



## Principal's Comment

As we head into Term 4 and some vitally important examinations, it is very pleasing to be able to publish a newsletter that has so much good news in it. Our students have excelled in a wide range of school activities.

My congratulations to all the students involved and my thanks to the College staff, parents and supporters who helped make these achievements possible. I hope parents recognise just how much effort has gone into this string of successes by both students and the people who mentor, coach and support them.

A J Vester  
Principal

## IMPORTANT NOTICE ON INDUSTRIAL ACTION

As you know, the school was closed for a day in September when members of the PPTA took industrial action. It is the intention of the union to continue its industrial action through "rostering home" over several weeks in Term 4. This means that teachers who are members of the PPTA will not be available to teach students in a particular year level on certain dates, and students in that year level will be required to stay at home for the day.

The first such action is scheduled for **Thursday 14 October**. If the action goes ahead, no **Year 11** classes will be taught on that day and all Year 11 students should stay at home. They should use the day for study.

**Year 9** students will be rostered to stay at home on **Wednesday 20 October** and, a week later, **Year 10** students on **Wednesday 27 October**.

We will keep you informed as to whether this action proceeds and any future dates that will affect your students throughout the term.

## EDGEWATER COMMUNITY EDUCATION

**Enrol now for courses starting from Monday 18 October**

Collect a booklet from the Community Education office or go to [www.shortcoursesandworkshops.co.nz](http://www.shortcoursesandworkshops.co.nz) for full details.

Courses include Café Barista Training, Christmas Goodies, Cake Decorating, Sewing for Beginners, and Digital Cameras.

These courses are open to students over the age of 15 as well as the wider community.

## Co-Curricular Prizegiving

**When:** Thursday 21 October, 6.00 p.m.  
**Where:** Howick Club  
107 Botany Road, Howick  
**Cost:** \$25 per person (includes dinner)  
Purchase tickets from the Student Office  
**NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER**

This event celebrates the achievements of our students in the co-curricular arena. We hope to see you there.

## OCTOBER 2010 Issue 8

### TERM 4

**Monday 11 October**  
First day of Term 4

**Wednesday 20 October**  
**5.00 – 7.00 p.m.**  
Careers Expo – Focus on Trades  
(see notice on Page 4)

**Thursday 21 October, 6.00 p.m.**  
**Howick Club**  
Co-curricular Prize-giving  
(Bookings essential)

**Monday 25 October**  
Labour Day holiday – school closed

**Thursday 4 November, 7.30 p.m.**  
Senior Prizegiving

**Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 &  
Friday 12 November**  
Junior exams (Years 9 & 10)

**Saturday 13 November**  
NZ Scholarship exams begin

**Monday 15 November**  
NCEA exams begin

**Wednesday 1 December**  
NCEA & Scholarship exams end

**Friday 10 December**  
Last day of Term 4 (junior school)

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees will meet on **Wednesday 13 October** at 6.30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

## UNIFORM SHOP

**Wednesdays 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm**

Sandals may be worn during Term 4 (optional). Sandals should be plain, flat, black or brown, with a strap around the heel. To be worn without socks.

Uniform prices increase from 1<sup>st</sup> October, when GST increases to 15%.

# Student Achievements

**Congratulations** to Tukaiora Albert Togiahekefa, Fatui Fotu-Moala and Mojtaba Mussa who have been selected for the Auckland Blues East U-14 representative rugby team.

**Congratulations** to Jonathon Muavaa who has been elected as the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees, effective this month.  
And a big **Thank You** to Courtney Bennett for her service as Student Rep over the past year.

## Accounting Pursuits Competition

Congratulations to our senior Accounting students (Shaoqing Meads, Anna Shi, Andrew Ferguson, Jessica Tai and Amy Khun) for winning the NZCETA Accounting Pursuits competition at the University of Auckland. With a total of 53 points they finished well ahead of the competition. St Kentigern College and Massey High School placed second equal.

## Art Awards

Two Year 13 Art students received awards at a recent ceremony at the Auckland City Art Gallery. Blake Beckford won a Pat Hanly Student Membership Award for Excellence in Art and Ian Leapepe won a Te Tautai Pacific Arts Trust Award for Contributions to the Community through Visual Art and Performance.

