



### Principal's Comment

It is hard to identify a point in the school year that is not important. However, for our senior students, the next few weeks stand out as especially important. The revision they do at school and the study they do at home in this time is vital to their success. Part-time jobs should have been cut back or put on hold. Social activities and nights out need to be put on the back burner. All over New Zealand, these students will be settling into some serious study. Many will have been doing it for months. Some will have been getting assistance from tutors costing over \$45 an hour. If our students (and your children) want to achieve successfully they have to take the next few weeks extremely seriously.

This might all seem like a major sacrifice but if you consider that any qualification that increases your hourly rate by just \$5 an hour will return \$10,400 a single year, then it seems to me that the sacrifice is well worth making.

A J Vester  
Principal

#### End of Year arrangements:

The last day of school for senior students (Years 11, 12 and 13) is Wednesday 15 November. School will close at 12.30 p.m. that day for ALL students (bus services will be rescheduled). After that, seniors are on study leave and come to school only for their NCEA exams from Monday 20 November, as timetabled. They will need to make their own transport arrangements (some exams finish at 5.00 p.m.) Year 9 and 10 students have internal exams from Thursday 16 to Monday 20 November. Normal classes resume on Tuesday 21 November, but the lunch break will be shortened to 30 minutes and the school day will finish at 3.00 pm for the remainder of the school year. On 13 December, school will close at 2.00 pm approximately (following the Year 9 prize-giving ceremony). Only Year 10 students attend school on 14 December for Year 10 prize-giving, which will finish at 10.30 a.m.

### Teen troubles? Parenting problems?

7.00 – 9.00 p.m., Tuesday 7 November  
Edgewater College Library

### An Open Forum for Parents

Hosted by **ToughLove** Auckland Inc

#### CHAIRMAN:

**TOUGHLOVE** International Trainer & Representative,  
Peter Altmann

#### PANEL MEMBERS include:

Howick Police Sergeant – Keith Olsen  
Edgewater College – Andrew Wood – Restorative Conferencing  
**TOUGHLOVE** – Margaret Coe

The purpose of this forum is to give you, as parents, an overview of your rights and to provide you with appropriate support from within your local community.

Ask questions of our panel. Have your say.

**TOUGHLOVE** New Zealand Inc has been supporting parents of teenagers for over 21 years. It offers a forum for making positive changes to deal with unacceptable behaviour.

### MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR

#### NOVEMBER

##### Tuesday 7 November

Open Forum for parents (see separate advertisement)

##### Wednesday 8 November

7.00 p.m.

Co-curricular Prize-giving

##### Wednesday 15 November

12.30 p.m.

School closing early

7.30 p.m.

Senior Prize-giving

##### Thursday 16 November

7.00 p.m.

Graduation dinner

##### Thursday 16 – Monday 20 November

Year 9 and 10 exams

##### Monday 20 November

NCEA exams begin

(until 6 December)

NZ Scholarship exams begin

(until 8 December)

##### Friday 24 November

School closed for

Teacher-only day

##### Monday 27 November to

Friday 1 December

Year 10 Camp

#### DECEMBER

##### Wednesday 13 December

1.00 – 2.00 p.m.

Year 9 Prize-giving in Hall

(Last day of term for Year 9)

##### Thursday 14 December

9.30 – 10.30 a.m.

Year 10 Prize-giving in Hall

(Last day of term for Year 10)

### NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**Tuesday 14 November 6.30 p.m.**

(Note change of day.)

# Student Achievements

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Courtney Holden** (Yr 11, RI6) and **Rachael Dale** (Yr 10, TI4) who have won scholarships provided by our sister school in Misato Machi, Japan, to attend the school for three weeks in December/January. They'll also visit Tokyo and Disneyland, and experience a traditional Japanese New Year - all expenses paid!

To be eligible for a scholarship, Edgewater students must be studying Japanese in Years 9-11 and have hosted one of the Misato students for 10 days when they visit our school. They then have an interview in which they have to speak Japanese and English.

**EMMA RODGERS, Yr 13**, is currently in Incheon, Korea where she is representing New Zealand in the World Juniors Team Championships & Individual Championships. Emma is an extremely talented player and is one of only four girls to be selected to represent New Zealand.

## BASKETBALL

The Girls' Under-19 Basketball team had an excellent season this year. They tied for first place overall in the College Sport Under-19 Girls' Open division. They did very well during their playoff games. They won their first game against Tangaroa College but lost a very close final to Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate. Congratulations are due for the girls' high level of commitment. Worthy of special note are Maureen Tuia, (Yr 10, TO9) and Wendy Vaivai (Yr 12, KO1) for their on-court leadership.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH PROGRAMME

Four Year 13 students - Gunther Adam (KO2), Vanessa Irvine (RI4), Michael Sheahan (TO3) and Aidan Griffith (RI2) - completed their Gold Award tramping assessment during the recent school holidays at Te Urewera National Park. As well as completing the 65 km hike over four days, the students had to organise all logistics including provisions, route planning, safety, budgeting and hut bookings. The trip was a huge success, due in no small part to the students' meticulous planning and positive attitudes.

Students interested in the Duke of Edinburgh programme should contact Mr Gardi.

## Striving for Excellence



### DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS?

We would like to add parents' email addresses to our records. If you are on email, please let us have your address. You can also use this form to notify us of any other changes to your (or your emergency contact person's) details.

Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / caregiver names: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other changes to your contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

## RIVERINA SCHOOL CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Former pupils of Riverina Primary School are invited to make application for funds from the Riverina School Charitable Trust for 2007. Funds of varying amounts are available for former pupils who otherwise would have difficulty furthering their educational or career opportunities.

Full details and application forms are available from [www.riverina.school.nz](http://www.riverina.school.nz) or from the school office at 30 Millen Avenue, Pakuranga.

Phone/Fax 527 7377 or email: [admin@riverina.school.nz](mailto:admin@riverina.school.nz).

**Applications close with the Principal on Friday 17 November.**

**This could be you! All applicants will be considered.**

## CAREERS

Leaving school at the end of the year and still not sure what you are going to do? Mr Whickman is available for appointments - visit him at the Careers Office or phone 5760406 to arrange an appointment.

### DESIGNING CAREERS:

Parents of Year 10 students were recently sent a copy of their student's Learning Careers Plan. Parents are to sign this form and return it to school. Students can hand in the form at Student Reception, to their Tutor teacher or to Mr Whickman. Please return them as soon as possible.

### GUNTHER ADAM

was elected as Student Representative to the Board of Trustees  
Effective October 2006 – September 2007

### YEAR 10 CAMP, TERM 4: KAIMAI RANGES

**Monday 27 November - Friday 1 December**

A few places are still available. **Cost: \$100** (subsidised)  
Includes meals, transport, accommodation, all activities and qualified guides.

See Mr Gardi for information or phone 576 9039 ext. 870.

**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

**Uniform shop hours:** Tuesday 1.00 to 5.30 pm term time

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