



Next Wednesday afternoon (8 August) teachers who are members of the Post-Primary Teachers' Association are directed by the Executive of the PPTA to attend a paid union meeting.

Students may leave school at 12.30 p.m. and the school bus companies will be asked to operate at this earlier time.

The school will remain open with a supervised study class available for the afternoon for any students who remain at school. However, there will be no after-school bus service.

When people outside Edgewater College judge us, that judgement is often based on very little real information. They do not know about our great Level 1 NCEA exam results. They do not know what a high proportion of our Year 13 students go on to be successful at university. They do not know that we have attendance rates that are much better than many other schools, both locally and nationally. So if they don't know all of that, on what do they judge us? They judge us on how our students look on their way to school and on their way home. They judge us on how our students wear their uniform and behave while they are at the Plaza.

Is that really fair? No, it is not. Is it fair on the reputation of the school and the great kids who go to this school? No, it is not. It is, however, the reality.

So when students choose to wear dirty or ripped uniform or bits of the uniform along with bits of assorted mufti, they are actually having an impact far beyond their own importance. In most cases it is an act of real selfishness where their own desire to buck the system is put well before the rights of others.

As a school we put a great deal of energy into making sure our students are neat and tidy at school. Once they leave the school grounds we depend on them and on you, the parents, to ensure they maintain the standards that the school and the other students who do follow our rules deserve.

On the day of the paid union meeting, when students will be released early, they are to remain in full school uniform until they get home. They can then change into mufti. Any students found in the Plaza or around the town centre or Botany in part uniform, part mufti will be brought back to school where they will be supervised until the normal school closing time of 3.10 pm. I am simply not prepared to allow the actions of a few to damage the reputation of so many, and we look forward to your support on this.

A J Vester
Principal

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST

Thursday 9 August, 4.00 - 7.30 pm

In-zone enrolments for 2008

Friday 10 August, 1.00 – 2.30 pm

Canteen Fundraising concert supporting teens with cancer

Sunday 12 – Friday 17 August

Level 2 Outdoor Education trip to Tongariro National Park

Monday 13 – Tuesday 21 August

Misato Machi Junior High School visit from Japan

Sunday 26 – Tuesday 28 August

Level 3 History trip to Bay of Islands

SEPTEMBER

Friday 7 September

Closing date for out-of-zone enrolment applications for 2008

Saturday 8 September, 6.45 pm

Cultural Fashion Extravaganza School Hall, Admission \$8

Thursday 20 – Friday 21 Sept

Senior exams
(Continued at beginning of Term 4)

Friday 21 September

Last day of Term 3

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15 August** at 6.00 p.m.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2008

For In-zone Year 9 enrolments please phone the office for an appointment.

Out-of-zone enrolments: Applications are invited at all levels. Please phone 576 9039 for an information pack or collect one 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 7 September. If you live out of zone you are required to make an application, even if you already have other children attending Edgewater College.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

1st XI GIRLS' SOCCER

A great result for the team. They have gone through the season unbeaten, and won the Manukau Schools Senior A Girls' competition.

1st XI Boys' Soccer

Having finished top equal on the ladder after the initial five games of grading, the 1st XI are currently sitting top of the table in the East Auckland Championship division having played seven games with a 5 win – 2 loss record. Quinton Govender (TO2), Karn Singh (RI3) and Min Chang Choi (KO5) are all currently tied as top goal scorers having scored a whopping 24 goals amongst them.

RUGBY

A courageous 15 to 13 win over undefeated Auckland Grammar by the Edgewater Restricted Team last Saturday was the first leg of the double for the School's Rugby programme. This was complemented by a hard fought and entertaining 17 to 7 win by the School's 1st XV against Hillary College.

The last game of the season against Waitakere College kicks off at 3 pm on Wednesday 15 August at Edgewater – supporters welcome!

Congratulations to Jasper Apoua, KO6. The selectors have named Jasper in the Auckland Under-18 rugby team.

CAREERS

Mr Whickman is happy to discuss subject choices and career / course requirements with students of all year levels. Parents are also welcome to contact him on 577 0406.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Senior students wishing to undertake tertiary study or training in 2008 may wish to apply for a scholarship. Mr Whickman has information on a wide range of scholarships available from technical institutes, universities and training providers. You do need to start the application process early so see Mr Whickman NOW.

PLANNING FOR 2008

Applications for most tertiary and training courses should be completed by October or earlier. You will need your up-to-date CV and your Record of Learning, certificates, and school reports. See Mr Whickman if you need assistance.

Visit from Misato Machi Junior High School, Japan

Ten students and three teachers from our sister school in Japan will be staying with Edgewater students and attending classes from 13 to 20 August.

Misato Machi give two of our junior students an all-expenses-paid scholarship to travel to Japan and attend their school in December.

On Wednesday 7 August we welcome Dr John Winslade, Professor of Counselling Education at the University of San Bernardino in California. Dr Winslade was a Guidance Counsellor at Edgewater College in the 1990s and is here to visit Julie Stassart, a student in the final stages of her Masters in Counselling Programme at the same university. Mr Williams, our Guidance Counsellor, has set up a placement in the Student Support Department for Ms Stassart and Dr Winslade is visiting her as part of her assessment. He will no doubt want to meet many of his old friends who are still on the staff.

JAZZ BAND TRIP TO WELLINGTON

The Jazz Band recently returned from a highly successful trip to Wellington. They spent five days away, performing at Wellington High School, taking part in workshops at the Massey University School of Music and exploring our capital city. The opportunity to work with Rodger Fox, one of New Zealand's most respected and experienced jazz band leaders was an experience that all the players gained from, and seeing university music students in performance gave them a glimpse into where they may be heading with their own music.

Two other highlights were a visit to Parliament and a day spent at Te Papa and in the central city. The trip was also the last chance for the band to spend some time with outgoing Head of Department, Markus Fritsch.

YEAR 10 CAMP

3 to 7 December – Waiheke Island

Cost: \$120 includes food, accommodation, transport, etc
See Mr Gardi for more details (ph. 576 9039 ext. 870)

Come on parents - come to Edgewater and learn yourselves!

Edgewater College has a large adult learning programme and we encourage you to be part of it!

For full details on all the courses we offer please do one of the following:

- send a student the adult education office to collect a course booklet
- phone 576 4731 and we will post you a copy
- visit www.ecep-admin@edgewater.school.nz

We look forward to you learning at Edgewater
Kei te pirangi mātou mo to ako i te kura o Tahawai

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

UNIFORM

Shop hours during term:
Wednesdays 1.00 – 5.30 p.m.

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