



Working in senior management in a school can be a great experience. However, because you spend a lot of time dealing with the minority of students who are unwilling or unable to consistently meet our requirements in terms of behaviour, it can also be frustrating.

It was therefore a really enjoyable experience to spend time with our Stage Challenge participants and on the sideline with a number of our sports teams. There, I was with students who wear the correct uniform with pride (even though it was well outside normal school hours), compete with passion yet in a spirit of fair play, and who clearly enjoy the company of their team mates.

These are students, many supported by parents also in the audience or on the sideline, who contribute so much to their school and who at the same time get a great deal back from their school. I hope I can be excused for sometimes wondering why we put so much energy into that small group of students who have little concern for their own education, no pride in themselves and no love of their school. As we review our charter and the direction we take as a school I am genuinely hopeful that that we can address that situation and come up with ways in which we can shift our focus to the learning and whole school experience of the great majority of students.

A J Vester
Principal

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18 July** at 6.00 p.m.

IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS

We sent out an initial version of a new visual newsletter "The Edge" to Year 9 parents this week. If you are the parent of a Year 9 student and did not receive it, please send us your email address (or any change of address), or check your Spam/Junk mail in case your filter moved it there. We intend to send "The Edge" and its next edition to other year levels as well.

If parents are interested, we will also start sending our normal newsletter by e-mail. Why? Because students often forget to bring home important information, or get it to you too late to be useful. "The Edge" is more of a photo-based production showing you your children in action. These photos present best on the school website (www.edgewater.school.nz) or in an email.

Email gives you an excellent way of keeping in touch with the school and teachers. For general enquiries email us at enquiries@edgewater.school.nz.

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR

JULY

Saturday 14 July, 7.00 p.m.
Senior school ball, Crowne Plaza

Monday 16 July
Term 3 begins

Tuesday 17 July, 7.00 p.m.
Back 2 School Music Evening

Wednesday 18 July, 4.30 – 8.00 p.m.
Senior Report Evening

Thursday 19 July, 7.30 p.m.
Information evening for 2008 enrolments

Tuesday 24 July, 4.00 – 7.30 p.m.
In-zone enrolments for 2008

Wednesday 25 – Sunday 29 July
Jazz band trip to Wellington

Sunday 29 July, 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.
In-zone enrolments for 2008

Tuesday 31 July, 4.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Junior Report evening

REPORT EVENINGS

The Senior report evening takes place on Wednesday 18 July 4.30 to 8.30 pm. Students will be given a booking sheet on the first day of Term 3 to book appointments for their parents to meet with their teachers for this report evening. We will also have information on study skills available at the report evening. Students will shortly be choosing options for next year and this evening, together with the Subject Choice Book (available in the Library and on-line from Term 3) and the recent Careers Expo, should help. The Junior report evening takes place two weeks later on Tuesday 31 July from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. Information on improving literacy skills will be available at this meeting.

NZQA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & PAYMENT OF FEES

Forms are available at Student Reception for senior students. Your deadline to return the completed and signed form to Student Reception is Monday 10 September.

NZQA fees must be paid by Wednesday 12 September to enable us to reconcile our NZQA account by Friday 14 September. After this date, we will not accept any fees for NZQA. Instead you will be given a form to post with your payment direct to NZQA. Late payments will incur a fee of \$50 (even if you have applied for financial assistance).

EXAM ASSISTANCE

If you have a student in Year 10 who is likely to need a reader, writer (or both) for NCEA exams NEXT year, a prerequisite is an independent assessment carried out in Year 9 or 10. This would normally be carried out by an educational psychologist. Arrangements for this, and the cost involved, are the responsibility of the parent / caregiver. Please contact Mr G Banks (HOD Learning Support) for further details.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ellen Henderson (T11) and Shannon Reece (KO3) have been selected from the Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre as representative players for the Under 17 representative team. They will play at the Representative Tournament in Wanganui during the school holidays.

