



# Edgewater College

July 2004

## Principal's Comments

In the last newsletter I wrote how important it was that we did choose to recognise and celebrate student academic success. I received more feedback from parents than usual, all of it positive.

By chance in the lead up to this newsletter our Australian Science Examination results arrived. I am very pleased to be able to congratulate the many students who performed with credit, especially Mayura Vivekananda who received a High Distinction, placing him in the top 1% of all candidates who sat this examination in Australia and New Zealand. One thing that is clearly evident is that our top students also have great attendance records.

The most recent attendance analysis I have just completed shows that while most students have good attendance, many not missing any school at all, a smaller group have truly appalling attendance. While this can sometimes be explained by a serious illness it is too often the result of families not placing the importance on attendance that they should.

Our number one goal as a school is to raise student achievement, something we can't do for students who don't attend regularly. Let's see if we can make term III a great attendance term!

## NZQA Fees

NZQA exam fee invoices will be mailed out during the week starting 9 August. Fees must be paid by **3 September**. Please inform us of any changes of address.

## Financial Assistance

Students who are eligible for assistance include:

- ? Any student who receives a *Work and Income* or *Study Link* benefit, or whose family is dependent on a welfare benefit.
- ? Any student whose family receives a Community Services Card because the joint family income is below the level set.
- ? Any student who belongs to a family with more than one student entering for senior secondary school qualifications.
- ? **Application For Financial Assistance (2004)** forms are available from Student Reception.
- ? Forms must be returned to the Student Reception **before Friday 6 August**.

## Year 9 Enrolments for 2005

### In-Zone

Enrolments will take place in the hall on **Tuesday 10 August and Thursday 12 August**. Please phone the college office to make your enrolment appointment or to obtain an information pack if you have not received one.

Because we need to limit out of zone enrolments for 2005 and because we want to ensure that your child can start next year with a planned programme I encourage you to get your enrolment completed as soon as possible.

### Out-of Zone

Students who live outside our home zone must fill out an Out Of Zone application form before **3 September** in order to go in the ballot. This also applies to **brothers and sisters of existing students living outside the home zone**. Forms are available from the college office. We are unable to accept late applications.

## MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR

### AUGUST

**2 – 6**

Junior reports posted.

**7 Saturday**

Misato Machi students arrive

**10 Tuesday**

In-zone Year 9 enrolments for 2005

**12 Thursday**

In-zone Year 9 enrolments for 2005

**16 Monday**

Parent/Teacher Interviews

**18 Wednesday**

Parent/Teacher Interviews.

**20 Friday**

Mid term break – school closed

### September

**2 Thursday & 3**

**Friday**

Culture Concert

**3 Friday**

Closing date for Out of zone enrolments for 2005

**17 Friday**

End of Term III

### Uniform Shop Hours

(during term time only)

**Tuesdays**

1.00 pm to 5.30 pm

**Thursdays**

1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

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Information and consent forms are being sent home on Friday 30 July.

Please take time to read, complete the forms, and return the forms promptly to college.



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Edgewater College has achieved very pleasing results in this year's Australasian Science Examination. This examination, set and administered by the University of New South Wales, attracts over 400,000 students from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. It is designed to test students' skills rather than just to see what facts they have memorised.

The most outstanding result was a High Distinction earned by **Mayura Vivekananda Ti1** signifying that he was in the top 1% of all candidates. Congratulations Mayura.

Distinctions, meaning that they were in the top 10% went to:

Zoe Cornelius Ko1  
Zeus Engineer Ko6  
Stephen Leach Ri8  
Sathya Manoharan Ti6  
Luke Van Den Burgen Ko7  
Aidan Griffith Ri10

Lucy Han To6  
Maithili Sreen Ti5  
Gareth Marsh To1  
Michael Sheahan To3  
Anne Yu Ti3  
Shirley Au Ko6

Credits (top 30%) went to:

Kelly Brockett Ri2  
Maia-Joy Jones To6  
Sarah Nelson Ri9  
Matt Ronson To10  
Carl Stieller To7  
Robert Waller Ri5  
Ben Winwood Ti8  
Joel Cotter To6  
Ivon Kumar Ko8  
Wei-Xin Poon Ko8  
Shaun Smith Ko3  
Daniel Zheng Ko7  
Min Tian Ko6  
Howard Yang Ti11  
Prashanth Rodricks Ri9

Ahmed Hilali Ko9  
Vanessa Irvine Ri4  
Simon Jackson Ri6  
Nihal Alexander Ri1  
Luther Blakelock Ti9  
Sammy Boun Ko11  
Nicola De Ville Ri9  
Scott Diamond Ri3  
Danielle Gower To1  
Natalie Heesen Ri4  
Timothy Holland To3  
Alysa Kelly Ko5  
Jesse Luo Ko1  
Daisy Yu Ti2  
Jonathon Lintott Ri9

## SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT

### Congratulations to:

**Marc Joe Ri1, Alfred Pongi Ri5, Eli Salmons Ti2 and Aya Shiomi Ti7** who were all selected to represent Shelton Blazers to play in the divisional Zonal basketball tournament.

**Alysa Kelly Ko5** who won the junior secondary individual open novice event at the Auckland Regional Schools Aerobic and Dance Championships. She will now compete in the NZ Championships in Christchurch in September.

**Emma Rodgers Ri8** who is the North Island U16 Girls Badminton Champion. She is a member of the NZ U19 team that recently beat the Australian U19 team 9.2.

**Sieda Tureia Ri4** who will be representing NZ at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Va'a Federation World Outrigger Canoe Sprint Championships in Hawaii in August. Good luck.

*Edgewater acknowledges and thanks Village Cinemas Highland Park for continuing to give complimentary movie tickets to Players of the Day in many sports.*

### NATASHA GIN - 1977 - 2004

It is with deep sadness that we advise that Natasha Gin, who was our Head Girl in 1995, died on 22 July after a long battle with cancer. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

## CAREERS INFORMATION

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.

Parents and students are welcome to see or speak to the Careers Advisor any time. Please contact Mr Whickman on 577 0406 (Direct line) or leave a message.

### STUDENTS' RECORDS

It is important that personal details on school records are UP TO DATE, especially changes of home address and telephone numbers. Please keep us informed when changes occur.

### TERM DATES

Term III Monday 19 July to Friday 17 September  
Term IV Monday 4 October to 8 December

### PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent Interview evenings will be held in the college hall **Monday 16 August** and **Wednesday 18 August**. An appointment sheet will be sent home and students are then to make appointments with the teachers you wish to see. Further details to come.

### MID TERM BREAK

School will be closed on Friday 20 August.

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