



TERM DATES

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

calendar

October

27 Monday
Labour Day – School Closed
29 Wednesday
Co-Curricular Prize giving 7.00 pm

November

6 Thursday
Senior Prize Giving in hall 7.30 pm
7 Friday
Farewell Dinner for Year 13
10 Monday 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
Junior Reports posted this week.

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.

Harcourts, No 1 Real Estate Company in New Zealand would love to help Edgewater College Students

Harcourts in Howick and Pakuranga will donate \$250 to our school if you refer a customer to them and they conclude a successful property sale.
(special conditions apply)

Just phone Jodi at the College (576 9039 ext 870) or Martina at Harcourts A1 Realty Ltd MREINZ (5388 0138) if you know someone who requires real estate service.



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NEWSLETTER

This Issue:

- **School Uniform Changes**
- **Importance of Homework and study.**

In the holidays just gone I was fortunate to spend time in the United States. I was not surprised to see a headline in the Los Angeles Times, *Too Much Homework? Report Finds Otherwise*. To quote from that article “The popular notion that American students are overburdened with homework is largely a myth – and if anything, too many don’t do enough according to a national study.”

“On average daily time spent on homework in the United States is slightly more than 19 minutes..”

One thing that struck me as I visited schools and talked to fellow educators was how similar many of the fundamental problems are in both countries. These include issues of literacy and numeracy, questions about how best to deal with disruptive students, and the problem of a growing gap between those who succeed at school and those who don’t.

The problem facing our students here at Edgewater College is that they must compete with students who complete all their homework, have perfect attendance, have access at home to the latest in educational technology and who received out of school paid tuition in one or more subjects. There is most definitely not a level playing field and try as the school might to tip the field in favour of our students we still depend very heavily on parents and students to do the extra that is required outside of school.

Over the next few weeks as we head into our external examinations and our school based junior examinations we must make homework and study a school and family priority.

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PRIZE GIVING CEREMONIES

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

Co-Curricular Prize Giving Wednesday 29 October
7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Senior Prize Giving Thursday 6 November
7.30 pm.

UNIFORM CHANGE FOR 2004

- 1 White polo shirts** are being discounted to \$25.00 each. They will be allowed to be worn until the end of term 1 2005. From that date all students are to wear blue blouses or blue shirts.
- 2 A straightline skirt**, knee-length, is to be introduced for girls in 2004.

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.)

STUDENT SUCCESSES and SPORTS' RESULTS

Congratulations to

*Our students who won at the NZ Amateur Boxing Championships held in Palmerston North. **Zoe Repia Ko10** under 57kg champion, **Kirsten Repia Ko9** under 63kg champion and **Linda Repia Ko4** under 70kg champion. The three sisters are all first dan back belts in karate and Kirsten and Zoey are third dan black belts in kung fu.*

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

STUDENTS' RECORDS

Many of our students' details are incorrect making it very difficult for us to contact parents when a student is ill or injured. Could you please keep the college office informed of new addresses and phone numbers, particularly numbers where we can contact you during the day if there is an emergency.

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.