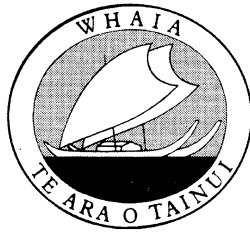


Edgewater College



Principal's Comment

Welcome to the 2010 school year. As a school that is committed to providing every opportunity we can for students to achieve and reach their potential, it's really pleasing to start the year by reporting on some excellent NCEA results for 2009.

In 2009 we performed at or better than the national level across all levels in all standards (unit and achievement). Almost 70% of our Year 11 students eligible for a Level 1 certificate achieved that. Level 1 literacy rates had risen to 76% and numeracy to 91% (both significantly above the national rate).

We didn't do this by concentrating on credits that were 'easier' to earn. In fact, more of our achievement standard credits are earned in external examinations (55% compared with 47% nationally). In those externally examined standards our pass rate is 70%, compared with 62% nationally. Since 2008, students can get their NCEA certificates endorsed with Merit or Excellence. They do so by getting a high proportion of their credits at merit or excellence level. At both merit and excellence levels for Level 1, 2 and 3, our students achieved endorsement at a higher rate than the national rate. In fact, at Level 3, our endorsement and excellence level was 50% higher.

More detailed data will soon be available but I hope you can see why I am a very happy Principal!

These results didn't come about by accident and I need to make reference to the new initiatives we put in place in 2009 to improve our results, and to the hard work of our teachers.

I also need to acknowledge the great attitude of many students who took the opportunities we offered and ran with those, including coming in during the holidays to complete assessments.

A J Vester
Principal

CHANGES TO YEAR 9 CLASSES

Over the past three weeks we have processed a large volume of late enrolments for the 2010 school year. As a result we have had to create an additional class at Year 9 level. As we provide specialised programmes in different classes to suit the students concerned, we cannot simply put all the newly enrolled Year 9 students into one class. In order to place students in the best class to maximise their learning, we needed to rearrange all of the Year 9 classes. This means that quite a large number of Year 9 students who had started school on the first day of term have had to be moved to a different class.

Students have been told about this at a special assembly and those affected by the changes have been given a new timetable.

We appreciate that such a change can be unsettling for students but it will result in all students getting a much better targeted programme.

FEBRUARY 2010

Please note the following dates in your calendar

TERM 1:

Monday 15 – Friday 19 February
Mighty Mouth Dental Service on site

Thursday 18 – Saturday 20 February
Year 13 camp, Ponui Island

Thursday 4 – Sunday 7 March
Band camp, Dargaville

Friday 19 March
Teacher-only Day – school closed
ASB Polyfest

Saturday 27 March
Culture & Fashion Extravaganza

Thursday 1 April
Last day of Term 1

TERM 2

Monday 19 April
Term 2 begins

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees will meet on
Wednesday 17 February at 6.30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

WELCOME

Welcome to all our Year 9 students and new students at other year levels who are attending Edgewater College for the first time. We look forward to working with you and your families.

We also welcome several new teachers and support staff:

- Miss Grant (Art)
- Mr Kerr (Social Sciences)
- Miss Goddard (Art & Social Sciences)
- Mrs McNaughton (relieving in English)
- Mrs Simpson (relieving in Science)
- Mrs Dawes (Gateway Administration)

School trustee elections will take place on 7 May 2010. Parents or caregivers of our students, or members of the wider community, can be nominated for election to the Board of Trustees.

Nominations will close at 12.00 noon on Friday 23 April. Full information about the election process will be sent out shortly.

If you are interested in serving on the Board – or would simply like to know more about what is involved – you are welcome to attend the Board meeting on Wednesday 10 March at 6.30 p.m. Please phone the Principal's PA on 576 9039 ext 811, or email bys@edgewater.school.nz if you plan to attend.



UNIFORM INFORMATION

- Uniform items are labelled with the College logo and can be purchased only from Edgewater College uniform shop. Footwear can be purchased from any shoe store. No other items are allowed.

- **Year 9 to Year 12**

Girls:	Skirt (<i>knee length</i>)	Light blue blouse (<i>long or short sleeved</i>)
	White socks or black tights (<i>no knee-highs</i>)	
Boys:	Shorts or trousers	Light blue shirt (<i>long or short sleeved</i>)
	Black belt if worn	Navy socks

Students need a minimum of 2 blouses/shirts.

