



### TERM DATES

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

### May

**31 Monday**  
 Exams for Seniors (continues all week)

### June

**1 - 4 Friday**  
 Exams for Seniors (start on 31 May)  
**7 Monday**  
 Queens Birthday –SCHOOL CLOSED  
**26 Saturday** – School Ball  
**29 Tuesday** – Team Photos  
**30 Wednesday** Senior reports posted

### JULY

**2 Friday** End of Term II  
**4/7 Sunday** Trip to New Caledonia  
**19 Monday** Term III commences  
**28 Wednesday** Careers Expo & Departments Open Evening 7.00 pm in hall  
**30 Friday** Junior reports posted

### **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.

### STUDENT RECORDS

In case of emergency please keep the college office informed, either by a short note or by telephone (576 9039) of new addresses and phone numbers, particularly numbers where we can contact you during the day We are asking parents/caregivers to provide us with the new information as often students don't know full details and in an odd case have deliberately given incorrect information.



# Edgewater — College

## NEWSLETTER

### *This Issue:*

- **Junior Interim Reports**
- **NZQA Financial Assistance with fees**
- **NCEA Results Understanding Evening**



Study Skills Evening

Two events occurred last week which are really one part of the core reason we exist as a school.

One involved the release of some NCEA achievement data and the other involved three evenings for parents and students. What we all need to accept is that the level of results and level of parents' involvement are inextricably linked.

The summary of results that has appeared in the paper is almost hopelessly broad in that it paints a very blurry picture of results. NCEA has given schools the flexibility to offer courses of achievement standards and unit standards, to push some students forward, and to hold others back, and to mix and match levels. A single line in a newspaper can't hope to do justice to the complexity of the real situation as it applies to hundreds and hundreds of students.

What I would like to do is to invite interested parents into the school to guide you through our results and hopefully help you get the most you can of the new system for your son or daughter. There is no doubt that in the new era, knowledge and understanding of the system gives the holder great powers, (*see advertisement inside*).

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May '04

So back to the first point I made.

So what have parents got to do with results? Quite simply, lots.

What separates many successful students from their less successful peers is the level of parental commitment to, and involvement with, their child's education. There's a big ✓ to those parents who attended the session on Tuesday night with Stuart Wright or the Wednesday and Thursday sessions on Study Skills. That really is walking the talk. Thank you and well done.

### **NCEA RESULTS – Like to know more?**

Provided there is sufficient interest there will be a session on understanding the results on **Tuesday 8 June** in the school hall.

If you intend to attend please contact the school office by **Friday 4 June**. \_

### **NZQA EXAMINATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2004**

Financial assistance is available for families whose children are entering for NZQA qualifications **and** certain criteria are met.

#### **Who can apply for financial assistance?**

- Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees to National Secondary Schools Qualifications. To be eligible to apply you must be the fee payer and meet at least **one** of the following criteria:
- Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit.
- Have a joint family income below the threshold for receipt of a Community Services Card.
- Have more than one child in the family undertaking these qualifications in the same year, irrespective of income.

You **cannot** claim financial assistance for foreign fee-paying students.

#### **How do I apply for financial assistance?**

- See Mr Bull or Mrs Williams (in the main office) for the official application form. You make application for all students on the one form.
- If there are two or more students, and they attend different schools, send the form back to the school of the **first student listed**.
- Act as soon as possible. Don't leave this too late!
- Any inquiries to Mr Bull or Mrs Williams, ph 576 9039.

#### **NZQA EXAMINATION FEES**

- These will be collected at the end of Term 2 and beginning of Term 3
- Usual fee is \$150 per student.
- We will publish all details in the next Newsletter.

### **STUDENT NEWS**

**Pati Wijohn** has been selected to join the Manukau Sister Cities team exchange programme to Utsunomiya in December.

**Sereana Patterson** is a Totara House Captain (omitted in last newsletter).

In a letter from a grateful tramper re our students doing a Duke of Edinburgh Award at Lake Waikaremoana "*Your students were a credit to themselves and their school and are fortunate to have a teacher (Mr Christensen) prepared to spend time during the holidays on such an activity.*"

#### **Sports Successes**

**Soccer** Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI won 2-1 against Macleans College. Boys 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won 8-1 against St Kentigern College. **Girls Hockey** drew 2-2 with St Cuthberts College.

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

### **REPORTS and EXAMINATIONS**

#### **Reports**

**Provisional reports for Year 9 and Year 10** students, core subjects only (ie English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies) were sent home with students on Wednesday, 12 May. Please ask your student for the report in case he/she forgot to give it to you.

**Senior Reports** are scheduled to be posted on 30 June.

#### **Senior Examinations**

These begin on Monday 31 May and run for the whole week. Students will bring home a special newsletter on Examination week. The organisation of the day will change but the end of the school day will still be 3.15 pm for all junior students.

**Attendance** at exams is **compulsory**.

### **CAREERS INFORMATION**

1. Our **CAREERS EXPO and DEPARTMENT OPEN EVENING** is to be held on **28 July at 7.00 pm** in the college hall. All parents, friends, students (Yr 9 to 13) are invited.
2. 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.

### **A Prestigious Award for our Deputy Principal**

*On Saturday 15 May, our Deputy Principal, Mr Andrew Wood was presented with the Paul Harris Award by the Rotary District Governor, Mr John Rennie. It is Rotary's highest award for service to the community and recognises Mr Wood's work in the Rotary sponsored Peer Support programme, both at Edgewater College and nationally.*