



Principal's Comment

It's been a good year. We have an excellent report from the Education Review Office. The 2010 NCEA results were very pleasing. Our students have excelled in a wide range of activities and we have a new gym.

Please refer to the end of this Newsletter for some very pleasing conclusions from our ERO review.

Thank you to my colleagues and the Board of Trustees for their help and support. Thank you also to the students – together we have all made Edgewater College a better place.

Allan Vester
Principal

Arrangements for 2012

Please keep this Newsletter in a safe place as it contains important information about the start of the 2012 school year.

23 January

School office reopens 8:30am to 4:00pm

Thursday 26 January – Options Day (seniors)

Friday 27 January - Teachers Only Day

Monday 30 January - Auckland Anniversary Day (school closed)

Tuesday 31 January – Year 9 and Year 13 students commence (school buses start)

Wednesday 1 February – Year 11 and Year 12 students commence. Year 9 and Year 13 students attend.

Thursday 2 February – Year 10 students commence. Entire school present.

Friday 3 February – Whole school

Students must be in correct uniform for the start of the school year.

School hours are 8:55am to 3:10pm.

School bus services will commence on Tuesday 31 January.

NOVEMBER 2011

Please note the following dates in your calendar:

TERM 4:

Thursday 10 November

NCEA final exams and Scholarship Exams begin (these exams end on 30th November).

The NCEA Examinations Timetable 2011 is available on the NZQA website:
www.nzqa.govt.nz

Thursday 8 December

Junior Prize Giving – 10:00am
Parents and family members welcome to attend.

Note: Students will be released at approximately 11:15am following Junior Prize Giving. School buses will depart at 11:30am.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday 16 November 2011 at 6:30pm in the Boardroom.

TERM DATES for 2012

Term 1:

Tuesday 31 January (by year level) to Thursday 5 April

Term 2:

Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June

Term 3:

Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September

Term 4:

Monday 15 October to
*Friday 14 December (to be confirmed)

Student Uniform

Senior Uniform 2012:

Students requiring senior uniform items for 2012 are encouraged to order and/or purchase their requirements on Wednesday afternoon, 30th November.

Year 12 and Year 13 students requiring blazers need to be fitted and to secure their order with \$90 deposit (full price at this time is \$195 with a surcharge of 30% for special sizes).

Uniform Sale:

The main sales day is Thursday 26 January in the school hall. Please phone the school to make an appointment.

Second-hand uniform items can be sold at the school provided they are clean (freshly laundered and ironed, or dry-cleaned).

Students and parents wanting to sell their uniform items should bring them to the Student Office and complete a "for sale" docket for each item before the end of the year so that they are available for resale in January.

A 20% handling fee is deducted from the sale price of each garment. Please ensure your name, contact details and recommended price is attached to each item.

Note: old style items or garments that have been shortened cannot be sold.

Uniform Shop:

The uniform shop at the school will be open each Wednesday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm until the end of Term 4.

School Photos

Co-curricular photos are available for purchase online at: www.myclassphoto.co.nz

User Name: ewc2011

Password: ewc2011

Photos can be ordered online using a credit card. Photo orders placed before 21st November are \$12.00 and will be delivered to the school in named envelopes by 30th November. If ordered after 21st November, photos are \$18.

For those who do not have access to credit cards, students can bring cash to school to Mr Lamb (DP) and the school will include your photo order in a bulk order which will be placed on the 21st November.

Year13 photos are also available for purchase.

"Embrace Excellence"

Stationery Purchase

Stationery lists can be downloaded from our website: www.edgewater.school.nz

We recommend that you purchase your stationery at PaperPlus Pakuranga as they are familiar with our requirements and will have the compulsory packs available for Year 9 and Year 10 students.

Stationery Packs will also be available for order online at www.paperplus.co.nz/backtoschool (a small delivery charge will apply).

Student Achievement

Auckland University Economics Competition 2011

Rochelle Wilson and Andrew Ferguson from Edgewater College gained Distinction in Economics for this competition. Distinction is awarded to only the top 15% of students who sat this exam so this is a great result. In addition, four students gained Credits in Economics. Close to 3000 students sat this exam throughout New Zealand.

Overall, it was a great achievement for our students.
Mr. N. Kumar – HOD Economics

Assessment of Language Competence Exams

Students in Japanese and French had good results in the recent ALC exams. These exams assess Reading and Listening skills in a range of foreign languages.

In the Level 2 certificate (Y10) the following students achieved Distinction in French Listening:

Tristan Bolton, Alexandra de Guzman, Delnaz Firozi, and Allem Hossaini.

The following students achieved Distinction in Japanese Listening: A.J. Garcia, Miranda Hing, Monica Hing, and Jason Mui (Year 9).

