



### TERM DATES

Term 3 Monday 21 July to Friday 19 September  
 Term 4 Monday 6 October to 10 December

# calendar

### *August*

**6 Wednesday**

NCEA Training Day – School closed

**12 Tuesday & 14 Thursday**

In Zone enrolments of Year 9 for 2004

**22 Friday**

Mid Term Break

**28 Thursday**

Parent Interviews

### *September*

**2 Tuesday**

Parent Interviews

**5 Friday**

Culture Concert in evening

**8 Monday**

NCEA Training Day – School closed.

**19 Friday**

Term III ends

### **UNIFORM SHOP DAYS/ TIMES** (during term time only)

*Tuesdays 12.00 to 2.00 pm and*

*3.00 pm to 5.30 pm*

*Thursdays 12.15 pm to 2.00 pm*

School uniform can only be purchased from the college Uniform Shop. Other items are **not** acceptable.

### **SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED**

The school office will close at 2.30 pm on Friday 8 August due to location into the new offices.

For emergency calls after 2.30 pm on that day phone 576 4731.

**Note:** School will finish at 3.15 as normal.

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## NEWSLETTER

### *This Issue:*

- **NCEA Training Day** – School closed
- **Enrolments for 2004**
- **Importance of good attendance**

With senior reports now safely in the hands of parents, and junior reports soon to follow, it seems timely to come back to a theme I have raised before. Excellent attendance at school is no guarantee of outstanding academic success but it does signpost a personal discipline and a family commitment to education. Poor attendance, not explained by illness, accident or family disaster, is very often a very good predictor of failure at school. Quite simply students do better and learn more when they attend regularly. The problem is that non attendance is a habit where any excuse to stay away is quickly taken. Clear patterns emerge in year 9 and are repeated annually thereafter.

This is a problem which is even worse when it is with the agreement of parents. Education is so important that it cannot be left to the whims of a young person to decide whether or not to come to school. Work missed cannot easily be caught up. Adults in the family please take charge and make sure your child gets to school.

August '03

## **NCEA Training Days – School Closed**

School will be closed for two NCEA Training Days this term.

**Wednesday 6 August**  
and **Monday 8 September.**

**Friday 22 August** is a mid-term break and school will be closed.

## **ENROLMENT INFORMATION**

2004 will be the first year of our enrolment scheme.

It means that while students in our “home zone” have automatic entitlement to enrolment, students outside the zone will need to apply. If more want to attend than there are places for, a ballot must be held.

**In-zone enrolments will be held on Tuesday 12 August (4.00 - 8.00pm) and Thursday 14 August (4.00 – 8.00 pm) in the school hall.**

Please contact the school office (Phone 576 9039) to make an appointment time to avoid having to wait.

If these times do not suit please contact the school office to make an alternative appointment time. However, it is important to enrol early to secure a place and to enable us to plan classes and organise staff

**Out of zone application forms** are available from the school office. They must be back to us by **5 September**. Once the ballot has been held it is very unlikely that any further applications will be successful.

## **NZQA EXAMINATION FEES**

The deadline for payment of NZQA fees through the college has passed.

Parents will now need to deal directly with NZQA in Wellington. Students must apply to Mr Bull or Mrs Williams in order to get the appropriate application information.

Students have until 1 October to make direct entries to NZQA.

## **STUDENT SUCCESSES and SPORTS' RESULTS**

### **Congratulations to**

**Amy Chen Ko6** who was selected to represent NZ at the World Junior Tennis Finals to be held in Prostějov, Czech Republic in August. She will also be playing in Poland and Germany. We wish her all the very best.

**Khan Taylor Ko7** was selected for the Auckland Secondary Schools Divisional Rugby Team.

**Marc Joe Ri11, Eli Salmons Ti2** and **Alfred Pongi Ri5** were selected for the divisional Zonal basketball tournament in Hamilton.

**Hogan Cho Ti10** was 5<sup>th</sup> equal in the Auckland Secondary School Stroke Play Golf Championship.

**Auckland Gymnastics Tumbling team** – Our boys' team (**David Tuipulotu Ti2, Ravlin Deo Ri3, Luther Blakelock Ti9 and Sam West Ri2**) won the Div C Grade at the Auckland Championships and the girls' team was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Novice B Division.

*Our thanks once again to Village Cinemas, Highland Park, for continuing to give complimentary tickets for our 'Players of the Day'.*

## **PARENT INTERVIEW EVENINGS**

- Parent interviews are planned for Thursday 28 August and Tuesday 2 September.
- Hopefully the Administration Block will be back in use which will mean that most of the interviews will be conducted in the school hall as usual.
- Final arrangements will be confirmed in a special newsletter.

## **SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS**

School examinations are planned to take place from 7 October to 13 October. This means that students will return from the holidays and enter exams starting on the first Tuesday of Term 4.

## **A Successful Careers Evening**

A big thank you to all the students, parents and friends who supported the **Careers Expo Evening** this week. The large turnout, the students' focus and questions, and the general hospitality and friendliness shown to them impressed all exhibitors. We have a supportive community out there and we appreciate this at Edgewater College.

*M Whickman, Careers Adviser.*