



Principal's Comment

The term break provides an opportunity for staff and students alike to take time out and refresh themselves for the term ahead. Often staff use this time to attend courses and subject conferences which provide new ideas for the classroom. The recent holidays were no exception with a number of staff attending a variety of different courses, including:

- Mrs Sheahan and Mr Goto - Language Teachers' Conference
- Mrs Trollip and Mr Grigg - "Thinking in Action"
- Mrs Andersen, Mrs Goh and Mrs Truter - English Teachers' Conference
- Mrs Naude - Accounting Update Conference
- Mr Fung - a Graphics & Technology teachers' programme
- Mr Vanderpeet presented a paper at the Auckland History Teachers' Association Conference
- Mrs Stott and Mr Gordon at their ongoing TESSOL Diploma course.

Conversations in the staffroom on the first day back reflect the positive experiences these teachers have had and their keenness to share their new knowledge with their colleagues.

In addition, three members of our Board of Trustees - Mrs Main, Mrs Hausi and Student Representative Darshana Nair - attended a course provided by the NZ School Trustees Association.

Mr Vester is currently attending a leadership development event for educational leaders presented by the Unitec School of Education. He is looking forward to returning to school next week and will no doubt outline the highlights of his term away in a future newsletter.

We are pleased to welcome Mr Kent, a trainee teacher from Michigan who will be working closely with Mr Peter in the English Department this term. We wish him well for his time at Edgewater College and are confident he will enjoy working in our school.

We look forward to meeting many of you at the parent-teacher interviews for senior students on Thursday afternoon/evening. Please ensure your son/daughter makes appointments for you with their subject teachers.

M Macpherson
Acting Principal

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 9 IN 2007

Year 9 In-zone enrolment

If you have a Year 8 student you wish to enrol at Edgewater College for 2007 please phone the school office as soon as possible for an enrolment appointment. Enrolments will take place at the College on **Tuesday 25 and Thursday 27 July from 4.00 to 8.00 p.m.** and on **Sunday 30 July from 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.**

Year 9 Out-of-zone enrolment

Applications are invited at all levels. Please phone the office for an information pack or collect from the office. Alternatively, the application form can be downloaded from our website: www.edgewater.school.nz. Applications close at 4.00 p.m. on Friday 1 September and a ballot will be held on Thursday 12 September if applications exceed the number of places available. **If you live out of zone you are required to make an application, even if you already have other children attending Edgewater College.**

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR

JULY

**Thursday 20 July
4.30 – 8.30 pm**

Parent / Teacher interviews
(senior students)

**Tuesday 25 & Thursday 27
July 4.00 – 8.00 pm AND
Sunday 30 July 2.00 – 5.00
pm**

In-zone enrolments for Year 9
students in 2007
(Phone the school office on
576 9039 for an appointment)

AUGUST

Friday 4 August

Junior reports mailed out

Thursday 10 August

Parent / Teacher interviews
(All students)

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1 September

Closing date for out-of-zone
enrolment applications

Thursday 12 September

Out-of-zone ballot

Friday 22 September

End of Term 3

**Next Board of Trustees
meeting:**

Wednesday 19 July 6.30 pm

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS:

Tuesdays 1.00 – 5.30 p.m. term-
time.

EDGEWATER COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Term 3 courses start from 31 July so
get your **FREE** copy of the course
booklet by phoning 576 4731 or call at
our office. Lots of new courses
available.

Co-curricular Activities

DEBATING

The Junior Debating Team had a convincing win in their debate against Takapuna Grammar School on Thursday 22 June. As the negative team, they were debating the moot "That this House would ban the sale of cigarettes in New Zealand". Congratulations to the three members of the team - Olivia Patterson, Alyson McIlroy and Lisa Mulgrew of 10E.

MUNA

Edgewater sent three teams to the Model United Nations this year. Our teams represented Angola, Slovakia and Columbia. The team members enjoyed the debate and interaction with the many other schools present.

Musical Notes

The Musical Extravaganza concert on 21 June was a great success. Senior students performed as part of their NCEA Performance assessments, in a wide range of musical genres. The School Band also performed several items. The Band will be touring Northland in August, performing at several schools in Oponini and Dargaville. This is a great opportunity for our musicians and we hope it will be an enjoyable event for the students at the schools we visit.



YEAR 10 CAMP, TERM 4: KAIMAI RANGES Monday 27 November - Friday 1 December

Cost: \$100 (subsidised) includes food, transport, accommodation, all activities and qualified guides.

Families with limited finance who would like their child to attend the camp, please contact the school. We will assist you to make an application to the JR



McKenzie Youth Education Fund. Contact Mr Gardi on 5769039 ext. 870.

ARE OUR RECORDS CORRECT?

Please advise the school office of any changes to your contact details (address and phone numbers), including those of your designated emergency contact. Home, work and mobile phone numbers are vital should an emergency occur.

The College also needs to be able to contact a parent or caregiver to check situations where a visitor wishes to see a student or pass a message to a student, or remove the student from campus. If we cannot verify the legitimacy of the visitor, messages may not be conveyed or students released.

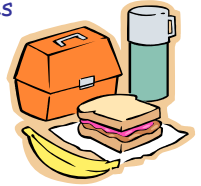
CAREERS EXPO

Another successful Careers Expo evening was held late last term. A wide range of exhibitors (74 in total) offered advice, information - some with interactive displays - and further contact with our students and their parents.

A big thank you to our annual sponsors: Bunnings Warehouse (Botany branch), National Bank (Pakuranga) and National Starch & Chemical Ltd. This event depends on our students, teachers, families, friends, Board of Trustees and the wider community, who once again gave us great support.

BRONZE HEARTBEAT AWARD

Edgewater College has achieved a Bronze Heartbeat Award from the Heart Foundation in recognition of our commitment to providing and promoting healthy food choices in our school tuckshop, reinforced by nutrition units in the classroom. We hope that parents will support students in making healthy eating choices, and by providing a nutritious breakfast to enhance concentration and energy for learning and other activities.



CHANGES AT SCHOOL ENTRANCE & PARKING

Following a series of burglaries, a security fence will be installed across the front of the school from the Administration block to the boundary with the retirement village. The car park behind the Community Education office will not be accessible to the public. Community Education parking will be available by the bus bay at the front of the main car park. **Students can no longer park at the front entrance and must use the rear car park or park on the street.**

Students who wish to park on site are now required to register their vehicle details at Student Reception. This will enable us to identify the owner of a vehicle if required, such as when car lights are accidentally left on.

Please also note that parents dropping off or picking up students before and after school should not drive into the main car park, which becomes very congested.

NZQA matters

Students whose family qualifies for fees assistance must pick up an official information sheet and application form from Student Reception. **Applications close on 6 September.**

NZQA Fees will be collected from **Monday 14 August to Friday 8 September.** Fees are:

- \$75 for all NZ students and those with Permanent Residency.
- \$375 for international fee-paying students.
- For the NZ Scholarship, up to three subjects carries no extra cost for NZ students and those with Permanent Resident status. If a student enters for more than three subjects the cost is \$75 per extra entry.
- International fee-paying students pay \$100 per subject for Scholarship.

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

Website: www.edgewater.school.nz

E-mail: 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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