



# Edgewater College

MARCH 2007

## Principal's Comment

We have had a good start to the school year. Students are in class and settled, and teaching programmes are underway. Cultural groups are practising. The school band has just completed a very successful four-day "band camp". Sports teams are in competition mode.

I believe that at least some of the momentum has occurred because as a school we pay attention to what might be considered "detail". The areas where particular attention is being paid are uniform and punctuality.

This year the overall standard of uniform is very high. Year 13 students set a high standard in their new uniform and blazers, and are wonderful role models.

Arriving at school on time each day is being policed more consistently. Consequently the number of students receiving punishment for lateness is decreasing. I know that the Auckland traffic is becoming more difficult. However, regular lateness to work on the grounds of traffic congestion would not be accepted in the workplace and likewise, students need to plan to ensure that they arrive at school on time.

We encourage you to support our Garage and Car Boot Sale on Saturday 17 March. You can book a car boot site for \$10 to sell your own goods, or if you have items to donate they can be sold through the garage sale. Funds raised from the car boot sale will support the Gymnasium redevelopment, while the garage sale will raise money for the rowing squad and French trip. See the advertisement over the page for more information.

Some students are crossing Ti Rakau Drive without using the pedestrian crossing. This is extremely dangerous. Please encourage your son or daughter to always use the crossing.

A J Vester  
Principal

## Au Revoir

Mrs Macpherson and six senior French language students will be travelling to Tahiti and France from 28 March to 20 April. This is a wonderful opportunity to use their French skills first hand. They will spend time in Paris and the Loire Valley, stopping over in Los Angeles on the way home.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next Meeting: Wednesday 14 March at 6.30 p.m.

### ELECTIONS

By now you should have received information about the elections in the mail from Multi Serve Education Trust. Nominations close at noon on Thursday 15 March. Nomination forms are also available from the school office. Voting papers will be mailed to you and we strongly encourage you to vote in the elections.

### MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR

#### MARCH

**Friday 16 – Sunday 19 March**  
World Vision 40 Hour Famine

**Saturday 17 March**  
**8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.**  
Monster Garage Sale  
Rear carpark

**Thursday 22\* – Sunday 25 March**  
ASB Cultural Festival  
**\*Note:** Thursday 22 March is a normal school day

**Friday 23 March**  
Teacher Only Day – school closed

#### APRIL

**Thursday 5 April**  
Last day of Term 1  
Interim Reports posted (Senior and Junior)

**Monday 23 April**  
Term 2 commences

**Wednesday 25 April**  
ANZAC Day – School closed

### UNIFORM SHOP

**Shop hours:** Wednesdays 1.00 – 5.30 p.m.

As the Uniform Shop will be closed for stock-taking during the last week of this term, we recommend that you purchase winter items such as jackets and jerseys over the next two weeks. You may need these items early in Term 2.

In week 1 of Term 2, the Uniform Shop will open on **Monday 23 April from 1.00 – 3.30 p.m.** as Wednesday is a public holiday.

## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

As parents/caregivers you have an important role in ensuring that students attend school every day. A telephone message left on the school's 'absence line' would be appreciated to report absences, which must also be covered by a note, signed by a parent/caregiver and handed to the Tutor Group teacher on the first day back at school.

Requests for leave of a week or longer should be in writing and addressed to the Principal, before the leave is taken. Good results and achievement at school are directly related to attendance and every day counts.

## LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

A note should be taken by the student to the Deans' Room after signing in at Tutor Group in the morning. The student then signs the Exit Book at Student Reception at the appointed leaving time. Parents will be spared waiting time when collecting students if this procedure is followed. Where possible, please try to make appointments for the doctor, dentist, etc outside of school hours.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure that you notify the school office of any changes to your contact details (also your nominated emergency contact person) so that the nurse can get in touch should the need arise. If you are advised by the nurse that your child is unwell we will require you to arrange for the student to be collected and driven home. Walking home is not encouraged.

Students who are not New Zealand citizens should also ensure their passports and permits are current and bring them to the office for copying when they are updated.

## Careers

The Careers Advisor, Mr Whickman, is available to meet with parents and students. Contact him on 577 0406 (Direct line) for an appointment.

All parents and students are invited to our fifth annual CAREERS EXPO on **Wednesday 27 June at 7.00 p.m.** More details will be available nearer the time, but put this date in your diary.

## WORLD VISION 40 HOUR FAMINE

**Friday 16 – Sunday 18 March**

Before being issued with a Famine book students will need to have a permission letter signed by a parent / caregiver. Students wishing to take part should see Mr G Banks.

## BAND CAMP 2007

From 1-4 March, the Edgewater College Jazz Band travelled to Redhill Camp at Te Kopuru, Dargaville for an intensive three days of rehearsing and team-building. Students and teachers alike enjoyed this highly successful venture and the musical gains achieved by the band were extremely pleasing. Our new conductor, Mr Hamish Arthur, joined us on the Saturday and was most impressed with the focus and enthusiasm of the musicians. As well as all the hard work in the rehearsal room, we all enjoyed the opportunity for a swim and barbecue at the Kai Iwi Lakes. Many thanks to Mr Fritsch, Mr Arthur, Mr Stickland, Miss Benjamin and Ms Haddock for all their hard work and, most of all, to the students whose commitment and talents have made this such a positive start to the year for the band.

## EDGEWATER COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Come on parents, there's learning for you too at Edgewater College. Short courses starting in March:

- *Be Prepared - Survive Disaster* (FREE)
- *Relaxation & Meditation*
- *The Way to Financial Freedom*
- *Men in the Kitchen*
- *Pottery*
- *Create an Abstract*
- *Art for the Novice*
- *Buying or Selling a Business*
- *MS Word - Stage 1*
- *MS Publisher*
- *Developing Self Esteem & Confidence*
- *Connecting with your Inner Self*

Phone Adult Education on 576 4731 or pick up a brochure from the office.

## Car Boot Sites \$10

Phone Sharon Blase,  
576-9039 ext. 831  
to reserve a site.  
Book now to avoid  
disappointment.

## Donations of goods or services

Phone Judi Tredwell,  
576-9039 ext. 832

- Books, toys
- Plants, garden-ware
- Household goods
- Bric-a-brac

-- Food -- Cold Drinks -- Barista Coffee --

## Garage & Car Boot Sale

**Saturday 17 March**  
**8 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

**Gym &  
Rear Carpark**

Access via rear entrance,  
80 Edgewater Drive, Pakuranga

**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

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

**Community Education:** 576 4731

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