

Edgewater College



SEPTEMBER 2008

Principal's Comment

The Triple E (Edgewater Excellence in Education) Society

We are proud of our initiative, the Edgewater Excellence in Education Awards. The Triple E Society has been instituted to encourage students to strive for excellence in everything they do, to celebrate their successes and to acknowledge the support they get from their families. Five new members were inducted into the Triple E Society at the second awards breakfast held on 20 August in the school hall.

Twenty students were nominated for awards, all of whom were recognised for their outstanding achievements in the four categories. The worthy recipients of the awards were:

<i>Academic Excellence:</i>	Sammy Zhang and Lisa Mulgrew
<i>Contribution to the College:</i>	Michael Duffy
<i>Cultural Excellence:</i>	Henrietta Palu
<i>Sporting Excellence:</i>	Daena Stephenson

All the guests, including parents and business people associated with our school, enjoyed a delicious breakfast provided by our sponsors, Sanitarium Health Food Company and Pak'n'Save, Sylvia Park.

R Lamb
Deputy Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JAZZ BAND for their award-winning performances at the KBB Music Festival, where they gained a Silver award and a Special Award for best performance of a NZ composition (a jazz waltz written by band leader, Hamish Arthur). This places our band in the Top 10 in Auckland – a wonderful achievement. You will have the opportunity to hear our musicians at the Music Department Concert on 16 September (see advertisement for details).

ERO REVIEW

In June, a team from the Education Review Office spent four days in the school undertaking their regular review, which occurs every three years. We felt the review went well and received a favourable report. A letter from the Chief Review Officer is included in this newsletter. The full report may be viewed on www.ero.govt.nz or from the link on our website.

EDGEWATER CULTURAL & FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 13 September at 7.00 p.m.
School Hall

Tickets: \$8
On sale from Monday 8 September
Be in early as tickets are limited

NO DOOR SALES!



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 10 September
Deadline for Financial Assistance for NZQA fees

Friday 12 September
Deadline for payment of NZQA fees

Saturday 13 September, 7.00 pm
Cultural & Fashion Extravaganza

Tuesday 16 September, 7.00 pm
Music Department concert

Sunday 21 September – 5 Oct
Edgewater College trip to Japan

Monday 22 – Friday 26 Sept
Senior exams

Friday 26 September
Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 13 October
First day of Term 4

Monday 20 October
Art Department – Exhibition

Monday 27 October
Labour Day holiday (school closed)

Wednesday 29 October, 7.00 p.m.
Co-curricular Prize-giving

NOVEMBER

Thursday 6 November, 7.30 pm
Senior Prize-giving

Wednesday 12 – Friday 14 Nov
Junior exams

Saturday 15 November
NZ Scholarship examinations begin

Monday 17 November
NCEA examinations begin

Wednesday 3 December
NCEA & Scholarship exams finish

DECEMBER

Friday 12 December
Junior Prize-giving - End of term

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next Board meeting will be held on
Wednesday 17 September, 6.30 p.m.

1st XI BOYS' SOCCER

After many hard months of fundraising and saving, the 1st XI Boys' Soccer flew to Christchurch on Saturday 30 August, then drove further south alongside the snow-capped Southern Alps all the way to Invercargill.

The 1st XI, captained by Donaven Green, is participating in the annual National Winter Sports Week occurring across New Zealand. The tournament started on Monday 1 September and will finish Thursday afternoon with semi-final and final games.

As a treat for all the hard work, we will be travelling back to Christchurch via Queenstown where the boys will experience the famous Shotover Jet. We return to Christchurch on Friday night and fly home on Saturday 6 September.

The boys have been kitted out in a full tracksuit, which they wear with pride. Many thanks to Mr Vester, the Board of Trustees, Mrs Snell and Miss Benjamin for all their hours of hard work, support and dedication. It is an incredible experience for these students to take part in. Bring on soccer and bring on Invercargill 2008! We wish the team all the best and know they will represent and uphold the values of Edgewater.