All students must have at least one warm outer garment:

Jersey / Sleeveless jersey / Jacket.

PE shirt and PE shorts are required for all students in Year 9 & Year 10, and Year 11 students in Physical Education classes

- **Year 12 & Year 13** Girls may wear the long (*ankle length*) skirt
Girls and boys may wear the senior blazer
- **Year 13:** Navy shirt / blouse, senior vest, blazer. Girls' skirt. Boys' shorts / trousers.
- **Footwear:** Sandals must be flat, with a strap around the heel, and must be **plain brown or black**. Sandals are worn, without socks, in terms 1 & 4 only. Plain, **black** leather lace-up shoes are worn in terms 2 & 3 or all year.
- **Hair:** Must be clean, tidy and of a natural colour.
- **Jewellery:** The only jewellery permitted is one small stud in each ear and a watch.
- **Exemptions:** Requests for exemptions should be sent to the Deputy Principal in charge of the year level.

A pale blue or white tee-shirt may be worn as an under-garment but must not be visible at the arms or waist.

Students must wear correct uniform at all times. Long sleeved shirts are **to be worn tucked in**.

Uniform items must be clean and in good repair. Care instructions can be found inside each garment either with the main label or on a side seam. Please follow these when laundering the uniform.

All items of uniform must be clearly marked with the owner's surname.

If you lose an item and it does not have your name in it, we cannot return it to you. See Mrs McKinley in C4 for Lost Property.

The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday afternoons from 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. during term (except for the last week of each term when it is closed for stock-taking). 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.

We recommend that you plan and budget to purchase winter uniform items before the end of Term 1.

SOME CHANGES FOR 2010

Time	Period number
8.55 am	First bell
9.00 – 10.00	1
10.00 – 11.00	2
11.00 – 11.30	Interval
11.30 – 12.30	3
12.30 – 1.30	4
1.30 – 2.15	Lunch
2.15 – 3.10	5

This timetable replaces the timetable printed in the homework diary. We now have the same timetable every day of the week. Notices will be read out at the end of Period 2 each morning.

There is no longer a separate class time for Tutor Group. Tutor class is now a normal timetabled class. For juniors (Years 9 and 10) the Tutor class will be the core class (eg. 9A, 9C, 10G, 10W, etc). For seniors (Years 11 to 13), Tutor class will, in most cases, take place in Line B of the timetable. The tutor teacher is the teacher who takes that class.

The Deans system (formerly based on the House system) has changed too. Former House Deans are now responsible for a year level, with a Deputy Principal or the Principal, up to Year 12. The year level Deans are as follows:

Year 9	Mrs Blake (Dean)	Mr Rosie (Deputy Principal)
Year 10	Mr Goodier (Dean)	Mrs Macpherson (Deputy Principal)
Year 11	Mrs Tait (Dean)	Mr Lamb (Deputy Principal)
Year 12	Mrs Stott (Dean)	Mr Vester (Principal)
Year 13	Mr Whickman (Careers Advisor) & Ms Osborne	

Your first point of contact with the school will be your child's tutor teacher, and/or one of the year level deans listed above.

Like all changes, this will take a little bit of getting used to but we believe it will be an efficient system when it is up and running. One of the advantages of the system is having Tutor class with a teacher who sees the students regularly for a normal class.

ARE OUR RECORDS CORRECT?

It is essential that we have current phone numbers (for yourself and your nominated emergency contact person) in case we need to contact you during the school day. It is also important that your mobile phone and/or email details are correct as our new Attendance system will use texting or email to notify you if your student is absent (if no explanation has been received from you).

If you have changed your contact details and have not already notified us, please use the form below to update your details and return it to the school office.

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Student Name: _____
Given name Surname

Parent / caregiver Name/s: _____

Email address (Please print VERY clearly) : _____

Phone numbers: _____ (home) _____ (work)
 _____ (mobile phone)

Any other changes to your contact details (eg. nominated emergency contact person – phone numbers, etc):

Please return this coupon to the school office as soon as possible.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Lisa Mulgrew (Year 13 last year) was successful in The New Zealand Scholarship examinations in 2009, gaining Scholarships in Economics and Classical Studies.

