

# Edgewater College



NOVEMBER 2008

## Principal's Comment

For the remainder of Term 4 we will be starting our school day with the first period teaching class. There will be no tutor class.

Students are to be at school by 8.50 a.m. A bell will go at 8.55 a.m. and students are expected to be in class by 9.00 a.m.

There will be a 20-minute tutor class every Tuesday during the school day.

Now that the junior exams are over, students in Year 10 will have the opportunity to achieve some NCEA Level 1 credits.

I want to stress the importance of regular attendance and correct uniform for the remainder of the year. We don't intend to let standards slip.

The school year ends on Friday 12 December with Junior Prizegiving in the morning. Students will then be free to leave for the holidays.

A J Vester  
Principal

*To The Principal*

*I am writing this on behalf of my mother who had a fall yesterday morning outside the Metlife Village. Four boys (she thinks it was four) stopped to help her and see that she got back into the village safely. She asked me to write to convey her thanks to the school and the boys (whoever they may be).*

*Thank you from me as well.*

*Moira Thomson/Diane Dunn*

## CO-CURRICULAR PHOTOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Students can now pick up the photos they ordered from Student Reception at Interval or Lunchtime.

## RIVERINA SCHOOL CHARITABLE TRUST

Former students of Riverina Primary School who might need support in furthering their education or career opportunities, are invited to make application for funds from the Riverina School Charitable Trust for 2009. Funds of varying amounts are available. During 2008, the Trust has supported 19 former students, most of them receiving \$2,000.

For information, please contact Riverina School on 527 7377 or email [admin@riverina.school.nz](mailto:admin@riverina.school.nz).

Applications close with the Principal at 4.30 p.m. on Friday 21 November 2008.

This could be you! All applications will be considered.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

Saturday 15 November  
NZ Scholarship examinations begin

Monday 17 November  
NCEA examinations begin

Wednesday 3 December  
NCEA & Scholarship exams finish

Thursday 4 December, 7.00 p.m.  
Year 13 Graduation dinner

### DECEMBER

Friday 12 December  
Junior Prize-giving and End of term

### START DATES FOR 2009

#### FEBRUARY

Monday 2 February  
Years 9, 12 & 13  
New International students

Tuesday 3 February  
Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 students

Wednesday 4 February  
All students at school

Friday 6 February  
Waitangi Day holiday – school closed

Further information about 2009  
in the December newsletter.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next Board meeting will be held on  
Wednesday 10 December, 6.30 p.m.

## UNIFORM SHOP

For the remainder of the year, the Uniform Shop hours will be Wednesdays from 3.15 to 5.15 p.m. only. Unfortunately we do not have staff available to open the shop at lunchtime, but students may request assistance at Student Reception if they need to make a purchase (on Wednesdays only). Uniform shop dates / hours for 2009 will be published in the end-of-year newsletter.

# CONGRATULATIONS . . .

Over the past two weeks we have celebrated the achievements of many students at our Co-curricular Awards Ceremony and Senior Prize-giving. Congratulations to all those students who received special awards, prizes and certificates in acknowledgement of their achievements in academic, sporting, cultural or community service fields. Some of those awards were:

**WILLIAM STRETTON AWARD FOR SPORTS DUX**  
Kate Christie & Jaimee Christie – Rowing Under 17 Girls' Double

**NATASHA GIN AWARD FOR MOST INSPIRATIONAL & INFLUENTIAL STUDENT WITHIN THE COLLEGE:** Michael Duffy

**PROXIME ACCESSIT (Runner up to Dux):** Anne Yu

**A & M PATTINSON MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR DUX OF THE COLLEGE:** Sammy Zhang

## TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2009

**AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Vice Chancellor's Scholarship: Emily Redwood  
Significant Student Scholarship: Francine Upoko

**MANUKAU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Kylie Young, Cara Griffith & Aula Silipa

THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND SCHOLARSHIPS are the University's most prestigious undergraduate awards. They are awarded to students who have demonstrated academic excellence, all-round ability and leadership. This year the University received over 800 applications for these scholarships and 100 have been awarded throughout New Zealand.

Congratulations to Anne Yu on receiving such a prestigious award, which will cover the costs of her undergraduate degree.

**UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO DUX SCHOLARSHIP:**  
Sammy Zhang

**GRAHAM KING SCHOLARSHIP (for assistance with fees in a tertiary course in the technology field):**  
Fredrick Simpson & Robert Waller (jointly)

**PAK 'N SAVE SYLVIA PARK ENTERPRISE SCHOLARSHIP:**  
Rusthania George

### CAREERS OFFICE

For all your enquiries about career options, tertiary study and training opportunities:  
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**ASSESSMENT OF LANGUAGE COMPETENCE**  
Year 10 Japanese students Jessica Tai, Jonathan Prins and Jerry Lu achieved High Distinction in the ALC Japanese exams. Jessica and Jonathan both scored 100% - an exceptional achievement in a test that is also open to Year 11 students. Students achieving Distinction were Andrew Ferguson (Year 10), and Shaoqing Meads, Anna Shi, Steven Steyl and Vanessa Humby (Year 11).

In Year 10 French, Jhanvi Dholakia and Jessica Ly both earned High Distinction, and Suresh Sinnasamy and Stephanie Wilson achieved Distinction.

### INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS

Year 9 and 10 (E & D) students participated in the ICAS exams recently. In English, Jonathan Prins and Jessica Ly both scored in the top 11% of Year 10 participants in New Zealand. Sam Bird and Ethan McQuarrie (Year 9) both achieved Distinction in Maths.

In Science, Ethan scored in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile in NZ, while in Year 11, Nathan Bird scored in the 94<sup>th</sup> percentile and Shaoqing Meads in the 92<sup>nd</sup> percentile nationwide.

### UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND ECONOMICS COMPETITION

32 senior Economics students took part in this year's competition at the University of Auckland. Congratulations to Tim Bird and Lupita Lealailuoto for earning Distinction, and ten students who earned a Certificate of Merit.

### FUELLED 4 SCHOOL AWARD

The Ministry of Education has awarded Edgewater College \$1,000 in the New Zealand-wide Fuelled 4 School (F4S) competition. The award is for the "School-wide Approach" category – awarded to students who most effectively engaged and involved staff and students in a school in New Zealand. Congratulations to F4S student leaders Marcus Ball, Michael Duffy, Anastarshia Havili, Tahira Hossaini, Hariata Komene, Sanaya Master, Divya Sen, Koralee Swete and Sam Vaevae for their sterling efforts in achieving this award.

These students will each receive a framed certificate and cash voucher worth \$100 from the Ministry of Education.

### PLANTATION BUSINESS CHALLENGE

A team of Year 13 Pasifika students took part in the Pacific Business Challenge last month – a programme jointly run by AUT, MIT and the Pacific Business Trust, to help "Grow Tomorrow's Pacific Business Leaders Today". Students Krishneel Chauhan, Anastarshia Havili, Mele Hingano and Sam Vaevae were enthusiastic and committed participants whose leadership and team work was clearly evident throughout the week.

Congratulations to these students for earning the award for the Best Business Pitch.

### THEATRESPORTS

After a very good season, our Theatresports team won the Auckland Schools Theatresports Award for School Showing the most Growth.

A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Teacher in Charge, Mrs B Stott.

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