



## Principal's Comment

As a school, one thing I think we have not done well is the recognition and celebration of success. It is time that we addressed that. Students can expect to see an increase in the emphasis we give to recognising their achievements. Making this really work also means that we have to teach all students to be willing to acknowledge and feel good about the success of others. In that climate, students will be much more comfortable about being singled out for the praise they deserve.

One group that has been particularly overlooked is the staff. As parents are well aware, the quality of the teacher in front of your child's class is very important, not only in terms of how much students learn but also in terms of how much they *enjoy* learning. Over the coming months we will profile teachers who have undertaken extra study or made an ongoing commitment to some aspect of school life. I hope you find those interesting and that it confirms for you just what a great group of staff we have here.

I am delighted that a physiotherapy service, currently operating in eight Auckland schools, can now be offered to students at Edgewater College. This on-site accredited service provides top-quality physiotherapy that students might not otherwise have access to, in a way that minimises the loss of class time. You will find more information about this service in this newsletter.

From time to time we are approached by mobile dental services to offer dental care at school, usually over a 3-5 day period. Free treatment is also available from dentists around Auckland, and many students already access that, so we have not previously had an on-site service. However, if there is a demand for an on-site dental service once or twice a year we will look into providing one. If your student would use a dentist on site at Edgewater College please return the tear-off coupon on page 4 so we can see how much interest there is in this service.

A J Vester  
Principal

## Text Bullying

There has been a lot of publicity recently about text bullying, following the tragic suicide of a young girl in Putaruru. At Edgewater College we take any sort of bullying very seriously.

Some tips to help protect yourself from possible text bullying include:

- Be careful who you give your cell phone number to.
- If others are misusing your cell phone number, talk to your parents about changing your number.

If you do receive a bad message:

- Don't delete it
- Don't reply
- Tell someone – take it to your parents, the school counsellor, your Dean or a Deputy Principal. Do this as soon as possible after receiving the message.

Likewise, if you are the victim of any other kind of bullying there are people here to help you – don't try to handle it by yourself. Tell the school counsellor or a teacher and something will be done about it.

## MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR

### APRIL

**Tuesday 11 April 4.30 – 8.00 &  
Wednesday 12 April 4.00 –  
6.30**

Parent / teacher interviews

**Thursday 13 April**

Last day of Term 1

### MAY

**Monday 1 May**

Start of Term 2

### JUNE

**Wednesday 28 June 7.00 pm**

Careers Expo

## Next Board of Trustees meetings:

Wednesday 12 April 6.30 pm

## Annual General Meeting:

Wednesday 17 May 6.30 pm in the  
Board room, followed by the normal  
monthly meeting.

## UNIFORM

As the summer term comes to a close we remind all parents that sandals are no longer to be worn, and that school uniform shoes are to be black, leather lace-up. A number of girls are wearing black slip-on "ballet" shoes, which are NOT acceptable. Please ensure that your student has black, leather lace-up shoes for the beginning of Term 2.

It is also a good time to purchase winter items as the weather may be cooler by the start of Term 2.

**Uniform shop hours: Tuesdays  
1.00 – 5.30 p.m. term-time.**

**We will also open on Friday 28  
April from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.**

**Wearing correct uniform is  
important, including on the way  
to and from school.**

# Student Achievements

Several students have recently taken part in national sporting events:

**Michael Waaka**, RI7, Yr 12, represented Counties at a Touch Tournament in Wellington;

**Tara Warren**, R12, Yr 13, and **Moerai Teamoke**, TI9, Yr 13, competed in the 2006 World Outrigger Canoe Sprint Championships at Lake Karapiro;

**Raka Repia**, KO4, Yr 11, played for Otahuhu Softball Sports Club in the NZ Softball Club national championships in Hastings.

Edgewater's **Senior Boys' Kilikiti Team** won the Auckland Secondary Schools B-grade competition and will contest the A-grade in 2007.

**Jaimee and Kate Christie**, Yr 10, RI5, won gold in the Under-15 Girls' Double Sculls at the North Island Secondary Schools Rowing Championship at Lake Karapiro in March. With 42 crews in the Under-15 event and a winning time of 8.14 it was a wonderful but well-deserved effort. The sisters were part of a very successful squad that made finals in four of the seven events entered.



