



### TERM DATES

Term 4 Monday 6 October to 8 December  
*(Please note change of final date for year.)*

# calendar

## **November**

### **6 Thursday**

Senior Prize Giving in hall 7.30 pm  
School will finish at 12.25 pm.

### **7 Friday**

Farewell Dinner for Year 13

### **7 Friday to 12 Wednesday**

Junior Exams

Senior Reports posted this week.

### **12 Wednesday**

NCEA exams begin for seniors

## **December**

### **2 Tuesday**

Junior Kilikiti Day Tournament

### **3 Wednesday**

Year 13 Day trip

### **4 Thursday**

Year 12 Leadership Day

### **8 Monday**

Junior Prize Giving in the morning

School ends for year at prize giving conclusion.

Junior Reports posted this week.

## **Emergency Phone During Power Shut Down**

On Friday 7 November power will be shut down at lunch time in the administration area in order to carry out essential maintenance work.

Classes will continue as usual but the telephones will not operate.

If you need to phone the college urgently during this time please phone, 021 180 8853



# Edgewater College

## NEWSLETTER

### *This Issue:*

- **Early Closure from 6 November**
- **Start dates for 2004**
- **Change in Uniform shop hours**

Over two evenings last week at our Study Skills evenings we saw a wonderful example of the 3 key components of educational success – parental interest, student effort, teacher input.

All research shows that educational success is clearly linked to career prospects and future earnings. Getting that success requires effort from all three of the key groups. That is, students, teachers and parents. I can do a lot in terms of ensuring that the teacher part of the equation is in place. I can do something about the student part of the equation if and while they are here at school. I can do nothing about parental interest and involvement. It is this component that takes me from delight when in contact with keen and interested parents, to despair when I see evidence of parents who either lack the skill or desire to carry out their part.

My thanks to the great majority of parents who are doing their bit. We need to continue to work together and ask at every opportunity, 'what could I be doing that would make a positive difference to this young person's future prospects'. Our children are increasingly competing in education and hence on the world stage and to make sure they don't become the low paid, undervalued fuel for the global economy we need to look at what we can add to their education.

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## **START DATES FOR 2004**

Tuesday 27 January	Teachers Only Day
Wednesday 28 January	8.45 am Years 9 and 13 1.00 pm Year 12
Thursday 29 January	Whole school

## **PRIZE GIVING CEREMONIES**

All parents, students and friends are most welcome to attend the following ceremonies:

**Senior Prize Giving**                      Thursday 6 November  
7.30 pm.

*(Please note that school will close at 12.25 pm on that day. Buses will be requested to come early.)*

**Junior Prize Giving**                      Monday 8 December  
9.30 am

## **CHANGES TO FINISH TIME FOR REST OF YEAR**

Thursday 6 November                      -                      12.25 pm  
Friday 7 November (when Junior Exams start)                      3.00 pm  
until the end of the school year.  
School buses have been requested to come earlier.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees are elected by the parents to provide governorship for the school. They don't get involved in the day to day management but they have a very important role to play in the direction that the school takes as it moves into the future.

We have as a school made some very significant improvements over the past few years and are of course keen to keep the momentum going. Elections for the Board will be held during term 1 next year. If you are interested please contact the school office for more information. You are also welcome to attend a Board meeting. (The next one will be held at 6.30 pm on 12 November, in the college boardroom.)

## **UNIFORM SHOP HOURS FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR**

There will be changes to the normal times and days due to exams being held in the hall.

Tuesday	11 November	3.00 to 5.00 pm
Tuesday	18 November	5.15 to 6.45 pm
Tuesday	25 November	5.15 to 6.45 pm
Tuesday	2 December	12.15 to 1.45 pm 3.00 to 5.00 pm

## **MENINGOCOCCAL B VACCINATION PROGRAMME**

A national immunisation programme is being planned. To help make this happen Health Boards are asking for a copy of the relevant student data to be transferred electronically. It will be destroyed after the process has been tested. If this data transfer is a concern to you please contact the school office.

## **CAREERS INFORMATION**

1. The Careers Office is open for student enquiries before school and during school hours. The direct phone line for Careers is 577 0406.
2. **Gateway – Secondary School      workplace pathway for Years 11, 12 and 13 students**

Edgewater College has been given a Government (TEC) contract to establish workplace / related qualifications for our students. It means they will spend some of their school time on work experience gaining qualifications.

If any interested students or parents want to know more please contact Mr Whickman, CAREERS for further details. – Direct Dial 577 0406.

A list of students will be established and parents contacted.