



### TERM DATES

Term 1.	Ends Thursday 8 April
Term 2	Monday 26 April to Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July to Friday 17 September
Term 4	Monday 4 October to 8 December

# calendar

## **February**

**6 Friday**  
Waitangi Day – SCHOOL  
CLOSED  
**18 Wednesday**  
ID Photos  
Year 9 – Helping your Child  
Succeed Evening – 7.00 pm  
**20 Friday**  
Leadership Day

## **March**

**5 Friday**  
Nominations Open for Board of  
Trustees elections  
**16 Tuesday**  
Class photos  
**14 Friday**  
**19 Friday**  
Nominations Close for Board of  
Trustees elections  
**24 Wednesday & 25 Thursday**  
NCEA information evening  
**26 Friday to 2 Friday**  
New Caledonia students visit

## **April**

**1 Thursday & 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**  
Year 13 Geography trip  
**2 Friday**  
Last day for Board of Trustees  
elections  
**8 Thursday**  
End of Term 1

### Advertisement

**Toi O Manukau  
WAITANGI FAMILY  
CELEBRATIONS  
Friday 6 February  
Hayman Park, Manukau City  
Starts 10am**

Free Concert King Kapisi  
Unity Pacific,  
K Lee  
Katchafire

Art Exhibits  
Food, Craft, Clothing Stalls  
Free Rides, games activities  
Lots of Giveaways

### **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

### *This Issue:*

- **Board of Trustees Elections**
- **Start/Finish times for 2004**
- **Parents' Evenings**

Welcome back to the students and parents. Our school year has started smoothly and quickly with all students in class and learning by 9.30 on our second day back. Our decision not to have a long staggered start or to send students home early on any day does create pressure on staff and I appreciate their ability to deal so professionally with this. My reason for doing it is to show our students right from the start that the classroom, and the learning that occurs there, is our fundamental reason for being here.

The enrolment scheme we introduced at the end of 2003 is having a significant impact. There were 350 year 9 students in 2003. In order to stay within our maximum roll this has had to be reduced to 210 for 2004. My feeling is that there are many advantages in the smaller number and I will be following the group's progress with interest.

### **START / FINISH TIMES FOR 2004**

This year school will start every day at 8.45 am and will finish at 3.15 pm (including Mondays).

### **WELCOME TO STAFF**

Mr N Abeysuriya – *Mathematics*  
Mr C Grage - *Geography/Social Studies*  
Mr T Muresan - *French*  
Ms R O'Shea - *Health*  
Mrs K Naude - *Accounting*  
Miss A Ryu – *Art*  
Mr R Sharma - *Mathematics*  
Mrs A Swasbrook (returns from Maternity Leave) – *Mathematics*  
Mr N Vanderpeet - *HOD Social Sciences*

### **PARENTS' EVENINGS**

**Wednesday 18 February** Year 9 orientation and Helping Your Child Succeed evening. Meet the senior staff and your children's teachers. Start time **7.00 pm** in the hall.

**Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 March** Senior students and parents Course Information Evenings. Start time **7.00 pm** in the Hall.

### **Board of Trustees Elections**

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 that 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 2 April this 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 on 11 February 2004 in the college boardroom.)

### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

#### **Congratulations to:**

**Our Lawn Bowls** team who competed at the NZ Secondary Schools National Collegiate Lawn Bowls Competition held in Napier in December. **Courtney Gill T14** played in the Girls Singles and **Amy Coghlan To3** and **Sarah Kee Ko2** won the girls pairs section. Well done.

### **NEW UNIFORM SHOP DAYS/ TIMES**

(during term time only)

*Tuesdays 1.00 pm to 5.30 pm*

*Thursdays 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm*

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

If requiring a full new uniform please make an appointment by telephoning the school office 576 9039.

### **Wikcliff (Cliff) SIU**

**It was with real regret that we learned of Cliff's death in a tragic car accident last Tuesday night.**

**Cliff was a popular student at Edgewater College. He was an enthusiastic and valued member of the Edgewater U15 Open rugby team and the school tennis team. A good team player. He will be fondly remembered and sadly missed.**

**The students, staff and Board of Trustees express their sorrow at the death of this promising young man.**