



Principal's Comment

Recently, while doing the end-of-year analysis of student attendance data, I was heartened to see the number of students with perfect school attendance for the year. Attendance is such an important part of succeeding at school. While there are many valid reasons for student absences, I encourage parents to be watchful of their students' attendance - poor attendance often starts slowly but gradually a pattern begins to emerge that can be difficult to break. There is no substitute for being present and participating fully in class.

As the school year comes to an end, we will be saying goodbye to several of our staff:

- Mr Wood is going into private practice as a counsellor
- Mr Turner is retiring after 33 years at Edgewater College
- Mr Barbour will become Head of English at Amuri Area School, Culverden
- Miss Ryu is returning to Korea
- Mr Schuster is returning to Canada
- Mrs Radjenovic is moving with her family to the United States
- Mr Goodier is taking up a teaching position in Singapore

We thank them for the contribution they have made during their time at Edgewater College, and also Mrs Parkes, Mr J Banks and Mr Kitchen, who have been with us as long-term relief teachers during 2006.

A J Vester
Principal

**PLEASE KEEP THIS NEWSLETTER IN A SAFE PLACE
AS IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE START OF 2007**

Arrangements for Week 1, Term 1 2007

Wednesday 7 February

8.50 am

- **Year 9 and new International Students**
Students should be in uniform and go to the Hall, where they will be welcomed and told which classes they are in. They will remain all day until the normal finish time of 3.10 p.m.
- **Year 13 students**
All Year 13 students go to the Gymnasium. Year 13 students who are not Peer Support Leaders may be dismissed early unless they have timetable clashes to resolve. Students may wear mufti today.

12.00 noon

- **Year 12 students** go to the Hall. Students may wear mufti today.

Thursday 8 February

8.50 am

- **Year 10 & Year 11 students** go to the Hall.
- **Year 9 & Year 12 students** go to their Tutor classrooms

Students should come in school uniform and be equipped with pen and paper, ready to start working in class.

- **Year 13 students** stay at home.

Friday 9 February

All students in class and in school uniform.

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

**Wednesday 13 December
2.00 – 3.00 p.m.***

Year 9 Prize-giving in Hall
(Last day of term for Year 9)

* **Note the change of time**

**Thursday 14 December
9.30 – 10.30 a.m.**

Year 10 Prize-giving in Hall
(Last day of term for Year 10)

TERM DATES FOR 2007

Term 1

Wednesday 7 February * to
Thursday 5 April

* (Start dates vary for different
year levels – see 'Arrangements
for Week 1' opposite.)

Term 2

Monday 23 April to Friday 29
June

Term 3

Monday 16 July to Friday 21
September

Term 4

Monday 8 October to Friday 14
December

NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday 13 December
at 6.30 p.m.

UNIFORM SHOP

See over page for important
information about uniform sales
in 2007.

SENIOR STUDENTS

Awarded prizes or certificates, who did
not attend senior prize-giving, please
call at the College office before
14 December to collect your certificate
or prize.

Student Achievements

CONGRATULATIONS to Pheng Taing, 10E, TO3, who entered a website in the NetGuide TVNZ Schools Web Challenge. Pheng's website was selected as one of the top 50 sites.

Elections have been held for our Head Students in 2007. The results are:

Head Girl: Katie Leicester
Head Boy: Mareko Ah Toon

Deputy Head Girl: Wendy Vaivai
Deputy Head Boy: James Brett

Scholarships

Several of our senior students earned Scholarships for their tertiary studies in 2007:

Auckland University of Technology:

- Jahne Potgieter (Digital Design)
- Sherry Sigantoria (Physiotherapy)

Manukau Institute of Technology:

- Zylen Thomas (Catering)
- Navjot Kaur (Nursing & Health Studies)
- Jaspreet Thind (Engineering)

Graham King Scholarship (jointly):

- Mayank Latawa (Engineering)
- Brenda Ni (Architecture)
- Gareth Marsh (Performance Technology)

Uniform Shop – 2007 arrangements

We will be open for uniform sales prior to Term 1 2007 on the following days:

Thursday 1 February 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. (seniors) & 12.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. (juniors) (in the Hall)
Friday 2 February 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. (in the Hall)
Monday 5 February 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. (in the Uniform Shop, Student Centre)

For sales to proceed smoothly it is essential that you make an appointment. Please phone the College office on 576 9039 to arrange a suitable time.

During term time, the Uniform Shop will be open every **Wednesday** (note change of day) **from 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.** except for the last Wednesday of each term, when it will be closed for stock-taking.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

1. Purchase the uniform outright (cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS).
2. Place an order and pay a 50% deposit. Uniform may be collected when the balance is paid (collection during shop hours). You would need to order in December for items required for the start of the school year.
3. Pay by automatic payment from your bank account. A deposit is required to secure your order and the uniform may be collected on completion of payments. Please see an Accounts Officer to make arrangements. (You may wish to continue your automatic payment to pay school fees. Please inform the school if you decide to do so.)
4. Cash sales only for second-hand uniforms.

ORDERING UNIFORM ON-LINE

Uniform items can now be ordered from our website: www.edgewater.school.nz under Student Information. Complete the order form and email it to enquiries@edgewater.school.nz or fax to 576 9037. Please select the size of garment carefully, noting if a fitting may be required, and allow two working days during term-time for processing. If you wish to pay in advance by credit card, please **fax** the order with your details or phone Mrs Lim on 576 9039 ext. 814. **For security reasons do not send your credit card details by email.**

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

Second-hand uniform items can be sold through the Uniform Shop provided they are clean (freshly laundered and ironed, or dry-cleaned) and in good condition.

Please ensure your name, contact details and recommended price is attached to each individual item of clothing. Reimbursement cheques are mailed out once a term. A handling fee of 20% will be deducted. It is essential that you notify any change of address in order to receive a payment. Please note we reserve the right to reject items for sale. You will be notified and asked to collect them. If not collected one month from notification we will dispose of those items.

The following items will **not** be accepted:

- Old style jackets
- PE shirts
- Skirts that have been shortened
- Old style girls' blouses or boys' shirts
- All clothing that is dirty, torn or faded

Our uniform contact person is Mrs Worsfold, ext. 817.

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

Careers: 577 0406

Website: www.edgewater.school.nz

E-mail: enquiries@edgewater.school.nz

Office hours: 8.30 am to 4.00 pm term time

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