## ASB Bursary Awards

Four Year 13 students – Angelica De Guzman, Rebecca Ly, Shaoqing Meads and Steven Steyl – were awarded ASB Bursaries at a lunch event at Eden Park on 23 September.

## Chess

The A Grade Chess team (Shaoqing Meads, Brandon Owen, Michael Yu and William Zhang) competed against very tough competition at the Auckland Secondary Schools Chess Championships and finished fourth behind Auckland Grammar School, Macleans College and Westlake Boys' High School.

## Hockey

The Girls' C Grade team finished the season as winners of the C Grade Bowl competition.

## Indian Dance Group

The Indian Dance Group performed at the Bollywood Festival at the Auckland Showgrounds on Saturday 21 August and won the trophy for the Best Group Discipline. This was the first time in over six years that a team from Edgewater College had entered the competition. Over 20 schools competed from around Auckland and Hamilton. Congratulations to Sonia Singh, Swetha Dass, Sholeen Dass, Ashilta Kumar, Ashley Kumari, Margi Soni and Louis Cochran.

## Jazz Band

The Jazz Band earned a Gold Award at the recent KBB Music Festival and placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall, out of 42 schools. This is the first time that Edgewater has won Gold. Special thanks to Mr Hamish Arthur, Band Director, for his inspiring leadership.

## Junior Boys' Football

The boys ended the season as overall winners of the 14B2 competition.

## NZALT Language Olympics

Our Japanese and French Language students earned six gold medallist certificates, one silver and five bronze certificates in the NZALT Language Olympics. On average, **Edgewater College placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 400 schools across Australasia**. Those who earned gold (Jhanvi Dholakia, Rina Fujiwara, Nikki Samsom, Suresh Sinnasamy, Julia Tolentino and Stephanie Wilson) fall in the top 1 per cent of contestants. Depti Sen earned silver and Nabi Mussa, Chanelle Norkie, Remuna Taraunu, Alice Young and Alice Yu earned bronze medallist certificates.

## Rugby

The Under-14 Boys' Rugby team finished in second place in the under-14 B grade and won promotion to the under-14 A grade for the 2011 competition.

## TheatreSports

Our TheatreSports Group was nominated for four awards and won the "Heart and Soul" award at the Auckland TheatreSports Festival on 10 September.

## "Zkabby Jamz"

A self-directed student group, the "Zkabby Jamz" competed at the Manukau City "Stand Up, Stand Out" competition, placing second in the heats and performing in the finals at the TelstrarClear Events Centre. They composed and choreographed their song themselves. Although the boys didn't place in the finals, they represented the school very well and were one of the youngest groups that performed.

## EDGEWATER EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS

On Thursday 16 September we held the second of the **Edgewater Excellence in Education Awards** ceremonies for 2010, to celebrate the exceptional performance of some of our students.

The "Triple E" Society honours students for Excellence in Education in the following categories: Academic Excellence, Excellence in a Cultural area, Excellence in Sport, and Excellent Service to the College.

Congratulations to **all** of those students nominated and to the award winners below, announced on the day:

<b>Academic Excellence:</b>	<b>Anna Shi</b> (Year 13) <b>Jonathan Prins</b> (Year 12) <b>Amy Khun</b> (Year 11)
<b>Excellence in a Cultural area:</b>	<b>Torrell Tafa</b> (Bring it On Dance Group)
<b>Excellence in Sport:</b>	<b>Daena Stephenson</b> (Boxing)
<b>Contribution to the College:</b>	<b>Simone Te Hore</b> (Service to the school, organising Year 13 leavers' hoodies) <b>Rina Fjuiwara</b> (International Student Council, Student Council, Tutoring of students)

## Other Nominees in each category:

### Academic Excellence:

Shaoqing Meads (Year 13)  
Simone Te Hore (Year 13)  
Jhanvi Dholakia (Year 12)  
Akanksha Sharma (Year 12)  
Jessica Tai (Year 12)  
Joel Leaver (Year 11)  
Dennis Villamor (Year 11)

### Excellence in a Cultural Area:

Nathan Bird (Jazz Band)  
Isaac Grainger (Jazz Band)  
Khoa Huynh (Jazz Band)  
Jaime Latimer (School production)  
Edward Niddrie (Jazz Band)  
Chris Raass (Jazz Band)  
Angela Tolai (School production)  
Taniela Tuipulotu (Jazz Band)

