the kids outnumbered the leaders, so there was going to be a great challenge throughout the week.

As the week progressed, and kids and leaders mixed about, the camp environment grew in awesomeness. Leaders were able to establish good relations with all the kids, the kids were able to mess about and burn off their excessive loads of energy, but somehow summon more and more energy, and just have fun. A popular game that was played everyday was crocodile. Kids were able to bust out some of their fancy dance moves, and there was always one or two who just loved to be in the middle.



The week was full of great activities for the kids. One of the activities that stood out for me was the Mini Olympics. The reason why it stood out so much was the reaction from the kids. Most of them just didn't want to do it. I was just puzzled as to why this was. But the final event of the games, the relay, just lifted everyone and provided a grand finale to the games. The other standout activity was the 'Eddy Rice has Talent' talent show on the last night. It gave the kids, and a few leaders, a chance to showcase their own hidden talents. From dancing, to acting, the talent was limitless. Definitely creating some long lasting memories.



The 19th of April was the day when all the fun came to a temporary stop. The kids had to get up really early for the drive back to Walgett. At breakfast, I was able to reflect on the week that was, the friendships I made, the wonderful kids I met, and the great experience I had. As the awards were given out, and each kid received their award, I knew that through out the week, the leaders and I were able to have a positive effect on these kids' lives for the little time that they spent with us. As the kids drove off, and the voices singing "Way down yonder", "There was a great big moose", and the other camp songs, all that went through my head was, "Bring on the next one!"

Arthur Maikin

LEADER PROFILE

Jacobus Tencaten



Name & (nicknames): Jacob

Age: 22

How and when did you get involved with ERC? April 2011 was my first camp. I was doing a certificate 4 when I was asked to try out a Eddie Rice Camp.

Favourite camp food? Recently I fell in love with Eddie Burgers with mayo and tomato sauce

Favourite movie and/or TV show? Dr Who

If you could have one super power what would it be and why? I would have Superman's power as I would be unstoppable plus I'll be able to fly

Quirky detail / something people wouldn't know about myself ... I still play Pokémon

My most challenging camp experience was... Remembering a unique name.

If you could be anyone for one day, who would it be and why? Barack Obama as I would like to see how it is to rule for a day, plus I get to work in the White House.

Five people I would like to have over for dinner ...

Emma Watson - She has been my favourite actress since Harry Potter 1

Tim Cahill - He's my idol

Bruno Mars - My favourite singer ever

Barack Obama - He's an inspirational person and hope he inspires many more people in the future

The Queen - Just so I don't have to call her formally

CALENDAR 2013

MAY

31st: Edmund Rice Foundation Dinner
Annual Gala Dinner for the Edmund Rice Foundation

JUNE

5th: CET Selected
Team Leaders and Facilitators selected for July Camps

10th: Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday

12th: CET Initial Meeting
Camp Executive Teams meet with Staff and begin planning camp programs.

14th: Justice Centre Farewell for Scoops
Gathering at the Edmund Rice Centre, Homebush from 4-7pm to farewell Scoops.

17th: New Volunteer Training
Compulsory training for all New Volunteers registered for July Camps.

30th - 5th July : July Wk 1 Camps
Junior camp set for this week. With 40 Volunteers and Kids participating.

JULY

7th - 12th : July Wk 2 Camps
Senior camp set for this week. With 40 Volunteers and Kids participating.

31st: CET Review Night
Team Leaders and Facilitators review April Camp with Staff

AUGUST

4th: July Camps Picnic Day
Get to together of all Volunteers and Kids from the July Camps

9th - 11th: Weekend Camp (Mulgoa)
Scheduled weekend camp for 6 kids from Western Sydney (11 - 15yrs)

SEPTEMBER

4th: CET Selected
Team Leaders and Facilitators selected for September Camps

11th: CET Initial Meeting
Camp Executive Teams meet with Staff and begin planning camp programs.

22nd - 26th: September Wk 2 Camps
Junior/Year 12 camp set for this week. With 40 Volunteers and Kids participating.

29th - 3rd October : September Wk 2 Camps
Junior/Year 12 camp set for this week. With 40 Volunteers and Kids participating.