Mr N Fitness
Coach

Results to date for games against:

Mountainview College	0-4
Ashburton College	1-1
South Otago College	3-1

1st XV Rugby News

A HUGE thank you to all who have supported us throughout the season. Although we fell one point shy of a top four position, this year has been one of the more successful seasons the school's 1st XV has experienced in recent years. From being 20th (i.e. last) in 2006, then 13th in 2007, the team is currently 5th for 1st XV B Division in 2008, with a record of (7 – 3 – 1) for the year.

Highlights for the year far outweigh the "if only" moments, and include successes at the Auckland Sevens, an entertaining win over Howick College on their grounds, and a great win over front-runners Onehunga High School.

Thank you to our Seniors for their commitment over the past two years and for helping to lay a solid platform for next year's team. Special thanks must be given to our Team supporters – Te Tahawai Marae, Jack's Butchers in Dawson Road, Kevin Hunter, Kev Mokes and crew.

Mr Tu Edwards
Coach

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Ellen Henderson, who was named Player of the Tournament at the National U-17 Netball Championships held in Wanganui during the winter holidays. Ellen played Goal Keeper and Goal Defence in the Howick-Pakuranga representative team.

Mark Henderson, Tyler Jolley, Vincent Fanning, Arama Warren, Caleb Dale and Sam Bird, who are the Auckland Junior B-Grade Squash champions.

As well as their successes at the KBB Band Festival, the Jazz Band also had a very fruitful trip to Taranaki recently, giving six performances over two days. We know their efforts were appreciated as we are still receiving the fan mail –

Your band was cool! They played fun music very well and pretty loud. It was funky. Your pupils were fun to have around. Thank you for letting them come to visit us – can they come again next year?

Peter, Year 7, Huiakama School

... just to let you know how much the Toko School children enjoyed and benefited from the visiting Jazz Band. The students were excellent ambassadors for your school.

Richard Bradley, Principal, Toko School

Wow! I would just like to say how great it was to have the opportunity to hear your College's jazz band play ... They were organised, punctual and prepared with a wide selection of songs. I loved how they played solos to allow the children from our school to hear and identify the instruments. We have not had this opportunity before and the positive role models you have in the Jazz Band are a credit to your school. Children and staff got a huge buzz watching and hearing the Jazz Band.

Lisa Hill, Teacher, Stratford Primary

We were privileged to have a performance by your Jazz Band... We are only a small school of 55 students and we took the entire school to the performance, wondering how the 5 and 6 year olds would last through an hour's performance. We need not have worried – they, along with the rest of the school and staff, were enthralled and entertained for the entire time and are still talking about it.

Caroline Beissel, Principal, Pembroke School



40 HOUR FAMINE

Approximately 30 students participated in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine fundraising. Just under \$2,000 was raised in total. Thanks to all the students who took part and to those who sponsored them. You made a difference!

MISATO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

A group of eight students and three staff from our sister school in Misato, Japan, have now returned to Japan after a 10-day visit to Edgewater College. The students were billeted with Edgewater families and, as well as attending school, they managed to fit in a trip to Rotorua, a yacht cruise and horse-riding.

On their final night they entertained their host families by cooking Japanese food, playing bingo with Japanese prizes and singing and dancing. A group of Edgewater students will in turn visit Misato and attend school as part of the Japan trip later this month.

Mrs Sheahan, HOD Japanese

CHESS

Chess is a burgeoning activity at Edgewater College. Students are able to play in the library most lunch-times and we entered two teams into the inter-secondary schools competition. Some students have joined the local chess club to further develop their prowess.

When playing chess, digital timers called chess clocks are used to ensure that games finish within a set time. We currently have only two that we can use but ideally we require eight of them. Chess clocks cost \$95 each. If any local businesses are prepared to sponsor the purchase of a clock, we will display the business name on the clock in return. Please contact Mr G Banks if you can help out in this way.

Chess is an activity that develops cognitive skills and is well worth encouraging.

Mr G Banks, Chess Co-ordinator

THANK YOU ...

The following Trusts have supported school activities recently:

Pacific Sports & Community Trust, \$3,000 towards the Senior Economics trip to Wellington.

NZ Community Trust, \$4,000 towards the costs of the 1st XI Boys' Soccer trip to Invercargill.

PHYSIO TREATMENT

Students under 16 who use the Physiotherapy service at school require parental permission. Parents will be contacted by PhysioAction administration staff informing them that treatment is to be undertaken.

