

# Edgewater

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## College



DECEMBER  
2007

### Principal's Comment

Our students are not the only people in the school involved in learning. Throughout the year, teaching staff participate in a Professional Development Programme that gives everyone the opportunity to up-skill and keep abreast of changes in curriculum, technology and teaching practice.

A group led by Mrs Macpherson, Deputy Principal, organises a programme for the year and this year teachers signed up for one of three groups with a particular focus: using the Ultranet, Thinking Skills and Teaching Effectiveness.

As well as these regular in-house Professional Development sessions, many teachers attend short courses or conferences in their subject areas. Others are studying part-time for higher qualifications.

Underlying all of this activity is of course a desire by teachers to do an ever better job for the students they teach and I thank them on your behalf for that.

A J Vester  
Principal

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR START OF SCHOOL 2008

#### OPTIONS

Thursday 24 January

Option confirmation for students who have been contacted and any students needing to change options. Please attend during the following times (alphabetically by surname):

9 – 10 a.m. A – I                      10 – 11 a.m. J – Q                      11 a.m. to 12 p.m. R – Z

#### STATIONERY

We will not be holding a stationery sale at school at the beginning of 2008. Stationery lists have been mailed with reports in Term 4 and are available on the school website. We recommend that you purchase your stationery at PaperPlus Pakuranga - they are familiar with our requirements and will have the compulsory packs available for Year 9 and 10 students. Students should have their stationery organised for the start of term.

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#### WEEK 1 ARRANGEMENTS:

Thursday 31 January

8.50 a.m. Year 9 & new International students – to the Hall  
Year 13\* students – to the Gymnasium

12.00 p.m. Year 12\* students – to the Hall

\* Years 12 & 13 students may wear mufti today

Friday 1 February

8.50 a.m. Year 10 & 11 students – to the Hall  
Year 9 & 12 students – to Tutor classrooms

Year 13 students stay at home today

Monday 4 February

All students in class and in school uniform

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### JANUARY

Tuesday 22 January  
School office reopens

Thursday 24 January  
Option confirmation (seniors)  
Uniform shop opens (see page 2)

Monday 28 January  
Auckland Anniversary Day Holiday –  
School closed

Tuesday 29 January  
9.00 am to 3.30 p.m.  
Late enrolment applications

Wednesday 30 January  
Teacher-only Day

Thursday 31 January  
Term 1 begins (see separate notes)

Wednesday 6 February  
Waitangi Day Public Holiday  
"Whanau Sports Day"  
(See enclosed flyer)

Thursday 21 February,  
7.30 – 9.30 p.m.  
Year 9 Parent evening

#### MARCH

Thursday 6 March  
Sports Day (Rain-day Friday 7  
March)

Friday 14 March  
Polynesian Festival  
Teacher-only Day (school closed)

Friday 21 – Tuesday 25 March  
Easter weekend – school closed

Friday 18 April  
End of Term 1

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The first Board meeting for 2008  
will be held on  
Wednesday 13 February at 6.00 p.m.

## UNIFORM SHOP – 2008 ARRANGEMENTS

### Uniform Sale Dates

Year 13 students may collect pre-ordered uniform on Tuesday 29 January, 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. New and second-hand items will also be available for purchase. Other students should contact the school office on 576 9039 (open from 22 January) to make appointments to purchase uniform on the following dates:

Thursday 24 January	Friday 25 January	Tuesday 29 January	Wednesday 30 January
10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 pm. to 6.30 p.m.	10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (Year 13 only)	9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

During term-time, the Uniform Shop will be open every Wednesday 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 (during shop hours) when the balance is paid.
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 – if so, please inform us.)
4. Cash sales only for second-hand uniforms.

### Ordering uniform on-line

Uniform items can be ordered from our website: [www.edgewater.school.nz](http://www.edgewater.school.nz) under Student Information. Complete the order form and email it to [enquiries@edgewater.school.nz](mailto: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 garments: jackets, PE shirts, blouses or shirts
- Skirts that have been shortened
- Any clothing that is dirty, torn or faded.

### So long, farewell ...

At the end of the year we say goodbye to several staff members:

- Mr Vanderpeet will return to the UK with his fiancée
- Ms Amoutzias will pursue a career in photography
- Ms Harward joins the Media Studies Department at Glendowie College
- Mr Roberts leaves us for Kingsway School in Orewa
- Mr Gardi and Mrs Singh move to Alfriston College

We thank them for the contribution they have made during their time at Edgewater College and wish them well in their new ventures.

### EDUCATION FOR ENTERPRISE (E4E)

A Year 10 Enterprise class was involved in an E4E project with the Manukau City Council. Students were required to conduct Town Centre Surveys, asking members of the public questions about how satisfied they are with their local Town Centre. Students visited Otara Town Centre on 20 November. As well as surveys, students did a pedestrian count of the people entering the Town Centre from specific areas (eg. carparks) to find out the purpose of their visit (eg. go to the supermarket, the bank, etc). The students were briefed about the project by the Town Centre Planner and presented their findings two weeks later. Results then went back to Manukau City Council for further analysis. The students enjoyed taking part in this activity.

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E-mail: [enquiries@edgewater.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@edgewater.school.nz)  
Office hours: 8.30 am to 4.00 pm

Careers: 577 0406 (Direct Line: Mr Whickman)  
Community Education: 576 4731

### E4E Healthy Eating Project

A Healthy Eating Project has taken off with the owner/operator of the school Canteen as business partner. Students in Food Technology and Health will create a new and innovative canteen menu and food products with a healthy edge. Economics and Graphics students will help in the design of a logo and packaging, and ideas for developing the area outside the canteen as an attractive place to gather during breaks. Watch this space!