



Principal's Comment

In the second half of this year and on into future years we will be part of the **Starp** project. This project, which is run by Auckland University, will help us track students' progress better, and help students make more informed subject choices at school so that they leave open the best possible pathways for further education.

The project also recognises something which we have long known was important - the importance of parents in educational outcomes.

This will mean we roll out a programme of target setting and individual academic advice for students and their parents, and ultimately improve parent's engagement in their child's education.

AJ Vester
Principal

Disco Inferno – thank you to Sponsors of the Matinee Show

Edgewater College production held its first and opening show as a matinee performance for local primary and intermediate schools on Tuesday 5th July. Residents from our local MetLife – Pakuranga, and Ambridge Rose Private Rest Home and Hospital, also joined the youngsters for a fabulous morning.

The audience of 250 young and old joined the disco fever atmosphere and were left wanting more.

The children's morning tea was provided generously and sponsored by Pak n Save Sylvia Park (Muesli bars) and by Hansells NZ Ltd (Vitafresh juice).

A wonderful opening show in what proved to be a very successful week of performance by the cast and crew.

By Mrs Tredwell

August 2011

Please note the following dates in your calendar:

TERM 3:

Thursday 1 September

Year 9 Enrolments for Out of Zone applications close.

Monday 19 September to Friday 23 September

Senior Exams (Week 8)

Friday 7 October

Last day of Term 3

TERM 4:

Monday 24 October

Labour Day (public holiday)

Tuesday 25 October

Term 4 begins

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday 17 August 2011 at 6:30pm in the Boardroom.

“Making a Positive Difference”

Jazz Band and Choir Tour 2011

The Edgewater Jazz Band and Choir completed their annual tour in early August, this year heading north to Mangawhai Beach and surrounding areas. Both groups and featured smaller ensembles and soloists performed extremely well, and they were very well received by the schools they visited. The tour provides excellent preparation for the Jazz Band's involvement in the upcoming KBB Band Festival, and is a great experience for all the students.

Thanks to Mr Arthur, Mr Holmes, Miss Benjamin and Ms Haddock for their work on the trip.

Zkabby Jams competed in the Smokefree Pacifica Beats regional finals at the Dorothy Winstone Theatre on Saturday 6th August.

The boys performed brilliantly, coming away with the award for Best Stage Image.

This group is to be congratulated on all their successes this year, and are certainly a band of rising stars worth watching in the future!

Music Department

"Moonlight Serenade"

"Moonlight Serenade" was the theme for the 2011 Edgewater College Ball held at The Floating Pavilion, Viaduct Harbour. The ball was attended by over 200 students and staff who had a wonderful evening (in spite of the weather!).

Welcome "mocktails" and dinner were followed by dancing until midnight. Everyone dressed up for the occasion and the photographer was kept busy.

To view and order photos, please go to: www.fotonz.com

Ball Committee

Disco Inferno – the heat was on high...

The heat was on high in this year's explosive school production of **Disco Inferno**. Incorporating hot hits from the seventies like "YMCA"; "Kissing in the back row..." and "I will survive"; that compelled the audience to tap their toes and hum along, the show was a sizzling sensation of spectacular set design; colourful costumes and cleverly choreographed dances.

Set in the swinging seventies, **Disco Inferno** tells the story of Jack, a young would-be singer who strikes a bargain with the devil's side-kick, Lady Marmalade, selling his soul for fame and fortune only to realise in the end what is truly important in life.

The cast spent many a long hour perfecting disco dance moves and unashamedly belting out tunes from their parents' era. Platform heels and afro wigs became *hot* items among the students all striving for that authentic disco look for their characters.

The production band, as always, being the unseen garnishing to the annual theatrical feast.

The long hours and dedication of those working behind the scenes paid off handsomely as night after night the long performances wowed the captive crowds. Once again thank you to the staff and students who delivered a well-executed production.

By Mrs Truter



Edgewater Community Education

Only a few more days to enrol for Night Classes (short courses and workshops) starting from 15th August.

Huge range delivered daytime, evenings and Saturdays.

Check out this week's Special Deal (enrol two people together and pay only half course fee).

Be one of the first 100 people to like us on Facebook and go in the draw to get a course of your choice free!

Full course details and enrolment available at:

ecep-admin@edgewater.school.nz
Or telephone: 576 4731

Enrolment 2012

If you have a student to enrol for Year 9 at Edgewater College in 2012, please contact the school office for an enrolment pack (if you have not already received one).

In-zone enrolments may be completed by post and returned to us by **Thursday 1st September 2011**, or if you prefer to enrol in person please contact the school office for an appointment:

- Sunday 14th August (2:00 to 5:00pm), or
- Sunday 4th September (2:00 to 5:00pm)

Bookings are essential for appointments.

Out-of-zone ballot applications close on **Thursday 1st September 2011**. You do need to apply even if you have a child already attending Edgewater College.

An enrolment map and list of in-zone streets is available on our website.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Open Advanced and Open Senior Debating Teams which got into the Competition's semi-finals held Tuesday 9th August.

Team Members:

Open Advanced – Jonathan Prins, Jessica Tai, William Zhang and Andrew Ferguson.

Open Senior – Julia Tolentino, Alice Yu, Adam Li and Phil Kuka.

By Mrs Anderson

Dance Competition

The Annual Bollywood dance competition will be held Saturday 27th August at the ASB Stadium showground's. Edgewater College has a group of 9 students performing. Tickets are available at the school Student reception at a cost of \$25.

Last year the Edgewater group won "The Best Disciplined Group" and this year they are hoping to go better!

Fono and Hui

We know that parents play a very important part in how well a student does in their education and we hope by meeting with parents we can make that partnership stronger.

Please contact the main office to register your interest in joining us at the Pasifika fono or Māori hui.

Pasifika Fono:

Where Edgewater College Library
When 7:30pm Tuesday 16 August

Māori Hui:

Where Te Tahawai Marae
When 7:30pm Tuesday 23 August

Working Bee

The school is holding a "Working Bee" on Saturday 13 August from 8:30am to midday.

We are asking for help from parents, students and staff to assist us to plant some shrubs, install some rubbish bins and seats, do some water blasting, some painting and some small carpentry jobs.

If you can help please contact main reception on 576 9039.

Thank you!

NZQA Fee Payment Last Chance

The closing date for payment of NZQA fees (\$76.70) and applications for financial assistance is **Wednesday 7th 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).

An information sheet and application form can be downloaded from our website.

Business Competition

The 8 weeks of the "Plantation Business Challenge" competition ended after the prize giving ceremony held at Auckland University of Technology on 2nd August.

Although Edgewater College missed out on a win, it was a totally new learning environment for the team and the students enjoyed the real life business experiences.

By Mr Kumar

Change of Address/Student Information

If you have recently moved house or changed your contact details, please complete this form and return it to the school, thank you.

New Physical Address:

New Postal Address:

New Home Telephone:

New Mobile Number:

Change of Caregivers/Emergency Contact Details:

✓ Please indicate which details needs to change.

First contact

Second contact

Third contact

Fourth contact

or A New Caregiver/Emergency Contact to Add?

Name/Surname :

Home Telephone :

Work Telephone :

Mobile number :

Relationship to student :

Any other information/changes:

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: ____/____/2011

Please return this form to Student Office