



Principal's Comment

High standards and discipline are key ingredients for an effective school. Young people need to know the requirements made of them and the outcomes if these requirements are not met.

For Edgewater College that sense of discipline and correct standard is very obvious when it comes to the school's uniform. Students who dress correctly and look smart are likely to take greater care in everything that they do at school. It is an outward measure of an inward attitude.

Hence the drive to get all students into correct shoes. The winter shoe uniform (Term 2 & 3) is for black, leather, lace up shoes. Students have been given enough time and warning so all are to be in correct shoes from now on.

In the colder weather, it is important that all students have either a school jersey, a school jacket or both. A number of pre-worn items are available at very reasonable price in the school uniform shop. All other non-uniform items will be impounded. Please ensure that your son or daughter is correctly dressed in the morning as they leave for school.

We believe that the discipline involved in getting the uniform right will positively affect other areas of school life including academic and co-curricular. Thank you for your support in this.

A P Wood
Acting Principal

Careers Expo 28 June

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Teacher Profile

Miss Karen Quigley

Karen Quigley has taught Biology and General Science at Edgewater College for over ten years. She is also our ICT Co-ordinator and has recently completed a Post-Graduate Diploma in Computing at UNITEC.

It is essential for teachers to keep up with changing technology, which has transformed the way we teach and the way students learn. The ICT Co-ordinator's role was established four years ago when, as part of a Ministry of Education contract, we worked with local primary and intermediate schools to develop the ICT skills of our teachers. The contract ran for three years, culminating last year with an ICT Conference for all teaching staff in the participating schools, held here at Edgewater College. However, the collaboration with other schools on IT matters continues and we are currently developing a shared Intranet for the five Pakuranga West schools. Karen is a key player in this project.



Karen's role as ICT Co-ordinator involves training and supporting our staff in information technology, and implementing and maintaining the school website and intranet.

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE

Friday 2 June

Senior Exams (afternoon)

Monday 5 June

School closed for Queen's Birthday holiday

Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 June

Senior Exams

Tuesday 20 June lunchtime

Edgewater Idol finals

Wednesday 21 June 7.00 pm

Musical Extravaganza

Thursday 22 June 12.00 noon

School closed for PPTA meeting

Saturday 24 June, 7.00 pm

Senior School Ball, Sky City

Wednesday 28 June 7.00 pm

Careers Expo (see page 2)

Friday 30 June

Last day of Term 2

JULY

Monday 17 July

Term 3 commences

Thursday 20 July, 4.30 – 8.30

pm

Parent/teacher interviews (senior students)

Next Board of Trustees meetings:

Wednesday 14 June 6.30 pm

UNIFORM

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

Bringing valuables to school

Students who choose to bring valuables to school must take responsibility for them. If you must bring your cell phone to school, it is up to you to keep it safe.

Student Achievements

The **1st XI Girls' soccer team** has made an encouraging start to the season, winning all three games to date. These have been against McAuley (4-1), Howick (4-0) and Botany (4-0). A very good team spirit is developing and the standard of play has improved dramatically every week.

Skyla McDonald (TI3) achieved an exceptional typing speed (net 88 wpm) in a computer-based typing test. Skyla completed the test in an astonishing 48 seconds (time allowed was five minutes).

PPTA Paid Union Meeting

The Executive of the Post-Primary Teachers' Association has directed its members to attend a round of paid union meetings.

The meeting for our teaching staff will be held on Thursday 22 June from 12.00 noon. This means the school will close at 12.00 p.m. on that day.

If, in exceptional circumstances, a student must stay at school for the full day, we will arrange a supervised study class for the afternoon. If this is the case for your student, please contact the school on 5769039 or send a letter with your student (to Student Reception) by **Monday 19 June**.

EDGEWATER IDOL

14-20 June, Lunchtimes

Heats: 14, 15 & 16 June, Semi finals 19 June

Finals: 20 June

And there's more – **MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA**

Showcasing our music students, band and choir and finalists from the Idol competition.

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE at 7.00 pm

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 finances 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.

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By supporting this local business you are also supporting the school – at no extra cost to you.

ANNUAL CAREERS EXPO SCHOOL HALL

Wednesday 28 June 7.00 p.m.

A wide range of career and training opportunities will be exhibited, including tertiary institutions, Industry Training Organisations, armed forces and Police, and many more.

All students and parents are encouraged to attend this community event. Free buses will be provided from Otara and Mt Wellington areas.

SENIOR EXAM WEEK

The first exams will take place on Friday 2 June in the afternoon, finishing at 4pm. Buses will run as normal, which may mean you have to make special arrangements for transporting at start or finish outside normal bus times.

Examination leave starts on Tuesday 6 June for seniors ONLY and this will finish on Friday 9 June. For 10E students sitting NCEA Geography, your exam is on Tuesday 6 June starting at 1 pm. You may have the morning off to prepare. Morning examinations start at 8.55 a.m. and it is important that students are present early, with correct equipment at the correct examination room.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR NCEA EXAMINATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

To apply for financial assistance, the applicant (normally the parent or caregiver of the candidate) must 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 amount to receive a Community Services Card
- Have one or more children in the family paying NQF fees in 2006.

International fee paying candidates are not eligible for financial assistance.

If you think you should get financial assistance **you must complete a form**. This form can be found on the NZQA website (www.nzqa.govt.nz) or you can get it from Student Reception. The completed form **must** be returned to us **no later than 11 September**.

Photocopying for students

The Library now offers students cheaper, high quality photocopying. Students purchase a photocopier card (\$2) which they top up with credit (like a prepay mobile phone). Cards can be purchased or topped up by EFTPOS at Student Reception, or with cash in the Library. The card will automatically deduct the cost of copying (7c per page). Students can check their balance any time by swiping their card.

EDGEWATER COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Semester two course booklets will be available on 20 June. Huge range of courses offered. Term 3 courses start from 31 July so get your **FREE** copy of the course booklet by phoning 5764731 or call at our office. Lots of new courses available. **Courses fill quickly so enrol early.**