



TERM DATES

Term 2 Monday 28 April to Friday 4 July
 Term 3 Monday 21 July to Friday 19 September
 Term 4 Monday 6 October to 10 December

calendar

May

3 to 7 Wednesday
 Year 13 History Trip

June

2 Monday
 Queens Birthday – School closed
 3 Tuesday to 9 Monday
 Senior Exams and Assessments

July

1 Tuesday
 Team Photos

Another Big Thank You to **Bakers Delight**, Botany Downs for once again donating bread dough for our year 9 technology classes. It is one of their most rewarding practical classes.



NEW UNIFORM SHOP DAYS AND TIMES

The uniform shop will no longer open on Wednesday afternoons but will open on the following days:

Tuesdays 12.00 noon to 5.30 pm
Thursdays 12.15 pm to 2.15 pm

(during term time only)

If requiring a full new uniform please make appointments by telephoning the school office, 576 9039

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**ANNUAL MEETING
6.30 pm
Wednesday 14 May 2003**

You are welcome to attend

A reminder to parents.

Please do not drive into the staff carpark to drop off or pick up students. It causes congestion and students are also at risk while walking through the carpark to catch buses.

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NEWSLETTER



Demolition begins on new administration and student centre

This Issue:

- **Smoking offences**
- **Drug Dogs**
- **New Uniform shop days and times**

Welcome back to term II. We start the term with construction on the new administration and student centre facilities underway. Over the next 28 weeks that this project is in progress there will be some minor disruptions but the result will more than compensate.

I want to take this opportunity to reinforce the idea that as a school we value discipline and order and will work hard to enforce it. We have started the term with a good standard of uniform. Thank you. Behaviour at the corner shops is greatly improved with the regular pre-school monitoring of that area and punctuality is being addressed with considerable success.

One clear message I get from parents is that you want firm and fair rules applied and you value good standards of discipline.

Health Centre During Alterations

At present we have very limited space available for the Health Centre. Whereas in the past you may have sent a student who was unwell to school in the hope of an improvement during the day we are now asking you to keep them at home.

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SMOKING

In spite of national advertising, warnings on packets, health education, being barred from all public places, and the cost, a significant number of New Zealanders still smoke.

Unfortunately this also includes students both at school and on the way to or home from school. This is one area we can address and in order to show we are serious about the problem we have established a protocol for what will happen to students caught smoking at school or while on the way to or home from school.

- 1st offence* - Letter home and 2 after school detentions.
2nd offence - In-school suspension. Student removed from class and made to work in alternate room. They do not go out at lunchtime or interval. Parents in to see a DP and a recommendation made that the student gets help to quit the habit.
3rd offence - Stand down
4th offence - Suspension

It would be very sad if a student's education at Edgewater College was stopped because of the use of tobacco and we want to make sure that at the very least students and parents understand what steps will be taken.

DRUG DOGS

On Thursday we had an introductory visit by Elite Dogs Services. This is a professional service used in the work place and by other schools.

Edgewater College does not have a drug problem but some families do and it is an issue for society as a whole. What our school can do is make sure drug use does not happen at school and that students are not in class under the influence of drugs. At future points in time the dogs will be back, this time for real. The protocol we apply is one agreed to by all secondary schools in the area. It means that:

- students are suspended
- the police are informed
- the student appears before the Board of Trustees.

As a result of that appearance a student may be permanently excluded from Edgewater College. Finding another school willing to accept an excluded student is very difficult.

STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL IN NON REGULATION UNIFORM

It is wonderful to see so many students involved in sports teams and culture groups. Well done.

It is not good however to see these students after school at the corner shops in non school uniform. To put it bluntly, they damage the reputation of the school. I am issuing an instruction to all coaches that if any of their team is at the shops before practice wearing non regulation clothing, the student will be stood down from the team or group for the next game or performance.

CYCLE HELMETS REMINDER

If your youngster bikes to school would you please remind him/her that not only is it compulsory to wear a cycle helmet, but it does offer protection in an accident. Too many students choose to dangle their helmet from their handle bars.

GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY FOR 2004

Our college has an arrangement with The Pilgrims School in England in which two of our senior female students at the end of year 13 go to work in the UK as assistant matrons in the Boarding House of the school. They pay their own fare to England but while there are paid a weekly wage, receive free accommodation and have very generous holidays. Application forms are available from our office and close for next year on Friday 16 May, 2003.

STUDENT SUCCESSES and SPORTS' RESULTS

Courtney Gill Ti4 won the Otahuhu Railway Bowling Clubs Ladies Pairs Title.

1st XI Soccer Pre-match friendly vs Penrose High School, - 3 all.

Our thanks to Village Cinemas Highland Park who have once again given complimentary tickets for our "Players of the Day."