ASTHMA BUS

The Asthma Bus will be making its regular visit on Thursday 11 September.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Please remember to notify the office of any change of address or phone number. We often receive returned mail or find that phone numbers on our data base are no longer current.

Mathematics Corner

ANSWER FOR LAST PROBLEM:
Denmark Blue Elephant

In our town Bob, Ben, Bill and Bern are the Baker, the Bricklayer, the Butcher and the Builder, but not in that order.

Bob is not the Bricklayer, nor the Baker.
Ben is not the Builder, nor the Butcher.
Bill is not the Builder, nor the Baker.
Bern is not the Bricklayer, nor the Baker.
The Butcher is left-handed.
Bern is left-handed.
Who is the Builder? _____



NZQA Financial Assistance & Payment of Fees
Financial assistance for NCEA fees is available to families who:

- Hold a Community Services Card,
- Receive a Work & Income or Studylink benefit, or
- Have more than two students entering NCEA, whose fees total \$200 or more.

Application forms are available from Student Reception for seniors and 10E students wishing to apply for financial assistance. Your deadline to return the completed and signed form to Student Reception is Wednesday 10 September.

NZQA fees MUST be paid by Friday 12 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).

The Edgewater Music Department
presents its annual

MUSICAL CONCERT

Tuesday 16 September at 7.00 p.m.
School Hall – Tickets \$5

Come and hear our award-winning Jazz Band
– and much, much more!

JAZZ COMBO - SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE - JAZZ BAND
MALE VOCAL GROUP - 'THE DISCIPLES'
FEMALE VOCAL GROUP

SCHOOL OFFICE

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Office hours: 8.30 am to 4.00 pm during term

ENROLMENTS FOR 2009

In-zone Year 9 enrolments: Enrolments are taking place on Wednesday 10 & 17 September between 3.30 and 7.00 p.m. Appointments are essential.

Out-of-zone enrolments: Ballot applications close on Friday 5 September.

Please phone the office for further information or to make an appointment to enrol.

BREAKFAST AT THE MARAE

Free breakfast at Te Tahawai Marae @
Edgewater College

Every Monday morning from 7.45 to 8.45 a.m.

Compliments of Te Tahawai Marae
"Catering for the Community" project
ALL WELCOME

READ TO YOUR KIDS

Helping NZ become the world's most literate nation

Register online at www.readtoyourkids.co.nz or by mail (forms available from your English teacher or the Library).

Families will receive an information pack, a book (a list of ten to choose from), a family bookmark and pen, vouchers and a discount of 20% for HarperCollins books.

For every \$20 family subscription our Library receives a credit of \$2 to spend on HarperCollins Books, as well as an Atlas and Dictionary.

The PARENTING PLACE

300 Great South Road, Greenlane ph 524 1387

Invitation to an information evening on learning difficulties.

Dore offers an exercise-based treatment for children and adults with learning, attention and behavioural difficulties. These difficulties are often associated with dyslexia, ADD, ADHD, dyspraxia and Asperger's Syndrome.

The Parenting Place is offering two free information evenings about the treatment of learning difficulties – the Dore programme may be able to help.

Tuesday 9 or Thursday 16 September, 7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

To reserve your place phone 0508 367369 or visit www.dore.co.nz.

STEP UP Revision classes

By now senior students have already covered a considerable amount of the curriculum and preparation for end-of-year exams becomes increasingly important. STEP UP revision classes provide extra assistance in NCEA subjects Levels 1-3. Classes available during September term break (Monday 29 September – Wednesday 8 October) taught by experienced secondary school teachers. See <http://stepup.unitec.ac.nz> for more information or to register.

'RACING ALONG WITH PAUL'

Friday 19 September, 7 p.m. @ Pakuranga Library

Ever imagined yourself behind the wheel of a rally car – Possum Bourne II? If so, mark this date in your calendar and come along to hear Paul Adams, ex-NZ Rally driving champion, at the Library.

UNIFORM SHOP

Shop hours: Wednesdays 1.00 to 5.30 p.m. during term (closed last Wednesday of term for stocktaking).
Order forms also available from the office or our website.
Please allow two days for processing.