Skye Lee (Year 13 2009) and **Anna Shi** (Year 13) received Regional Merit Awards from The Correspondence School for excellent achievement in all areas of Japanese. Not many of these awards are given and they reflect a very high level of achievement.

Te Haumia Warren (Year 11) was a member of a Waka Ama crew participating in the 2009 Vaka Eiva event in Rarotonga last November. The crew earned medals in each of their events:

- Gold medal for the Junior 16s 4 km marathon
- Silver medal for their division (J19) in the 12 km marathon (and 9th overall out of 28 crews)
- Silver medal for the J16s 6 km marathon
- Silver medal for the 500m sprint (J16s)

FORMER STUDENTS

Three former students (Year 13 in 2008) have completed their first year at university and been accepted into Medical School.

Sammy Zhang, our Dux in 2008, will study medicine at the University of Otago Medical School.

Anne Yu (Proxime Accessit in 2008) and **Michael Duffy** (Highest Achieving Pasifika student in 2008) were selected for the University of Auckland Medical School. From a class of 1,000 students, 300 were selected for interview and 150 were accepted.

STUDENT CARS & PARKING

Students who drive cars to school are not permitted to access their cars at interval and are not permitted to drive them during school hours. All students on a restricted license are not to take passengers, unless the passenger has held their full licence for more than two years.

Any student who drives to school is to park their car inside the back gate or on the street. Parking in the slip lane (at the front of the main carpark) is for Community Education students and visitors only.

Students who bring a vehicle to school must give the registration details to the school office. (This will enable us to help you if you leave your lights on, etc.)

PARKING & TRAFFIC NEAR THE SCHOOL

The front car park is for staff, visitors to the school and adults attending Community Education classes. **Please do not drive into the front car park to drop off or pick up students.** Please drop them off at least 300 to 500 metres from the school and they can walk the remaining distance. This will help reduce congestion around the school entrance.

Due to the rise in complaints regarding illegal and dangerous parking at schools, the Manukau City Council's Parking Services will be doing regular school enforcement patrols at schools in this area. The parking restrictions are in place near schools for a reason – to protect our community's children. A 'zero tolerance' practice is applied to errant parking and you risk a fine of \$40 to \$60 if you park illegally.

HEALTH CENTRE

If you are advised by the nurse that your child is unwell we will require you to arrange for the student to be collected and driven home. Walking home is not encouraged.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) School Vaccination Programme

The first round of the vaccination programme will take place on 22 March. A letter will be sent to parents of girls who are entitled to receive the vaccination.

“Travellers” Survey – Year 9 students

Year 9 students will complete an online survey that will give us valuable information about who would benefit most from the Travellers Programme. “Travellers” is an 8-week course for one hour per week where young people who have experienced many changes in their lives learn to understand those changes and develop new skills. For more information please contact Mr Williams, Guidance Counsellor, on 577 0404.

Mighty Mouth Dental Service

The mobile dental service will be on site from 15 – 19 February doing free dental checks for students in Years 9, 12 and 13. Students on student permits are not eligible.

Need some advice?

If you have a question about your health that you would like answered, you are welcome to see a nurse at the Health Centre. If you are too shy, or too busy studying, you can email AsktheNurse@edgewater.school.nz. I will answer all questions confidentially via email.

Mrs Fleming, School Nurse

HOMEWORK CENTRE

The Homework Centre reopened this week.

Venue: School Library
Days: Monday to Thursday
Time: 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Students have access to the Internet and some teacher assistance, as well as a quiet place to do their homework.

Note: As this is an after-school activity, students will need to make their own arrangements for transport home.

STUDENT ID CARDS

We recommend that all students purchase an ID card (cost \$5). There will be opportunities to obtain discounts at several participating outlets. Photos have been taken last week and students will be notified through the daily notices when the cards are available for collection.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Phone: 576 9039 **Fax:** 576 9037
Attendance line: 576 9039 Option 1
Careers Advisor: 577 0406
Community Education: 576 4731
E-mail: enquiries@edgewater.school.nz
Website: www.edgewater.school.nz
Office hours: 8.30 am to 4.00 pm during term