Michael Crackett and Jessica Patterson achieved High Distinction in French Listening.

Alexandra de Guzman and Chase Ruka-Akehurst achieved Distinction in French Reading.

A.J. Garcia achieved Distinction in Japanese Reading.

Jessica Patterson achieved High Distinction in French Reading.

Jason Mui (Y9) achieved High Distinction in Japanese Reading.

In the Level 3 Certificate (Y12) Janet Duan achieved Distinction in Japanese Listening.

Julia Tolentino achieved Distinction in both French Listening and Reading, and Japanese Listening and Reading.

ICAS (Australian English Exam):

In the recent ICAS Exam, Samantha Wilson achieved High Distinction and Jessica Patterson achieved Distinction.

Japan Trip 2011

Tokyo –Takasaki –Mt Fuji –Hiroshima –Kyoto –Osaka

These were some of the exciting places in Japan visited by Edgewater College students on an 18 day trip in October. The fourteen students from Year 10 to Year 12 were excellent representatives of our school. Their homestay families, the schools they visited and even the Mayor of Takasaki City during the mayoral welcome for the group, all commented on their attitude and behavior, even asking if Edgewater was a top private school in NZ.

Highlights of the trip included the roller-coasters at Fuji-Q Highlands Amusement Park, Universal Studios, the bullet train, trying Japanese traditional archery, judo and musical instruments at a high school, shopping using Japanese and all the other challenges that go with experiencing a very different culture while putting into practice all you have learnt in Japanese lessons.

In addition to the language skills and greater understanding of Japanese culture they have gained, the students have formed friendships, had experiences they will never forget and grown in maturity and independence.

Any student taking Japanese classes from Year 10 to Year 12 is eligible for this trip and we look forward to taking more of you in the future.

Mrs W. Sheahan
Mr R. Lamb



ERO Report

We know what sort of school we want to be and have worked hard to be that school. It was therefore very pleasing that EROs conclusion recognised and confirmed that we are indeed doing well. So, what did they say?

Our planning:

The school has effective self-review processes and progressive and responsive strategic planning that place high value and priority on students learning, engagement, progress and achievement.

The strategic direction of the school is flexible and responsive to student needs.

Senior leaders and the Board use an inquiry and knowledge building cycle to promote on-going improvement in student outcomes.

Senior leaders and teachers discuss and monitor curriculum developments, the quality of teaching practice and pastoral services to help ensure that student needs remain central to decision making.

What we value:

The school's highly inclusive practices invite and value the diverse range of students and communities. Edgewater College shows an on-going and purposeful commitment to improving learning outcomes for all students

The school's positive tone, inclusive culture and supportive relationships provide a strong foundation for sustaining student learning.

The things we teach:

The Edgewater Curriculum is well designed and targeted to improve outcomes for all students. Students are at the centre of decision making about curriculum matters. Specific programmes are in place to support students who are underachieving as well as those who require further challenges and extension.

The structure and variety of curriculum programmes results in high levels of student engagement in learning.

Student achievement and involvement:

Most students achieve at or above national NCEA averages. Many students who enrol at Year 9 are achieving at levels below national averages for literacy and numeracy. However most of these students make significant gains over time and achieve well in NCEA.

Maori students are proud of their achievements as Maori in this school. The school places high value on Maori student engagement and achievement.

In classrooms, students are on task, participate and contribute to lessons.

"Students appreciate the variety of sporting, cultural, pastoral and academic learning experiences."

Edgewater Fundraising

The easiest fundraising opportunity for our school.

Help our school get rewarded with Warehouse Stationery's Support Your School programme.

For every \$1 you spend at Warehouse Stationery where our school's unique voucher is presented, one BlueBiz Reward Point will be raised for our school. 500 people each spending just \$50 raises 25,000 Points! That's equivalent to just over \$450 worth of additional funds* for our school to buy much needed school stationery, technology supplies and more. What could be simpler or easier!

Now's the time to spread the word. We must ensure as many people as possible present our school's unique voucher (or quote the voucher number attached) when they make any purchases from Warehouse Stationery.

You can also make purchases online at www.warehousestationery.co.nz simply by entering our school's unique code in the Promo Code box at the online checkout. To raise even more funds, print or send it to all your friends, family and workmates and get them supporting our school.

* Calculation based on converting Points to 9 x \$50 Warehouse Stationery vouchers.

Print our unique voucher now, or enter the code in your Phone etc

If you'd like to know more about how the programme works, visit warehousestationery.co.nz and click on the Support Your School file.

Let's make sure our school benefits from the year's biggest fundraising opportunity.