## INTER-HOUSE SPORTS DAY

For the first time in some years, we held an Inter-house Sports Day for the whole school on 16 March. The day was enjoyed by students and staff alike and it was great to see this event added back into the school calendar. Real team spirit was evident amongst the houses. By the end of the day, points stood at:

- Kowhai 467
- Rimu 466
- Totara 453
- Titoki 447

Thanks to Mr Shapcott and the PE Department and the House Deans for their hard work in organising the event.

## HEAD STUDENTS

Elections were held for our Head Girl and Head Boy and their deputies. Congratulations to:

Emma Minter - Head Girl  
Abiel Tuumaga - Head Boy

Deena Seesaengnom - Deputy Head Girl  
Joel Latimer - Deputy Head Boy

## SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESSES

We are very proud of our 2005 Year 13 students who were awarded Scholarships:

**Jared Bird**: Chemistry & Physics  
**Joanna Ly**: Outstanding Scholarship in Biology  
**Jee Bum Byun**: Japanese

## POLYFEST

Once again our **Niuean Group** did us proud at the Polyfest on 24<sup>th</sup> March, where they won two sections:

*Tame* (action song) and *Takalo* (war dance).

They were also runner-up in three sections:

*Kamataaga* (entrance)  
*Meke* (hop to drum beat)  
*Fakaosiaga* (ending)

And they won three Special Awards:

Boy Leader - Andrew Pongi  
Costume  
Overall Presentation

**Congratulations to the whole team.**  
**Special thanks to Ilalina Tamatoa for her dedication in coaching the group.**

# Teacher Profile

Mrs Wendy Sheahan, HOD Japanese, has recently completed with distinction a Diploma of TESOL. While this qualification is designed to build skills in the area of teaching English to students from non-English

backgrounds, it is also directly applicable to the teaching of literacy skills to students generally.

Wendy has also had a book published: *Asian Folk Tales* published by Heinemann. This book is being used in classrooms around New Zealand.



## STUDENTS INTERESTED IN ROWING

To keep the momentum going in our rowing team, over the coming months we will be looking to recruit new rowers for the 2006/07 season. Success in rowing requires a major commitment from both students and parents. Later in the year we will hold an evening for the parents of students who want to row, to show you what being a rower requires and also what a great sport it is to be involved in.

Details will be advised nearer the time.

## **SPORTS COACHES NEEDED**

We are currently looking for volunteer coaches and managers for a variety of sporting codes. These roles offer an excellent opportunity to work with our students and to develop skills in your chosen code. The following positions are currently available:

\*Rugby (2) \*Netball (3) \*Basketball (2) \*Hockey (2)

Coaches are required to hold regular trainings, either at lunchtime (1.30 - 2.15 pm) or after school, and attend all games. No vehicle is required but a current, clean driver's licence is essential.

For further information please contact Miss Benjamin, Director of Sport, phone 576 9039 or email: [bnj@edgewater.school.nz](mailto:bnj@edgewater.school.nz). Please also register your interest if you would like to coach any other sporting code.

## **Winners of Paper Plus Prizes:**

Congratulations to the following students who won the prize draw for their school stationery purchases:

Daniel Sharp	Aman Kumar
John Mangahas	Chloe Cunnold
Jermaine Green	Rachael Dale
Sarah Huggins	Kitsim Siu
Navpreet Singh	Michael Sheahan

Our thanks to Paper Plus Pakuranga for supporting the school community in this way - \$550 in prizes was distributed this year. We encourage you to shop at Paper Plus Pakuranga for your stationery needs.

## **EDGEWATER COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

We are planning the adult programme for semester 2 and would like to know what YOU want to learn. Help plan your Community Programme by having your say! Phone us or visit our office to talk to us. For full details of courses starting from 8<sup>th</sup> May, call into our office for a course booklet.

### **A SAMOAN MEAL TO FEAST ON**

Come and learn about this beautiful food from the island of Samoa. Cook a meal for family or friends using Samoan methods and traditional favourite ingredients. This Saturday workshop will be held on 17 June, 9.30 am to 1.30 pm at Edgewater College. All food included and only costs \$25 per registration.

**Phone 576 4731 for all enquiries.**

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

It is important to notify us of any changes of address or contact details, such as daytime phone numbers for a parent or emergency contact person.

## **OVERSEAS STUDENTS**

The school is required to maintain current documentation for all students who are not New Zealand citizens. Those students should check the expiry dates of their passports and permits to ensure they are still current.