The Open Boys' Basketball team beat Pukekohe High School 68-47 last week. Player of the Day: Jamie Appleby (T16).
The under 19 Girls' Basketball team won 37-9 against Pukekohe High School. Players of the Day: Ruby Barnes (TO4) and Nicolette Upoko (R13).

STAGE CHALLENGE 2007

On Wednesday 6 June a group of enthusiastic students represented Edgewater College for the very first time in the Auckland Secondary Schools Stage Challenge. It was a fantastic debut. They rose to the occasion, putting in an amazing performance. Congratulations to all the students who participated and represented our school so well. We are very proud of you all.
The Stage Challenge DVD and photos will be available to purchase next term.

DEBATING TEAMS

Our Advanced team had two wins out of five rounds at the Secondary Schools Debating competitions. Our three Junior teams also did well, with three wins to Team 1, and two wins each to Teams 2 and 3.

WELL DONE Maria Manuyag (TO2)

We received a nice call from ABC Learning Centre in Botany, where Maria had done some work experience through the Gateway Programme. Not only did Maria do good work during her work experience, but she also voluntarily went back and helped them finish the project they were working on, putting in several hours in her own time. They were most impressed, and so were we.

CAREERS

Thanks to sponsors Bunnings Warehouse, Botany and The National Bank, Pakuranga, as well as all the exhibitors, for another very successful Careers Expo. The event was well attended and we hope you found it helpful.

APPRENTICESHIPS NEEDED

If you can offer apprenticeships in hairdressing, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, construction or similar trades please contact the Careers Advisor, Mr Whickman, 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 early in Term 3.

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.

EDGEWATER IDOL

Once again, Idol was a great success. Every day during the week students rushed to the hall for the heats and semi-finals. Finals were held on Friday 15 June to a crowded school hall. Winners were:

1st place:

F.O.B. (Cliff, Pili, Sam, Andrew, Jonathan, Sione & Richard)

2nd place:

The Band (James, Ben, Ellen, Nihal & Keshan)

3rd place:

Luisa and Jonathan

Many thanks to our sponsors for helping to make this event a success. Please support these businesses.

Tom Kroons Music Supplies for sponsorship of Edgewater Idol, trophy and miniature.

Oportos, Pakuranga – vouchers

Pakuranga PaperPlus – vouchers

Sky City Cinemas – tickets

Ti Rakau Superette – drinks and food for semi-finalists

Opotoki Drainlayers – donation of Idol pens

Thanks also to Mai FM for their support in judging our event and also to "Keshia" (NZ Idol contestant) for her fabulous performance.

Back 2 School Music Evening

Tuesday 17 July in the School Hall

Featuring performances by the Edgewater College Big Band, String Trio, Saxophone Quartet, Vocal Group and selected senior students' Performance Assessments.

Entry: 6.15 p.m.

Money raised will support the

Start: 7.00 p.m.

Jazz Band's trip to Wellington

Admission: \$4

Year 10 Camp

Term 4, Kaimai Ranges Date: To be confirmed
Cost: \$120 – includes food, accommodation, transport, activities and instructors. See Mr Gardi for more details (phone 576 9039 ext. 870).

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SEMESTER 2 BOOKLET AVAILABLE NOW!

Offering a huge variety of adult classes for daytime, evening and Saturdays, commencing from Monday 30 July. Phone 576 4731 NOW for a booklet or collect one from the Community Education office.

FREE COURSE – DRUG PROOFING YOUR KIDS

4 weeks starting Tuesday 14 August 7-9 p.m.
DRUGS – just how bad is it? Let's educate ourselves and then our teenagers on how to make good choices. This course covers why kids might choose drugs, identifying misuse of drugs and alcohol, what we are modelling as parents to our children and what effect these influences may have long term. Learn effective intervention and ways to get help and move forward to the future.
To register, phone the office on 576 4731.

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

The Uniform Shop will be open
Friday 13 July 10 am - 12 pm.
Shop hours during term:
Wednesdays 1.00 – 5.30 p.m.

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