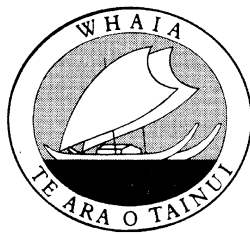


# Edgewater

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## College



### Principal's Comment

It is pleasing to see that a large part of this newsletter is devoted to student achievements. There have been many over recent weeks. Last month we celebrated the achievements of many of our students at our Cocurricular prize giving, and last Thursday night the academic achievements of many of our senior students at Senior prize giving. Some of those achievements are listed below.

We also had a very special presentation to make to two boys who acted with great heroism when the driver of the bus they were travelling on after school on 19 October collapsed while driving. **Reece Paea** and **Jarryn Katipa** took charge of the situation, warning the passengers to brace for impact, stopping the bus, calling the ambulance and then tending to the driver until the ambulance arrived. There is no doubt that their actions prevented what could have been a much more serious accident and quite possibly saved the driver's life. Reece and Jarryn both received an award from the New Zealand Police in recognition of their bravery and heroism.

I'd also like to acknowledge a group of teachers who gave up part of their holiday to come and run special classes during the last term break. This enabled a number of senior students to complete some extra credits towards their NCEA. Thanks to Mrs Herbert, Mrs Stott, Mr Patchigalla and Mr Rosie.

A J Vester  
Principal

#### SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

On Thursday night we celebrated the successes of our senior students at a formal prizegiving ceremony. The evening began with a rousing performance by the kapahaka group, and through the evening we were entertained by the Jazz Band, Saxophone Quartet and combined choirs. Congratulations to the many students who crossed the stage to receive their certificates, prizes or special awards.

#### PROXIME ACCESSIT

The award for runner-up Dux went to **Lisa Mulgrew**. Lisa earned subject prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> in English, History, Economics and Classical Studies.

#### PATTINSON AWARD FOR DUX

**Simon Corkery** earned the Dux award for 2009. He carried off the top prizes for all of his subjects: Graphics, Mathematics with Calculus, Mathematics with Statistics, Physics and Chemistry.

#### TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following students for earning scholarships towards their tertiary studies:

Manukau Institute of Technology Scholarships:

**Melissa Musakwa** (Business)

**Josie Lewis** (Nursing)

**Mohammed Nazari** (Visual Arts)

AUT University Scholarships:

Vice Chancellor's Scholarship: **Jaimee Christie**

Significant Student Scholarship: **Sarah Williamson**

University of Auckland Aldis Mathematics Scholarship: **Ma'ata Kalavi**

University of Auckland Chancellor's Award for Top Pacific Student: **Henrietta Palu**

Pak'n Save (Sylvia Park) Enterprise Scholarship: **Lisa Mulgrew**

Graham King Scholarships: **Simon Corkery, Hannah Sheahan**

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## NOVEMBER 2009

**Wednesday 11 – Friday 13  
November**

Junior exams

**Saturday 14 November**  
NZ Scholarship exams begin

**Saturday 14 & Sunday 15  
November**  
Noel Leeming Botany Downs  
fundraiser – see attached flyer

**Monday 16 November**  
NCEA exams begin

## DECEMBER

**Wednesday 2 December**  
NCEA & Scholarship exams end

**Friday 5 December**  
Junior reports mailed this week

**Friday 11 December**  
Junior Prize-giving (morning)  
Last day of Term 4

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## BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETINGS

**Wednesday 11 November**  
6.30 p.m. in the Boardroom

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## DO WE HAVE YOUR LATEST CONTACT DETAILS?

Please notify the school office of any changes to your contact details. It will be particularly important next year that we have your correct email and mobile phone details as we will be changing to a new Attendance system which will send a text message to the parents when a student is absent without explanation.

It is also important that we have your correct mailing address. Senior students' NCEA results will be mailed to the address currently on our records (which is the address provided to NZQA).

