

Edgewater

College



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Principal's Comment

For a long time, the conventional wisdom has been that you can enhance children's learning by praising them when they do well and by raising self-esteem. Earlier this year an article in the NZ Herald supplement questioned those views and suggested an alternative. The article quoted Carol Dweck, who in her book "Mindset", poses the question "Why, after being naturally inquisitive, keen to learn and so willing to try out new ideas when they are young, do so many kids simply give up and not try, or even if they are successful in the conventional sense, begin to avoid new challenges?" There are many possible reasons for this – not enough praise, too much criticism, problems in the way schools are organised, transitions from one school to the next, not truly understanding the child's learning needs, or maybe just an unavoidable consequence of growing up. All of these may be factors, but Dweck suggests that reward for intelligence or talent affects both those who are judged as having ability and those who are judged as not. We tend to believe that traits like intelligence and talent are fixed. Those judged as lacking conclude there's not much point in trying harder since they already know they won't succeed. That's an understandable assumption, but the effect on those judged as talented and clever is quite perverse. They like being positively judged and will seek out opportunities where they know they can succeed. To try something new or difficult runs the risk of not succeeding. Each task is a challenge to their self-image, each setback a threat. Rather than risk failing, they pursue only activities they can be confident of achieving. It's a fixed mindset.

Students with learning goals – a growth mindset – take necessary risks and don't worry about failure as mistakes are an opportunity to learn. Parents and teachers play a critical role in building a growth mindset by praising and rewarding effort, strategy, progress and perseverance rather than 'smartness' or high performance alone.

A J Vester
Principal

STATIONERY IN 2008

We will not be holding a Stationery Sale at school at the beginning of 2008. We recommend that you purchase your stationery at PaperPlus Pakuranga. They are familiar with our stationery requirements and will have the compulsory stationery packs available.

Please also see overleaf for important information about Uniform for 2008.

NOTICE FROM MANUKAU CITY COUNCIL RE PARKING

We have been asked by Manukau City Council's Parking Services to advertise the following notice:

Due to the continuing rise in complaints regarding illegal and dangerous parking at schools in this area, the Manukau City Council's Parking Services have commenced regular school enforcement patrols.

Parking officers will no longer be asking parents/caregivers to move vehicles from illegal parking areas (including illegally parked buses), but will instead be issuing infringement notices in respect of the offence and will then post tickets out to the registered owner of the vehicle.

To avoid congestion, we suggest that students be dropped off further along Edgewater Drive and walk the short distance to school.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 14 – Friday 16
Junior Exams

Monday 19 November
NCEA & Scholarship exams
begin

DECEMBER

Monday 3 – Friday 7
Year 10 camp

Tuesday 4 December
7.00 pm
Graduation Dinner – Year 13
Waipuna Lodge

Friday 14 December
10.00 – 11.00 a.m.
Prize-giving for Year 9 & 10 &
Last day of term
(Students will be released at the
conclusion of the Prize-giving
ceremony)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board meetings for the
remainder of the year will be on
Wednesday 14 November &
Wednesday 12 December
at 6.00 p.m.

HEAD STUDENTS 2008

Elections have been held for
Head Students in 2008.
Congratulations to the successful
candidates:

Anne Yu (Head Girl)
and
Michael Duffy (Head Boy)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – UNIFORM FOR 2008

Senior Uniform

Blazers and non-standard sized items (extra small or extra large) need to be ordered by Year 12 students before finishing school in 2007. Students should indicate a preference for new or second-hand items. The availability of second-hand items will depend on current students wishing to sell. Special orders of uniform outside the usual size range will require a 30% deposit as these will have to be specially manufactured.

If an order is not placed before the end of the 2007 school year, stock cannot be guaranteed for the start of the 2008 school year. Out-of-stock items will not become available until the end of Term 1 2008, owing to manufacturing constraints. Senior students will have to wear junior school uniform in the interim.

Seniors will be able to collect their 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.

UNIFORM SHOP – 2008 ARRANGEMENTS

Uniform Sale Dates

Newly enrolled students will need to contact the school office, 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. Seniors only	9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

For sales to proceed smoothly it is essential that you make an appointment. Please phone the College office on 576 9039 to arrange a suitable time.

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. You would need to order in December for items required for the start of the 2008 school year.
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 under Student Information. Complete the order form and email it to 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.

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

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

The following items will not be accepted:

- Old style jackets
- Old style PE shirts
- Skirts that have been shortened
- Old style girls' blouses or boys' shirts
- All clothing that is dirty, torn or faded.

Uniform contact person: Mrs Worsfold, ext. 817.