



### Principal's Comment

Welcome to the new school year of 2007. While looks are not everything, it was very pleasing to see that the great majority of students arrived back at school in neat and complete school uniform. Reports from the uniform shop indicate that many more students than usual have purchased multiple shirts and blouses, etc, which augurs well for a continuation over the year of the initial high standard.

It was good to get off to another smooth start. The work done at the end of last year, and the options change day earlier this year, meant that most seniors were in class and working by 10.00 a.m. on their first day back.

There has been a great deal of work by an enthusiastic group of staff to implement a very progressive Thinking and Learning Skills programme across the school for 2007. I am confident this will pay dividends for our students as they approach their assessments.

We welcome the following staff, who are joining the Edgewater team this year:

- Mr R Lamb, Deputy Principal
- Mrs S Snell, English
- Ms C Petley, English
- Mr G Prentice, Social Sciences & English
- Mr N Fitness, Social Sciences
- Mrs S Dhillon, Art
- Ms N Katira, Mathematics
- Ms E Speed, Mathematics

A J Vester  
Principal

#### UPDATE ON YEAR 13 UNIFORMS

It is unfortunate that our suppliers were not able to deliver the Year 13 boys' shirts for the start of term. We apologise for the inconvenience caused. We are advised that the shirts will be delivered on Thursday 15 February.

In the meantime, Year 13 boys are to wear uniform, including last year's shirt. If they no longer have a uniform shirt, they may wear a **tidy shirt with a collar** (ie. no tee-shirts, no printed slogans).

#### MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR

#### TERM DATES FOR 2007

##### Term 1

Wednesday 7 February to  
Thursday 5 April

##### Term 2

Monday 23 April to Friday 29  
June

##### Term 3

Monday 16 July to Friday 21  
September

##### Term 4

Monday 8 October to Friday 14  
December

#### Important Dates this Term:

#### FEBRUARY

**Thursday 22 February  
7.00 p.m.**

"Helping your child succeed at  
secondary school"  
Year 9 Parent / Teacher  
evening

#### MARCH

**Thursday 1 – Sunday 4  
March**

School band camp

**Saturday 17 March**

**8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**

Monster Garage Sale (see  
notice overleaf)

**Friday 23 March**

Teacher-only Day

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2007

Elections for the Board of Trustees will be held in March this year. Further information will be made available shortly, but if you are interested in serving on the Board or would simply like to know more about what is involved, you are welcome to attend our next Board meeting on **Wednesday 14 February at 6.30 p.m.** Please phone our Board Secretary on 576 9039 ext. 813 if you wish to attend.

A Community Forum, organised by the School Trustees Association, will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 20 February at the Otara Leisure Centre, 115 Bairds Road. This is another opportunity for you to find out more about school Boards of Trustees.

## LIBRARY BOOKS Missing in Action ...

Unfortunately more than 150 students finished school last year without returning their library books. This represents several thousand dollars of school funds. Students are made well aware of their obligations to return books. Please encourage them to check at home or with friends for missing books. The Library staff will be pleased to receive anything found, with no questions asked. However, parents will be contacted if any books remain outstanding at the end of February.



**ANY LOST ITEMS WILL  
NEED TO BE PAID FOR.**

## MONSTER GARAGE SALE & CAR BOOT SALE

**Saturday 17 March 8.00 – 11.00 a.m.**

Proceeds to the Gymnasium re-development fund.

For donations of goods / services, please contact Judi Tredwell on 576 9039 ext. 832.

To reserve a car boot space, please contact Sharon Blase on 576 9039 ext. 831. (Cost \$10 per site.)

## Edgewater College Community Education

Edgewater College has a large Adult & Community Education programme. Courses are generally held in the evenings at school and are of 6 or 15 weeks' duration, one night per week. For a detailed course booklet phone 576 4731 or send your son or daughter to the Community Education office to collect one.

## CHANGES TO MT WELLINGTON BUS ROUTE

The morning bus route will now take a right turn from Waipuna Road into Carbine Road, then left at the lights onto the Eastern Highway, and from there into the Pakuranga Highway - reversing this route in the afternoon. This will enable pick-ups along this section of Carbine Road.

**Please also note the new contact number for the bus company: 027 270 8327**

## FROM MR WHICKMAN

### Careers Advisor, Year 13 Dean

Thirty-two of our student leaders spent two days of their school holidays participating in AUT University's "Prefects that Peak" programme at the Akoranga campus. Students took part in a range of activities to develop leadership skills, such as public speaking, event planning, time management, and a popular Police training exercise. The course was the first stage of a one-year programme, which will include at least four more sessions at school, led by AUT staff.

Thanks to all the students - and the parents who braved the peak-hour traffic to provide transport.

## "Travellers" Survey - Year 9 students

Within the next two weeks all year 9 students will complete an online survey for "Travellers". The results of this survey are confidential to the Guidance Counsellor, Mr Williams, and will be used to select students for "Travellers". This is an 8-session programme, run in many Auckland and Northland schools, and has been shown to assist students who may have been through an unusual amount of change in their lives to make the most of secondary school. For more information, please contact Mr Williams on 577 0404.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

To avoid congestion, please do not drive into the school carpark - students may be dropped off and picked up along the street and walk the rest of the way.

We will be conducting a Traffic Safety survey, which will include having a video camera recording students arriving at school on Thursday 15 February. If you have any concerns about this please contact Ms Taylor, or have your student use the back entrance on Thursday morning.

Police have advised they are strictly enforcing speed limits around schools on school days, particularly during peak times.

## UNIFORM MATTERS

This year the Uniform shop will be open on **Wednesdays** from 1.00 to 5.30 p.m. during term (except for the last Wednesday of term when it will be closed for stock-taking). Appointments are necessary for full fit-outs (eg. new enrolments) - please phone the office on 576 9039 to arrange a time.

If you know the size required, uniform items may be ordered in advance and collected from Student Reception. Order forms are available from the office or from our website: [www.edgewater.school.nz](http://www.edgewater.school.nz) (Student Information / Uniforms) and can be emailed or faxed to us. (However, if you are including your credit card details on the form, please do not use email for security reasons.)

Second-hand uniform items may be sold through the shop provided they are clean (freshly laundered and ironed, or dry cleaned) and in good condition. Old style garments (jackets, blouses, shirts), PE shirts, skirts that have been shortened and any items that are torn, faded or dirty will not be accepted.

**Please ensure that all items of uniform, bags, etc are named (including surname).** We run a Lost Property service, but unnamed items cannot be returned to their owners.

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