



# Edgewater College

June 2004

## Principal's Comments

NZ has traditionally performed well above its size in sport. We celebrate this as a nation, it unites us and helps define us as a country.

For some reason we have been much more shy about celebrating academic success. I want to change this attitude at Edgewater College. This newsletter contains a list of some of our top performers in our recent exams. Well done to the students on the list and congratulations to the families that have nurtured and encouraged these successes.

Can everyone be a sporting success? No, they can't. Can everyone be a top academic performer? No, they can't. However, everyone here can be the best they can be. All of our students can achieve to the upper limits of their potential. Our teachers can strive to be the best teachers they possibly can. I'm not perfect, and should also be aiming to make the best use of the skills I have. In the end we, and that includes parents, should not judge ourselves on just how we compare to others but also on how close we come to being the best we can be. The list that follows can only recognise a sub set of success in our school. Those not on the list can look at what they have achieved and answer a personal question, "Did I do all I could to do the best I can?" If you can honestly answer then you can mentally add your name to that list of achievers. Well done!

## Attendance at Exams

Attendance at exams is compulsory but in the past some students have taken the opportunity to absent themselves. It was very pleasing this year to find that very few students did not attend their exams. Consequently our Saturday detentions for non attenders had few students in them. At the end of the year we are aiming to not need to hold any Saturday detentions.

The fact we do hold them at all is however a signal that we recognise the role and importance of practice exams.

## Year 9 Enrolments for 2005

### In-Zone

As you know Edgewater College now has a home zone and students within this home zone are entitled to enrol here. An enrolment appointment is necessary. Enrolments will take place in the hall on **Tuesday 10 August and Thursday 12 August**. Please phone the college office for an information pack if you do not receive one in the mail the first week of next term.

### 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 will be available from the college office from week 1, next term.

## MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR

### JULY

**2 Friday**

End of Term II

**1 Thursday**

Trip to New  
Caledonia

**19 Monday**

Term III commences

**28 Wednesday**

Careers Expo &  
Departments Open  
Evening 7.00 pm in  
hall.

### AUGUST

**2 – 6**

Junior reports  
posted.

**16 Monday**

Parent Interview

**18 Wednesday**

Parent Interviews.

### Next BOT meeting

The date for the next  
Board meeting will be 21  
July instead of 14 July.

### Uniform Shop Hours (during term time only)

**Tuesdays**

1.00 pm to 5.30 pm

**Thursdays**

1.00 pm to 4.00 pm



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

**Congratulations to the following students. Of the credits earned in the exams just gone or in work assessed prior to the exams these students gained a high percentage of excellences or merit.**

|                      |     | Excellence | Excellence<br>and<br>Merit |
|----------------------|-----|------------|----------------------------|
| Min Tien             | KO6 | 49%        | 85%                        |
| Keerthi Kumar        | TO2 | 73%        | 80%                        |
| Shaun Li             | TO9 | 82%        | 90%                        |
| Evan Lim             | T14 | 30%        | 78%                        |
| Mathanki Vivekananda | T15 | 49%        | 71%                        |
| Roshni Patel         | T19 | 60%        | 76%                        |
| Joanna Ly            | KO4 | 40%        | 76%                        |
| Jessica Laing        | KO6 | 30%        | 71%                        |
| Amy Potenger         | T11 | 42%        | 70%                        |

### Congratulations to:

**Kim Shen TO8** who won a national jewellery design competition run by Opal Pacific (wholesalers). She will get the opportunity to make the jewellery in their workshop.

## CAREERS INFORMATION

- Our **Careers Expo and Department Open Evening** is to be held on **28 July, 7.00 pm onwards** in the College Hall, new Entrance/Foyer and Music Rooms. All parents, friends, students (Yrs 9 to 13) are invited. Currently 50 exhibitors will be attending from a wide range of careers. Kindly sponsored by **National Bank of NZ, Pakuranga**, and **National Adhesives, East Tamaki**.
- 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.

### TERM DATES

Term II ends Friday 2 July  
 Term III Monday 19 July to Friday 17 September  
 Term IV Monday 4 October to 8 December

## SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT

### Congratulations to:

#### SPORT CLIMBING

**Daniel Wong RI2** came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the National Open Grade last week.

**Mr Worsfold**, our teacher who coaches this sport, gained a personal win himself in the NZ Masters event. Well done.

#### ROWING

**Ben Corkery T14**, won the coxswain of the year for the St Georges club.

#### NETBALL

**Phoebe Sala T16**, represented Counties Manukau in the U17 Wanganui Tournament early this month.

#### OUTRIGGER CANOEING

**Christine Brebner T18, Tiffany Walters**

**Tupeu Sifa KO11, Tara Warren RI11**

are all part of Tiare Maori (Tamaki Outrigger Club) Junior 16 Womens crew who have been selected to represent NZ at the 11<sup>th</sup> Federation World Outrigger Canoe Sprint Championships in Hawaii next month. We wish them all the best.

### Allons en Nouvelle-Caledonie

Following the first stage of the successful French exchange with a college in Noumea, New Caledonia, when 17 students and 2 teachers spent 2 weeks with us at Edgewater College, 15 students from year 10-12, accompanied by Mrs Mackereth and Mrs Barron, are departing on 1 July for the second stage of this exchange. Our group will spend 11 days, living en famille with their exchange partners and drinking in the French Pacific atmosphere, practising all the French skills they have learnt in the classroom. Bon voyage.

### PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent Interview evenings are planned for  
**Monday 16 August and Wednesday 18 August.** (Week 5, Term 3)

### JUNIOR REPORTS

Junior reports will be mailed to homes during week 3 of Term 3, Monday 2 August to Friday 6 August.

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