OCTOBER

7th: Labour Day
Public Holiday

23rd: CET Review Night
Team Leaders and Facilitators review September Camps with Staff

27th: September Camps Picnic Day
Get to together of all Volunteers and Kids from the September Camps

SPARK volunteers support newly arrived children and families of refugee backgrounds. SPARK provides educational, social and cultural support to newly arrived refugee children and their families in partnership with primary schools in Western Sydney.

Programs include Bright Sparks, an after-school activities club where volunteers work one on one with children to provide language, homework, communication and other support. Volunteers and children build positive relationships and children's confidence in their school work and their new community grows. Children are referred to Bright Sparks by partner schools.

Parents/carers and volunteers also come together to allow new families to make friends within the school community. In Family Groups, volunteers assist parents to build on their English language skills, to understand the Australian school system, address settlement issues and participate successfully in Australian society.

Join SPARK and make a difference in the lives of families new to Australia.

To apply, visit www.vinnies.org.au/spark or for more information please contact SPARK

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Wanting to make a donation other than money?

Wanting to make a significant change to a child's life?

If you have 30cm of undyed hair that is waiting to be cut, then please register for Cut For A Cause

We need 19 people to register by July 17th for the event in early August.

For more information, please visit facebook.com/CutForACause

Or contact Laura Rojas on

laura.jade.rojas@hotmail.com 0403107278

Please pass the message on, and help a fellow Eddie Ricer out!



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CRUISING FOR CAMPS



We set sail on a fine (cloudy, overcast, rainy) autumn day ready to take Darling Harbour by storm! But storm it did not! The sun occasionally poked it's head out from the clouds and we had a hula of a time. We left Cockle Bay behind us, decked out in our finest Caribbean gear, garlands, frangipanis and shirts to boot, and a few optimistic pairs of sunnies that, in my opinion, guaranteed us some sun!

We kicked off with a few drinks, and some chit chat and then intermittently took to the dance floor and basking in the rays on the upper deck. We had pirates to deal with (Chingy), campers old and new, and some lovely new faces, which made for a wonderful day on the water. 3 hours of blissful cruising saw us return to Cockle Bay Wharf to continue the party on land.

In true eddy style everyone embraced the day fully with dancing, drinking and a whole lot of energy and had a great day and night for those who kicked on well into the night/morning!

Sadly though, this event was also one of Scoops' final Eddy Rice events as head honcho and we can only hope that we sent him off with a bang!

On behalf of all who attended on the day and anyone who has ever had the pleasure of camping I would like to thank Scoops for the dedication and effort he has put into camps over the last 15 years and wish him all the best with the family and his teaching endeavours. Good bye King Ooga Booga. You will be sorely missed!

To all who attended, I can only hope you had as much fun as I did, and look forward to seeing you at camps and the next social event to pick up where we left off!



Finally to those who were unable to make it, hope to see you at the next social event, or on camps for some more fun and catching up, you all know we don't do it enough!

Cheers,

Walshie (Michelle Walsh)

UPCOMING CAMP DATES 2013

July camps are only around the corner. Get your names in to get amongst the fun of these programs!

BRING A FRIEND TO CAMP IN 2013!!!

JULY WEEK 1:

Sunday 30th June – 5th July 2013: Junior Camp (7 – 11yrs) - 20 Vols

JULY WEEK 2:

Sunday 7th – 12th Jan 2013: Senior Camp (12 – 15yrs) - 20 Vols

WANT TO TEAM LEAD OR FACILITATE???
LET THE OFFICE KNOW



LEADER PROFILE

David Ramjan

Name & (nicknames):

David, Dave, Ramjan, Rambo

Age: 21

How and when did you get involved with ERC?

Since 2004, the Lenten appeal at school contributed to ERC, and did my first camp in 2010 thanks to Herro and G-Unit

Favourite camp food?

Everything! Eddy burgers, schnitzels, pasta, casserole, anything the lovely kitchen ladies serve us up (especially when I get an extra big serve :D)

Favourite movies and/or TV shows?

Ice Age, Monster's Inc., Toy Story, Lord of the Rings, Family Guy, Psych, Futurama, Scrubs, Sherlock, The Big Bang Theory

If you could have one super power what would it be and why?