# Student Achievement

Students studying Japanese and French entered the International Vocabulary Olympics, competing against students in other schools to see who could learn the most words in the languages they are studying. The following students received Credit Certificates, which is the top 20 per cent:

French: Jhanvi Dholakia, Stephanie Wilson  
Japanese: Jonathan Prins, Melissa Lu, Jessica Tai Anna Shig  
gained a Bronze Award in Japanese putting her in the top 10 percent of the 2,700 competitors nationwide.

## ASB Bursary Awards

Simon Corkery, Lisa Mulgreave, Tehmina Seddiqui and Hannah Sheahan (all Year 13) attended an awards ceremony and were each awarded an ASB Bursary. Bursaries are worth \$150 towards the costs of their tertiary education.

Senior Economics students recently competed in the University of Auckland Economics competition. Close to 3000 students participated nationwide. Lisa Mulgreave (Year 13) earned Distinction, which places her in the top 20 percent. In fact, with another quarter of a per cent she would have achieved Higher Distinction – so close!

The following students earned Credit certificates: Wilmon Fernandes, Iupita Lealaialoto, Pui Lo Leung, Aaron M Paula Banawa, Fiona Khun, Akanksha Sharma, Kitfai Si

## Plantation Business Challenge

The Plantation Business Challenge is an opportunity for Year 13 Pasifika students to develop innovative business ideas, present them to a panel of industry judges, and compete for tertiary scholarships and awards. This year, Natasha Kumar, Iupita Lealaialoto, Sindu Mard and Munesh Ratnatook part in an intensive week of planning and mentoring at AUT, MIT and PBT, culminating in the presentation of their business plans and ideas to a judging panel and a prizegiving ceremony at the PBT office. Mr Kumar, HOD Economics, mentored the team.

Although they did not win an award this year, the students enjoyed a very challenging and worthwhile experience.

## TheatreSports

Our TheatreSports team took part in the TheatreSports Youth Programme in September and earned an Excellence Award for the team with the most consistent effort.

## RIVERINA SCHOOL CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Former students of Riverina Primary School who might need support in furthering their educational or career opportunities are invited to make application for funds from the Riverina School Charitable Trust for 2010. Funds of varying amounts are available.

For further information contact Riverina School on 527 7377 or email [admin@riverina.school.nz](mailto:admin@riverina.school.nz). Applications close with the Principal by 4.30 pm on Friday 20 November 2009

This could be YOU!

## TRIPLE E SOCIETY

Edgewater Excellence in Education

On 14 October four new members were inducted into the Triple E Society at the second award breakfast for 2009. This initiative is designed to encourage students to strive for excellence in everything they do, to celebrate their success and to acknowledge the support they get from their families. All the students nominated in the three categories were recognised for their outstanding achievements.

### Academic Excellence

Year 12: Courtney Bennett

Year 13: Hannah Sheahan

Cultural Excellence: Skye Lee

Contribution: Sarah Williamson

No sporting award was given this term because the event was held just prior to Cocurricular Prizegiving.

## START DATES FOR 2010

School will commence on Tuesday 2 February 2010. As usual, we will stagger the start date for different year levels. At this stage the proposed schedule for the first week will be:

Monday 1 February	Auckland Anniversary holiday
Tuesday 2 February	Start date for Years 12 & 13
Wednesday 3 February	Start date for Years 9 & 11
Thursday 4 February	Start date for Year 10

NOTE: This information is a guide only to help you plan your holiday arrangements. More detailed information, including Uniform Shop dates, will be available shortly.

## Health Centre

### Hearing & Vision Screening Clinic

The Health Centre now runs a hearing and Vision Screening Clinic on Wednesdays, during Period 6. Students can make an appointment with the Nurse. Teachers can also make referrals via email for student they may have concerns about. An appointment will take 10 minutes and must be made in advance.

Mrs Fleming,  
Registered Nurse

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