

# Edgewater

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## College



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2008

### Principal's Comment

In the last newsletter I referred to the importance of having a growth mindset. This refers to the attitude we all have towards effort, and the importance of valuing effort over raw talent. The sporting and academic world is littered with people who had enormous natural ability but who could not convert that into actual achievement.

All too often a fear of making mistakes or failing stops people from even starting to try. That happens in classrooms as well. "If I try and don't get it right, this will prove I'm dumb, so it's better not to try."

What researchers into success are finding is that successful people are likely to have tried more often. Some have worked, others have missed. Michael Jordan, a phenomenally successful basketball player, is quoted as saying "I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game's winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

A J Vester  
Principal

### ITEMS TO NOTE:

We have recently experienced some problems with our Internet connection. This problem was outside our control and affected several schools. Emails sent to us between Wednesday 13 and Friday 15 February may not have reached us. If you have emailed us and have not received a reply, please re-send the email or phone the person concerned. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

It is important for students to get to school before 8.50 a.m. to be in class on time. The local Edgewater shops are supporting us by no longer serving students after 8.40 a.m. We are grateful for the good relationship we have with our local community and expect our parent community also to support us by getting students to school on time.

This year, after-school Detentions will run on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.. Any student with an after-school detention who cannot attend for some reason must see Mr Lamb to make alternative arrangements to complete the detention.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next Board meeting will be held on  
Wednesday 12 March at 6.00 p.m.

## YEAR 9 INFORMATION EVENING

"Helping Your Child Succeed at Secondary School"

All Year 9 students and their parents or caregivers are invited to attend this information evening, designed to help students get the best out of their years at secondary school.

Thursday 21 February 2008

Starts with a barbecue snack at 6.00 p.m.

The meeting will get underway at 6.30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### FEBRUARY

Thursday 21 February  
"Helping your Child Succeed at  
Secondary School" – See notice below

Thursday 28 February – Sunday 2  
March  
Music camp (Dargaville)

#### MARCH

Wednesday 5 March  
School sports day

Friday 7 March  
Whanau Sports Event – 3.30 to 8.30 pm

Friday 14 March  
Polynesian Festival  
Teacher-only day (school closed)

Friday 21 – Tuesday 25 March  
Easter weekend (school closed)

Monday 31 March  
Report evening (all year levels)

#### APRIL

Wednesday 2 – Saturday 5 April  
Level 2 Outdoor Education kayaking trip  
(Taupo)

Friday 18 April  
Last day of Term 1

Looking further ahead ...

Monday 5 May  
Term 2 commences

Tuesday 17 – Friday 20 June  
School musical production

Wednesday 2 July, 7.00 p.m.  
Careers Expo

### UNIFORM SHOP

Hours: Wednesdays 1.00 to 5.30 p.m.

Uniform items may also be ordered in  
advance and collected on Mondays or  
during shop hours. Please allow two days  
for processing. Order forms are available  
from the office or our website:

[www.edgewater.school.nz](http://www.edgewater.school.nz)

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### SCIENCE

During the summer holidays, Anne Yu (Yr 13, T13) attended a Science Camp at the University of Auckland. The programme ran for two weeks and was attended by some of New Zealand's top secondary school Science students.

### SOFTBALL

Congratulations to Raka Repia (Yr 13, KO4) on his selection for the New Zealand under-19 softball team for the world junior championships. Despite not being part of the wider training squad, strong performance during recent age-group tournaments saw Raka selected for the team. He will travel to Canada in June for the championships.

### ROWING

The rowing squad had a successful weekend at the Head of Harbour regatta at Lake Pupuke on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 February. Jaimee Christie and Kate Christie won by 8 seconds in the under-17 girls' double sculls. The under-17 boys' single scull, Simon Corkery, achieved a second and a third, while under-18 girls' coxed quadruple sculls (Jaimee and Kate with Ellen Henderson and Ineke Lilienthal) and under-17 girls' single scull (Ellen Henderson) came second in their events. Four other crews achieved 4th in their races.

### EDGEWATER COLLEGE WINS 'FUELLED 4 SCHOOL' AWARD

Edgewater College has won the opportunity to compete in the 'Fuelled 4 School Challenge' in Wellington on 31 March. The school will receive \$1,500 (+GST) to prepare and implement a project plan to improve the eating habits and general health of everyone in the school community.

Head Boy, Michael Duffy, and Head Girl, Anne Yu, will represent the school, competing with 50 other schools from around New Zealand. Anne and Michael will fly to Wellington with Mr Kumar (HOD Economics and Lead Teacher for the project) for a one-day workshop. The group then has to come back and implement the plans in the school. This will involve looking at what students are currently eating and drinking at school, identifying the issues, setting goals and targeting the audience, budgeting the project (with around \$1,200 to spend) and finally getting the results.

Anne and Michael will be the driving force in working closely with other students to complete this project by the end of Term 3. The project is being funded by the Ministries of Education and Health.

### RUBBISH CAMPAIGN

The school is a lot cleaner this year thanks to all the students who are assisting by placing their rubbish in the bins. This year there will be a focus on keeping Edgewater College litter free. To assist with this we encourage students to place lunch in containers. This will help with reducing the plastic in the school – and in New Zealand.

Theatresports students produced a skit about keeping the school litter free. This was performed at all assemblies and was well received by the students. Keep up the good work.

Mrs Herbert (aka "The Rubbish Lady")

### FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

#### ADVANCE WARNING!

The annual Careers Expo will be held on Wednesday 2 July from 7.00 p.m. (last week of Term 2). Over 70 exhibitors will offer a broad range of career pathways and tertiary study or training options. This event is suitable for students at all year levels, and parents / caregivers are also encouraged to attend. Note your calendar now!

#### HAPPENINGS @ SCHOOL

Year 13 students have regular assemblies with a wide range of outside speakers who will talk about career directions, courses and employment options. This year we will also include Year 12 students in these sessions.

#### CONTACT DETAILS;

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### EDGEWATER COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Learn to cook healthier meals from the Pacific Islands. This course is dedicated to making traditional favourites such as Pisupo, Sapasui, Povi Masima and Kopai better for your family and friends. Why risk getting diabetes, heart disease or high blood pressure when you can still enjoy your favourite foods with less fat, salt and sugar! This six-week course is free and runs on Tuesday evenings at the College from 7 to 9 pm.

Ever thought about learning something new or brushing up on past interests? With over a hundred courses on offer, Edgewater Community Education has something to suit your needs. Evening classes start on Monday 25 February.

Send your son or daughter in to collect a booklet from our office or phone 576 4731 for more information.

## Coming soon ... WHANAU SPORTS EVENT

FRI DAY 7 MARCH, 3.30 to 8.30 p.m.

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