Telekinesis, do you really need a reason? Obviously because it would be AWESOME.

Quirky detail / something people wouldn't know about myself ...

Well since people already know about my panda suit... I've always been a HUGE fan of Pokémon

My most challenging camp experience was...

Trying to remember that not everyone taller than me is a leader

If you could be anyone for one day, who would it be and why?

Honestly, there's no-one I'd rather be than me

Five people I would like to have over for dinner ...

Dr. Karl - Such an amazingly smart guy, and he's had so many cool adventures, I could just sit there listening to him all night

Hugh Jackman - Because he's WOLVERINE. Also such a friendly and down-to-earth superstar

The Umbilical Brothers - Amazingly clever comedians, also I would love to see their take on mime-eating even if it's only half as good as the rest of their show

Michael Stevens from Vsauce - So entertaining and manages to make even the simplest things seem amazing



DISCONNECT 2 RECONNECT



After receiving an email sent by Matt, addressed to himself, I was convinced that camps needed more money to hire better staff, but also to run the fantastic camps that we all love. So on Friday the 10th of May at 7pm I switched off my mobile, logged out of Facebook and turned off the TV in aid of the ERC disCONNECT challenge!

I decided late in the game to disCONNECT this year, so sent out a text (ironic, I know) to some of my most supportive friends and family and received enough enthusiasm that my 48 hours fundraising before disCONNECTing would be worth it. I knew my friends and family were generous – they have been putting up with me for 22 years, but they really outdid themselves this year and within 48 hours I had exceeded my fundraising goal, quickly doubling it and sparking up a competition against Matt, but I will come back to that!

Unfortunately I had to work the Friday night, which made it easy not to use my phone and the Internet, but there are about 27 televisions around the club, which meant a lot of idle dazing out of windows, excessive cleaning and talking to customers. Thankfully I worked with some very entertaining people and had some visitors throughout the night so there was no temptation to use technology!

Luckily my Saturday's efforts to reconnect were a lot more exciting as I met up with my cousins, sister, Dad, and some friends at the Sydney Comedy Festival to watch *Smart Casual* perform their most recent touring show "The Other Brother". It was fantastic to spend quality time with cousins who had been overseas for two years, cousins who live 15 minutes from me but I never see, and friends who are so busy completing major works for their final semester of university. Thanks to disCONNECT I was able to reconnect with people who are such a huge part of my life but never see!

By Sunday night, after coaching volleyball for 3 hours, and eating Cold Rock, I was ready to reconnect my phone as I walked through a cold and dark Bicentennial Park because I forgot to organize a lift home. However, I made it all the way to 7pm, and was even distracted by an intense game of scrabble at home (axon for 33 points caused some debate) until mum reminded me I had made it the whole weekend!

I found it far less challenging than I thought I would to go without technology, and found a lot more sleep without my iPod and TV. It was fantastic to be able to spend that time with family and friends without getting distracted by my phone, and also noticed how much time other people spend using technology. While I still use my phone A LOT I am more conscious of when, and haven't played Candy Crush in almost a week!!

Back to the competition: a big congratulations to Matt Herro who just got ahead of me and is currently the highest fundraiser in Australia. There is still time to donate though so get involved, or even consider disCONNECTing yourself next year! Extra big thanks to everyone that donated this year! Especially my Mum and Dad who called, emailed and spoke to possibly everyone we know to get them involved!

Emily Mattick

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- April Camps Donors

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With the support of the Brothers through the subsidized use of the site at Mulgoa and the generosity of many local councils and businesses in offering discounts for activities the cost for each person per camp is around \$150. For a 5 day holiday with everything included, I think all would agree it is good value. ERCNSW provides all placements to children and families **at no cost**, some government and non government agencies have contributed to the cost of a child where this is possible. No child will ever be prevented from attending (or given a place) on any camp based on availability of funding.

Through the work of the Foundation, its' staff and the ERC Fundraising Team we will continue to develop support for the camps through sponsorship, donations and fundraising activities. If you have any suggestions or contacts who may be able to assist please let us know.

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