Students with Permanent Residency must hold a current passport and must bring any new passport to the school office for photocopying.

Students on a Study Permit must ensure their passport and permit have not expired, and must also bring their passport to the school office for photocopying following the renewal of their permit and/or passport, or following any change to their immigration status.

## **WORLD VISION 40 HOUR FAMINE**

Thanks to all those who took part in the Famine. Please return your Famine booklets and the money you raised to Mr Banks in T5 before the end of this term.

## **SCHOOL BAND**

Our band is underway for the year and working towards a trip to Northland in August. If you are interested in joining the school band, see Mrs McKinley.

## **MT WELLINGTON BUS SERVICE**

Families who use the Mt Wellington bus service, please note that the service is now operated by City Connections Passenger Services.

Contact details: Brian Southee (Manager), phone/fax 09 250 4848 or mobile 027 210 8327.

## **SALE OF BALLGOWNS**

Pakuranga College will hold a sale of second-hand ball gowns on Saturday 8 April in the College Hall - cnr Pigeon Mountain Road & Pakuranga Road. Starts 9.00 a.m. to sell a gown (handling fee applies) and 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. for purchase of a gown.

## **NEED SOME HELP WITH YOUR STUDY?**

[www.studyit.org.nz](http://www.studyit.org.nz)

NCEA students should check out this excellent website, which provides free, on-line support for students of English, Mathematics, Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

### Step-Up 2006

Unitec in Schools supports senior students with intensive revision classes during the September holiday break and exam preparation classes during weekends in November. Enrol online: [www.stepup.unitec.ac.nz](http://www.stepup.unitec.ac.nz).

# Health Services

**Physio in Schools is now operating at Edgewater College on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm.**

The provider, Physio Action Limited, is registered with the NZ Physiotherapy Accreditation Council and recognised by ACC.

- Appointments must be booked through the school nurse, Mrs Blase. Students can self-refer or bring a doctor's prescription for physiotherapy but cannot simply go directly to the physiotherapist.
- We will try to arrange appointments so that students are not repeatedly missing the same classes.
- Appointment times will also be available before school and during interval.
- Parents will be fully informed about any treatment. Students under the age of 16 will require written consent from an authorised person before treatment commences.
- There is no charge to students or the school for assessment and treatment. However, a charge would apply if equipment such as braces or support is required, but parents will always be contacted first on those occasions.
- Students who are already receiving physiotherapy from an off-site provider may transfer to a school-based treatment. This will eliminate travel time.

**Free dental services are available from several dental practices in areas where our students live: Pakuranga, Howick, Botany Downs, East Tamaki, Manukau City, Manurewa, Otara, Otahuhu, Panmure, Glen Innes.**

**If you would be interested in using a mobile dental service on-site at school please complete and return the coupon at the foot of this page.**

If you have any questions about these services, and for details of participating dental practices, please contact Mrs Blase (phone 5769039 ext. 831).

## WEBSITE & PRIVACY ISSUES

The College website ([www.edgewater.school.nz](http://www.edgewater.school.nz)) is a useful tool for communicating information to our student body as well as promoting the College to potential students. We aim to keep the website updated with relevant and interesting information. Sometimes this will involve mentioning students by name, such as for sporting or academic achievements and a range of other school activities.

However, we are also aware that the Internet is a very public forum and there are privacy issues that may concern some families. **If you would not wish to have your son or daughter named in any material on the website, would you please let us know by contacting the school office on 5769039 or email: [enquiries@edgewater.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@edgewater.school.nz) .**

We will also endeavour to check with you first should the occasion arise to mention your son or daughter on the website, and it is our practice when placing photographs on the website not to include captions that would identify students by name.



Would your student/s use an on-site dental service at Edgewater College, if available?

Yes, we would use this service

No, we would not use this service

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Name of Parent / Caregiver

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Name of student(s)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS COUPON TO STUDENT RECEPTION**

**Phone:** 576 9039    **Fax:** 576 9037

**Website:** [www.edgewater.school.nz](http://www.edgewater.school.nz)

**E-mail:** [enquiries@edgewater.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@edgewater.school.nz)

**Office hours:** 8.30 am to 4.00 pm term time

**Careers:** 576 0406 (Direct line: Mr Whickman)

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