

Edgewater College



Principal's Comment

No doubt you will have seen something in the newspapers or on TV lately about the Swine Flu or H1N1 virus. In North America schools are closing because of the fast spread of influenza in schools – this flu spreads quickly amongst children. Children and teens are particularly vulnerable to Swine Flu. There has been a large increase in the number of cases in Australia and now the Ministry of Health in New Zealand has told us that it is likely that some schools in New Zealand will close. If this is the case, it is likely that you as parents would get very little notice of the closures. The school could be closed for between 7 and 21 days. You would have to keep students at home. There are some things you can do to help if the school has to close.

- Please ensure we have emergency contact numbers – especially cell phone numbers. If we have cell numbers we can phone or text you in an emergency. Current addresses are also important because letters will have to be sent to the community to keep you updated with developments. Please let us know immediately if your phone numbers or address have changed.
- Make sure you can access our website www.edgewater.school.nz in some way. If we need to provide remote learning (on-line lessons) you would access work from class teachers via our website. During a school closure, updates would also be put on the school website.
- We are making sure our toilet and classroom areas are as hygienic as possible. Students and families can help too by focusing on basic hygiene to make the risk of spreading the virus as small as possible.
- Basic hygiene is important, especially regular hand washing – students must wash hands before eating. Please talk to your sons/daughters about washing hands regularly.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue and put it in a rubbish bin and do not spit because that also spreads germs.
- If your son/daughter shows signs of the flu or a heavy cold, please keep them at home.

The Ministry of Health strongly suggests that families of students who have travelled to countries with a considerable spread of Influenza A should keep children at home for 5 school days, even if they have no symptoms. This is compulsory now in Australia.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community as healthy as possible.

A J Vester
Principal



Book and Lyrics
by Tom Eyen
Music by Henry Krieger

JUNE 2009

Please note the following dates in your calendar:

TERM 2:

Monday 8 – Friday 12 June
Edgewater Idol - lunchtimes

Wednesday 17 June, 6 – 8 p.m.
Fundraising event at Noel Leeming, Manukau (see advertisement p.2)

Tuesday 23 – Friday 26 June
School Production – “Dreamgirls”

Tuesday 30 June
Teacher-only Day – school closed

Wednesday 1 July
Careers Expo & Parent Interviews

Friday 3 July
Last day of Term 2

Saturday 4 July
School Ball, Auckland Museum

TERM 3:

Monday 20 July
First day of Term 3

Friday 11 September
Closing date for NZQA payments

BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday 10 June
6.30 p.m. in the Boardroom

DREAMGIRLS PERFORMANCES:

Tuesday 23 June
Wednesday 24 June
Thursday 25 June
Friday 26 June

STARTS: 7.30 p.m.
VENUE: Edgewater College Hall
TICKETS: \$10 adults & children

Students may purchase tickets at Interval starting Monday 15 June. Cash only. Also available to parents from the office. Be quick!

NZQA Fee Payment & Financial Assistance

NZQA fees of \$75 must be paid by **Friday 11 September**. After this date we will not accept any fees for NZQA and you will instead be given a form to post with your payment direct to NZQA. Late payments will incur a penalty of \$50 (even if you have applied for financial assistance).

If you are eligible for financial assistance, the \$75 fee will be reduced. Financial assistance for NCEA fees is available to families who:

- Hold a community services card (and students who personally hold a community services card may use this for their application);
- Receive a Work & Income or Studylink benefit, or
- Have more than two students entering NCEA, whose fees total \$200 or more.

Students with a brother or sister doing NCEA at another college this year, and whose parents are on a benefit, should complete ONE application form, listing both students and the schools. Hand this form in at one of the schools, and they will notify the other school. However, the fees should be paid to the separate schools.

Application forms are available from Student Reception for seniors and IOE students wishing to apply for financial assistance. Your deadline to return the complete and signed form to Student Reception is **Wednesday 9 September**.

ICAS International Mathematics Competition Students in 9E, 9D, 10E and 10D

Please note that ALL students in these classes are to sit the ICAS International Mathematics Competition.

The entry fee per student is \$7.50 and should be paid to your student's Mathematics teacher before the end of term.



Parent Expo

Saturday June 13 8.30 am – 2.45 pm

Panasonic Performing Arts Centre
Botany Downs Secondary College
\$10 per person (whole or part day)

INFORMATION DAY FOR ALL PARENTS

In the past the Expo has been a sell-out day. If you have a teenager in the house you need to be here! Bring a friend. Young people don't come with a manual. Attend this day and learn more about positive parenting while having fun and networking with other parents.

Wide range of workshops, including "Bringing up Teenagers in NZ" for Chinese and Indian families.

For information and registration phone Barbara Divehall on 273 2310 ext.282 or email b.divehall@bdsc.school.nz

UNIFORM MATTERS

ALL students should have a jacket and/or jersey now that the weather is cold. Non-regulation garments will be confiscated. Please ensure that all uniform items are named (including surname) so that they can be identified easily in Lost Property.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday and Wednesday before school (8.10 – 8.30 am) for single item purchases only.

Wednesday 1.00 pm till 5.00 pm. Please avoid Period 6 if possible (2.15 – 3.10 pm) which is difficult for us to staff.

Wednesday 17th June 2009 6.00pm – 9.00pm Edgewater College Fundraising Event

Friends & Family of Edgewater College

are invited to a Midwinter Christmas Wholesale evening at Noel Leeming Manukau Supa Centa

This event is by INVITATION ONLY.

Spot prize – every purchase gets an entry ticket.
Light refreshments will be served.
Childcare facilities will be available during the evening.

The school will benefit from sales made on the evening and proceeds will support the planned refurbishment of the school gymnasium. **Your help and support is needed!**

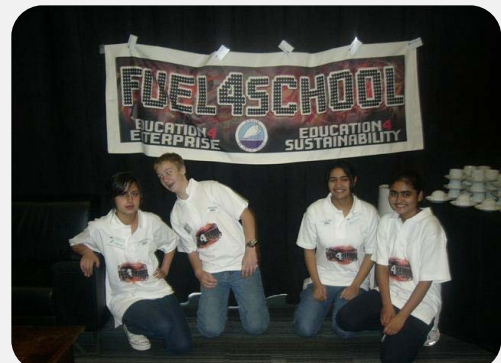
Our gym will not only benefit our own students, but the local community too. These prices will not be found anywhere else in this area – be in quick to purchase those items you need at

WHOLESALE PRICES.

FUELLED 4 SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Four students – Leo Alexander, Wilma Fernandes, Amina Seddiqi and Akanksha Sharma – with Mr Kumar, attended the F4S Workshop at the Trust Stadium in West Auckland on 29 May. This was one of five regional workshops organised by the Ministry of Education throughout New Zealand.

Our students had been invited to speak to 30 schools from Auckland and Northland about how Edgewater had been successfully integrating Fuelled 4 School with Education 4 Enterprise and Education 4 Sustainability. Ministry officials, students and teachers from other schools were impressed with our banner, student-designed polo shirts and badges. The second stage of this competition will be held in Term 3.



BUBBLE DOME SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation, Games Design, Movie Making, Graphic & Web Design, Photography, Make-up Artistry and Architecture on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this July, at a venue near you. Phone 622 0670 or email: info@bubbledome.co.nz
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8.30 am to 4.00 pm during term