### Excellence in Sport:

Samantha Gillespie (Swimming)  
Bronson Marsh (Waka Ama)  
Te Haumia Warren (Waka Ama)

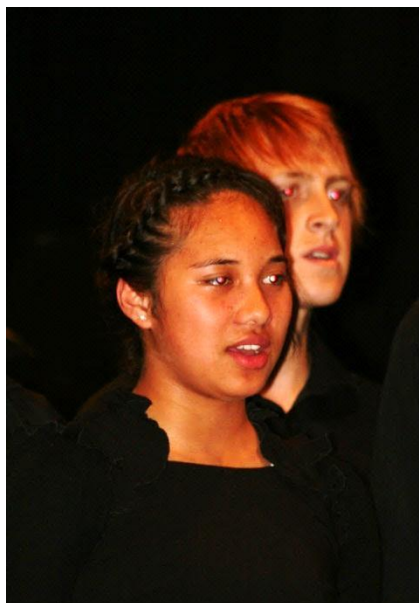
### Contribution to the College:

Jhanvi Dholakia  
Ian Leaupepe  
Edward Niddrie  
Adam Powell

## Music Department Extravaganza

Students of the Music Department put on an impressive performance at the annual Music Department Extravaganza on Wednesday 8 September. The Gold Award-winning Jazz Band, the Elite School Choir, Saxophone Ensemble, String Ensemble and the Zkabby Jamz, as well as several soloists and duets, entertained an enthusiastic audience with a wide range of musical genre.

Guest soloist, Shaun Li (Dux of Edgewater College in 2006 and in his final year at the University of Auckland School of Music) gave the inaugural performance on our new grand piano.



**Wednesday 20 October, 5.00 – 7.00 p.m. – School Hall**

## Focus on Trades & Apprenticeships

Parents and students are invited to come and learn about what is available today. Apprenticeships have been developed by a wide range of industries and are available with different types of employers, from small companies to large. Benefits of apprenticeships are being able to earn while you learn in a way that will best suit you, through experience on the job. Apprenticeships are rewarding, because you learn skills that employers want, and they offer choices in your career.

**ALL WELCOME**

**Students who are well informed are able to make more informed choices for their future.**

## Feedback from last Careers Expo

“A BIG pat on the back for a job well done with the Careers Expo. It’s so very comforting that we are able to make choosing a career so easy and exciting for our kids. It certainly served its purpose that night. My son knows exactly what career path he wants to take right now. He and his teacher, and myself, are working together to make it happen.

Thank you again, I really enjoyed it.”

## TERM DATES FOR 2011

### Term 1 – start dates by year level:

Tuesday 1 February – Years 12 & 13  
 Wednesday 2 February – Years 9 & 11  
 Thursday 3 February – Year 10

Friday 15 April – last day of term

### Term 2

Monday 2 May – start of term  
 Friday 15 July – last day of term

### Term 3

Monday 1 August – start of term  
 Friday 7 October – last day of term

### Term 4

Tuesday 25 October – start of term  
 Thursday 8 December\* – end of term  
 \* last day of term remains subject to confirmation

Even the best parents and caregivers get stressed sometimes. Do you want to take the heat off?

**Parent Trust** offers programmes for you – **Being the Parent You Want to Be** – to deal with the day-to-day stresses and help you feel more confident. Develop new and creative approaches to parenting that are practical and relevant.

We have programmes for Mums starting in Term 4:

### 28 October

**Highland Park** 12.15 – 2.45pm  
**Howick** 7.00 – 9.30 pm

### 1 November

**Papatoetoe** 12.30 – 2.45pm

To find out more, please visit our website [www.parenttrust.org.nz](http://www.parenttrust.org.nz) or phone 376 0400.

## Departments

### History Day

Staff and students alike took up the opportunity to dress as an historical figure on the annual History Day, organised by the Social Sciences Department on Friday 27 August.



Participants paraded in their costumes at lunch time in the Hall, and competed in a History Quiz.



### Japanese Department

In August we had a visit from students and teachers from our sister school in Takasaki, Japan. The students were billeted with Edgewater families and enjoyed experiencing family and school life with our students.

On their final day they put on a party, with food and entertainment, to express their thanks to their host families.

In 2011 a group of students from Edgewater will have the chance to stay with some of these students during the school trip to Japan.

